District 3: Town Residential Core

Complete Neighborhood + Rural Area Chart

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Legend: ☐ Generally Present; ☐ Partially Present; ☐ Generally absent
Existing + Future Desired Characteristics

The Town Residential Core is comprised of a variety of housing types and forms, including single family, duplex, tri-plex and multifamily occupied primarily by the local workforce. Some of the district’s key characteristics are its proximity to the Town Commercial Core (District 2) employment opportunities and Complete Neighborhood amenities, an existing gridded transportation network, and a mix of low to high density residential development.

The district is envisioned to contain a variety of residential densities, a variety of residential types (such as single family, duplex, tri-plex and multifamily), and a variety of building sizes in order to maintain and meet our community’s Growth Management and workforce housing goals. The consolidation of multiple lots to create larger single family homes is inconsistent with the district’s existing and desired character. An important goal within the district will be to reestablish a strong sense of ownership by this district’s residents.

The existing gridded transportation system, including areas with and without alleys, provides great connectivity for all modes and should be maintained and enhanced whenever possible. Complete street amenities, including continued and expanded START service, are appropriate and should be added at every opportunity in keeping with the existing residential character. These amenities should be developed to link residents to key community features found in the district, including parks, schools, and local convenience commercial. It is also important to recognize Snow King Avenue as a primary transportation corridor that will need to be maintained and improved in order to support regional transportation goals.

The district is well-served by a majority of Complete Neighborhood amenities that should be maintained and enhanced in the future. Limited local convenience commercial and mixed use office development is currently found in the district and should continue in the future in order to achieve the Complete Neighborhood and economic sustainability goals of the Plan. The district is in need of redevelopment and reinvestment in order to ensure it is a desirable residential neighborhood with a strong sense of community ownership into the future.

Policy Objectives

| Common Value 1: Ecosystem Stewardship | N/A |
| Common Value 2: Growth Management | 4.1.b: Emphasize a variety of housing types, including deed-restricted housing |
| | 4.3.a: Preserve and enhance stable subareas |
| | 4.3.b: Create and develop transitional subareas |
| | 4.4.d: Enhance natural features in the built environment |
| Common Value 3: Quality of Life | 5.2.d: Encourage deed-restricted rental units |
| | 5.3.b: Preserve existing workforce housing stock |
| | 7.1.c: Increase the capacity for use of alternative transportation modes |
Character Defining Features

3.1: East Jackson

This residential, STABLE Subarea will continue to provide a variety of housings types, including single family, duplex and tri-plex with up to three units per lot when both a street and alley frontage is provided and up to two units per lot when only street or alley access is provided. Multifamily development is not currently found in this area and is not desirable in the future. Being a Stable Subarea, the size and scale of future buildings will be compatible with the existing character of the area, which includes a wide variety of building sizes and scales. Structures will be of comparable bulk and scale regardless of the number of units provided therein. Up to two stories will be allowed and may be configured in a variety of layouts, with both attached and detached units. Structures should be pulled toward the street where possible and building footprints should be minimized in order to allow for adequate yards and landscaping. Some areas with an existing single family character will maintain this characteristic in the future with only one dwelling unit per lot.
3.2: Core Residential

This residential, TRANSITIONAL Subarea is currently made up of a variety of single family and multifamily residential types, with some existing larger residential developments and non-conforming commercial uses. Redevelopment, revitalization and reinvestment are highly desired in this subarea. Due to its central location in the core of Town near employment and Complete Neighborhood amenities, the future character of this subarea will include some increased density and larger buildings than in East Jackson (Subarea 3.1).

