



Vision La Grange Comprehensive Plan City Council Briefing

Comprehensive Plan 35% Milestone

Project Timeline



Project Scope

- **Baseline & Hazard Risk Assessments**
- **Community Vision & Goals**
- **Topical Chapters** 
- **Implementation & Action Plan**



Land Use



Housing



Infrastructure



Community Facilities



Transportation

Texas GLO Resilient Communities Program

- Provides funding for long-range community planning across Texas
- Supports resilience to flooding, extreme heat, and other hazards
- Aligns land use, infrastructure, and hazard mitigation strategies
- Focuses on sustainable, disaster-ready growth over 20–25 years
- Requires some risk mitigating ordinance changes to be adopted with the Comprehensive Plan
- La Grange's Comprehensive Plan was funded through RCP - 100% grant funded, no match from the City



UPDATE 2023

October 3, 2023 - October 2, 2028

Maintaining a Safe, Secure,
and Sustainable Community



Community Engagement

- **3 Advisory Committee Meetings** (City Council to serve at the AC, some meetings may be virtual)
- **8 Stakeholder Focus Group Meetings** (complete)
- **3 Public Engagement Events** (2 complete)
 - Senior Lunch & Tabling at Fayette County Fair: Aug 28, 2025
 - Community Workshop #1, with 35% phase: Oct 16, 2025
 - Community Workshop #2, with 65% phase: Spring 2026
- **Online Engagement & Project Website**
 - Community Survey: 121 contributions (complete)
 - Interactive Map: 18 contributions (still open!)



What We've Heard

"Attract development to grow the city while maintaining small town feel."

"Housing availability and levels of living are missing."

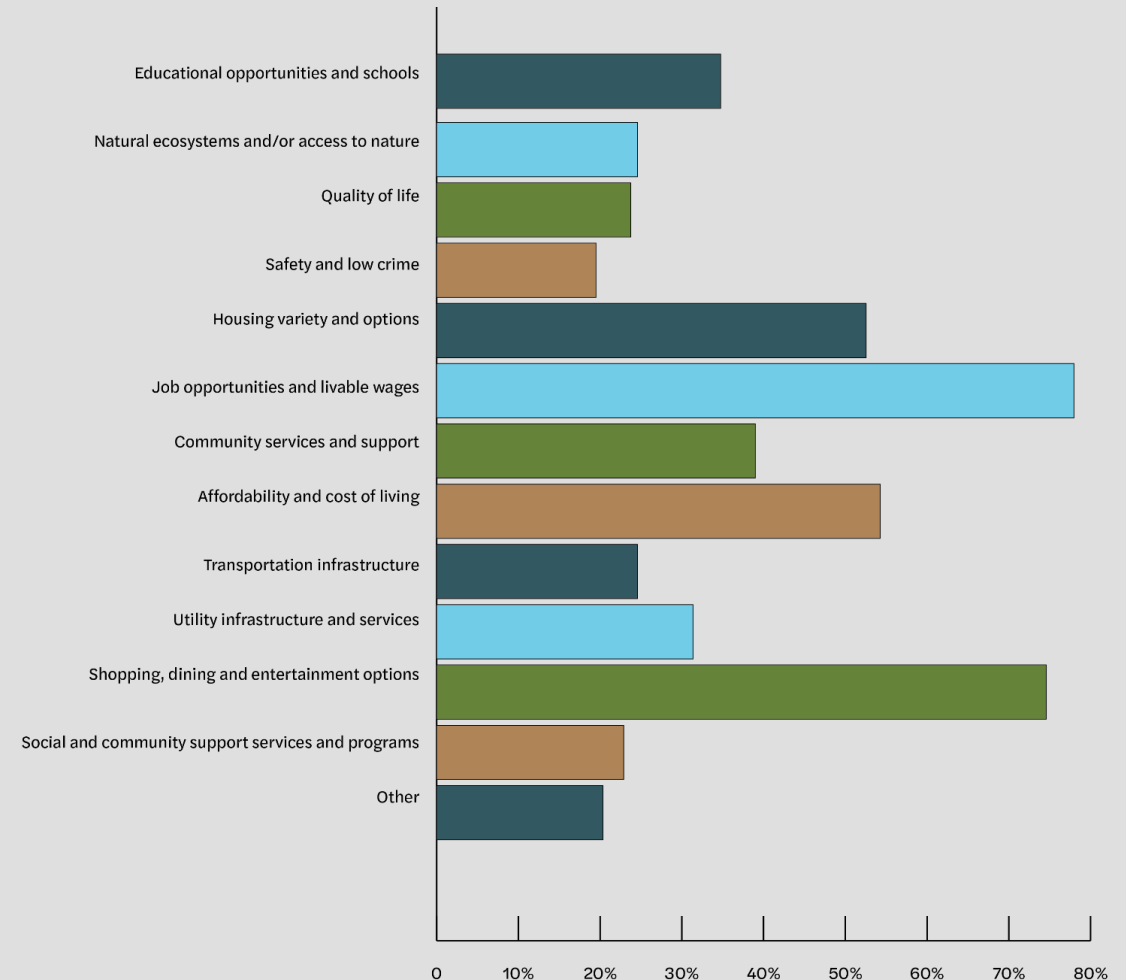
"Need affordable things to do in the City that are family oriented."

