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2023 Master Plan Update



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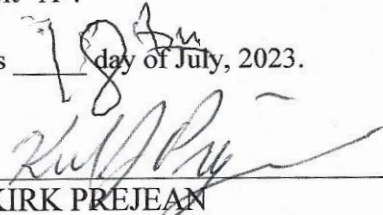
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDED AND UPDATED MASTERPLAN FOR THE CITY OF SCOTT

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 33:106, the Planning Commission for the City of Scott desires to amend and update the Master Plan for the physical development of the City of Scott with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the City of Scott and its environs which will, in accordance with present and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development; including, among other things, adequate provision for traffic, the promotion of safety from fire and other dangers, adequate provision for light and air, the promotion of the healthful and convenient distribution of population, the promotion of good civic design and arrangement, wise and efficient expenditure of public funds, the adequate provision of public utilities and other public requirements, and vehicular parking; and

WHEREAS, for the above purpose, the Planning Commission for the City of Scott desires to adopt the Master Plan, named "City of Scott 2023 Master Plan Update", which is attached hereto and identified herewith as Exhibit "A", and made a part hereof as if copied herein in its entirety.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission for the City of Scott hereby adopts the Master Plan, named "City of Scott 2023 Master Plan Update", which is attached hereto and identified herewith as Exhibit "A".

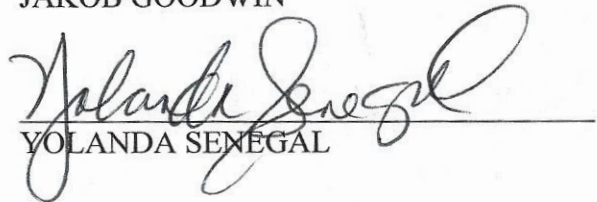
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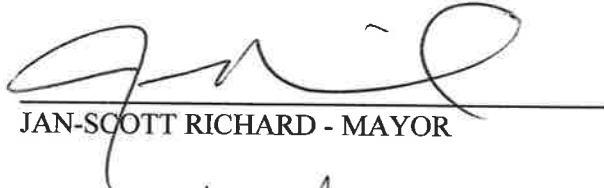
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDED AND UPDATED MASTER PLAN ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF SCOTT

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2023-2 adopted by the Planning Commission of the City Of Scott on July 18, 2023, the Planning Commission for the City of Scott adopted an amended and updated Master Plan for the City of Scott;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Scott supports the said amended and updated Master Plan for the City of Scott so adopted by the Planning Commission;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Scott that the City Council of the City of Scott hereby expresses its support for the said amended and updated Master Plan adopted by the Planning Commission for the City of Scott pursuant to its Resolution 2023-2.

THUS ADOPTED in the City of Scott this 3rd day of August, 2023.


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1. INTRODUCTION

The City of Scott, Louisiana is a vibrant and growing community in Southwest Louisiana on the Interstate 10 corridor. Scott is known as the “Boudin Capital of the World” and home to the Scott Boudin Festival, an annual event hosted by the city, local businesses, and residents, that brings people from all over the county to Scott for a three day weekend of food, fellowship, fair rides, contests, world-class musical performances, and dancing — especially Cajun and Zydeco line dances.

While boudin might be the public face of Scott, the city is much more than the tasty dish. Scott is a City with a historic town core dating back to the days when railroads were the center of transportation and economic activity. Scott is home to many residential neighborhoods, multiple businesses, beautiful parks, historic churches, and educational institutions that serve students from Scott and the surrounding areas.

Scott is a community that takes planning and community investment seriously. Scott has a strong Mayors office and administration and City Council. Additionally, Scott has a planning commission, board of adjustments, and a design review board composed of residents, business owners and other community stakeholders that work to ensure that Scott makes quality development and redevelopment decisions.

In 2011, the City of Scott began work on a master plan. In early 2013 Scott adopted this master plan to address growth and change in the city. This plan set the table for many of the amazing project and initiatives Scott implemented in the past 10 plus years, some of which will be discussed later in this document.

Master Plan Purpose

What is a Master Plan and what is the role of the Master Plan? A Master Plan is a blueprint for the future. It is a long range, comprehensive document intended to guide the growth and development of a community or region over a period of time, often 5 years, 10 years or even 20 years into the future. A Master Plan establishes a vision and goals for a community and includes history, context, analysis, and recommendations. A Master Plan generally has a broad focus and speaks to a community's population, housing stock, economy, transportation, community facilities, public infrastructure, and land use.

There is another important role of the Master Plan: ensuring a community is following the law. More specifically, Louisiana State Law says that a community shall have a master plan!

One last, but very important note...in the planning world, the terms "Master Plan" and "Comprehensive Plan" are often used interchangeably. For simplicity we will refer to this update as the Scott Master Plan Update, but official title of the document is the Scott Comprehensive Master Plan Update 2023!

What is a master plan?

According to Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:106 a Master Plan is a document designed to help communities define a vision of what they want to look like in the future and to guide communities in implementing policies, laws, codes, new infrastructure and other strategic investments to implement the vision of the plan.

A Master Plan is also a tool to guide future development and growth. Citizens, community stakeholders, City staff, appointed public officials, and elected public officials should all use the plan to guide and support the future of Scott.

The Master Plan generally sends the following message to individuals, businesses, organizations, other public agencies, and other municipalities:

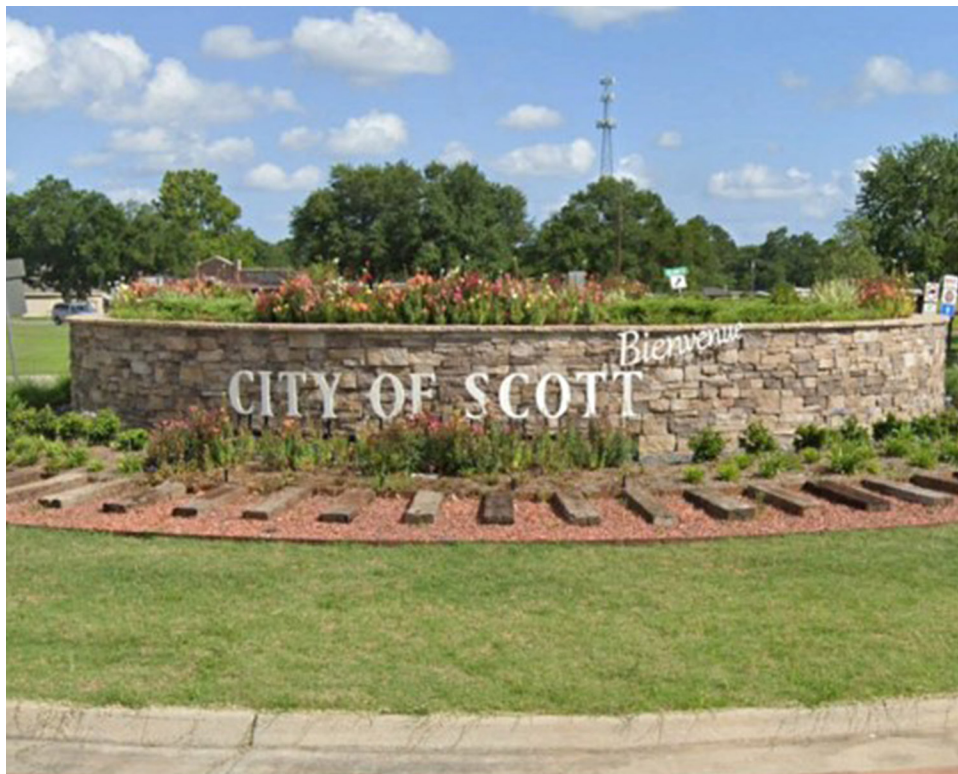
Scott has a plan

Scott has a vision for the future

Scott is invested in achieving this vision

Scott is ready for new opportunities

Scott knows how to utilize resources to get the job done



2023 Master Plan Update

The current City of Scott Comprehensive Master Plan, *Scott 2032: City of Scott Comprehensive Plan* (referred to in this document as the *2013 Scott Plan*) was developed in 2011 and 2012 and officially adopted in January 2013. This plan has served the City well over the past 10 years and has helped to position the City to continue to thrive in future years. That said, a lot has changed in Scott since 2013. Scott has new residents and new businesses. Scott has new roads, expanded roads and new public infrastructure. Additionally, the past 10 years have seen regional changes, including significant growth in Lafayette Parish and the surrounding areas, which impact what happens in Scott. Lastly, Scott has unfortunately seen the effects of natural disasters including hurricanes and flooding from what feels like increasingly stronger and more damaging storms.

One of the primary reasons to update the plan is to address resiliency in Scott. While resiliency — the ability or capacity to rebound from adversity, trauma, crisis, or disaster — is a critical concept for addressing flooding or other disasters. Resiliency can also apply to strengthening all aspects of a community including the economy, health and well-being of residents, and the general quality of life. A big question for the future is how will the City of Scott deal with changes that are occurring locally, regionally and statewide? There is an opportunity at this moment in time to think about the future of Scott, not just from the perspective of attracting more businesses or drawing more families to the city, but to create a Scott that will be sustainable and vibrant in the future.

Another big reason to update the plan is to assist the City of Scott in capitalizing on historic funding opportunities available for local communities. The State and federal government are providing significant resources to assist communities with the planning, design and implementation of new infrastructure and community services. For most of these funding opportunities, the community applying for the funding is required to have an updated plan that identifies community goals and objectives and presents a generalized list of future projects.

What to Expect

The 2023 Comprehensive Master Plan Update is intended to supplement the information presented in the 2013 Scott Plan, celebrate the completed goals from 2013 Scott Plan, acknowledge and re-frame the 2013 Scott Plan goals that were not completed, revisit the areas of 2013 Scott Plan that have experienced significant change, present new data and information, and, develop a list of new goals for Scott.

The 2023 Master Plan Update includes:

- » an updated community profile with new demographic information and data from the most recent United States Census
- » an overview of the accomplishments from the 2013 Scott Plan
- » an outline of the community engagement process and a new vision statement
- » an overview of past and current goals and strategies in five key areas: Economic Development, Future Land Use, Transportation & Mobility, Environmental Resilience & Preservation, and Livability
- » a list of strategic recommendations and an implementation matrix with action items and timelines.



2. COMMUNITY PROFILE

The City of Scott is located within Lafayette Parish, Louisiana along the Interstate 10 (I-10) corridor in the heart of Acadiana. Founded in 1880 by the railroad, Scott was known as “Where the West Begins” because the Scott station depot was listed as the “Origin of Western Travel” where the ticket rates were different for travel to the east and travel to the west. Scott is located approximately 60 miles from the state capital, Baton Rouge.

The City of Scott is located in a growing region of the State of Louisiana, situated off of Interstate 10, one of the most traveled thoroughfares in the United States. Currently, Scott is seeing new growth, with new residential developments subdivisions and capital improvement projects (planned and under construction in 2023) linking the city with the larger Acadiana region. This chapter presents a summary of demographic information and projections for the City of Scott with a focus on the years 2010 to 2027.

History and Culture

The City of Scott has a unique heritage and rich cultural history that resound from its historic neighborhoods, buildings, and residents. Visitors arriving from I-10 travel through a mixture of contemporary developments and mixed use neighborhoods toward a civic and historic center, through older neighborhoods with century-old buildings that have been restored into locally owned businesses along oak tree lined roads. This city began as a railroad community in 1880, being named for J.B Scott, then superintendent of the Southern Pacific. After establishment of the railroad depot in 1880, “Where the West Begins” became the official logo, due to Scott’s location at the inflection point of eastern and western train fare. Nowadays, Scott has established itself as the “Boudin Capital of the World” for the city that produces the most links of Boudin in Louisiana (therefore the world!). Scott has built up steam in the last hundred years, becoming a Village in 1907, a Town in 1960, and a City in 1990.



Building in Scott, Louisiana
proclaiming “Scott, Here the
West begins.”
B&W photo, 1938.
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Historic Photograph Collection

Demographics

According to the Decennial Census Scott lost approximately 6 percent of its population between 2010 and 2020. Surrounding cities saw population growth during that period, with Broussard and Carencro both surpassing Scott in total population.

The population counts from the 2020 Decennial Census are the primary determinate of future population projections for the next 10 years. However, many communities in Louisiana have challenged, or are currently challenging the census population numbers, arguing that the 2020 Decennial Census under counted Louisiana residents.

The census numbers show a population decrease for the City of Scott between 2010 and 2020, and modest projected population growth from 2020 and 2027. The planning team generally supports the population growth projections from 2020 to 2027; however, the planning team also believes the City of Scott population number for 2020 is likely an undercount. Data from Scott supports this premise. Each year since 2018 shows an increase in the number of residential building permit applications. Additionally, municipal sewer, water and gas connections show an increase from January 2020 to January 2023. In most population projection modeling both residential building permits and utility connections are strongly correlated to population growth, and the data shows Scott experienced growth in the late 2010s.

The planning team believes Scott’s 2020 population was closer to 9,000 residents than 8,119 residents. Based on current conditions and continued growth in the City, the 2027 projected Scott population should be significantly over 9,000 residents.

