The Legacy 2030 Update is the comprehensive plan adopted by Forsyth County and all its municipalities and is centered on the themes of fiscal responsibility, sustainable growth and livable design. A large and diverse group of citizens was involved in the creation of the plan. Successful implementation of plan recommendations will result in keeping our rural areas rural, providing a diversity of residential options, improving accessibility and livability, and helping our community thrive in the new economy.

This is the 2016-2017 biennial report to the community on progress in achieving the goals of Legacy 2030. Since the adoption of Legacy 2030 in 2013, over half of Action Agenda items and over a third of Policies have been addressed.
Twelve major goals were identified in The Legacy 2030 Update. Following is a summary of the progress made in 2016 and 2017 to address the goals of the plan.

### Growth Management
**Goal:** Make efficient use of limited land capacity

**Accomplishments**
- Growth Corridor recommendations have been included in all updated area plans.
- Growth management principles are included in area plan updates and staff zoning reports.
- Downtown residential development in 2016-2017 has resulted in 700 additional multi-family residential units being completed or under construction.

### Land Use
**Goal:** Offer a variety of housing choices and convenient access to services

**Accomplishments**
- Unified Development Ordinances (UDO) amendments in 2016-2017 included revised guidelines for accessory dwellings, updates to the Winston Overlay District, and established requirements for neighborhood outreach for zoning cases.
- An update of the UDO to improve user experience is underway.
- A new development opportunity study focusing on infill and redevelopment locations, and an update to the residential development opportunity report were completed.

### Transportation
**Goal:** A balanced, sustainable, multimodal transportation system

**Accomplishments**
- The first segment of the Eastern Section of the Northern Beltway is under construction, and funding has been secured for the entire Eastern Section and portions of the Western Section.
- Research Parkway (Salem Creek Connector) and its interchange with US-52 has been completed, and includes the Twin Arches that were partially funded by the Creative Corridors Coalition.
- The first phase of the Business 40 (Salem Parkway) reconstruction project has commenced at the Peters Creek Parkway interchange. The beginning of the multi-use path will be constructed from Peters Creek Parkway to the Strollway.
- Union Cross Road improvements and Village Point Drive have been completed.
- I-40 improvements from Harper Road west to NC 801 (in Davie County) are underway.
- The Macy Grove Road extension and the widening of Reidsville Road (NC 158) from Business 40 to Belews Creek Road are funded.
- Almost 5 miles of new bike lanes (dedicated lanes and shared lane markings) have been developed county wide, and 8 bikeshare stations have been established in the downtown area.
- 5.6 miles of new sidewalk have been constructed with public funds.

### Economic Development
**Goal:** Attract new and expand existing businesses

**Accomplishments**
- A master plan for the repurposing of Whitaker Park was completed and City and County funding have been committed for infrastructure improvements.
- Quarterly Forsyth County Development Dashboard reports provide construction activity snapshots.
- A report detailing strategies to revitalize slow-growth areas has been prepared for the Planning Board and City Council.
- The Chamber of Commerce commissioned a consultant study and report by Aerotropolis Concepts on the potential for revitalizing Smith-Reynolds Airport and tying it more directly to other economic development efforts.

### Environmental Quality and Sustainability
**Goal:** Preserve, enhance, and protect our environmental resources

**Accomplishments**
- Community Roots Day events were held in 2016 and 2017.
- City achieved a 3-Star sustainability rating from the STAR Community Rating System.
- A brochure on keeping urban livestock in Winston-Salem was completed.
Healthy, Complete and Equitable Communities

Goal: Improved health and well-being

Accomplishments
• The Parks and Open Space plan update is underway.
• Quarry Park and Jamison Park are now open.
• Major improvements have been completed or are underway on 23 parks using 2014 City Bond funding, and improvements are programmed for County parks including Tanglewood, Horizons, and CG Hill using 2016 bond funding.
• The Forsyth County Food Access report was completed.
• Reports on age-friendly communities and active neighborhoods have been prepared.
• An additional 3.2 miles of trail has been added to the greenway system.

Community Character

Goal: A distinctive image

Accomplishments
• Eight historic markers were installed, six Local Historic Landmarks were designated, and three buildings were nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.
• The 15th Community Appearance Awards program was held in June 2016.
• A Public Art Commission was created and has facilitated public art installations at the Benton Convention Center and the new Central Library.
• Visual reports were prepared on development techniques for compatible commercial, institutional, and multifamily development.
• On-premises signs which need to be brought into compliance with the 2007 sign regulation changes the City have been inventoried with 66% of existing signs already in compliance.

Downtown and the Center City

Goal: A vibrant, exciting Downtown and Center City

Accomplishments
• The new Central Library opened in summer 2017 and new branch libraries are in progress for Kernersville and Clemmons.
• The Winston Overlay district update was completed in 2017.
• Funding has been allocated for a Downtown Streetscape Master Plan.
• A report identifying recommended high rise building sites was completed for the Center City.
• More than $350 million in development in the downtown core has been completed, is under construction, or has been announced in 2016-2017.

Neighborhoods and Towns

Goal: Enhance neighborhoods and towns

Accomplishments
• The Stratford Manor Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District (NCO) was adopted.
• Rezoning of the Holly Avenue neighborhood from office to a residential district was completed.
• Design illustrations have been included in all new area plans showing how Legacy 2030 recommendations could be incorporated into new or revitalized development.

Rural Character

Goal: Preserve, protect, and enhance the Rural Area

Accomplishments
• The Forsyth County Farmland Protection Plan has been completed.
• A brochure on Forsyth County Century Farms was created.
• The farm-to-table and local food movement has put new emphasis on the value of farming in outlying Forsyth County.

Area Plans

Goal: Translate Legacy 2030 on a community level

Accomplishments
• Six area plan updates were adopted: the Southwest Winston-Salem, Southeast Suburban, Rural Hall, Northwest Winston-Salem, Northeast Suburban and South Suburban.
• An Area Plan Implementation Status Report to evaluate the status of area plan recommendations was updated for use by departments, budget offices, and managers.
Key Public Investments

Goal: Use public improvements to catalyze investment.

Accomplishments

- Infrastructure, public safety and park facilities, and park improvements are being funded by $139.2 million in City bonds approved by voters in 2014, and many have been completed.
- 2016 County Bonds are funding park and school upgrades.
- Additional sidewalks, greenways and bike paths included in the 2014 bonds are being completed to provide a more interconnected transportation network.
- Additional funding has been allocated for public improvements in designated Revitalizing Urban Commercial Areas (RUCAs) and to revitalize neighborhoods through the Transforming Urban Residential Neighborhoods (TURN) program.

Celebrations and Awards

- The historic Reynolds building won the 2017 People’s Choice Award for Great Historic Rehabilitation sponsored by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association.
- Shallowford Square in Lewisville won the 2017 People’s Choice Award for Great Public Space sponsored by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Moving Forward

Progress continues in implementing the national award-winning Legacy 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Initiatives were undertaken to move forward in all the different goal areas. Progress has been slower in some areas than in others. Particularly challenging are efforts related to some of the new issues addressed in the plan concerning where higher density and gentle density should be located, healthy design, equity, alternative energy, and complete streets. These issues and others will be further studied and addressed in the coming years and reported biennially. We look forward to continued active community involvement in creating a more livable community.