

This document is a compilation of action recommendations from eleven different studies commissioned for the City of Sandstone between 2013 - 2020.

Report Details & Purpose	Actions	Status
<p>City Housing Study</p> <p>2018 - Community Partners Research</p> <p>Provide a comprehensive study of housing market conditions in the City of Sandstone and surrounding area.</p>	<p>Homeownership Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential demand for 1 to 2 moderate to higher priced houses annually • Potential demand for 1 to 2 affordable new construction houses annually • Promote attached single family housing construction (i.e. twin homes or town homes) • Promote affordable existing home ownership options (slow/limit conversion of single-family homes into rental properties) • Consider the creation of home ownership incentives using available resources (new construction incentives, lower connection fees, tax abatement) • Monitor the residential lot inventory • Shelve/don't move forward with Community Land Trust 	
	<p>Rental Housing Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the development of 26 -32 market rate townhouse style rental units • Develop 10 to 12 units of apartment style market rate moderate rent housing • Develop subsidized rental housing as resources allow • Explore opportunities for moderate rent income-restricted housing development • Monitor future senior housing with higher services needs • Explore opportunities to offer senior housing options with light services 	
<p>City Housing Study (ctd.)</p> <p>2018 - Community Partners Research</p> <p>Provide a comprehensive study of housing market conditions in the City of Sandstone and surrounding area.</p>	<p>Housing Rehabilitation and Preservation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to promote owner-occupied housing rehabilitation programs (SCDP) • Promote rental housing rehabilitation programs • Continue to utilize the rental licensing requirement to monitor the inventory • Consider the development of a purchase/rehabilitation/resale program • Continue to demolish and clear substandard structures • Continue to promote downtown/commercial improvements 	
<p>Sandstone Community Vision Progress Report</p> <p>2013 - LHB</p> <p>Community vision to identify new site and spaces for library upgrade</p>	<p>Conduct pre-design process with conceptual floor plan for new library to compare with top 3 sites</p>	<p>DONE</p>

<p>Roadmap to the Future</p> <p>2016 - U of M/CSBR</p> <p>Creating a framework to develop a resilient community in terms of social, environmental, and economic perspectives.</p>	Embrace the natural resource recreation economy		
	<p>Create a clear 'brand' identity for Sandstone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design & install entry markers and signage that stands out and portrays Sandstone's history and character Solicit unique service businesses that give travelers a reason to stop Solicit specialty businesses to develop at I-35 intersection 		
	<p>Create places that foster culture and social connections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing/repurposing/reconstructing existing locations to better serve community scale gatherings Long range planning for city hall/library redesign Establishment of a 'town square' type park (Main St park space) Expanded and modernized community center within the city 	Underway	
	Identify and improve connectivity for pedestrians, bicycles, vehicles		
	<p>Revitalize downtown & surrounding areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear, recognizable arrival experience Improve public open space downtown Improve or repurpose commercial building stock and infill sites in downtown & surrounding areas Leverage train maintenance facility by creating opportunity for train passengers to access downtown Sandstone 		
	Include Sandstone's extended community (rural residents, seasonal residents, recreational visitors)		
	Embrace an entrepreneurial mindset and vision, followed by action in the community		
<p>Roadmap to the Future (ctd.)</p> <p>2016 - U of M/CSBR</p> <p>Creating a framework to develop a resilient community in terms of social, environmental, and economic perspectives.</p>	Meet the housing needs of current & future residents		
	Eco-Industrial Park and I-35 Interchange Development		
	<p>City Comprehensive Plan</p> <p>2017 - Establishing a vision for Sandstone's growth and development over the next 20 years</p>	<p>2017 Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Zoning Ordinance to reflect Comprehensive Plan direction on land use guidance, density, and design standards Communicate land use plan with goals, strategies and tasks to EDA Robinson Park Grant Application Develop wayfinding signs per plan from 2016 Place AMIBA and Main Street Discussion on EDA agenda Create Housing Task Force to identify resources and strategies that the City can take advantage of to find solutions to achieve housing goals. 	Underway
		<p>2018 Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convene local businesses and discuss their role in business growth and retention program. Park Inventory 	DONE

