The final plan in the current series of area plan updates, the *West Suburban Area Plan Update*, was adopted this summer. The *West Suburban Area Plan* includes land in both Winston-Salem and Forsyth County and is generally bounded on the north by Reynolda Road; on the east by Silas Creek Parkway; on the south by US 421; and on the west by the Lewisville town limits and the proposed western leg of the Northern Beltway. The West Suburban Planning Area is the largest planning area, both in terms of size (19,000 acres) and population (46,000), and contains neighborhoods such as Brookberry Farm, Sherwood Forest, South Fork, Peace Haven, Greenbrier Farm, and Town and Country Estates.

The plan update had very active citizen participation with a record total of 220 people attending the four community meetings. Major concerns expressed at these meetings were traffic congestion and the lack of pedestrian and bicycle connectivity in the area. Plan recommendations to address these concerns include:

- Widening Meadowlark Drive to three lanes plus a pedestrian/bicycle sidepath to begin later this year and constructing the western leg of the Northern Beltway in the mid-2020s.
- Extending the existing 2-mile Muddy Creek Greenway from its current terminus at Jefferson Elementary School northward to Yadkinville Road in the mid-2020s, and extending the greenway southward to US 421 by the end of the 2020s.
- Directing new growth and redevelopment to seven existing area activity centers and the Reynolda Road, Country Club Road, and Robinhood Road growth corridors.

The plan was recommended by the Planning Board in April, adopted by the City Council in June, and adopted by the Forsyth County Commissioners in August.

The plan is available online at: [www.cityofws.org/planning](http://www.cityofws.org/planning)
Applications Now Being Accepted for the 2019 Historic Marker Program

The Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission is looking for those exceptional places in Winston-Salem and in unincorporated Forsyth County to place historic markers to help citizens remember the past.

The Historic Marker Program seeks to highlight the full-range of interesting local history that our community has to offer. Citizens may submit applications for sites which are tied to an historical/cultural event, building, organization, or individual of historic significance.

Consider nominating a location for a historic marker to help residents of Winston-Salem and unincorporated Forsyth County find pride in local history and discover previously forgotten stories from our community’s past.

Applications are due October 31 by 4:00pm to the Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission, Historic Marker Committee at 100 E. First Street, P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, NC 27102. Applications are available on-line at: http://www.cityofws.org/Departments/Planning/Boards-and-Commissions/Historic-Resources-Commission/Historic-Marker-Program or contact Historic Resources Staff at 336-747-7063.

Downtown Streetscape Master Plan Underway

The Downtown Streetscape Master Plan is underway. MIG Inc. has been hired to develop a Streetscape Master Plan and Design Standards for Downtown Winston-Salem. MIG is a national firm with thirty-five years’ of experience in landscape design, civil engineering, planning, and placemaking. They have provided planning services for cities throughout the country including Boston, Los Angeles, Denver, Dallas, San Antonio, Pittsburgh, and Charlotte. Joining MIG will be local engineering firm Ramey Kemp and Associates along with Urbane Environments, Retail Advisory Services, and ColeJenest & Stone.

The Legacy 2030 Update recommends encouraging designs that promote pedestrian-friendly streetscapes in Downtown and the Center City. The Downtown Plan further recommends the development of downtown streetscape design standards and implementation of streetscape improvements to ensure a functional and attractive pedestrian environment. The streetscape master plan will represent an intentional approach to design for the entirety of Downtown that can be implemented by both public and private investment.

The plan will involve extensive public involvement. Be on the lookout for opportunities to provide your input this fall.