



## Chapter Nine

# 2030 Plan Implementation

## Introduction

The ReNewton 2030 Plan vision, goals, and policies are only as good as the actions that the Newton community takes to ensure the planning strategies and recommendations are implemented. This chapter is a key part of the plan because it translates ideas into action, and action moves the community toward realizing the ReNewton 2030 vision. Meaningful implementation will require coordination and cooperation among various local organizations, service providers, and agencies. Many of the goals and policies focusing on livability, education, vibrant economy, healthy living, diversity, social cohesion, and sustainability rely on collaborative partnerships; many entities are working toward community planning values and principles. When these entities work together to realize a shared vision, and display a collaborative willingness to make Newton a better place, then successful implementation will be achieved.

Successful implementation also involves the investment of public dollars in infrastructure projects that are necessary to enable private sector investment and growth. Public dollars must also be invested in quality-of-life amenities such as parks, bike and walking pathways, improvements to the downtown streetscape, or other initiatives brought forward in the plan. Public-private partnerships should also be nurtured for long-term success in downtown redevelopment, preservation of community character, and creation of a livable and healthy community.

The first section of this chapter identifies the traditional planning implementation tools. This outline provides a brief overview of the actions necessary to accomplish the ideas and strategies in the plan. Some of the strategies will require specific regulations, as well as more detailed planning, to bring the plan to fruition. In some instances, the creation of new local government programs will be required.

Since many of the ideas contained in the plan rely on the involvement of community partners outside of City Hall departments, a list of collaborative strategies is included.

Finally, this chapter provides a series of tables highlighting the key focus areas of the ReNewton 2030 Plan. Each strategy described in the previous chapters can be found in the tables. For each strategy, one or more action steps are identified, and the responsible party or partners are also listed.

## Traditional Implementation Tools

### Capital Improvement Program

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is one of the most effective tools to achieve implementation of the comprehensive plan. The CIP identifies and outlines the funding priorities of the City Commission. It also allows for consistency with the ReNewton 2030 Plan.

The City of Newton should evaluate the current CIP format and process and consider the inclusion of the future capital needs of all city departments. The city should prepare a six-year timeframe for

future projects that identifies sources of funding for capital facilities, with year one becoming part of the annual city budget. Most importantly, the CIP should be updated and approved on a yearly basis.

### **Recommended CIP Projects**

- Downtown Streetscape Master Plan
- Downtown Wireless Internet Zone
- Updated Unified Land Development Code
- New Park Land Acquisition
- Newton Pathway System
- Upgrade and Maintenance of Existing Parks
- Upgrade and Maintenance of Transportation Infrastructure
  - South Kansas Avenue upgrades
  - W. 17<sup>th</sup> Street extension to Meridian
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Street west of Boyd
  - Hillside Road paving from SE 12<sup>th</sup> northward to US-50 Highway
  - Broadway extension to Hillside
  - Hillside Road and US-50 intersection realignment
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Street paving to the airport
  - Railroad spur extension from 12<sup>th</sup> Street northward
  - Brick street renovation
  - Dirt-street paving program

### **Zoning and Subdivision Codes**

#### **Recommended Zoning Techniques or Revisions**

- “New Urbanism” or Design-Oriented Codes
  - Downtown Form-Based Zoning
  - Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) District
  - Mixed-Residential Zoning District
  - Residential Historic Overlay District
  - Complete Street Design Principles
- Site Plan Review or Planned Development Practices
  - Landscaping, Screening, and Buffering Standards
  - Parking Lot Design Standards
  - Loading and Storage Standards
- Incentive Zoning
  - Density Bonus
  - Affordable Housing

#### **Recommended Subdivision Code Techniques or Revisions**

- Pedestrian Pathway and Sidewalk Connections
- Conservation Easements
- Park Land Reservation or Dedication
- Protection of Environmentally Sensitive Areas

### **Building Codes**

#### **Recommended Building Codes**

- 2009 International Property Maintenance Code
- LEED Certified Home Renovation and Construction

## **Public Works Design Standards**

### **Recommended Public Works Design Standards**

Stormwater Management Design Standards  
Complete Streets Design Standards  
Pedestrian Pathway or Greenway Design Standards

## **Specific Plans and Design Guidelines**

### **Recommended Specific Plans and Design Guidelines**

#### Specific Plans

Downtown Streetscape Master Plan  
Kansas Avenue Streetscape Plan  
Gateway and Corridor Landscape and Signage Plans  
Master Plans for Existing Parks  
Bicycle Master Plan  
Downtown Wayfinding Plan  
Sewer and Water Master Plan Update  
Stormwater Management Plan