<p>City Comprehensive Plan (cont.)</p> <p>2017 - Establishing a vision for Sandstone's growth and development over the next 20 years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to the owner of "The Rock" to discuss plans & options for the building • Make certain that zoning allows for development of higher-amenity senior housing • Identify financial tools that the City is willing to use to incentivize or assist in the development of enough and/or affordable housing • Convene a "summit" of Sandstone area organizations and businesses to discuss methods to work collaboratively toward common goals. Include ice event organizers. • Park Planning - address needs and goals for each park (needed repairs, desired improvements and equipment) • Robinson Park - clear trees & brush, add signage at historic sites • Create a sidewalk plan • Develop an RFP or strategy for an updated bicycle/pedestrian plan • Develop an annual calendar of tasks & events the City takes responsibility for • Identify existing contributing historic structures and preserve/rehab 	<p>DONE, City now owner</p>
	<p>2019 Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Planning - set a budget and timeline for park improvements. Request items be placed into Capital Improvement Plan or annual budget • Create a public safety education program and address the idea of reinstituting a community watch program. • Develop an interpretive kiosk for Train Park 	<p>DONE</p>
	<p>2019-2020 Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate public education and appreciation for local resources into community events • Include roadway design standards in subdivision code updates 	
	<p>2020-2023 Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify existing contributing historic structures in the core residential neighborhood • Review and discuss complete streets policy. Would it benefit the city? Are there aspects to adopt without an entire policy? • Conduct a "walkability study" to identify areas where improvements are needed • Utilize the checklist in Comp Plan Appendix B to assess the priority level for potential infrastructure projects in the CIP. 	

<p>Sandstone Retail and Service Market Area Profile</p> <p>2014 - U of M Extension</p> <p>Provide market area profiles to communities so that they can develop retail and service sectors</p>	<p>Analyze and utilize data provided in the report to develop individual business and main street strategies</p>	
<p>Business Retention and Expansion Report</p> <p>2019 - Northspan</p> <p>Visit with local businesses to provide a snapshot of current conditions</p>	<p>Encourage the formation of a tourism board that emphasizes the Sandstone area's natural assets</p> <p>Improve community wayfinding to highlight access points to the Kettle River and downtown business district</p> <p>Aggressively pursue efforts to clean up blighted properties</p> <p>Consider possible incentives for local businesses</p> <p>Plan proactively for changes in the downtown core</p>	
<p>Rail Cluster/Study Report</p> <p>2019 - Northspan</p> <p>Assess Sandstone's economic base and market for a rail spur</p> <p>Rail Cluster/Study Report (ctd.)</p>	<p>Do not prioritize rail, but leave the option open, if possible</p> <p>Cultivate a regional tourism attraction effort</p> <p>Target new investment instead of internal relocation</p> <p>Emphasize Sandstone's innovative potential</p> <p>Continue to expand transportation options</p>	
<p>EDA Visioning Session</p> <p>2017 - Northspan</p> <p>Visioning and priority setting session with Sandstone EDA</p>	<p>Retention of Ford dealership</p> <p>Establishing a daycare</p> <p>New hotel</p> <p>New restaurant</p> <p>Cabela's/other outdoor discount outlet</p> <p>Attracting a medical supply company</p>	<p>DONE</p> <p>Underway</p>
<p>Wayfinding Signage Plan</p> <p>2016</p> <p>Establish a set of guidelines for design and implementation of public wayfinding signs</p>	<p>Design and install uniform signage for the city of Sandstone including: Gateway signs, Monument signs, Directional signs & Kiosks</p>	
<p>ATV Training/Obstacle Course</p> <p>2020 - Dovetail Partners</p> <p>Assessing the feasibility of the creation of an ATV park, technical riding area, and youth training area</p>	<p>Put ATV project on hold and focus on working with MN DNR, Pine County and ATV clubs to connect City to existing trail system</p> <p>Continue exploring alternative projects for the site regarding economic/tourism development</p>	<p>Underway</p>
<p>Robinson Park Master Plan</p> <p>2016 - WSB</p> <p>Updating the existing 1992 Robinson Park Master Plan</p>	<p>Accommodate a variety of recreational activities for both local and regional park users</p> <p>Provide recreational amenities during all seasons of the year</p> <p>Improve the overall park experience and safety of the park</p> <p>Provide a better connection between the local community and the park</p>	

Robinson Park Master Plan (cont.)	Provide a balance between preserving and enhancing the natural resources and scenic qualities while accommodating active recreational park development	
	Portray the historical significance of the site that is currently be missed and protect artifacts	
	Encourage ongoing stewards - encourage youth to get them more involved	
	Provide proper accessibility to the park and recreational amenities	
	Delineate vehicular vs. pedestrian routes through the park	
	Promote future business opportunities in Sandstone by highlighting the parks' significance	