"Water drainage on the street needs improvement on multiple locations"

Survey Results

In your opinion, what are La Grange's most critical issues?

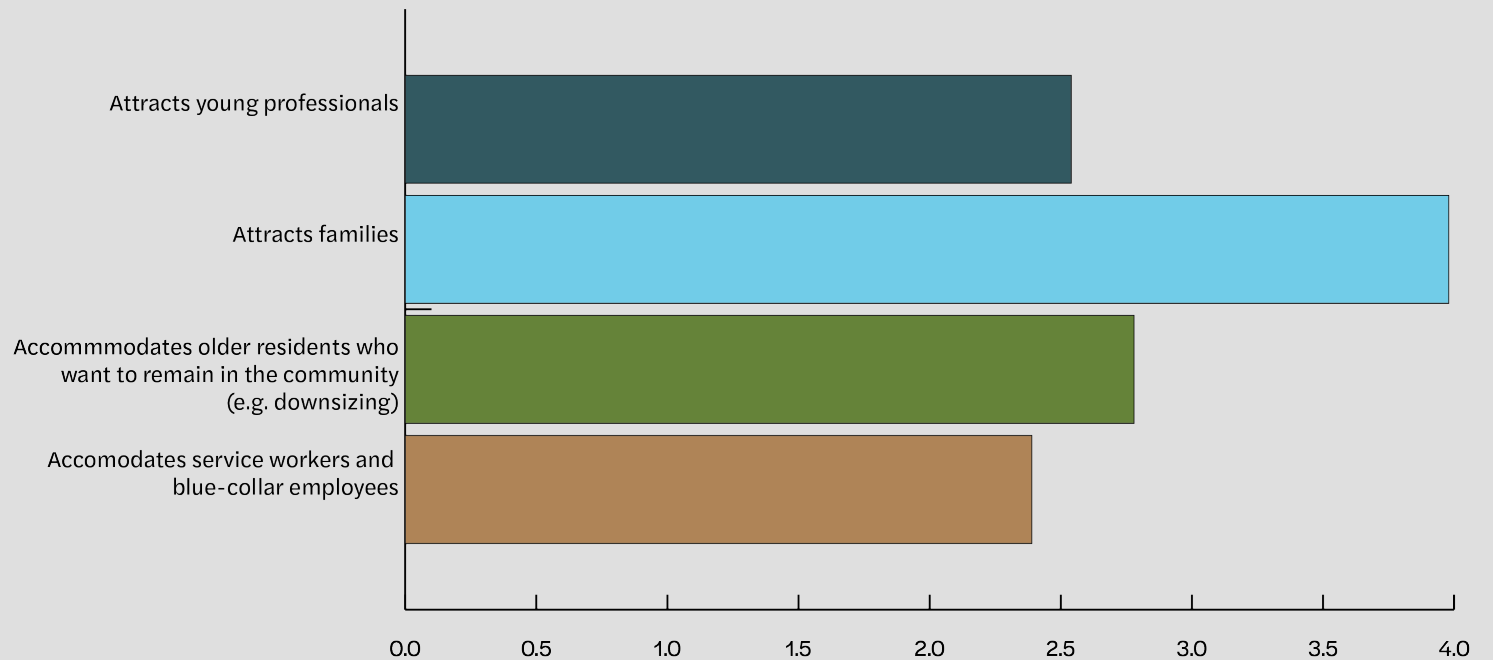
1. Job opportunities and livable wages
2. Shopping, dining and entertainment options
3. Affordability and cost of living



Survey Results

In the future, La Grange should focus on housing that...