#### Design Guidelines and Standards

Downtown Historic District Design Standards  
Infill Development Guidelines  
Commercial Design Standards and Guidelines

## **Local Government Programs**

### **Recommended Local Government Programs**

Rental Inspection or Registration Program  
HOME Program for Housing Rehabilitation  
Community Communications  
Property Maintenance Code Enforcement  
City Tree Planting Program  
Stormwater Management Fee

# **Collaborative Implementation Strategies**

### **Recommended Collaborative Implementation Strategies**

Market and promote retirement living  
Historic neighborhood associations  
Aging in place for senior citizens  
Downtown Business Incubator District  
Downtown Business Association  
Downtown farmer's market  
Relocation of rail switching yard  
Collaborative Leadership Council  
Outreach to independent seniors  
Ethnic heritage celebrations  
Community Health Planning Council

Community gardens  
One-stop center for social services  
Recycling program  
Publicize sustainable development practices and events  
Community marketing  
Cooperative efforts to maintain older housing stock  
Preserve the cultural, historical, and architectural heritage  
Public-private partnerships for downtown redevelopment  
Downtown park and third spaces  
Co-location of parks and schools  
Newton-North Newton Bicycle Advisory Committee


## Summary of Implementation Strategies, Partners, and Timeline

 <b>Preserving Community Character</b>			
Implementation Strategy	Action	Implementation Partners	Timeline
<b>Historic Neighborhood Associations</b>	Develop a brochure, website page, or workshop to provide assistance in defining boundaries, governance, finances; holding meetings and advocacy.	Community Development and Planning Department Newton-North Newton Historic Preservation Commission	1-5 years
<b>Residential Historic Overlay District</b>	Prepare a zoning ordinance amendment creating the Residential Historic Overlay District.	Planning Department Newton-North Newton Historic Preservation Commission	1-5 years
<b>Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay District</b>	Prepare a zoning ordinance amendment creating the Traditional Neighborhood Development District.	Community Development and Planning Department Newton-North Newton Historic Preservation Commission	1-5 years
<b>Volunteerism and Civic Engagement</b>	Continued support of the extensive network of nonprofit and faith-based organizations focused on improving the community.  Support events to celebrate the community's heritage.	Nonprofit groups Faith-based groups Chamber of Commerce	Ongoing
<b>Community Communication</b>	Improve communication among the community at-large, City Hall, and community organizations: newsletters, podcasts, community electronic reader board signs, and community forums.	City Commission and City Administrator Nonprofit groups Faith-based groups Chamber of Commerce	Ongoing
<b>Community Collaborative Council</b>	Create a Community Collaborative Council to improve coordination and communication.	City Commission, City Administrator, and Planning Commission Nonprofit groups Faith-based groups Chamber of Commerce	1-5 years
<b>Retain Existing Neighborhood Schools</b>	Work with the school board to retain the existing neighborhood schools or creatively re-use vacant structures.	USD 373 School Board and Superintendent City Commission, City Administrator, and Planning Commission	Ongoing
<b>Historic Preservation</b>	Work with the Newton-North Newton Historic Preservation Committee to preserve cultural, historical, and architectural heritage.	Newton-North Newton Historic Preservation Commission City Commission, City Administrator, and Planning Commission	Ongoing


<b>Community Gathering Places</b>	Maintain existing neighborhood and community parks, and create new places.	City Commission and Community Development and Planning Department	Ongoing
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 <b>Housing and Neighborhoods</b>			
<b>Implementation Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>Maintenance of Older Housing Stock</b>	Adopt 2009 International Property Maintenance Code.	City Commission Public Works, Engineering Division	1-5 years
	Create a task force to design a Rental Inspection or Registration Program.	City Commission Public Works, Engineering Division Chamber of Commerce Landlords and Realtors Planning Commission	1-5 years
	Participate in the State of Kansas HOME Program for first-time homebuyers and homeowner rehabilitation.	Community Development and Planning Department	1-5 years
	Support nonprofit and faith-based organizations involved in housing repair programs.	City Commission Community Development and Planning Department	Ongoing
	Provide in the CIP for improvements to sidewalks, streetlights, curbs, gutters, as well as stormwater improvements and water line maintenance and upgrades.	City Commission Public Works, Engineering Division	Ongoing
	Remove visual blight and substandard housing.	City Commission Public Works, Engineering Division	Ongoing
<b>Aging in Place for Senior Citizens</b>	Support the coordination of housing, transportation, and health care for a growing elderly population.	Local leaders in health care, public health, housing, public transportation, social services and welfare, and recreation	Ongoing
<b>Multi-Generational Housing</b>	Prepare a zoning ordinance amendment creating Accessory Dwelling Unit codes.	Community Development and Planning Department Planning Commission	1-5 years
<b>Infill Development</b>	Investigate incentives for infill development.	Community Development and Planning Department Planning Commission	1-5 years
	Prepare infill development guidelines to ensure compatibility with the established neighborhood character.	Community Development and Planning Department Planning Commission	1-5 years