Scott is a relatively middle aged city. According to the 2020 American Community Survey, the median age was 36.2 and is projected to increase to 37.2 by 2027. The highest age cohort in Scott is 40-49, making up 18.6% of the population. Scott in the next decade will see a continuing aging population.

Table 2.1. Population of Scott and Surrounding Locations

Table 2.1 demonstrates that Scott saw a relatively large increase in population between 2000 and 2010, adding almost 1,000 new residents.

Location	2000	2010	2020	Population Change (2010-2020)
Scott	7,768	8,614	8,119	-5.7%
Carencro	6,120	7,526	9,272	23.1%
Broussard	5,874	8,197	13,417	63.7%
Lafayette	110,257	118,596	121,374	2.3%
Acadiana Region	440,625	441,158	442,980	0.17%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division Annual Estimates

Figures 2.1 - 2.3 Total Population, Families, and Households of Scott

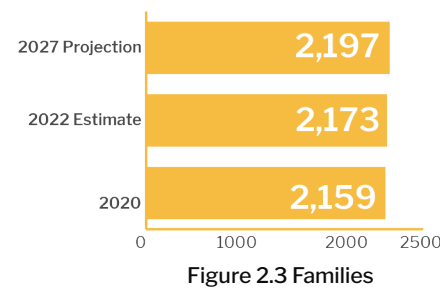
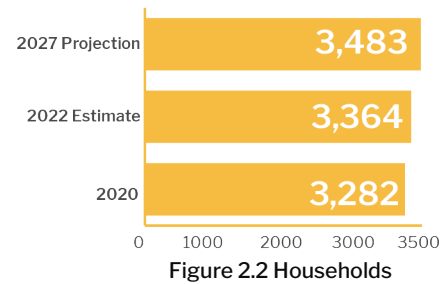
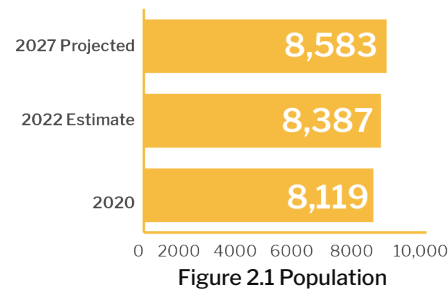


Figure 2.4 Median Income in Scott

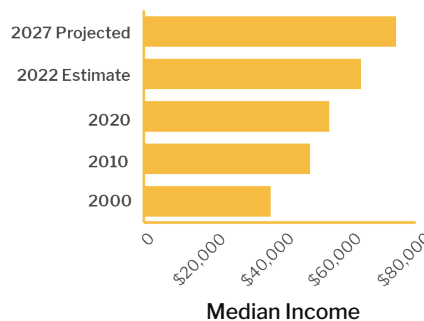
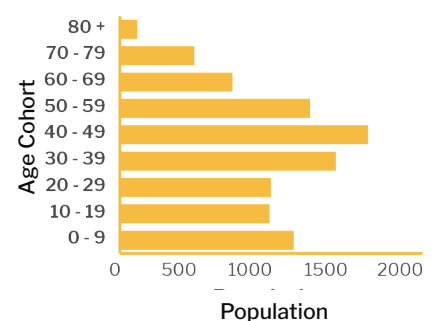


Figure 2.5 Population by Age



Data Sources: Figures 2.1 - 2.3 ESRI 2022-2027 Population Projections, U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey; Figure 2.4 U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey; Figure 2.5 U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, ESRI 2022-2027 Projections

Neighborhoods & Housing

Most of Scott's existing residential development was developed within the past 60 years. Approximately 65 percent of Scott's housing stock was built between 1980 and 2010, and about 7 percent built since 2010. The vast majority of Scott's housing stock is single-family detached dwellings. The second most common housing type in the city are manufactured (mobile) homes.

Residential Development

Single-family detached units comprise the largest category of housing type, with the next largest category being mobile homes. Multi-family development (defined for this section as a residential property with 2 or more units) only accounts for 6 percent of all residential housing structures. With an aging population and future population growth, a greater variety of housing choices will be important for Scott to consider in the coming decades.

Senior Housing

Acadian Heritage Apartments is a residential development for lower-income seniors (62 years or older) capable of independent living. Acadian Heritage Apartments, located on Anna Street behind Scott Middle School are HUD subsidized apartments where residents pay based on their income.

Figure 2.6 Housing Types of Scott

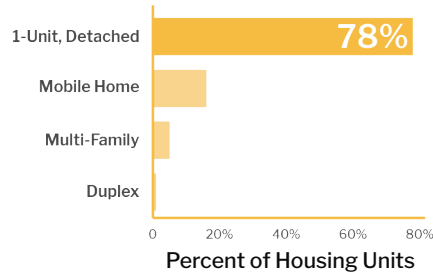


Figure 2.7 Owner Occupied Homes

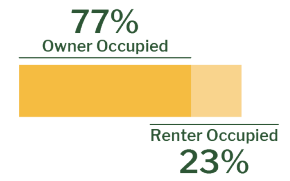
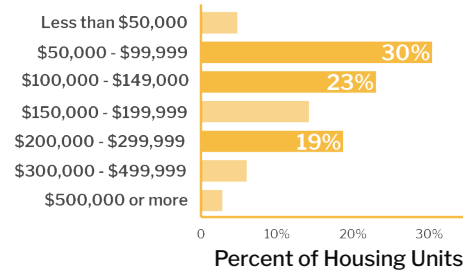


Figure 2.7 demonstrates that the City of Scott has a relatively high homeownership rate of 77 percent compared to Lafayette Parish's rate 66 percent.

Figure 2.8 Housing Values in Scott



Data Source for Figures 2.6 - 2.8: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

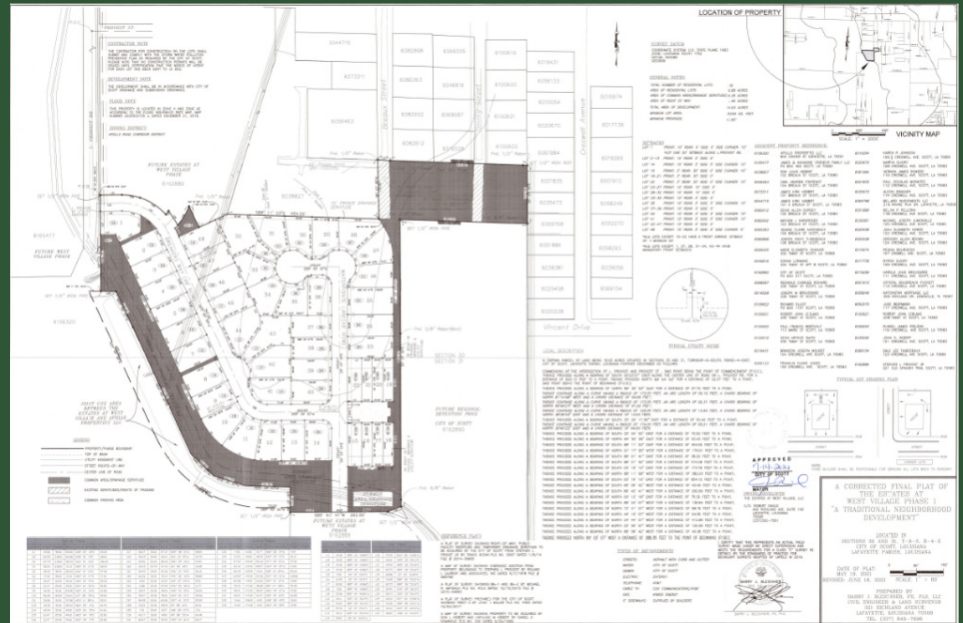


Traditional Neighborhood Developments (TNDs)

West Village

Traditional Neighborhood Developments (TNDs) include a variety of housing types, a mixture of land uses, and a walkable, human-scaled environment. A TND creates a compact, mixed-use, and walkable community. West Village is Scott's first TND, located on Apollo Road. West Village broke ground in 2019 and the 143-acre development will feature mixed-use development with approximately 400 homes and multifamily apartments that are walkable to dining, shopping, parks and a pool.

The Waters at West Village Luxury Apartments will consist of 216 units ranging from 1 to 3 bedrooms and will include several amenities such as a club house, gym, swimming pool, dog park, and an outdoor cooking area to name a few. This development is located in the heart of the West Village Traditional Neighborhood Development. With multiple phases, Phase I thru 5 are complete and commercial and home construction is currently underway.



The Estates at West Village Phase 1 consists of 48 estate lots with access off of L. Provost Road and includes all the amenities of the West Village Development. Homes are currently under construction.



3. Progress in Scott

Since the adoption of the 2013 Scott Plan significant changes occurred in the City of Scott as the city has weathered ups and downs in the economy, changing development patterns, and a worldwide pandemic, among other challenges. Despite these changes and serious challenges, as of January 1, 2023, Scott completed 73 out of the 93 implementation action items, or 78 percent. Additionally, many of the 20 action items not yet implemented are currently in progress. This is a phenomenal rate of success and implementation for a community master plan. During community outreach for the 2023 Master Plan Update, a consistent theme from citizens was that Scott's government and leadership is transparent and efficient in implementing the plan.

The chapters later in the document contain a list of each of the 2013 plan implementation items, organized by their respective focus areas. This chapter provides a high-level summary of what has occurred in Scott since 2011, when the 2013 Scott Plan planning process began.

Residential Development

Since 2011 the City of Scott experienced significant residential development, the following list highlights current major residential developments in the city.

Chateaus Subdivision will eventually consist of 112 single family homes. Currently, homes are under construction on Malapart Road on the far north side of the City.

Payton Woods received a preliminary plat approval and Phase I is under construction. When complete the development will house 142 single family homes off of J.B. Road and Fenetre Road.

Harvest Creek subdivision, located on Fenetre Road, will eventually have 147 residential lots. The development received preliminary plat approval from the City of Scott and construction of the development is underway.

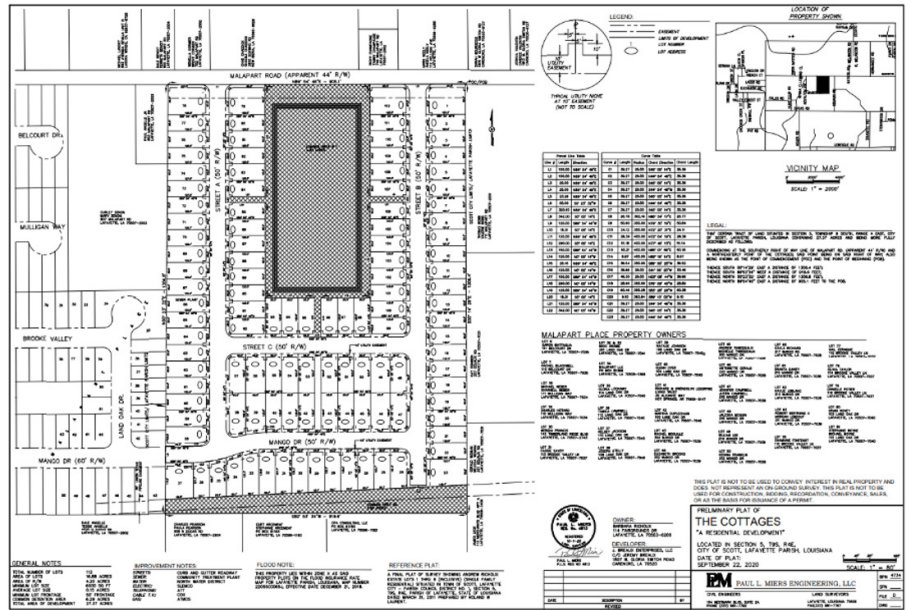
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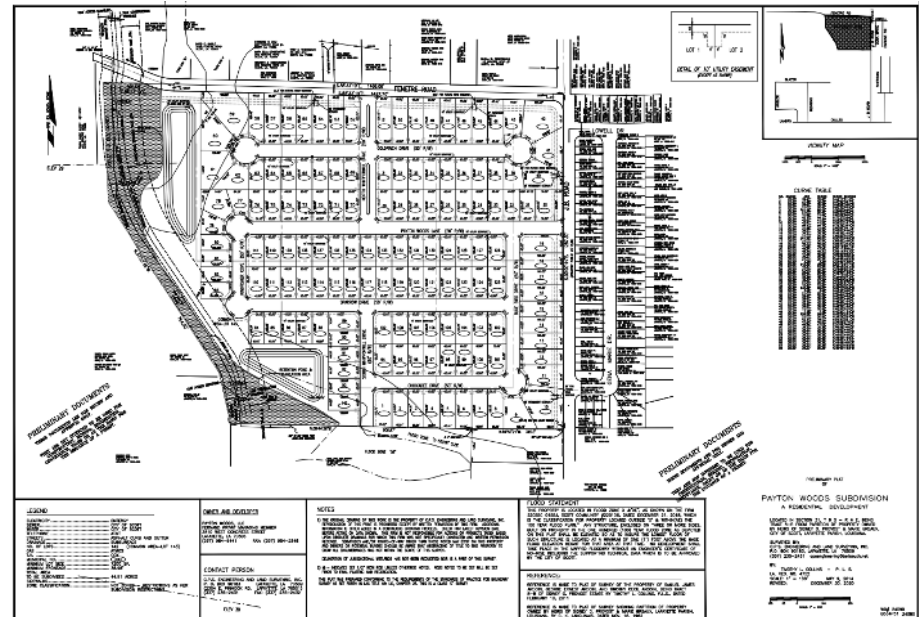
Top: Berchman Oaks is a residential development, located off of Westgate Road near Des Jacques Road. Construction of 59 single family homes completed Phase I of the development, construction is ongoing for 59 additional homes approved for Phase II