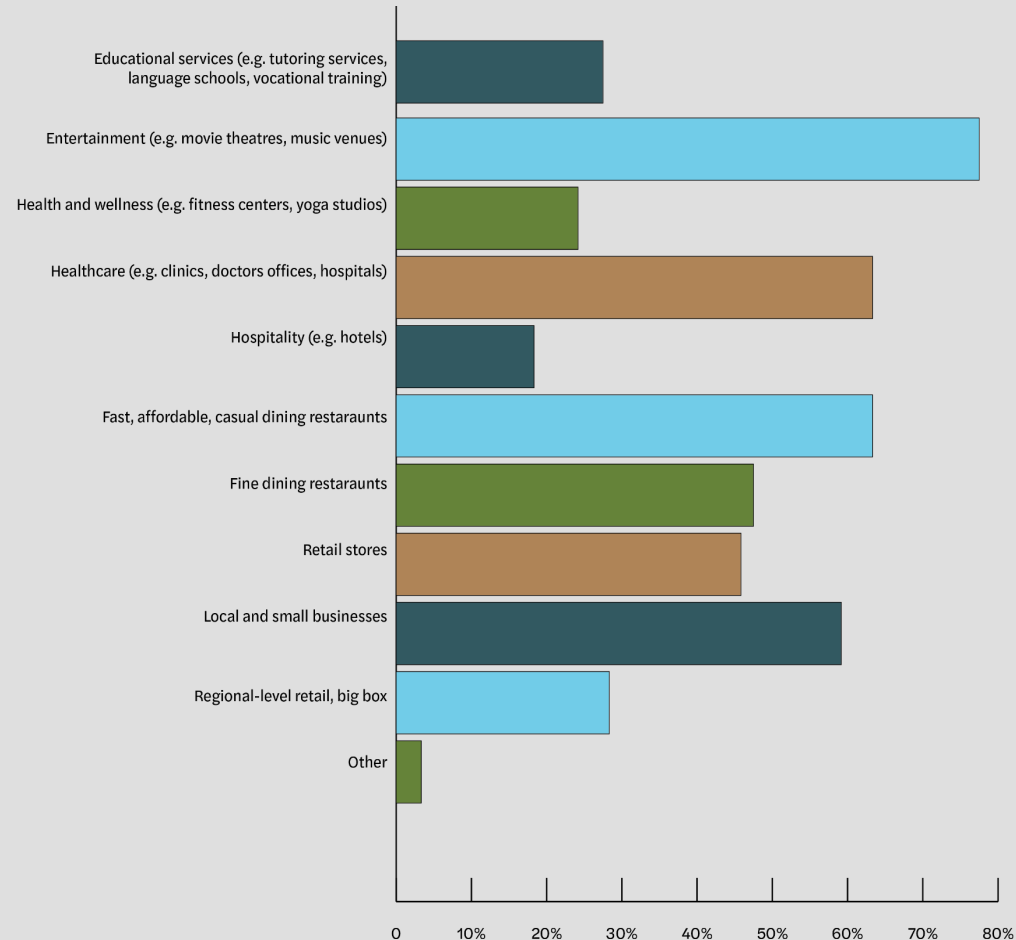
1. Attracts Families
2. Accommodates older residents who want to remain in the community
3. Attracts young professionals
4. Accommodates service workers



Survey Results

What commercial businesses would you like to see more of in La Grange?