<b>Affordable Housing</b>	Participate in the State of Kansas tenant-based rental assistance program.	Community Development and Planning Department Planning Commission	1-5 years
	Investigate zoning code amendments to permit smaller lot sizes and reduced setbacks for homes.	Community Development and Planning Department Planning Commission	1-5 years
<b>Market Retirement Living</b>	Participate in the funding to market and promote retirement living options in the community.	Leaders of senior housing providers. Chamber of Commerce City Commission	1-5 years


 <b>Newton Downtown District</b>			
<b>Implementation Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>Master Plan for Newton Downtown Redevelopment District</b>	Implement recommendations contained in this master plan.	Community Development Corporation Chamber of Commerce City Commission	Ongoing
	Include funding in the Capital Improvement Program.	City Commission	Ongoing
<b>Downtown Business Incubator District</b>	Prepare a study on the feasibility, funding, and implementation of a business incubator district.	Community Development and Planning Department Community Development Corporation	6-10 years
<b>Downtown Streetscape Plan</b>	Develop and fund the preparation of a streetscape plan in the CIP.	City Commission	1-5 years
<b>Downtown Form-Based Zoning</b>	Prepare a report on the advisability of form-based zoning.	Community Development and Planning Department City Commission and Planning Commission	1-5 years
	Fund the preparation of a zoning ordinance amendment creating the Traditional Neighborhood Development District.	Community Development and Planning Department City Commission and Planning Commission	1-5 years
<b>Downtown Business Association</b>	Create task force to evaluate the feasibility of this recommendation.	Chamber of Commerce	1-5 years
<b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b>	Create task force to evaluate the feasibility of this recommendation.	Chamber of Commerce	1-5 years
<b>Relocation of Rail Switching Yard</b>	Initiate discussions about the	City Commission	6-10 years

	feasibility of relocating the rail switching and maintenance yards out of downtown.		
<b>Downtown Wayfinding Signage</b>	Develop and fund a municipal wayfinding program to help people find downtown and other locations.	City Commission and Planning Commission Community Development and Planning Department	6-10 years
<b>Downtown Wireless Internet Zone</b>	Use CIP to develop and fund a wireless Internet zone downtown.	City Commission Chamber of Commerce	6-10 years

 <b>Livability and Healthy Community</b>			
<b>Implementation Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>New Recreation Center</b>	Determine final course of action to achieve implementation.	City Commission	1-5 years
<b>New Public Library</b>	Determine final course of action to achieve implementation.	City Commission	6-10 years
<b>City Entranceways</b>	Prepare gateway and corridor landscape and signage plans, with budget amounts. Prioritize the entranceways for funding. Provide funding in the CIP for entranceway landscaping and signage.	City Commission and Planning Commission Community Development and Planning Department	6-10 years
<b>Infant and Childcare</b>	Work with care providers to identify potential opportunities for public-private partnerships.	City Commission and Planning Commission Community Development and Planning Department	Ongoing
<b>Outreach to Independent Seniors</b>	Work with senior citizens' organizations to identify opportunities for outreach and improved communication.	Local leaders in health care, public health, housing, public transportation, social services and welfare, and recreation	Ongoing
<b>One-Stop Center for Social Services</b>	Work with social service providers on a plan to create the center.	Local leaders in health care, public health, housing, public transportation, social services and welfare, and recreation	1-5 years
<b>Community Health Planning Council</b>	Work with interested parties to define the Council's purpose and role in improving the health and well-being of the community, as well as funding sources and membership.	Local leaders in health care, public health, housing, public transportation, social services and welfare, and recreation	1-5 years
<b>Collaborative Leadership Council</b>	Work with interested parties to define the Council's purpose and role in improving	Local leaders in health care, public health, housing, public transportation, social services and	1-5 years




	partnerships, communication, and cooperation within the community, as well as funding sources and membership.	welfare, and recreation	
<b>Community Events and Celebrations</b>	Work with organizations and groups to promote community events and celebrations.	Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit groups Faith-based groups	Ongoing
<b>Community Hospital Services</b>	Develop and enforce zoning requirements and restrictions that will limit the extent to which specialty hospital and ambulatory surgical care services may be established in the community.	City Commission  Community Development and Planning Department	1-5 years


