Section III

Public Participation

A. Methodology

The City’s last Comprehensive Plan was created in 2008. Due to the enormous changes in recent years in both development and population growth, the 2015—2025 Comprehensive Plan was completely rewritten. Table 9—Comprehensive Plan Community Outreach Events reflects the methodology that started at the beginning of 2014 with the establishment of a Steering Committee and three Focus Groups. The Steering Committee is comprised of two members of Council, two members from the Planning Commission, two citizens and two support staff. The Steering Committee meets to review work and drafts. The Steering Committee guides the planning process by reviewing the work of the Focus Groups, organizing the Plan, prioritizing the implementation strategies and making a recommendation to the Planning Commission for adoption of a Resolution of Approval to send forward to the City Council.

There are three Focus Groups: 1) Land Use, Population and Priority Investment; 2) Economic Development, Housing and Transportation and; 3) Community Facilities, Cultural Resources and Natural Resources. Members of each Group are comprised of citizens, business leaders, civic representatives, City Boards and Commissions, a County planner and City staff. The Focus Groups consider for each element current conditions and trends, community needs and goals and action strategies. The Focus Groups met regularly in April, May, June and September and it is anticipated that the work of the Groups will be completed in September with final consideration of the 2015-2025 Comprehensive Plan by Council in December.

B. Community Survey

In addition to the community meetings, a community survey was developed and conducted as a part of community outreach. Electronic surveys were available for residents to complete. The community survey is attached as Appendix J. This short survey allowed participants an opportunity to share their ideas on Tega Cay’s challenges and its possibilities. The Tega Cay Mayor and Council wanted to engage all residents, business leaders, youth, community partners and stakeholders in the Comprehensive Plan process to plan the future of Tega Cay. The intent of the community survey was to develop a shared vision for the City and prepare a plan that will positively impact the community.

Community residents were encouraged to share ideas for the future of Tega Cay to complete a survey before the end of July. Links to the survey were located on the websites of Tega Cay, Fort Mill High School, and Catawba Regional Council of Governments. Printed surveys were also provided to the community and were available at City Hall through July 31, 2014.

The Community Survey was promoted to residents of the community through many venues that began with word of mouth through personal emails and communications within neighborhoods and civic groups. Other community outreach such as press releases, interviews and social media are reflected in Table 8. The results of the Community Survey are shown in the Vision Statement component of the Comprehensive Plan and reflected in the nine elements.

Results of the community survey are reflected throughout the plan and in Appendix J, Community Survey. The survey instrument is located in Appendix J and some additional survey results such as length of residency, age range and household size. Many residents who participated in the survey also provided additional written comments. Of the additional comments, traffic and growth were the major topics of concern, with traffic mentioned 44% and growth and the type of growth listed 29% of the topic comments. Other topics mentioned were trails and recreation (15%), code enforcement (11%), and water quality (3%).
### Table 8—Community Survey Outreach

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<th>2014 Date</th>
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<td>Community Press Release</td>
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<td>June 3rd</td>
<td>WRHI, Radio Interview</td>
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<td>June 20th</td>
<td>CN2, Television Interview</td>
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<td>July 2nd</td>
<td>Fort Mill Times, Newspaper Interview</td>
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<td>Spring</td>
<td>City Facebook Page</td>
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<td>City, High School and CRCOG Websites</td>
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### Table 9—Comprehensive Plan Meeting Schedule

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<td>Jan 13th</td>
<td>Planning Commission</td>
<td>Comprehensive Plan Update Project—New Business</td>
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<td>Feb 13th</td>
<td>City Council &amp; Planning Commission</td>
<td>Comprehensive Plan Project Kickoff—Rescheduled due to inclement weather</td>
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<td>March 10th</td>
<td>City Council &amp; Planning Commission</td>
<td>Comprehensive Plan Project Kickoff</td>
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<td>April 15th</td>
<td>Comprehensive Plan Focus Groups</td>
<td>Project Overview &amp; Group Ideas for Plan Elements</td>
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<td>May 13th</td>
<td>Comprehensive Plan Focus Groups</td>
<td>Preliminary Vision Statements &amp; Goals</td>
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<td>June 11th</td>
<td>Comprehensive Plan Focus Groups</td>
<td>Draft Vision, Planning Goals &amp; Future Land Use Map</td>
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<td>June 17th</td>
<td>Steering Committee</td>
<td>Focus Group Reports &amp; Community Survey</td>
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<td>August 11th</td>
<td>Planning Commission</td>
<td>Comprehensive Plan Project Update</td>
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<td>August 26th</td>
<td>Steering Committee</td>
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<td>Community Public Meeting</td>
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<td>Planning Commission</td>
<td>Consider Comments from Public</td>
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<td>Nov 3rd</td>
<td>Steering Committee</td>
<td>Review Draft for Public Hearing</td>
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<td>Planning Commission</td>
<td>Adopt Resolution</td>
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<td>City Council and Planning Commission</td>
<td>Joint Public Hearing and First Reading for Adoption</td>
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Jennifer Stalford, Mayor Pro Tempore
Dottie Hersey, Councilmember
Ronald T. Kirby, Councilmember
Chris Landvik-Larsen, Councilmember

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Tom Weir, Chairman
Ken Huber, Vice-Chairman
Jerry Church
Douglas C. Burns
Bob Cullen
J. Alejandro Donso
Kathy Masters

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
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Ron Kirby, City Council
Stephen Perkins, Citizen
Nathan Stalford, Youth Representative
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Scott Szymanski, Fire Chief
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David Nelson, Major, Police Department
Leslie Richardson, Municipal Clerk
Diana Vick, Receptionist

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**Land Use, Population and Priority Investment**
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- Jerry Church, Planning Commission
- Dottie Hersey, City Council
- Ron Kirby, City Council
- Bob Bartkin, City of Tega Cay
- Richard Conway, Wellmore Senior Living
- John Dervay, Board of Zoning Appeals
- Greg Walden, Board of Zoning Appeals
- Steve Allen, York County Planning
- Bob Dasch, Citizen
- Pam Gibbes-Smith, Citizen
- Nick Amico, Citizen
- John and Mary Hennessy, Citizens
- Chris Gardner, Fort Mill School District
- Susan Britt, AICP, City of Tega Cay

**Economic Development, Housing and Transportation**
- Doug Burns, Planning Commission
- Kathy Masters, Planning Commission
- George Sheppard, Mayor
- Chris Landvik-Larsen, City Council
- Jason Flora, York County Economic Development
- Joel Wood, York County Economic Development
- Mitch Harris, Citizen
- Susan Axton, Citizen
- Kieran (Dee) Doyle, Citizen
- Lori Hillman, Citizen
- Alicia Dasch, Citizen
- Rob Cynowa, Greater York County Chamber of Commerce
- Tom Goebel, City of Tega Cay
- Charlie Funderburk, City of Tega Cay
- Kara Drane, AICP, Catawba Regional Council of Governments

**Community Facilities, Cultural Resources and Natural Resources**
- Tom Weir, Planning Commission
- Bob Cullen, Planning Commission
- Jennifer Stalford, City Council
- Hope MacBride, Citizen
- Rolf & Emily Jaeckli, Citizens
- David Hipp, Citizen
- Kris Frankforter, Citizen
- Mary Stefano, Citizen
- Dan Zynda, Citizen
- Ben Ullman, Citizen
- Todd Baker, Citizen
- David Nelson, City of Tega Cay
- Scott Szymanski, City of Tega Cay
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- Tim Gillette, City of Tega Cay
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