Bottom: Emerald Lake subdivision contains 88 single family homes and is located off of Le Violon Road

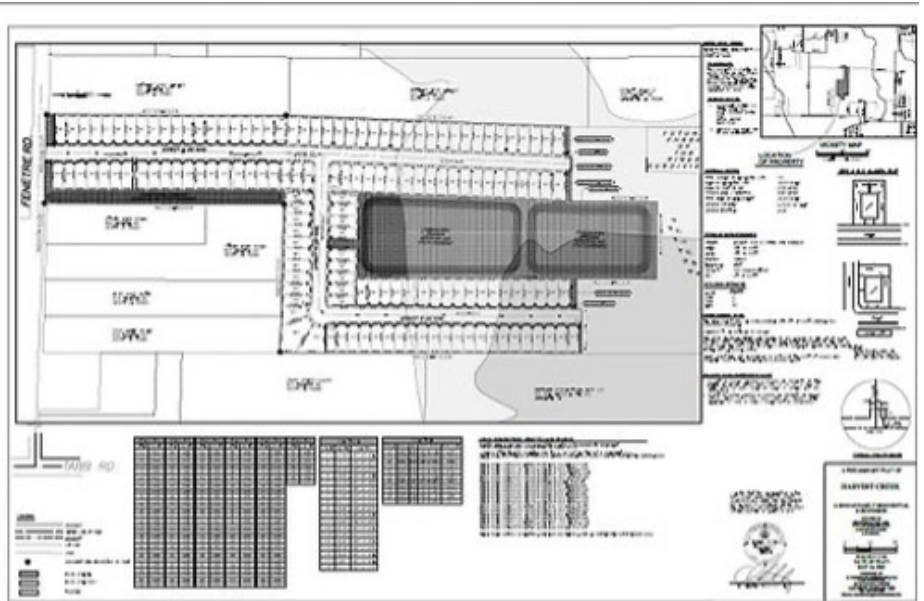
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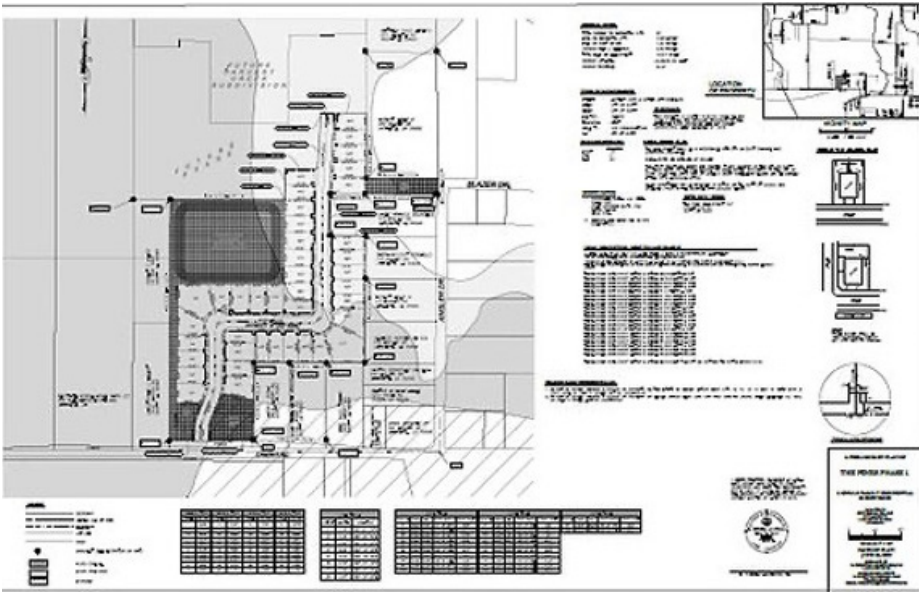


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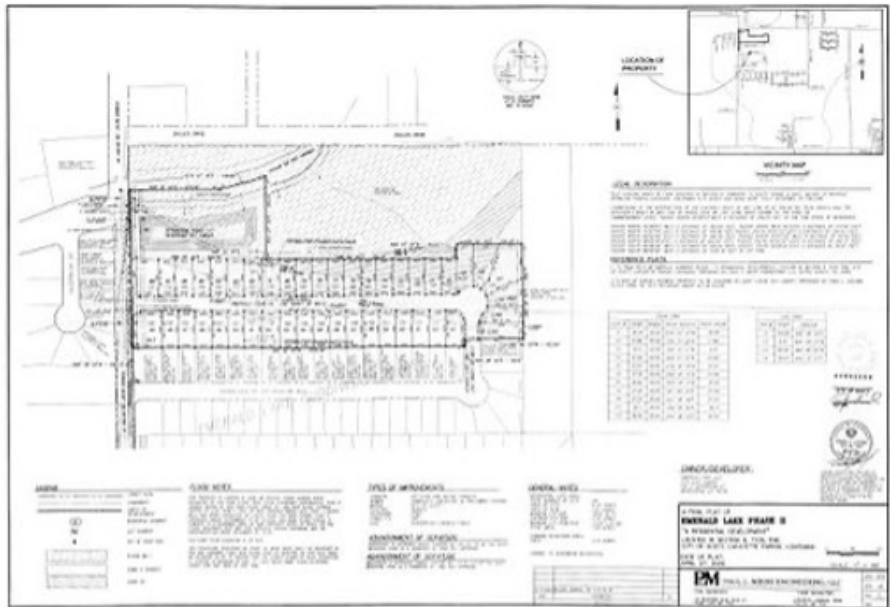
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Emerald Lake is located off of Le Violon Road. Construction is complete for both phases with a total of 88 single family residential homes.



Commercial Development

Since 2011, there have been numerous new commercial developments in Scott, especially located off of the Interstate 10 interchange and St Mary Street corridor. A tractor Supply, Super 1 Foods Market, and Popeyes are a few new retail/food businesses opened since 2011. In addition, light industrial/warehousing uses were developed along Herold Gauthe Road.

The Apollo Road corridor has also seen a new State Farm Office, Louise Lane Boutique, PJ's Coffee, Fontenot Family Dental, and Our Lady of Lourdes Physicians Group to name a few. The new Lafayette Western Regional Library was completed as well.



Top: 2012 Satellite View of I-10 Interchange and St. Mary Street Corridor

Bottom: 2022 Satellite View of I-10 Interchange and St. Mary Street Corridor



New Apollo Road Development Clockwise from Top: PJ's Coffee; Fontenot Family Dentist; Lafayette Western Regional Library; State Farm Office

Left: Our Lady of Lordes Physician Group

New Infrastructure

Apollo Road Corridor

Since groundbreaking in 2011, the Apollo Road extension project on the western side of Scott has completely transformed the area and city as a whole. The City of Scott began a new era with the start of the Apollo Road extension. Beginning at the intersection of Apollo Road and Old Spanish Trail, Apollo Road will eventually run down south all the way to the intersection of Dulles Drive and Rue du Belier, culminating into a new roundabout that will connect each corridor. Currently, Phases 2 and 3 are in progress, with 90% completion of the drainage complete. Construction of the roundabout is currently underway.

Once finished, the new extension of the Apollo Road corridor will be ready to support additional development. This new development will hopefully increase quality of life for Scott citizens and incentivize new investments, similar to the growth associated with the West Village Traditional Neighborhood Development.



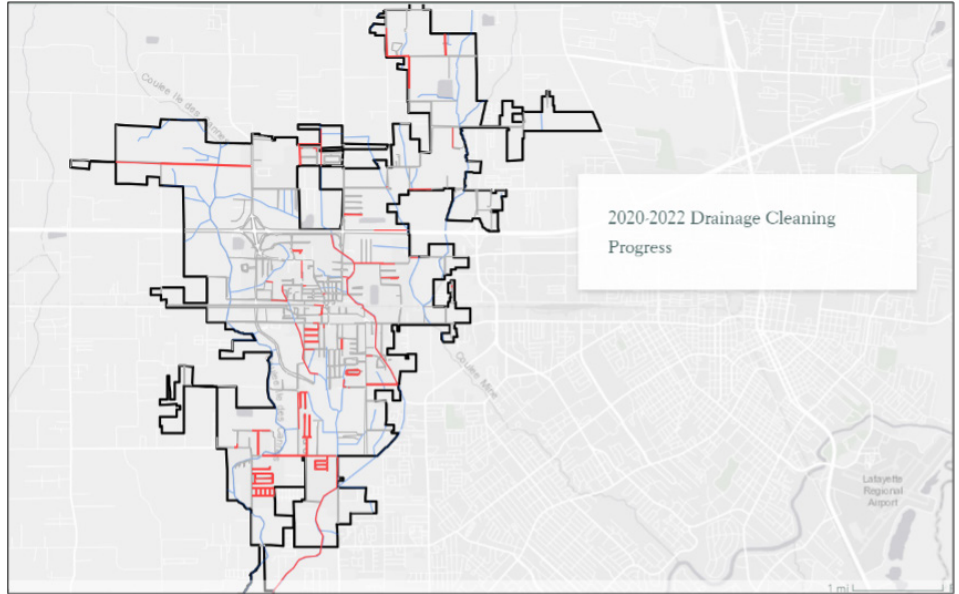
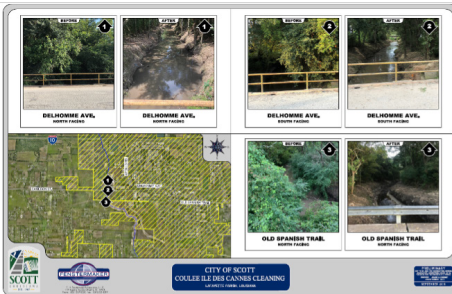
Top: Apollo Road Construction Phase 1

Bottom: Future Apollo-Dulles-Rue Du Belier Roundabout

Environmental Resiliency

The entire State of Louisiana has faced flooding related issues, especially in recent years. Due to increased frequency of severe weather events such as the 2016 Floods, and Hurricane Delta, Scott passed its Drainage Improvement Plan in 2020. Due to increased development, the City conducted a comprehensive study on its drainage systems to see gaps in drainage and opportunities for improvement.

Below are before and after photos of drainage improvement projects across the city. From top to bottom, the projects include Coulee Ile Des Cannes L8, Provost Lateral, and Coulee Ile Des Cannes.



Top: Graphic outline of the 2020 Drainage Improvement Plan Goals

Bottom: Map demonstrating drainage cleaning progress since 2020, all ditches and culverts in red were cleaned

Right: As part of the Drainage Improvement Plan process the City hosted monthly updates and drainage meetings

CITY OF SCOTT

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 12 FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED, KIDS WELCOME!

6 PM- SCOTT EVENT CENTER
110 LIONS CLUB RD. SCOTT, LA 70583

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

THIS MEETING AIMS TO INFORM RESIDENTS ON HOW THEY CAN REDUCE THEIR HOME'S RISK OF FLOODING.
VENDORS WILL SHOWCASE FLOOD RISK REDUCTION PRODUCTS RESIDENTS CAN USE TO PROTECT THEIR PROPERTY

CONTACT CITY HALL FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
337-233-1130

WWW.CITYOFSCOTT.ORG

Environmental Resiliency

Provost Pond

The City of Scott partnered with Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG) pursued a drainage initiative in 2020 to build Provost Pond, a retention pond in West Village off of Provost Road. With dirt work and fill in already finished, the City plans to coordinate with West Village developers to include a walking trail and dog park.