In addition, to the development pattern described for East Jackson (Subarea 3.1), multifamily residential uses will be encouraged in order to replace existing commercial uses and to blend the borders of the Town Commercial Core (District 2) with the Town Residential Core (District 3). Multifamily structures will be predominantly found on larger residential lots and along mixed use corridors. The size and scale of multifamily structures will be predominantly two stories with three stories considered in specific cases with proper design. The density and intensity found in areas containing multifamily structures may be greater than what is generally allowable in other areas. For these larger structures, the dominant building mass should be located near the street and be broken into multiple smaller buildings when possible. Parking should be minimized and screened from view as much as possible. In areas where office uses currently exist, consideration should be given to allow a mix of office and residential uses. Future mixed use office development should be of the same bulk, scale and intensity of the residential uses.
3.3: Rodeo Grounds Institutional Area

This STABLE Subarea is characterized by its two existing institutional land uses - the rodeo grounds and the Town Public Works facility. The Town Public Works facility is an essential facility that should be maintained in its current, central location consistent with the sustainability and community services policies of the plan. Similarly, the location and use of the Rodeo Grounds supports the Town as Heart of Region policies of this plan and should be allowed to remain in its current location. The subarea will maintain similar uses and characteristics into the future, although the actual users may change.

3.4: May Park Area

This residential, STABLE Subarea currently provides a variety of housing types in a variety of building forms with a mix of rental and ownership units. Existing multifamily structures such as the Pioneer Homestead contain a significant number of units and serve a critical housing need in the community, which should be maintained and supported. The future character of this subarea will maintain the existing medium to high density development pattern with a mix of small lot single family, duplex, tri-plex, and multifamily structures. For all structures, the dominant building mass should be located near the street, with parking predominantly to the rear and screened from the view of the public right of way. The size and scale of multifamily structures will be predominantly two stories with three stories considered in specific cases with proper design. These structures should be broken into multiple smaller buildings when possible. Any opportunity to extend the adjacent gridded street network through this area would be beneficial. A primary feature of this area is the currently undeveloped May Park. The future use and development of this park will increase the livability of the area and support the existing and future medium to high density residential development.
Why Illustrate Our Vision?

Realizing our Vision requires proactively planning for what we want - rural open spaces and high quality Complete Neighborhoods - by identifying where we want them and what we want them to look like. Our Vision is that development be designed to enhance our community character and located in suitable areas in order to preserve and protect the ecosystem and western, rural character. The Illustration of Our Vision defines the type of preservation or development in each area of the community that will allow us to realize our Vision. In areas suitable for development, the Illustration of Our Vision describes how we will protect the character we love while ensuring that development enhances our Quality of Life. In all other areas, the Illustration of Our Vision describes how we will preserve and enhance wildlife habitat, wildlife connectivity, scenic vistas, and open space.

Defining desired character for all areas of the community provides predictability in planning and development, which has been absent in the past. Incremental, site-specific determinations of policy applicability that are emotionally, politically and legally tied to a specific development plan are no longer the community’s growth management principle. The Illustration of Our Vision bridges the gap between our Vision and the development of an individual site so that all community members can understand how an individual preservation or development project should contribute to the achievement of our Vision. The Illustration of Our Vision will inform land development regulations that ensure no policy of this Plan is forgotten and that all policies are implemented within the proper context.

The Illustration of Our Vision also provides accountability and measurability. By defining the existing and desired character of each area of the community, we can quantify our progress toward achieving our Common Values of Community Character. With this information we can determine what policies and strategies are appropriate in which locations. The Illustration of Our Vision will enable the rigorous analysis needed to continually adapt our implementation strategies to ensure that preservation and development occur in the desired amount, location and type.
How is the Vision Illustrated?
The Illustration of Our Vision depicts the policies of the community’s three Common Values of Community Character through four levels of character classification.

At the highest level, the private lands of the community are divided into Character Districts – areas with common natural, visual, cultural and physical attributes, shared values and social interaction. Character District boundaries are based on a layering of the best available quantitative and qualitative data for each of the three Common Values of Community Character (Ecosystem Stewardship, Growth Management, Quality of Life) in order to identify areas that share similar characteristics (see Appendix B Framework Maps).

While our community’s 15 Character Districts share Common Values, each has a unique identity, based upon the presence or absence of specific characteristics, each Character District is classified as either a Rural Area focused on ecosystem stewardship or a Complete Neighborhood focused on enhancing Quality of Life. The map on pages IV-4 and IV-5 shows the Character District boundaries, defines Complete Neighborhood and Rural Area characteristics and identifies the classification of each Character District.