 <b>Parks and Recreation</b>			
<b>Implementation Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>Newton Pathway System</b>	Continue funding to implement and update the current Newton Pathway System.	City Commission Planning Commission Public Works, Engineering Division	Ongoing
<b>Sand Creek Trail</b>	Continue funding to implement the Sand Creek Trail.	City Commission Planning Commission Public Works, Engineering Division	Ongoing
<b>Strategic Plan for Park Land Acquisition</b>	Prepare a report on how to fund future park land acquisition.	Community Development and Planning Department City Commission and Planning Commission	6-10 years
	Provide funding in the CIP for future park land acquisition.	City Commission	6-10 years
<b>Co-Location of Parks and Schools</b>	Work with the School Board to locate a future park adjacent to new school sites.	City Commission USD 373 School Board	Ongoing
<b>Street Tree Planting Program</b>	Fund an annual street tree planting program within the city right-of-way.	City Commission Public Works, Engineering Division	6-10 years



## Sustainable Development

Implementation Strategy	Action	Partners	Timeline
<b>Walk- and Bike-Friendly Community</b>	Work with developers to plan and build new sidewalks and pathway connections to the citywide pathway system.	Public Works, Engineering Division Community Development and Planning Department City Commission and Planning Commission	Ongoing
	Provide funding in the CIP to build sidewalks and trails.	City Commission	Ongoing
<b>Conserve Natural Resources</b>	Work with developers to conserve natural resources during site planning and preliminary platting processes.	Public Works, Engineering Division Community Development and Planning Department City Commission and Planning Commission	Ongoing
<b>Protect the Natural Environment</b>	Work with developers to protect sensitive natural environments during site planning and preliminary platting processes.	Public Works, Engineering Division Community Development and Planning Department City Commission and Planning Commission	Ongoing
	Amend subdivision regulations to ensure sensitive natural environments are protected.	Public Works, Engineering Division Community Development and Planning Department City Commission and Planning Commission	1-5 years
<b>Green Building Practices</b>	Implement a public policy to evaluate the feasibility of all new public buildings incorporating green building practices, and when feasible ensure they incorporate green architecture and building practices.	Public Works, Engineering Division Community Development and Planning Department City Commission and Planning Commission	1-5 years
<b>Compact, Mixed-Use Neighborhoods</b>	Work with developers to design and build compact, mixed-use neighborhoods.	Public Works, Engineering Division Community Development and Planning Department	Ongoing
	Amend the zoning and subdivision regulations to ensure innovative mixed-use developments.	City Commission and Planning Commission	1-5 years
<b>Community Recycling Programs</b>	Continue the current recycling program, and consider expansion to include commercial users.	Board of County Commission City Commission	Ongoing

 <b>Transportation</b>			
Implementation Strategy	Action	Partners	Timeline
<b>Complete Streets</b>	Incorporate the “complete streets” approach in the city’s codes, regulations, and construction standards.	Public Works, Engineering Division Community Development and Planning Department City Commission and Planning Commission	1-5 years
<b>Newton-Wichita Commuter Train</b>	Prepare an investigative report on the challenges and issues of adding a commuter train.	City Commission	6-10 years
<b>Passenger Rail Service</b>	Continue to work with state officials to achieve expanded passenger rail service.	City Commission	Ongoing
<b>Newton-North Newton Bicycle Advisory Committee</b>	Work with interested parties to define the committee’s purpose and role in improving and expanding the use of bicycles, as well as funding sources and membership.	Public Works, Engineering Division Community Development and Planning Department City Commission and Planning Commission	1-5 years
<b>Brick Street Renovation Program</b>	Provide funding in the CIP to renovate brick streets.	Public Works, Engineering Division City Commission	1-5 years
<b>Dirt-Street Paving Program</b>	Provide funding in the CIP to pave dirt streets.	Public Works, Engineering Division City Commission	1-5 years

 <b>Municipal Utilities</b>			
Implementation Strategy	Action	Partners	Timeline
<b>2005 Sewer and Water Master Plan Update</b>	Provide funding in the CIP for the new plan.	Public Works, Engineering Division City Commission and Planning Commission	1-5 years
<b>Stormwater Management Plan</b>	Provide funding in the CIP for the new plan.	Public Works, Engineering Division City Commission and Planning Commission	1-5 years
<b>Stormwater Management Design Standards</b>	Provide funding in the CIP for the new standards.	Public Works, Engineering Division City Commission and Planning Commission	1-5 years
<b>Stormwater Management Fee</b>	Prepare a report on the challenges and benefits of a stormwater management fee.	Public Works, Engineering Division City Commission and Planning Commission	1-5 years
<b>Water Conservation Best Practices</b>	Provide funding in the CIP for the new practices.	Public Works, Engineering Division City Commission and Planning Commission	6-10 years