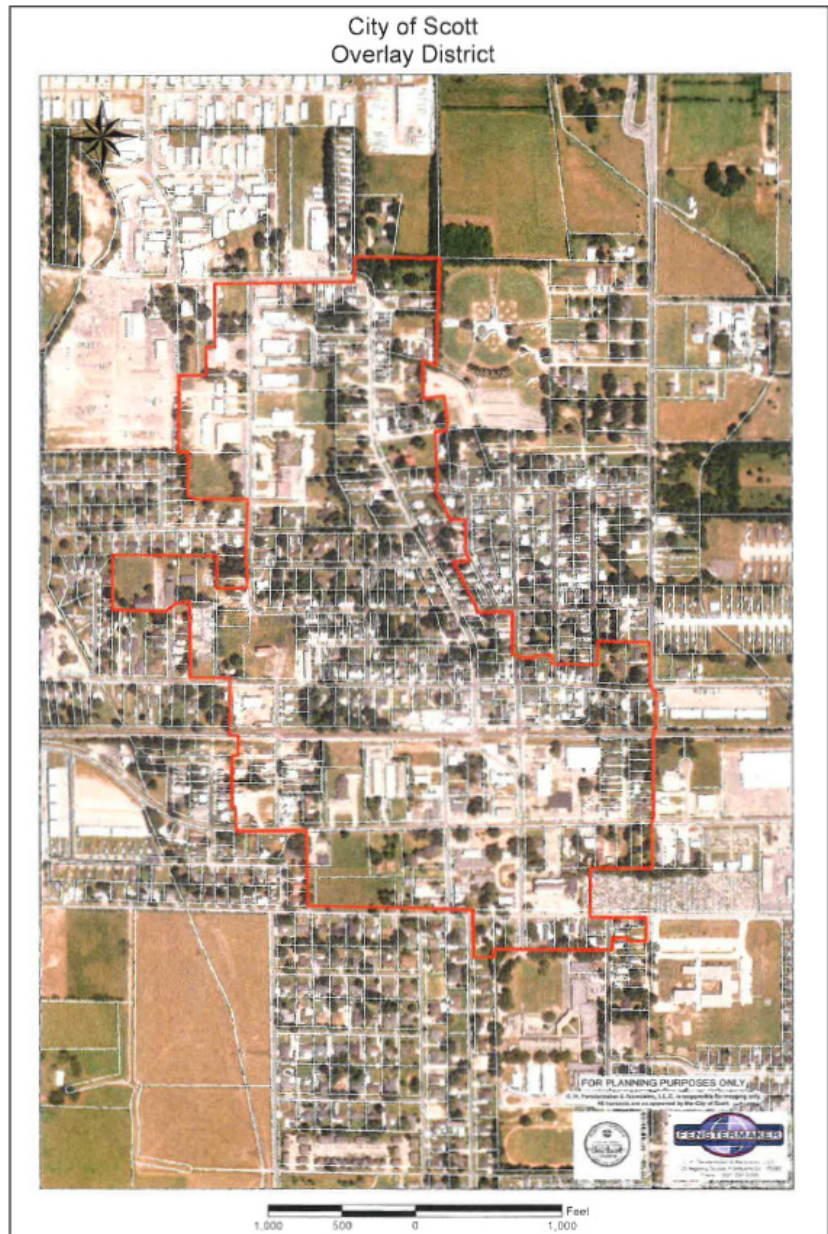


New Planning Endeavors

Downtown Overlay

The Scott City Council adopted the Downtown Core Overlay District Ordinance in February of 2020. The purpose of the Downtown overlay district is to “maintain and enhance the commercial vitality of the business area, to encourage new quality residential development, to ensure that new construction and property development is harmonious with the character and planned public improvements in the district, to encourage planned development, and to encourage capital investments and economic growth within the district.”

This overlay district adds standards to the existing transect district, including lighting, landscaping, signage, and infrastructure standards.





4. Creating a Vision

The Master Plan Update process started in 2022, but the community was involved in determining their future before this project began. The 2013 Scott Plan and the adoption of the first Land Use Ordinance in 2015 both show the community's concern for its future. The Scott 2023 Master Plan Update provides an opportunity to solicit community input about the future of Scott. The planning team developed a process of community engagement for the City of Scott to ensure a final master plan that reflects the input, ideas, concerns, and vision of the community. Chapter 4 highlights the key components of the community engagement process — one-on-one meetings, meetings at City Hall, the Scott Boudin Festival, a planning charette, and a community visioning session. Input from the community led to a clear vision statement for the Scott 2023 Master Plan Update.

Key Components of Community Engagement

One-on-One Meetings: The planning team held one-on-one meetings throughout the planning process starting with public officials (including the Mayor, police and fire chiefs) and city staff. Later, meetings were held with citizens including business leaders, teachers, long-time residents, and others. At these meetings the planning team sat down with participants to discuss their specific ideas, concerns, and vision for the future of Scott. The goal was to facilitate a conversation where the participants guided the discussion and focused on what they felt was most important for their community.

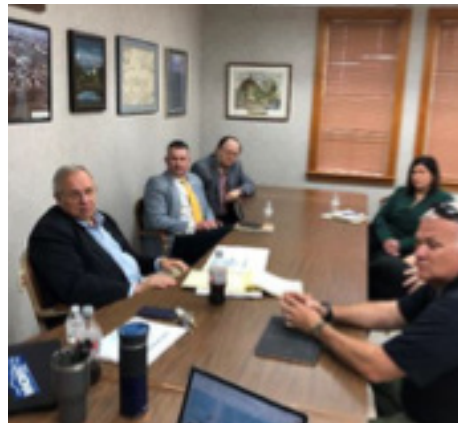
City Hall Meetings: Several City Hall meetings were held in Scott throughout the master plan update process. These meetings were open to the public. On March 3, 2022 a City Hall meeting kicked off the planning process by informing citizens of the project, how to participate, and an introduction to the concept of comprehensive planning.

Planning Charette: The Scott Master Plan Update Charrette, a community engagement event held July 12-13, 2022 at the Scott Event Center, included group meetings, interactive exercises, and focus groups. The meetings began with Mayor Jan-Scott Richard introducing the planning team before a general presentation on the process and knowledge gained from community outreach to that point. After the presentation attendees participated in two exercises dealing with future land use and important community themes.

Throughout both days, multiple focus groups took place at city hall with business and community leaders, and educators. Each focus group ran 45 to 50 minutes with participants discussing major themes in Scott such as recreation, economic development, and transportation. Maintaining Scott's "small town feel" and tight-knit sense of community was the common theme during all meetings of the charrette.



Clockwise from Top: Mayor Jan-Scott Richard presentation on the planning process; Residents at the Master Plan Update Charrette; the Master Plan Update planning team and city officials; a City Hall Meeting with the planning team and city officials



The Scott Boudin Festival

At the annual Scott Boudin Festival the planning team worked with Mayor Jan-Scott Richard and his administrative team to encourage citizen participation in the comprehensive plan update process. Unlike city government meetings the Boudin Festival provided an opportunity for everyone to come and feel at one with the community.

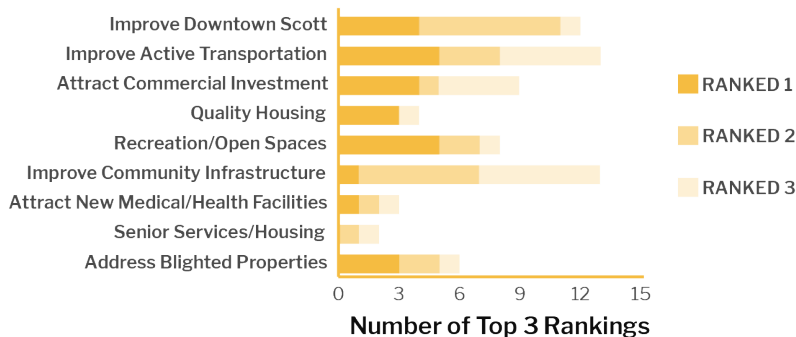
In front of Scott City Hall the planning team, along with help from the City, set up interactive stations for citizens to participate in the planning process. For one exercise residents placed four different, colored stickers on a map to indicate where they want certain land use development in the future. The development options included low-density residential, medium-density residential, open space/recreation, and commercial development. Many wished to see commercial uses on the north side of I-10, and more open space/recreation on the north side of downtown.

For another planning exercise individuals had three stickers to select the most transformative projects underway in Scott, such as improving downtown Scott, a new ball-park, and road extensions. The projects that received the most stickers indicate residents concern around major road infrastructure projects and regional connectivity. After completing the planning exercises people received pens and stickers. In addition, residents could complete comment sheets to provide any thoughts or concerns about the quality of life in Scott and how to improve it.



Clockwise from Top Left: Scott Boudin sign; Scott Boudin Festival; Mapping Exercise; Map of Scott; Transformative Projects; Community Theme Exercise

Figure 4.1 Community Theme Rankings, Top 3 Rankings



Community Visioning

The Community Visioning step in the master plan update process identifies aspects of the community residents like best (assets) and areas where residents feel there is need for improvement (concerns). This information is used to articulate and agree upon the community's collective goals and an overall vision statement. Through the community engagement process the planning team discovered that Scott's residents strongly value the high quality of life that they enjoy in the small town atmosphere of Scott.

Assets

- » Good quality of life - a quiet, small town feel
- » Safe - quality police and fire departments
- » City leadership cares about community involvement
- » Not growing out character like other cities in the region
- » Great access, located on Interstate 10
- » Good drainage systems
- » Infrastructure is keeping pace with growth
- » Unique culture and history

Concerns

- » Maintaining small town character
- » Limited sidewalks, bike paths, or trails — needed for both safety, recreation, and connectivity
- » Park expansion and recreational facilities for sports — incentivize children and young families to stay in Scott
- » Lack of businesses and walk ability in Downtown Scott
- » Need for more commercial development in Scott — retail and restaurants
- » Capital Improvement Projects in Scott need to continue — Apollo Rd and Eraste Landry expansions
- » Need for a Downtown Scott cultural center — concerts, plays and events



Scott 2023 Master Plan Update — Vision Statement

The “Vision Statement” of a Master Plan describes the vision for the future of Scott. The Scott 2022 Master Plan Update Vision Statement is the backbone of the Master Update and connects the planning process to future goals for the City of Scott.

The City of Scott will be a place that provides opportunities for its residents of all ages to live, work, learn, play and worship while continuing to highlight the rich history and culture of the community.

The 2023 vision for Scott includes seven objectives:

Preserve Small Town Character – Preserve the rich heritage and small town lifestyle enjoyed by our residents will be centered as we make decisions in future.

Improve Connectivity and Walk ability – Enhance our neighborhoods by improving connectivity via sidewalks, bike paths and trails, and create options for our residents to move safely around the City.

Expand Recreation – Improve current parks and recreational facilities and expand current recreational options to promote community health.

Incentivize Business – Maintain a business-friendly attitude while promoting responsible growth and entrepreneurship.

Create a Vibrant Inner Core – Increase civic, cultural and historical assets to foster a vibrant and sustainable downtown.

Upgrade Infrastructure – Build on resilient development practices supported by quality and stable infrastructure including street, drainage, and sewer systems.

Housing Choice – Support safe and plentiful housing opportunities for all residents.





5. Future Land Use & Development

Understanding how a community develops and changes over time is a critical piece of any plan and/or planning effort. In Scott, several annexations slightly changed the official boundaries of the City after the 2013 Scott Plan. Additionally, new development in Scott including greenfield development, infill development, brown fields, and adaptive reuse is significantly changing land use and development in the city limits. Furthermore, while acknowledging that this plan focuses primarily on the City of Scott, it must be noted that development changes happening in the region will impact development in the City.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide context to current land use and development changes and provide a framework that will allow the City to better plan for future development and growth. This framework promotes future land use development in Scott that is supported by adequate infrastructure, cohesive and sustainable.

Land Use Overview

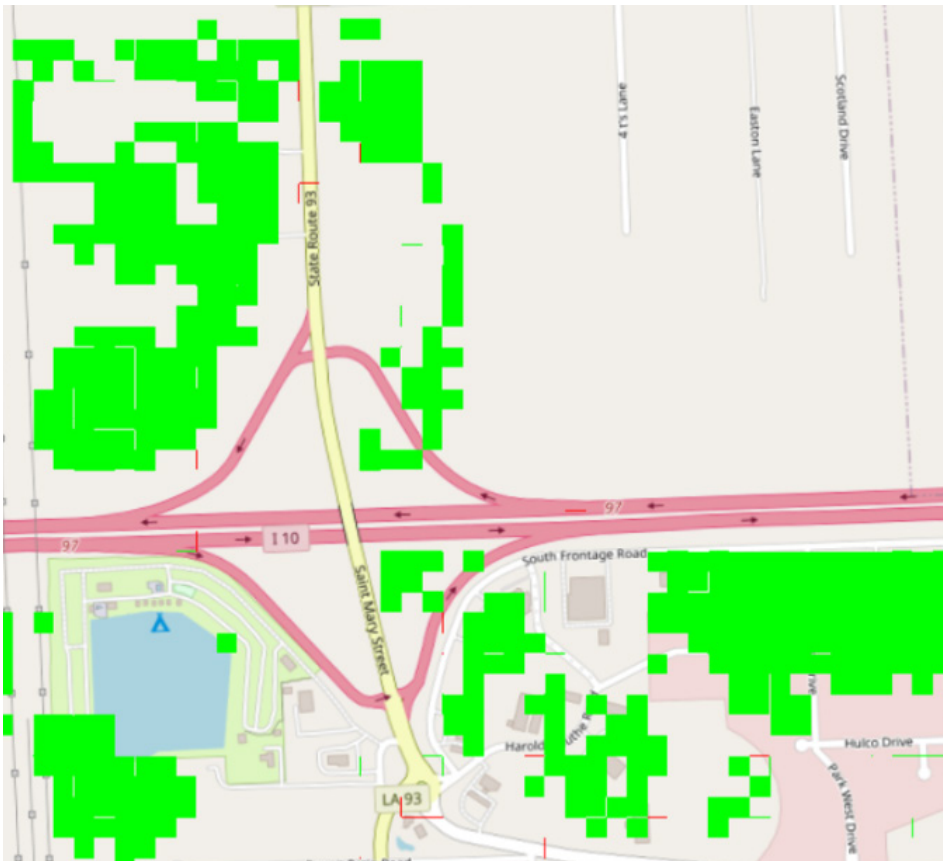
Land Use Changes Since the 2013 Scott Plan

While earlier chapters of this Plan (The Community Profile and Progress Since 2011) provide information and data on development changes in Scott this chapter focuses on three important areas of development and new investments that potentially have the greatest impact on the future development of Scott:

The I-10 Interchange and commercial development area: The I-10 interchange has seen lots of commercial growth in recent years. With new businesses such as Tractor Supply, Super 1 Foods, Our Lady of Lourdes Emergency Room, and various warehouses and machine shops along St Mary Street, the interchange is an epicenter of new development in Scott.