At the next level, each Character District is divided into subareas. Each subarea is categorized as Stable, Transitional, Preservation or Conservation based upon the existing character of the subarea and the desired future character for the entire Character District. Stable and Transitional Subareas are the most suitable locations for people to live, work and play. Subareas focused on Ecosystem Stewardship are designated as Preservation or Conservation. The map on pages IV-6 and IV-7 shows the subareas and defines the subarea classifications.

Finally, for each subarea, Character Defining Features are described to ensure the desired character is illustrated. The Character Defining Features provide the greatest level of site specific detail; however the characteristics are still conceptual and will inform specific regulations, incentives and programs. The characteristics valued by the community within a subarea are mapped, described and illustrated. On pages IV-8 and IV-9 is a legend that describes the symbols and graphics used on the Character Defining Features Maps. An appropriate Neighborhood Form(s) is also identified for each subarea. A Neighborhood Form identifies the general pattern and intensity of development that meets the desired character. On pages IV-10 and IV-11 is a transect that depicts the continuum of Neighborhood Forms that make up our community and shows the relationship between the various patterns and intensities.
## Complete Neighborhoods + Rural Areas

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### Distinct Classification

- **Complete Neighborhood**
- **Rural Area**

**Character Districts**

- **Town Square**
- **Town Commercial Core**
- **Town Residential Core**
- **Mid Town**
- **West Jackson**
- **Town Periphery**
- **South Highway 89**
- **River Bottom**
- **County Valley**
- **South Park**
- **Wilson**
- **Aspens/Pines**
- **Teton Village**
- **Alta**
- **County Periphery**

*Generally present; Partially present; Generally absent*
Stable, Transitional, Preservation + Conservation Subareas

**Stable Subarea**
- Subareas in which no change to the existing character is necessary
- Development will be infill that maintains the existing identity or vitality
- The subarea may benefit from strategic infill or development of non-existing Complete Neighborhood amenities

**Transitional Subarea**
- Subareas where most of the community would agree that development/redevelopment or a change in character would be beneficial
- Subareas that would benefit from reinvestment and revitalization
- Goals for development include improving access to jobs, housing and services and reducing reliance on single-occupancy trips

**Preservation Subarea**
- Subareas in which no change to the existing undeveloped character of the scenic resources and wildlife habitat is necessary
- Additional amenities and infrastructure are inappropriate
- May benefit from some clustered residential development that improves the overall preservation of open space

**Conservation Subarea**
- Areas of existing development and platted neighborhoods with high wildlife values, where development/redevelopment should focus on improved conservation
- Areas that benefit from an increase in open space, scenic resources, and habitat enhancement
- Goals include balancing existing development with improved wildlife permeability and scenic enhancements.

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**SUBAREA CLASSIFICATION**
- **STABLE SUBAREA**
- **TRANSITIONAL SUBAREA**
- **PRESERVATION SUBAREA**
- **CONSERVATION SUBAREA**

**CHARACTER DISTRICT**
- TOWN SQUARE
- TOWN COMMERCIAL CORE
- TOWN RESIDENTIAL CORE
- MID TOWN
- WEST JACKSON
- TOWN PERIPHERY
- SOUTH HIGHWAY 89
- RIVER BOTTOM
- COUNTY VALLEY
- SOUTH PARK
- WILSON
- ASPENS/PINES
- TETON VILLAGE
- ALTA
- COUNTY PERIPHERY
Character Defining Features - Map Symbols

The Character Defining Features Maps depict the characteristics that define each district and subarea. Below is a list of symbols and map attributes that are used on the maps. Characteristics that are locational are shown on the map using colored symbols or map attributes. Other characteristics depicted using black symbols, apply generally to a subarea, but are not location specific. All mapped features are illustrative of the character of an area and do not imply desired regulatory boundaries or specific locations for certain attributes.