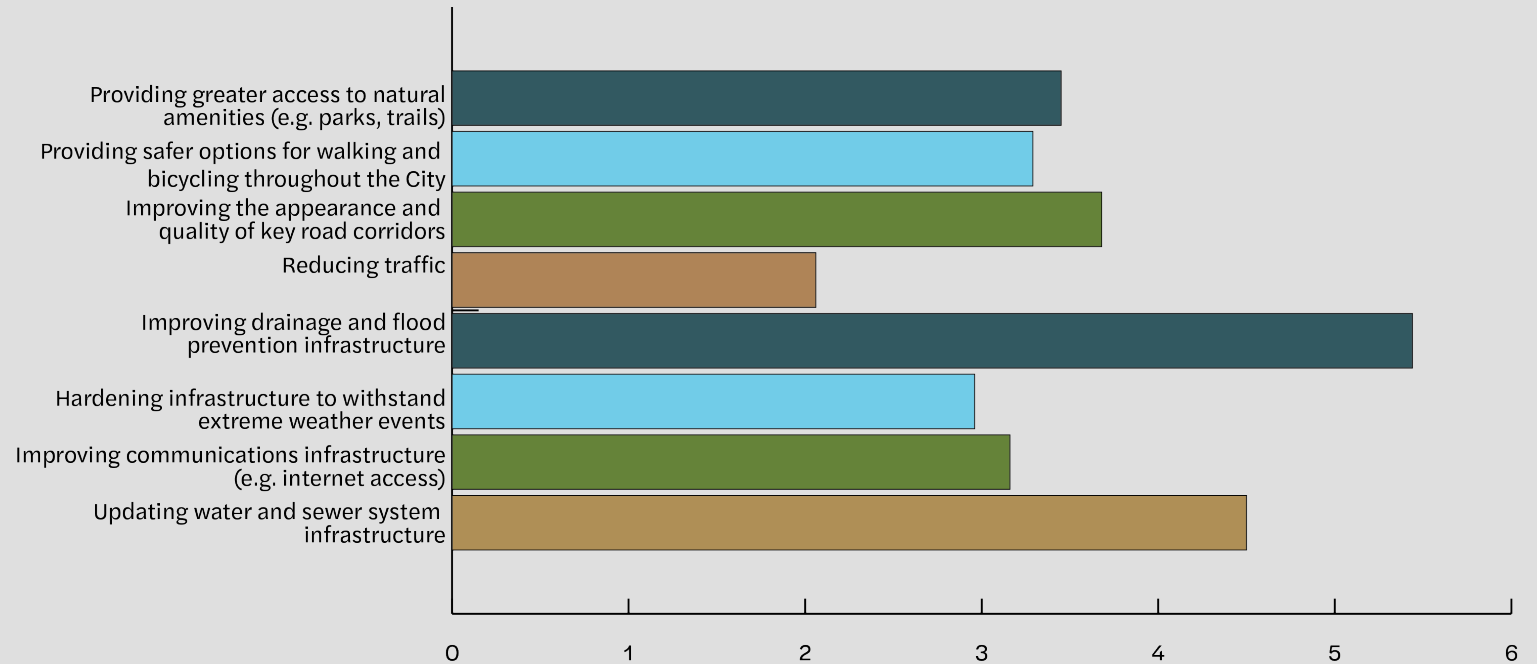
1. Entertainment (e.g., movie theatres, music venues)
2. Healthcare (e.g., clinics, doctors' offices, hospitals)
3. Fast, affordable, casual dining restaurants
4. Local and Small Businesses



