East Lawrence Neighborhood Plan



Non-Residential

Where did this come from?



Open house participation



Online survey



Interviews with commercial real estate representative

Goal 1: Non-residential resources in East Lawrence should enable residents to sustain themselves within the neighborhood.

Example Policies and Objectives

- Permit a range of non-residential uses beyond traditional neighborhood-level personal services.
- Support entrepreneurs and home-based businesses/occupations.
- Increase employment opportunities within the neighborhood for residents and non-residents.

Goal 2: East Lawrence will have a diverse range of commercial assets.

Example Policies and Objectives

- Identify creative solutions for underutilized, vacant, or high-turnover properties.
- **Incubate** small to medium sized businesses, incentivizing permanent location in East Lawrence.
- Encourage businesses to operate with varying peak hours, where appropriate and with respect to adjacent residents.

Goal 3: East Lawrence should maintain its inventory of existing industrial land uses and zoning districts.

Example Policies and Objectives

- Maintain an inventory of industrially zoned properties to support a variety of industrial uses.
- Recognize that industrial users function as employment centers. Discourage or prohibit low-employment self-storage uses.
- Establish East Lawrence as a regional hub for small and medium sized industrial makerspaces and producers.

Goal 4: East Lawrence's existing mixed-use corridors should be maintained and expanded.

Example Policies and Objectives

- Enhance access to existing commercial nodes by increasing multi-modal transportation options within and beyond the East Lawrence neighborhood.
- **Encourage** vertically mixed-use buildings with upper-level residential uses dispersed among existing mixed-use nodes.
- Incorporate non-commercial mixed uses, such as community gathering and event spaces.