The Apollo Road Corridor: Started in 2011 the Apollo Road extension project connects Old Spanish Trail to Dulles Drive and Rue du Belier, and opens up new opportunities for development. When complete the West Village Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) will change the landscape of the west side. New development on this corridor should reflect traditional neighborhood urbanism where connectivity via sidewalks and bicycles are in place along with car connectivity. Currently, the Apollo Road Corridor Zoning District covers much of Apollo, adding standards “to provide guidance with respect to the appearance and function of development along the Apollo Road corridor in the City of Scott.” These standards provide direction on new development and encourage high-quality design, including site planning, lighting, landscaping, screening, signage, infrastructure, and traffic flow along the Apollo Road corridor.

New single-family residential development: Since 2013, the City of Scott approved many new single-family residential subdivisions. These new developments help increase and enhance the City’s housing stock. Many of these developments are located on vacant land owned by generations of the same family, and some are located on land that was formerly used for agricultural purposes. Additionally, there are areas in Scott where the property owners of large parcels never considered developing the land due to lack of infrastructure and access. However, today and in the future as the City, Parish, region, and State continue to invest in new infrastructure and expand road networks, new areas will open up for development. It is critical that land use, development and infrastructure plans, regulations and guidelines define, guide and incentivize the desired future development character of the City.



The green areas of the map indicate new urban development near the I-10 interchange since 2001

Table 5.1. Land Use Definitions

Term	Definition
Greenfield Development	Development on underdeveloped parcels not surrounded by existing development
Infill Development	Development of vacant or partially developed parcels surrounded by areas that are substantially or fully developed
Brownfield	Abandoned, idled, or underutilized industrial/commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination
Adaptive Reuse	Rehabilitation or renovation of existing buildings or structures for any use(s) other than the present use(s)

Source: American Planning Association
Planner’s Dictionary

2013 Scott Plan Goals & Strategies — Future Land Use & Development

Table 5.2 Status of 2013 Land Use and Development Strategies

The 2011 Plan outlined the following goals and strategies connected to future land use and development.

Number	Strategy	Responsible Agency	Status
CF2-1	Adopt and implement Smart Code including a Community Scaled Sector Plan and Transect Plan to guide development	Leg Body	Complete
CF2-2	Create govt efficiencies while promoting land uses that ensure highest level of environmental quality for residents	DCP	Complete
CF2-3	Create special area plans for areas of intended growth	DCP	Complete
CF3-2	Promote a mix of uses to build a stronger community	EDC	Complete
CF3-3	Make access of I-10 into downtown convenient	SCG/DOTD	Complete
CF7-1	Encourage existing neighborhood improvement and development	DCP	Complete
CF7-3	Leverage existing infrastructure	DCP	Complete
CF2-4	With the adoption of the Smart Code, implement the differentiation of thoroughfares as A-Grid and B-Grid	DCP	In Progress



2023 Scott Master Plan Update Future Land Use & Development Goals

Goal 1. Update the City of Scott's Land Use Code with new zoning designations and added standards

The current Scott zoning ordinance is the City of Scott Land Use Code. This code, adopted by the City a few years after the 2013 Scott Plan, was the first true zoning ordinance for the City. The Land Use Code is a transect-based development code. At this time the City of Scott is ready to assess its current Land Use Code and determine new zoning regulations more pertinent to present day Scott.

Scott is ready to move forward with an updated zoning ordinance. This process should focus on the following outcomes:

- » Zoning districts that reflect and support the current development character of Scott
- » The provision of sustainable infrastructure and services
- » Account for environmental needs and concerns
- » Contain specialized tools and processes that promote the type of development and re-development while allowing for flexibility as needed
- » Promote the health, safety, and welfare of Scott with planning tools and techniques that promote smart growth,
- » Mitigate risk created by natural disasters
- » Reassess parking space requirements for commercial spaces
- » Ease of use and administration by citizens and public officials.
- » Include specialized zoning and development tools including, but not limited to Traditional Neighborhood Development standards, zoning overlays, and telecommunication standards.

Goal 2. Update design standards for commercial corridors with including landscaping and signage

Based on the template used for the Scott Downtown Overlay District, Scott will develop new design standards for commercial corridors and gateways into the City that require enhanced landscaping and appropriate signage.

Establishment of an Overlay District could lead to:

- » Architectural standards
- » Coordination of infrastructure development and new investments
- » Collaboration with cultural district
- » Economic incentives
- » Civic amenities and common spaces

Goal 3. Implement Phase II of Scott Downtown Overlay District (DCOD) Standards

In 2019, Scott adopted a Downtown Core Overlay District and established a Design Review Board. The City should revisit the original study and consider the future recommendations from the report.

Goal 4. Explore potential areas for growth of the City through annexation

Scott will develop a strategy to identify potential growth areas for the City of Scott, particularly areas north and west of the current city limits.

Goal 5. Encourage mixed-use and traditional neighborhood development (TND) along Apollo Road and other growth areas

The potential for high-quality mixed-use development such as West Village is high in undeveloped areas of Scott. Scott will develop a strategy to encourage and incentivize community-appropriate walkable mixed-use developments, including new TND developments, focusing on the Apollo Road corridor and undeveloped areas on the northern and western sides of the city. Future zoning and regulation code updates will support this smart growth strategy.

Goal 6. Conduct a neighborhood and housing assessment

Scott will complete a residential neighborhood and housing assessment resulting in community strategies to ensure future housing development growth is balanced with the small-town character of Scott. This assessment will evaluate housing conditions, analyze, and identify housing needs, and identify recommendations to ensure stable and sustainable development practices going forward.

This assessment should:

- » Catalog the current housing inventory
- » Provide specific metrics for the City of Scott regarding housing condition, ownership, type of dwelling, age of units, multiple-family units, neighborhood character, availability of utilities, access to services, etc.
- » Identify current and future housing trends in the City and region
- » Inform planning and development recommendations that preserve and protect existing neighborhoods while supporting high-quality mixed-use development.



6. Economic Development

The Lafayette Metropolitan Area serves as an important economic center of South Louisiana. With an estimated population of 242,000, Lafayette Parish is the anchor of this metropolitan economy. The City of Scott's location in Lafayette Parish cements Scott as an important cog in the Acadiana regional economy. Scott's location right off Interstate 10 and proximity to Interstate 49 gives the city a strategic advantage in accessibility and market access. Many residents of Scott work in communities other than Scott in the surrounding area, such as Lafayette.

Economic Development Overview

Employment

As seen in Table 6.1 Scott's three largest employment industries are retail, educational/healthcare/social assistance, and manufacturing. Each industry employs approximately 17% of the civilian employed population ages 16 and over. Scott's professional, scientific, management, administration, and waste management services sector is more pronounced compared to other surrounding communities outside Lafayette. This suggests that Scott has a more specialized workforce when it comes to services.

According to a list of businesses in Scott, obtained via Data Axle, many businesses in the Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting and mining industry are in the oil and gas sector.

Table 6.2 shows a breakdown of commute times for Scott residents. Most people have a commute time that falls between 15 and 19 minutes. The mean travel time to work for Scott citizens is 28.3 minutes. These statistics suggest that many individuals who live in Scott commute to other towns and cities in the region for work.

The City of Scott's location within a larger metropolitan region makes it codependent with the overall region's economy. Since many citizens commute outside of or to Scott for work it is necessary to coordinate with other localities in the region to provide sustainable economic development.

Table 6.2 Travel Time to Work

Industry	% of Population
Less than 10 minutes	11.5%
10 to 14 minutes	13.4%
15 to 19 minutes	25.3%
20 to 24 minutes	15.9%
25 to 29 minutes	3.6%
30 to 34 minutes	12.3%
35 to 44 minutes	5.1%
45 to 59 minutes	8%
60 or more minutes	4.9%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	28.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Table 6.1 Percent of Employed Population 16 and Over, by Industry and Location

Table 5.1 outlines data employment by industry in Scott in comparison to other areas in the region and Louisiana.

Industry	Scott	Carencro	Broussard	Lafayette City	Lafayette Parish	Louisiana
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting & mining	7.5%	13.3%	10.4%	2.9%	5.8%	3.1%
Construction	5.2%	6.5%	6.8%	4.7%	5.6%	7.9%
Manufacturing	17.1%	1.1%	9.2%	3.6%	4.2%	7.2%
Wholesale trade	1.4%	1.7%	1.1%	2.8%	2.1%	2.3%
Retail trade	17.5%	13.1%	6.4%	14.3%	11.3%	11.7%
Transportation, warehousing, utilities	2.7%	4.3%	4.3%	4.1%	3.9%	5.8%
Information	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	3.6%	2.3%	1.2%
Finance & insurance, real estate, rental & leasing	5.5%	4.1%	5.8%	5.2%	6.6%	5.2%
Professional, scientific, mgmt, admin & waste mgmt services	12.3%	4.6%	7.4%	12.6%	12.3%	9.7%
Educational services, health care & social assistance	17.2%	28.6%	22.9%	30.5%	29.1%	25.7%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation & food services	6.1%	7.5%	11.2%	9.3%	8.6%	9.2%
Other services, except public administration	3.7%	8.0%	8.1%	4.5%	5.4%	5.1%
Public administration	3.6%	7.0%	6.4%	1.9%	2.6%	5.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Local Economic Investments

City of Scott Budget

An audit report for the fiscal year ending in June 2022 found that the City of Scott was in excellent financial standing. Scott finished the fiscal year with a surplus for the fourth year in a row. Financial gains for the City of Scott Budget include:

- » \$400 million gross sales tax generated
- » An operating surplus of \$1.7 million
- » Yearly taxable sales increase to \$8 million (up 11 percent from 2021)

The competitive grant process is an important way the City of Scott can leverage its position and quality government to access funds to improve the welfare of its citizens, whether that be from water improvements, or cultural institutional improvements. As of February 2022 the City of Scott received \$1,633,000 in grants, including*:

- » \$1.6 Million ARPA grant for Sewer Infrastructure Improvements
- » \$30,000 CWEF Grant to Improve the City's water infrastructure
- » \$10,000 LCVC to fund the planning stage of the Veterans Memorial Park
- » \$13,700 LGAP for Begnaud House Improvements
- » \$10,000 KLB towards trash receptacles for the City

Value Capture Financing

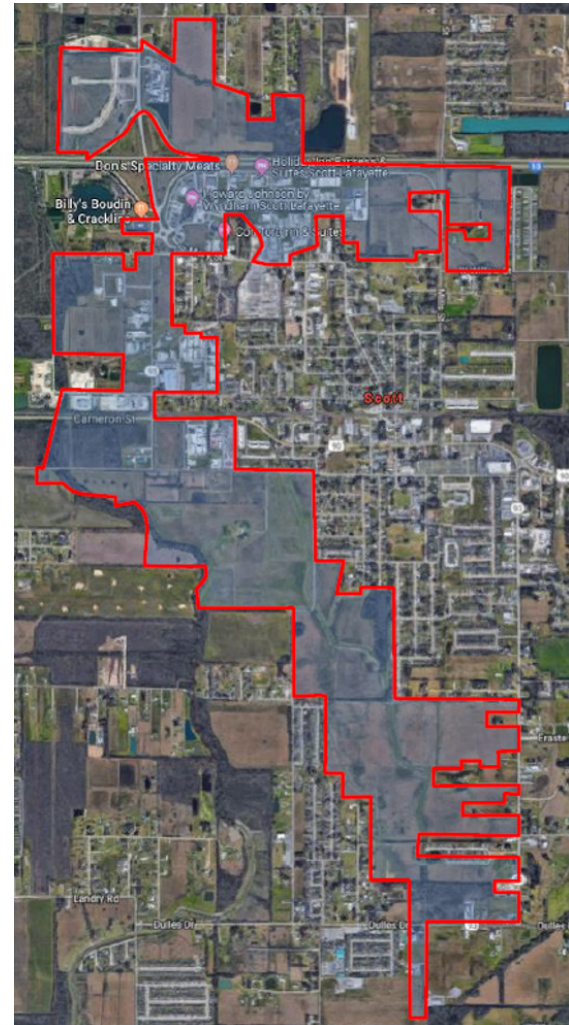
Value Capture is an umbrella of strategies public jurisdictions can use to increase revenue for infrastructure projects such as transportation and transit projects, sewage and water, parks and green space, and affordable housing. One such strategy under this umbrella is the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District.