Common Value 1 – Ecosystem Stewardship

- **Wildlife Permeability**: Design for wildlife permeability should be a characteristic of the subarea.
- **Agriculture**: Agricultural use should be characteristic of the subarea.
- **Wildlife Highway Crossing**: Wildlife-vehicle collision mitigation emphasis site as identified by the Western Transportation Institute and Montana State University College of Engineering in 2012.
- **Crucial Habitat**: Bald eagle, trumpeter swan, mule deer, elk, and/or moose crucial winter habitat; mule deer and/or elk migration corridor; and/or bald eagle and trumpeter swan nesting area; and/or cutthroat trout spawning area as identified by the Conservation Research Center of Teton Science Schools in 2008.
- **Scenic Corridor/Vista**: Scenic highway corridors and vistas as identified on 1994 Community Issues Maps.

Common Value 2 – Growth Management

- **Gateway**: A gateway into the community.
- **Public Parking**: Existing parking provided by the Town of Jackson.
- **Road Corridor Enhancement**: A roadway corridor that will be characterized in the future by enhanced pedestrian and commercial vitality.
- **Creek Corridor Enhancement**: A creek within a Complete Neighborhood that will be characterized in the future by enhanced recreational opportunities and ecological value.
Common Value 3 – Quality of Life

- Workforce Housing: Housing occupied by the workforce should be a characteristic of the subarea.
- START Service: START service should be a characteristic of the subarea.
- Local Convenience Commercial: Local convenience commercial should be located within the subarea.
- Industrial: Light industrial and heavy retail use should occur in the subarea.
- Parks and Recreation: Existing parks and recreation facilities.
- School: Existing schools.
- Key Transportation Network Project: Transportation network projects identified in Policy 7.2.d.
- Existing/Proposed Pathways: Existing and proposed pathways identified in the Pathways Master Plan (2007).
- Improved Interconnectivity: An area that will be characterized in the future by increased interconnectivity.
A Neighborhood Form identifies the general pattern and intensity of development representative of a certain character. One or more Neighborhood Forms are associated with each subarea. Below is a transect that depicts the continuum of Neighborhood Forms that make up our community and shows the relationship between the various patterns and intensities that define our character. The table below the transect describes characteristic acreages, heights, uses, and special considerations for each Neighborhood Form. These general characteristics are not prescriptive and are only meant to help describe the general pattern and intensity depicted in the transect.

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What Does the Illustration of the Vision Address?

Our community’s Vision is illustrated in 15 Character Districts. Each Character District has unique issues, opportunities and objectives. Each Character District contributes to the overall implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and will ensure that preservation and development occur in the desired amount, location and type throughout the community.

Each Character District is composed of 6 parts:

1. The Vicinity Map identifies the district boundaries and the size of the district in relation to the entire community. It also depicts the boundaries of the district subareas and their Stable, Transitional, Preservation, or Conservation classification.

2. The Character Defining Features Map depicts the characteristics that define each district and subarea. Characteristics are described through mapping or shown symbolically. Mapped features are illustrative of the character of an area and do not imply desired regulatory boundaries or specific locations of attributes. A complete list of symbols used on the maps can be found on pages IV-8 and IV-9.

3. The Complete Neighborhood/Rural Area Table indicates whether the district currently has the characteristics of a Complete Neighborhood or a Rural Area. It also indicates whether those characteristics will be maintained or enhanced in the future. This table serves to explain the classification of the district and identify the district’s broad focus, basic issues, and opportunities.
4. Existing + Future Characteristics describe in words the existing and future character of the district, focusing on the elements of character that should be preserved or enhanced. This section provides the overall goals and vision for the district.

5. The Policy Objectives are policies from the Common Values of Community Character chapters of the Comprehensive Plan that are particularly relevant and should be implemented in the district. There may be other policies that apply to the district, but these are the key objectives to be met in the district in order for the community to achieve our Vision.

6. The Character Defining Features describe each subarea through text, Neighborhood Forms, and photos and/or drawings. The focus of the description is the character priorities that will allow for the desired character of the district, and consequently the community Vision, to be achieved. The Neighborhood Form(s) depict the general pattern and intensity of development that meets the desired character; while the illustrations and/or photos provide a more detailed illustration of the desired built form. The entire continuum of Neighborhood Forms can be found on pages IV-8 and IV-9.