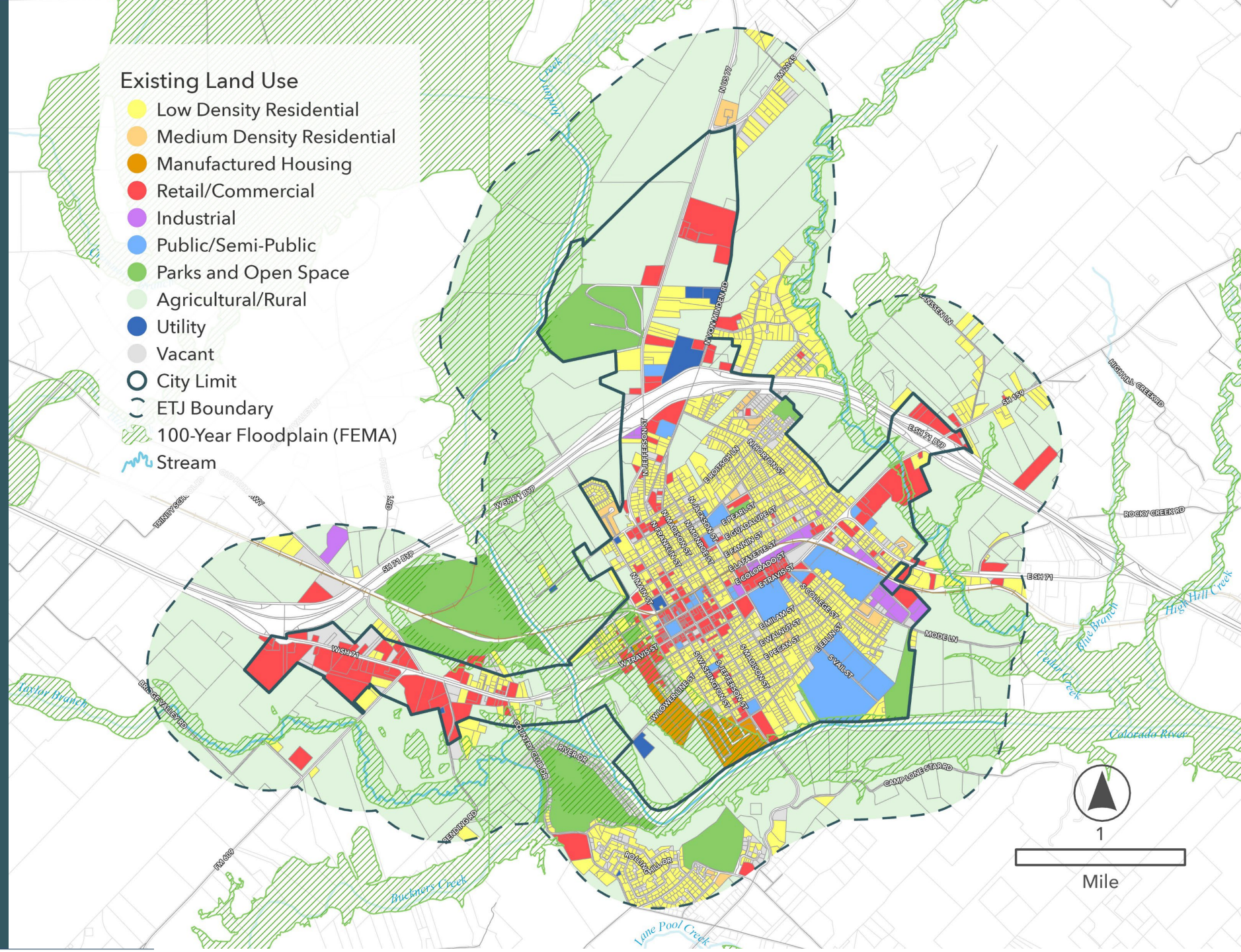
Survey Results

Infrastructure investments in La Grange should focus on:

1. Improving drainage and flood prevention infrastructure
2. Updating water and sewer system infrastructure
3. Improving the appearance and quality of key road corridors
4. Access to nature
5. Safer walking & bicycling infrastructure