TIF is a public financing method to subsidize redevelopment, infrastructure, and other community-improvement projects. The TIF method uses future gains in taxes to subsidize current improvements, which are projected to create the conditions for said gains. The completion of a public project often results in an increase in the value of surrounding real estate, which generates additional tax revenue. Sales-tax revenue may also increase, and jobs may be added, although these factors and their multipliers usually do not influence the structure of TIF. When an increase in site value and private investment generates an increase in tax revenues, it is the “tax increment.” Tax Increment Financing dedicates tax increments within defined district to finance the debt that issued to pay for the project.

In Louisiana, the State will match the TIF tax with one percent of the four percent tax it collects on retail sales in the TIF district. No sales taxes are collected in a TIF district until it has retail stores. When stores open in the district the one percent TIF tax is collected in addition to the eight percent sales tax. The TIF taxes are in effect for at least 10 years until bonds for the infrastructure are paid off.

Until recently two Tax Increment Financing districts existed within the City of Scott — Destination Point TIF District and Apollo Road TIF District. The City of Scott merged the two districts to create the Apollo Destination Point Economic Development District, with some new parcels added to the consolidated district.

Other Value Capture strategies include impact fees, sales tax districts, joint development, land value taxes and negotiated exactions, transportation utility fees, special assessment districts, and business improvement districts. Value Capture strategies provide a creative option for financing new infrastructure, residential, and commercial development.



City of Scott Apollo Destination Point Economic Development District

* Source: The State of Scott February 2022, City of Scott

Regional Economy

Lafayette Parish is a regional economic center. Located on the intersection of Interstates 10 and 49, the Lafayette area has a strategic advantage in transportation and accessibility. Lafayette is accessible by the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railways, the Lafayette Regional Airport, and the Inter coastal Waterway. Federal, state, and local governments within the region provide an assortment of business incentives. The Lafayette MSA has a workforce of more than 210,000 people and is highly educated due to the local universities and community colleges. In addition, the region's economy has incrementally become highly diversified, becoming a medical, transportation, finance, technology, entertainment, education and retail hub. Finally the Cajun and Creole cultural assets of the region are known worldwide.



Major Industries in Lafayette Parish (Lafayette Economic Development Authority, 2022)

Construction: New concepts in residential development, combined with improvements made by local government, the University, and private businesses propelled the construction industry forward in commercial activity. In 2020, construction activity reached more than \$287 million.

Retail Trade/Leisure & Hospitality/ Entertainment: More than 20 percent of retail spending in Lafayette Parish is from shoppers living outside of the Parish borders. People from across the Acadiana region travel here for shopping, entertainment, recreation, dining, professional services and business. The population in Lafayette's trade market is more than 600,000 people; and more than one million tourists visit this area every year.

Finance: The financial industry in the region is comprised of 36 locally-owned and nationally operated banking institutions, with an estimated \$15 billion in deposits as of December 2021. There are eleven active credit unions within the Parish, with estimated total assets of more than \$539 million in December 2021.

Manufacturing: The innovation of local manufacturers has resulted in the transformation of traditionally low technology industries into modern high-tech environments through state-of-the-art computers, intelligent manufacturing systems, robotics, and automation. Thriving manufacturing businesses in Lafayette are found across sectors including jewelry, oil & gas, marine, food production, and specialty metals.

Medical/Healthcare: The Lafayette MSA's evolving medical workforce of more than 32,000 employees continues to expand with growing facilities. As the "Hub City" of the region, Lafayette is further cementing its role as a regional health center — attracting specialized treatment centers and preeminent physicians, researchers and scientists.

Oil & Gas: With hundreds of oil-and-gas-related businesses in Lafayette, the region is the hub for energy production and services in the southeastern U.S. and the Gulf of Mexico. The community provides an industry-savvy environment and a workforce that is highly skilled, making Lafayette very attractive— not only to energy companies but to companies across industries.

Technology: As a region with technology infrastructure, skilled workers, research institutions, and economic development incentives Lafayette is an attractive business climate to technology-intensive industries. Within two years, four companies announced the creation of more than 1,100 technology jobs in Lafayette, cementing the region's reputation as a technology hub in the South.

Transportation/Distribution: Located at the crossroads of Interstates 10 and 49, Lafayette's strategic location contributes to the viability of the transportation/distribution industry. Cargo is delivered by the Intra coastal Waterway; and the proximity of Lafayette to the Gulf of Mexico makes deliveries and exports by sea feasible.



2013 Scott Plan Goals & Strategies — Economic Development

Table 6.3 Status of 2013 Economic Development Strategies

Table 6.3 highlights the current status of the Economic Development Strategies from the 2013 Master Plan

Number	Strategy	Responsible Agency	Time Frame	Status
NS5-1	Promote industries that will maintain a high level of environmental quality standards	DCP	Short-term/ Ongoing	Complete
CF1-7	Identify a dedicated revenue source for funding the implementation of the Scott 2032 Comp Plan	SCG/SCC	Short-term/ Ongoing	Complete
CF3-5	Leverage TIFF districts to secure the highest financial return through the development of a master plan	SCG	Short-term	Complete
CF3-6	Create taxing districts to enhance necessary services	SCG	Short-term	Complete
CF5-1	Create a cultural district that includes govt center, the downtown, a new farmer's market, and cultural arts center	SCG/DCP	Short-term	Complete
CF5-2	Implement a parks and recreation millage or tax	DCP	Short-term	Complete
CF5-7	Partner with private-public sector events	DCP	Short-term	Complete
CF5-8	Locate a regional public library within Scott	SCG/LPLB	Mid-term	Complete
CF6-2	Implement a parks and recreation millage or tax	SCG	Short-term	Complete
CF8-7	Encourage opportunities for workforce training	SBA, SCG, LEDA	Mid-term	Complete
NS3-4	Acquire easement along BNSF railroad ROW	DCP/SCC	Short-term	In Progress (Coordination)
CF3-1	Create incentive programs for businesses to infill within the city center	SCG	Short-term/ Ongoing	In Progress (Program/ Organization)
CF7-2	Create incentives to attract development and infill	DCP	Ongoing	In Progress (Study/Plan)

2023 Scott Master Plan Update Economic Development Goals

Goal 1. Ensure Regional Economic Development Coordination

Coordinate with organizations including the One Acadiana and the Lafayette Economic Development Authority on regional economic development projects.

Goal 2. Support the growth of business and local entrepreneurs through technical assistance, financing, and other resources

The City of Scott should investigate expanding value capture techniques such as impact fees, negotiated exactions, Special Assessment districts, Sales Tax Districts, and At-Grade Joint development to take advantage of increased property values, economic activity, and growth linked to infrastructure investments.

Goal 3. Promote development that will strengthen the City's tax and job base

The City should continue to foster a positive business environment and allow for commercial development that will meet the needs to Scott residents. Scott must leverage its new membership of the Louisiana Development Ready Communities (LDRC) Program and its numerous benefits to ensure quality development occurs that will positively impact all community members of Scott.

Goal 4. Encourage more entertainment and retail development within the City of Scott

Many people who live in Scott drive across city limits to go out for fun, play and shopping. Scott must incentivize and encourage more recreational and entertainment uses for its citizens.

Goal 5. Continue to promote Scott as a tourist destination

Scott's unique culture, history and cuisine has cemented the City as a tourism destination. The City will continue to promote itself as a destination for visitors to generate economic activity and support local businesses. This will include the development of attractions, such as parks, cultural events such as the Boudin Festival, and event spaces.

Goal 6. Create the Scott "Gateway Improvement Plan" to improve entrances to the City

When residents and visitors alike enter Scott, their first exposure should be positive and aesthetically pleasing. A comprehensive improvement plan needs to be put into place to regulate landscape and design in the gateways to the city, in particular on Cameron Street.

Goal 7. Create a seed fund to provide incentives for property owners to improve and beautify property

In addition to other initiatives, the City of Scott should create a seed fund from various sources to help residents who wish to improve their properties aesthetically.

Goal 8. Foster a vibrant Downtown Scott

Residents of Scott want a Downtown that is walkable and has destinations for families to spend time. The City must continue to foster and encourage investment and redevelopment in Scott's city center and encourage the development that offers a mix of commercial, residential, and cultural uses. The new Veterans Memorial Park will provide a great anchor for new activity in the downtown area, with estimated completion in August of 2023.





7. Transportation & Mobility

Scott is located on Interstate 10, approximately 5 miles west of Interstate 49, and includes a portion of Highway 90 in the city limits. These three roads are among the busiest and most important transportation corridors in the State of Louisiana.

In recent years, local and regional growth is driving the need for more comprehensive transportation planning and capital improvement planning. In the beginning of 2022 the Acadiana Metropolitan Planning Organization, responsible for using federal money for transportation-related capital improvement plans, passed their long range transportation plan. Additionally, Scott continues to engage in inter-governmental coordination with the Acadiana MPO and LaDOTD regarding transportation projects within the city limits of Scott.

This section provides an overview of the existing transportation network and current capital improvement projects.

Roadways

The current inventory of Scott's Street and highway network utilizes the functional classification system. The Functional classification method classifies roads by the service they provide as part of the overall roadway system. All roads in the United States can be classified as either rural or urban. All of the roads within the city are classified as Urban because the population of the city is greater than 5,000. The urban roadways can be further divided into arterials, collectors, and local roads.

Arterials

Arterials main function is to move traffic, they provide the highest level of mobility, at the highest speed, for long uninterrupted travel. They have the highest traffic volumes and are typically divided with raised or flush medians. The Interstate Highway System is an arterial network. Arterials typically have higher design standards than other roads. There are two types of arterial roads — principal and minor.

Principal Arterial: Principal arterials are limited-access highways and roads that serve the purpose of connecting urbanized areas to each other. They include interstates, freeways, and expressways. Urban principal arterials serve the major centers of activity of an area, have the highest traffic volume corridors, and the longest trip distances. They should carry a high portion of the total urban area travel (e.g., I-10, Apollo Road [Hwy 93], St. Mary, W. Congress Street and Eraste Landry Road).

Minor Arterial: Minor arterials provide service for trips of moderate length and at a lower level of mobility. They connect with urban principal arterials and collectors (e.g., US 90/Cameron Street, LA 93 north of I-10, Dulles Drive and Rue du Belier).



Collectors

Collectors provide a lower degree of mobility than arterials. They are designed for lower speeds and for shorter distances. Collectors are typically two lane roads that collect and distribute traffic from the arterial system. Collector roads penetrate residential communities, distributing traffic from arterials to various destinations, and channel traffic from local roads on to arterial systems. Collectors are also subdivided into major and minor collectors.

Major Collector: Major Collectors provide connection between neighborhoods and major activity centers and arterial street systems. Some access is provided to adjacent properties, while maintaining the circulation and mobility of users. Major collectors carry lower traffic volumes at slower speeds than major and minor arterials.

Minor Collector: This type of roadway connect residential neighborhoods with major collectors, major arterials, or minor arterials. Access to adjacent properties is common. Examples of Collectors located in the City of Scott are Dugas Road, JB/L Provost Road, Old Spanish Trail, and St. Mary Street.

Local Roads

Local Roads provide access to immediately adjacent residential and commercial properties and connect to higher order streets. Short driveway distances, slow speeds, and low traffic volumes characterize local streets. Examples of Local Roads are Alfred Street, Delhomme Avenue, Breaux St., Timmy Street, and St. Louis Street. Local Roads, such as Lions Club Road, can be reclassified as a Collector if it is extended to Delhomme Drive.

Capital Improvement Projects

Over the past decade, the City of Scott developed, funded, and implemented numerous capital improvement projects, and is currently in the process of implementing projects to increase residents' quality of life, and spur economic development and regional connectivity. This section presents some of these projects.

Apollo Road Extension

The kickoff of the multi-phase Apollo Road expansion and extension began in 2011. This project will increase connectivity to, and development potential of the west side of Scott. The project is currently in Phase II and Phase III. Expected completion is the Fall of 2023, these ongoing phases continue the roadway's construction to Dulles Drive and Rue De Belier. The Apollo Road project is changing, and will continue to change Scott, not just in terms of transportation, but in terms of new development opportunities. While improving connectivity for car traffic Apollo Road will also include wide sidewalks and connect pedestrians to new developments along the corridor.

Regional Connectivity

Scott sits in a very important location in Lafayette Parish due to its central location and proximity to Interstate 10 and Interstate 49. Eraste Landry Road, Cameron Street, and Dulles Drive are three major thoroughfares that connect Scott to Lafayette. These connections are extremely important for Scott residents and for the Parish as a whole, with many traveling to and from Scott on a daily basis. During public events and outreach during the planning process, attendees consistently expressed that connectivity to and from Lafayette is one of the most important issues in Scott.

Many transportation and capital improvement projects shared in this plan will improve regional connectivity. One example is the new roundabout connecting Apollo Road with Dulles Drive and Rue du Belier; this infrastructure will improve access for residents to Lafayette on the western side of Scott. In addition, Eraste Landry will eventually be extended to Apollo Road via a planned roundabout at Westgate Road.

Access

Going forward, more consideration is needed to improve connectivity for residents without or limited access to private car transportation. Today, public transit in Scott is virtually nonexistent. Partnering with the Lafayette Transit System (LTS) to improve service options, including expanding the on-demand para transit service will help to improve access and connectivity. Scott is exploring grants from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) including the Rural Public Transportation Program, and Job Access and Reverse Commute Program to support public transit projects.

A roundabout connecting Ru Du Belier, Apollo Road, and Dulles Drive is currently underway. It will open partially on June 15, 2023, with the entire roundabout set to open in September 2023.



Active Transportation

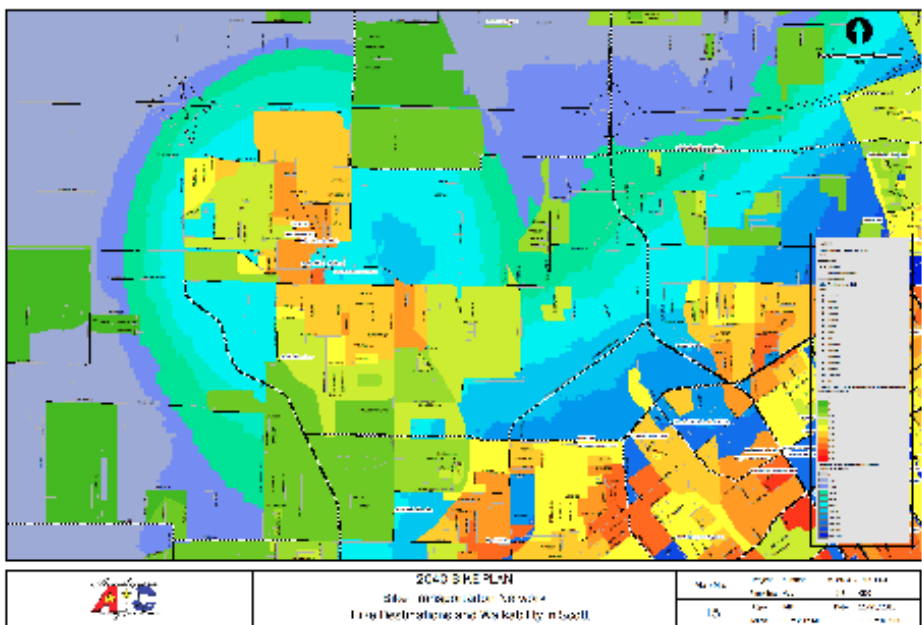
Walkable and bike-able neighborhoods are critical for vibrant communities. Communities that prioritize active transportation tend to be healthier, and foster economic growth by creating dynamic, connected communities that can catalyze small business development and increase property values. Investing in active transportation and encouraging residents to choose healthier, more sustainable transportation options, the City of Scott can create a livable and attractive community that supports the well-being of all residents. This will help to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and encourage residents to lead active and healthy lifestyles.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) encourages cities, parishes, and local governments to “enable people to regularly walk and bike safely and comfortably along and across Louisiana’s roads to access schools, jobs, social services, shopping and transit and for health and recreation”. LADOTD has found that within the state there are few places that are designated for bicyclists and pedestrians – sidewalks are often too narrow and there is a shortage of designated bike lanes.

Despite these challenges more opportunities for improvement are surfacing. For example, more people in the state are walking and biking; aging populations are looking for alternatives to driving and more opportunities for physical activity; and the 2022 Louisiana Climate Action Plan calls for transportation strategies that accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Evidence has shown that increased investment in pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure leads to an increase in pedestrian and bicycle activity. It follows the adage, “if you build it, they will come”. Furthermore, investment in such facilities can help communities better manage roadway capacity without increased risk.

With large amounts of funding available for active transportation projects, Scott can go after grant money via various programs such as the Transportation Alternatives Programs (TAP) and the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program.



2013 Scott Plan Goals & Strategies — Transportation & Mobility

Table 7.1 Status of 2013 Transportation & Mobility Strategies

Table 7.1 highlights the current status of the transportation and mobility strategies from the 2013 Master Plan

Number	Strategy	Responsible Agency	Status
NS5-2	Promote alternative transportation options, including bicycle, pedestrian, and transit	DCP	Complete
TN1-3	Require tree planting and landscaping on all new thoroughfares	SCG/DCP/DPW	Complete
TN2-1	Develop a pedestrian and bicycle network	DCP	Complete
TN2-2	Promote an interconnected network of thoroughfares	DCP	Complete
TN2-3	Employ access management for current and future roads	DCP	Complete
TN4-1	Improve road safety by improving or closing roadside ditches	DPW/DOTD	Complete
TN4-2	Maintain ditches that cannot be covered	DPW/DOTD	Complete
TN7-1	Develop and implement a Capital Improvement Program to fund infrastructure projects	SCG	Complete
CF4-1	Create distinct entrances into the city	SCG/DCP	Complete
CF4-2	Encourage tourists to enter Scott through billboards and signage	SCG	Complete
TN1-1	Adopt a Future Thoroughfare Map	SCG/DCP/DPW	In Progress
TN1-2	Incorporate a thoroughfare classification system	DCP	In Progress
TN1-4	Create and adopt a Scott Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)	SCG/DCP/DPW	In Progress
TN1-5	Coordinate thoroughfares with adjacent jurisdictions	LCG/SCG	In Progress
TN1-6	Improve existing streets to complete streets	SCG/DCP/DPW	In Progress
TN2-4	Connect to a trail along the rail line	DCP	In Progress
CF3-4	Create linkages from downtown to I-10 frontage and new Apollo Road extension	SCG/DOTC	In Progress

2023 Scott Master Plan Update Transportation & Mobility Goals

Goal 1. Continue to support and prioritize road and transportation network improvements

The City of Scott will continue to prioritize the improvement and maintenance of its road network to ensure that residents and businesses have safe and efficient access to all parts of the city, especially in the western and northern areas of the city where new development is occurring.

Goal 2. Develop Scott Active Transportation Plan and further development of active transportation infrastructure such as walking trails and bicycle lanes

During community engagement events, residents reiterated their desire to have access to adequate active transportation infrastructure such as sidewalks and bike lanes. The City of Scott will develop an Active Transportation Plan that encourages the development of infrastructure for active modes of transportation, including bike lanes, pedestrian walkways, and trails. The City will coordinate efforts for planning and funding for this infrastructure.

Goal 3. Partner with regional and state agencies to improve access to regional transportation options, such as intercity buses and rural transit

The City of Scott will partner with the Lafayette Transit System (LTS) to improve mobility options and expand transit service to Scott, including, but not limited to expanded on-demand para transit services; and will work with the Acadiana Planning Commission to explore regional transportation opportunities.

Goal 4. Continue to participate in the grant process for capital improvement funds

The City will seek out federal and state grants for capital improvement projects related to transportation, including sidewalks and other activity transportation infrastructure.





8. Environmental Resilience & Preservation

All of Louisiana, including the City of Scott has dealt with storm events and other natural disasters leaving significant damage. This plan provides an opportunity for Scott to plan for the future as a resilient community. A resilient community is one that implements and utilizes mechanisms and tools designed to help it to reduce or even eliminate the impacts of repeated disasters. Additionally, a resilient community is one that has the ability to recover from misfortune and to easily adjust to change.

Scott is making significant progress in this area. Since 2011, Scott improved its Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Community Rating System (CRS) to 7. The City has facilitated substantial improvements in the last decade with the storm water and drainage network.

This chapter of the plan presents a framework for a more resilient community.

Storm water Protection

The City of Scott's Storm water Management Program, mandated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is intended to protect and improve water quality for the community and local waterways. The Storm water Management Program addresses the following issues:

Storm water Runoff Pollution

Includes drainage from raw materials storage, vehicle wash areas, and raw sewage. Discharges as such requires permits per the Illicit Discharge Storm water Ordinance.

Illegal Dumping and Improper Disposal of Waste, Litter, and Debris

Identification of illegal dumping sites and illicit connections is conducted by utility department employees. The City Illicit Discharge and Connection to Storm Sewer Ordinance authorizes employees to investigate unusual odors, and discolored water.

Erosion and Sediment Associated with Construction and Development

Best Management Practices for construction such as stabilized construction entrances, storm drain inserts, wash out cubes for concrete, dry wall and paint, grass strips to trap dirt, silt fencing, and sediment basins are mandated.

Leaking Individual On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems and Sewage Pollution

The Storm water Management Plan outlines an operation and maintenance program for preventing or reducing pollutant runoff, via Best Management Practices.

Drainage Improvement Plan

The City of Scott's Drainage Improvement Plan attempts to improve drainage in the city. The Drainage Improvement Plan assesses the current drainage network and recommends new policies and ordinances to improve runoff in the area.

Like many communities in South Louisiana, the drainage system in Scott has gaps. An assessment by engineering firm Fenstermaker found that drainage channels were overall in mediocre condition, when measuring capacity for two and ten year storms. Hydraulic structures (bridges and culverts) got a "good" grade.

Current Conditions of Drainage System

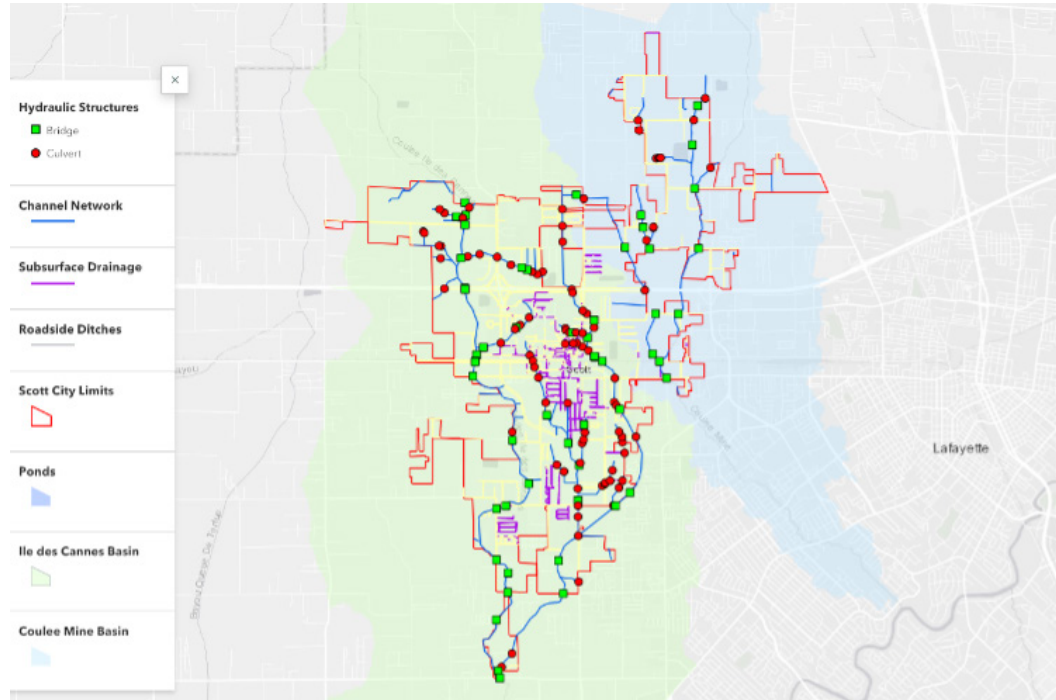
- » 32 miles of channels
- » 15,000 acres draining
- » Discharges into the Vermilion River
- » Composed of the Coulee Ille Des Cannes and Coulee Mine networks
- » Coulee Ille Des Cannes and tributaries consisting of 25 miles
- » Coulee Mine and tributaries consisting of 8 miles
- » Drainage system inventory includes 145 hydraulic structures in or adjacent to the City limits (ranging from culverts 36 inches in diameter to bridges over 100 feet in span) — 55 bridges, 90 culverts, 32 miles of channel, 105 miles of roadside ditches, 25 miles of subsurface drainage

Current/Recent Drainage Projects

- » Cameron Street overlay/drainage improvement (near completion)
- » Benoit Patin to Cameron Street overlay/drainage improvement (underway)
- » Blanche Street Detention Project includes a control structure to allow water to slowly release into the channel that runs from Scott Park. It will lower the base flood level for 2 – 5 year storm events (completed)
- » Joint partnership with parish-wide municipalities to design a comprehensive storm water master plan. This plan will allow all entities to share drainage data improving how we develop and mitigate parish-wide flooding efforts
- » CSSI completed channel cleaning the lateral on the western side of Creswell Avenue from Provost to the end of the channel
- » DIP (Drainage Improvement Plan) continues, Public Works team continues its efforts to clean and maintain roadside ditches, coulees, and channels. This includes 104.7 miles of roadside ditches and 24.6 miles of subsurface drainage systems within city limits of Scott
- » Old Spanish Trail Culvert Crossing completed, enlarged culvert from a 60" to a 72" allowing for more water conveyance
- » St. Mary street drainage and sidewalk project is progressing, plans submitted and under review with DOTD

Going Forward

Scott is supporting projects such as capital improvements to, and creation of regional detention ponds, a comprehensive drainage system maintenance program and enforcing current ordinances and policies such as free boarding regulations on new structures in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). Additionally, the City is focusing on problem flooding areas for drainage improvement that impact residents such as neighborhood flooding around West side Elementary and Maude Drive.