Existing Land Use

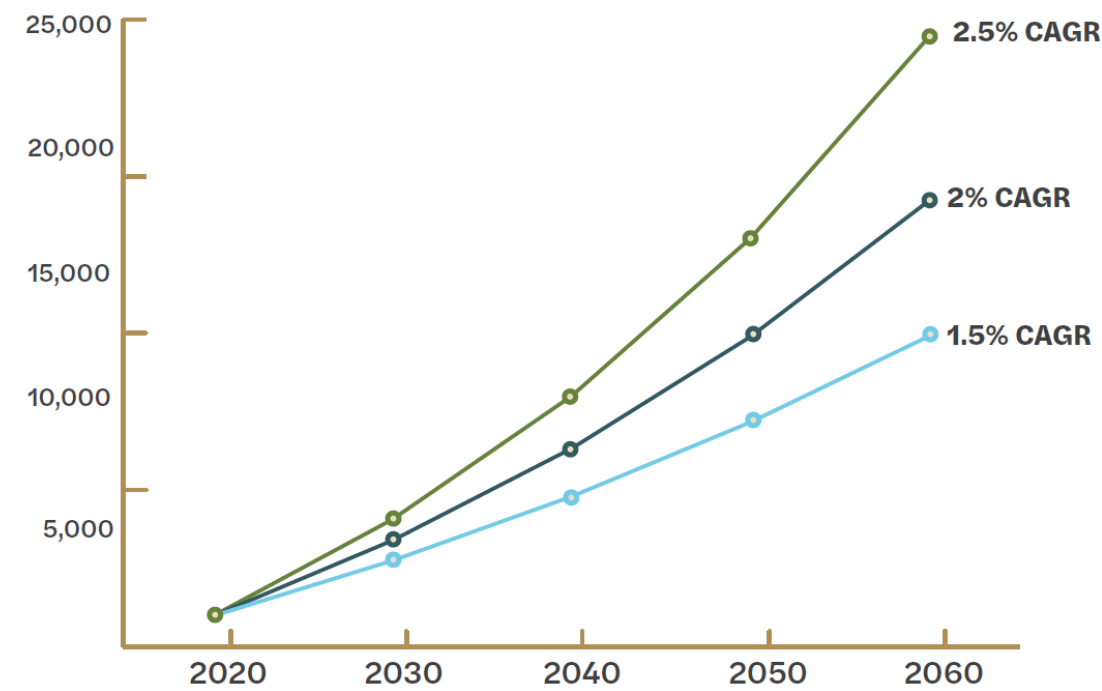


Population Projections

Texas Water Development Board’s (TWDB) municipal population projections.

Texas City	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060
La Grange	4,677	4,645	4,553	4,449	4,426
Giddings	5,137	5,497	5,576	5,497	5,394
Luling	5,511	5,656	5,801	5,941	6,138
Gonzales	7,487	7,512	7,509	7,399	7,279
Caldwell	4,119	4,293	4,326	4,310	4,286

Potential Growth Scenarios



Risk Assessment



Flooding: High risk, the City can anticipate 3-4 flood events annually, land along Colorado River most susceptible.



Tornados: Moderate risk, the City has experienced 3 minor tornados between 1954 and 2023.



Wildfire: Moderate risk, 65.6% of La Grange's population lives in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) - fringe areas most vulnerable to wildfires.



Extreme Heat: High risk, occurs every summer, can cause "domino effect" problems like power outages and wildfires.



Winter Storm: Moderate risk, the City can anticipate 1-2 winter storms each year with temperatures between 15-20 F, wind speeds between 0-30mph, and 0.1-4.0 inches of snow.

Baseline Assessment



Housing: Older housing stock, mostly single-family homes; focus on needs for housing variety and changing life stages.



Infrastructure: City Public Water System (PWS), and municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); focus on resilience and service capacity with growth.



Public Facilities: City Hall, public library, 3 public schools, 8 City parks, etc.; focus on retaining access as the city grows.



Transportation: Good regional access via highways, only 400 residents live and work locally; focus on creating a more connected network with growth.

Draft Vision Statement

La Grange will preserve its hometown atmosphere and historic character while encouraging quality development that promotes economic strength, convenient lifestyles and community resilience for current and future generations.

Draft Goals & Objectives



Convenient Lifestyles

- Foster a vibrant mix of amenities, restaurants, shops, and activities that enhance daily life and make La Grange a more convenient and engaging place to live.
- Improve mobility throughout the City by enhancing multi-modal access, expanding sidewalks and maintaining existing roads.
- Expand community access to the Colorado River for recreational purposes.
- Provide well-maintained and accessible community facilities that meet residents' needs and enhance daily life.

Draft Goals & Objectives



Resilience

- Limit development in floodplains and promote their use for natural flood mitigation, recreation and open space.
- Strengthen utility resilience and readiness to withstand hazards and mitigate wear overtime.
- Promote community preparedness for natural disasters and community challenges.

Draft Goals & Objectives



Hometown Atmosphere

- Maintain strong social networks through community events and gatherings.
- Support historic preservation efforts by maintaining historic structures that reflect La Grange's heritage.
- Provide housing that can accommodate residents at all stages of life.
- Revitalize Downtown La Grange to be a desirable destination for dining and shopping.

Draft Goals & Objectives



Quality Development

- Beautify the community by adding streetscape improvements, landscaping and public arts in key areas such as downtown.
- Foster a sense of community identity through branding and place-making.
- Promote consistent and effective code enforcement to sustain community quality.
- Support strategic revitalization and redevelopment in underutilized and flood-impacted areas, and corridor development.
- Promote smart growth through strategic development.

Draft Goals & Objectives



Economic Strength

- Retain and recruit young professionals to live and work in the City.
- Promote modernization and reinvestment in housing to strengthen the local economy and attract a diverse workforce.
- Promote local tourism by leveraging the City's unique history and natural features.
- Support the success of the hospital as a major employer and healthcare provider.

Next Steps

- Community Workshop #2:
Spring 2026
- Visit the website and
spread the word!

Vision La Grange Website



www.VisionLaGrange.com