From Top: Scott drainage infrastructure map (source: Scott Drainage Plan, Fenstermaker); Maude Drive; City of Scott officials with City engineers, Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC, receiving the 2021 ACEC Honor Award for the Scott Drainage Improvement Plan; Storm water infrastructure

2013 Scott Plan Goals & Strategies — Environmental Resilience & Preservation

Table 8.1 Status of 2013 Environmental Resilience & Preservation Strategies

The 2013 Master Plan outlined the following goals and strategies connected to environmental resilience and preservation.

Number	Strategy	Responsible Agency	Status
NS1-2	Discourage development inside 100 yr flood hazard area	DCP	Complete
NS1-3	Enforce FEMA NFIP Regulations	DCP	Complete
NS1-4	Participate In FEMA CRS Program	DPW	Complete
NS1-5	Implement Accurate FEMA Flood Maps	DPW	Complete
NS1-6	Improve the Ile de Cannes Coulee	DPW	Complete
NS1-7	Create regional detention ponds in the floodplain and flood way	LCG	Complete
NS2-1	Adopt standards and incentives for reductions in runoff using BMPs	DCP	Complete
NS2-2	Generate an inventory of storm water/drainage infrastructure	DCP	Complete
NS2-3	Inventory hydrologic data	DPW	Complete
NS2-4	Maintain intergovernmental agreement for drainage maintenance outside city limits	LCG/SCG	Complete
NS2-5	Implement public awareness and educational programs for storm water and water quality	DCP	Complete
NS2-6	Create and implement a channel and structure maintenance and inspection plan	DPW/SCG	Complete
NS3-1	Acquire property within FEMA flood way	SCC	Complete
NS4-1	Encourage preservation of significant trees	DCP	Complete
NS6-1	Preserve Soils through adoption of compatible land use	DCP	Complete
TN3-2	Upgrade water meter system to an automatic reading system	SCG	Complete
TN3-5	Create a GIS/CADD inventory and database for potable water and sewer utilities	DPW	Complete
TN5-4	Prepare an emergency evacuation plan	SCG/SFD/SPD/ LCG FD/LPSS/Pri- vate Schools	Complete
TN6-1	Continue to operate an economical and efficient solid waste program	SCG/DPW	Complete
TN6-2	Develop and implement a city-wide recycling program	SCG/DPW	Complete
TN6-3	Hold hazardous material and white goods collection days	SCG/DPW	Complete
NS1-2	Work with LCG to create a regional storm water master plan	LCG/SCG	In Progress
TN3-1	Acquire property north of I-10 for potable water storage tank	SCG	In Progress
TN3-3	Develop sewer districts to accommodate future service needs	SCG	In Progress
TN3-4	Acquire locations for a north and south sewer plant and obtain entitlement	SCG	In Progress
TN5-3	Install water tank north of I-10 for fire water pressure	SCG	In Progress

2023 Scott Master Plan Update Environmental Resilience & Preservation Goals

Goal 1. Continue implementation of policies and programs to protect and preserve the City of Scott

The City of Scott is dedicated to environmental resilience and preservation and will create sustainability-focused development standards. This goal includes a focus on supporting the Drainage Improvement Plan via routine maintenance, capital improvement and seeking new grant funding.

Goal 2. Develop a Scott Green Infrastructure Plan

To improve water quality, manage storm water runoff, and create attractive and functional public spaces, the city will invest in the development of green infrastructure. This will include the creation of parks, gardens, and other green spaces, as well as the implementation of green infrastructure projects, such as rain gardens and permeable pavements.

Goal 3. Encourage energy efficiency and renewable energy

The City will develop and implement plans to promote energy-efficient buildings, and development of renewable energy projects.

Goal 4. Continue to participate in the grant process for capital improvement funds

The City will conduct an audit of its properties to identify potential parcels for development of green infrastructure that will provide environmental and social benefits.

Goal 5. Promote conservation and preservation of natural resources

To preserve the City's natural and cultural heritage, the City will promote the conservation and preservation of natural areas, parks, and historic sites.





9. Livability

Perhaps the most important aspect of a town or city is a sense of community and shared culture, even among diversity. What is the draw of living in my community? What do I have in common with my neighbor whom I just met? For Scott, the sense of community comes from many things. Shared Cajun culture, love of boudin and family heritage to name a few. However, when citizens were asked what the number one aspect about Scott that they love is, small town feel was almost always the first answer. With many other localities in the Lafayette region growing at a rapid pace, Scott residents desire growth that also preserves Scott's family-oriented, tight knit, vibrant culture. As Scott moves into the future, growth and development must find a happy medium that preserves the identity of Scott.

Scott has a rich history. Initially a small farming community, Scott has grown considerably throughout the decades. In 1950 Scott's population was a modest 688, in 2020 Scott's population has swelled to 8,119. With all this growth, the Scott community has been able to preserve its rich Cajun culture and heritage, while also accepting new communities into the City. As Scott plans for the future, its small-town hospitality and unique culture need to be preserved as the City becomes a growing center of commerce and residential development.

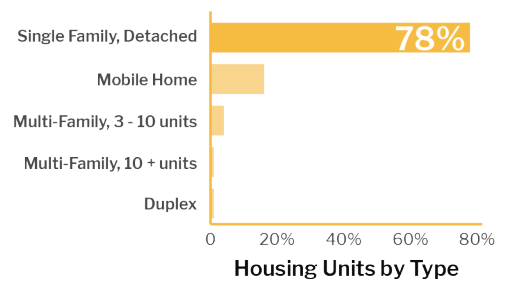
Housing Choice and Opportunities

Scott residents have expressed a need for more housing choices for the growing and aging population. One key aspect of creating a complete community is to encourage a variety of housing choices and opportunities. Mixed-use neighborhoods provide an opportunity for including diverse housing options, ranging from single family residential on smaller lot sizes to high quality multi-unit homes or small-scale apartments on appropriately sized lots consistent in design and scale to existing neighborhoods. A variety of housing options in close proximity to services and essential needs can attract and keep residents searching for a starter home, hoping to live close to work, or desiring a smaller home. Developing and planning for mixed-use neighborhoods in certain areas allows the City of Scott to retain large lot homes and estates in areas where appropriate.

A diversity of housing opportunities in mixed-use areas can also appeal to the older citizens in Scott and allow for more opportunities to age in place. As the older population in Scott grows, more residents will seek smaller housing units that are more affordable and easier to maintain, and sometimes options that include medical and additional services. Housing developments that meet the needs of older adults include small-scale apartments, multi-unit homes, traditional senior housing and assisted living facilities, as well as Active Adult Retirement Communities and planned developments that cater to senior citizens. Mixed-use neighborhoods are attractive for older adult housing options as they can provide easy access to additional services including retail and personal services, social opportunities, and proximity to medical facilities.

Scott can also access the potential of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) or “mother-in-law suites” for individuals wishing to age in place on a sizable family property. The City of Scott can encourage a diverse range of housing options for citizens.

Figure 9.1 Percent of Housing Units by Type



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

As discussed in the Community Profile chapter, Scott’s housing stock is overwhelmingly single family detached homes. Figure X also demonstrates a high percentage of the homes in Scott are mobile homes (manufactured housing).

Education

Issues and Opportunities

School Traffic - While speaking with residents of Scott, it became evident that school traffic is an issue in the city, particularly around the Old Spanish Trail corridor, with L. Leo Judice, Scott Middle, and St. Peter and Paul Catholic School all in close proximity. Local education leaders spoke about potential solutions to school traffic, such as staggered carpool times and more access for children to bike and walk to school. In addition, poor access at Acadiana High School was discussed, namely the rear access of the school.

West side Flooding Issues - It was repeated that the area around West side Elementary School had serious flooding and drainage issues. During the 2016 Floods, West side Elementary School was hit hard. Still today, rain events flood the playground area and long weeds are present just outside of the school grounds.

Accessibility - The City of Scott has the potential to be a walkable community. The core downtown, near several schools, have tight-knit neighborhoods. With the right infrastructure, children can have the option to safely walk and bike to school, allowing hard working parents more time to get to work and increased efficiency of school buses. Children walking and biking to school will also have a positive impact on community health.

Independence in recreational facilities - Many local school events are outsourced to event/sport venues outside of Scott to Broussard and Youngsville, causing Scott to lose out on potential revenue. With an expansion to Scott Park planned and the future Veterans Memorial Park, this can soon change. One June 8, 2023, the City of Scott purchased adjacent property north of the Scott Park, that is accessed from I-10 South Frontage Road, for expansion of the park and a new recreation facility.

City of Scott Schools

L. Leo Judice Elementary School: Located on Cameron Street, L. Leo Judice Elementary, an Academy for Environmental Sciences and STEM, is one of the smaller campuses in the Lafayette Parish School System. The school currently host students in grades Kindergarten through 5th.

West side Elementary School: West side Elementary School is located on Delhomme Avenue and hosts students from Pre-K to 5th grade. West side Elementary is a part of the Lafayette Parish School System

Scott Middle School: Located on Marie Street, Scott Middle School hosts students from 6th to 8th grade. Scott Middle School is part of the Lafayette Parish School System. Scott Middle School has been undergoing renovations.

Acadiana High School: Located on Rue du Belier, Acadiana High School, is part of the Lafayette Parish School System. Students range from 9th to 12th grade.

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School: Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School is a private Catholic school located on Old Spanish Trail Road, offering education from Pre-K to 8th grade.



From Top: L. Leo Judice Elementary School logo; West side Elementary School; Scott Middle School; Acadiana High School; Acadiana High School Football Team; Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School logo



Open Space & Recreation

Issues and Opportunities

Greater Access - Scott residents desire more facilities for recreational activity and areas to enjoy the outdoors. The City has made much progress on Scott Park, with many improvements and a desire to expand. Saint Aubin serves an important role for parking during events, but Saint Aubin could be a lot more than just a parking lot. Its location near downtown could attract many people of all ages to enjoy. Scott is growing all around, particularly on Apollo Road and new recreational spaces should come with this new development. In areas of the city that are already built out, infill recreational/green space development could enhance citizens quality of life.

Drainage - Drainage has been cited as an issue for parks, namely Scott Park. Through the drainage plan, the city has improved water detention. The city will continue to monitor and improve drainage to make sure that the city's parks are usable for citizens, even after rain events.

Veterans Memorial Park - The City of Scott has established plans to create a beautiful Veterans Memorial Park to honor U.S. veterans who fought for our freedom. It will be built in downtown Scott on the corner of Cayret and St. Mary Street near the railroad. Veterans Memorial Park will serve as a space to honor veterans, as well as a peaceful area for solitude. Veterans Memorial Park will open up downtown for events and a collective space for fellowship and remembrance.

City of Scott Parks

Throughout the public participation process, citizens of Scott articulated the need for more recreational and green space. The people of Scott are active and enjoy sports and need more space for activities. Currently, Scott has three parks.

Scott Park: The largest park in the city Scott Park has nine ball fields that allow youth of all ages to participate in games and tournaments, playground equipment for smaller children, a walking trail, and a concession stand. The park is overseen by the SATS, (Scott Area Team Sports) an organization consisting of mostly parents of children that use the park. Recent improvements to Scott Park include new turfed sand, electrical infrastructure, a sand volleyball field, and a pickle ball court. Scott Park offers the youth of the community an opportunity to take part in recreational sports with friends. The City purchased property adjacent to Scott Park to increase its footprint.

Memramcook Park: Named for Scott's Canadian Twin City, Memramcook Park is located on Lions Club Road, across from Scott City Hall. It has a baseball field, tennis court, pickle ball court, basketball goals, and a playground.

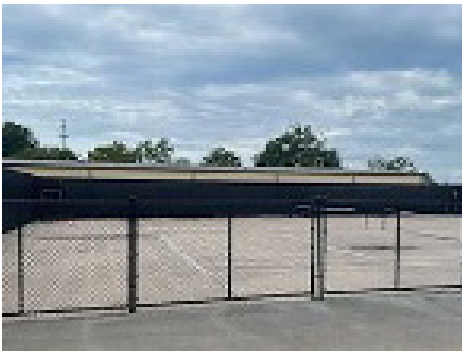
Saint Aubin Park: Named for Scott's French Twin City, Saint Aubin is the smallest park. The park is located near the south end of Alfred Street, the railroad crossings at Saint Mary Street, and Cayret Street. It is used mostly for parking, and occasionally for Mardi Gras Parades and celebrations. This location was selected as the site of the new Veterans Memorial Park.

Connectivity: Sidewalks, Trails, and Bicycles

The community in Scott desires greater connectivity in the city via sidewalks, walking trails and bike paths. Downtown Scott and tight-knit neighborhoods lack basic sidewalk connectivity. The land use of downtown Scott is primed for walkability, but individuals are often times forced to walk in the street, risking safety. Citizens during public planning meetings repeatedly articulated their desire to be able to walk out of their house safely, with their children and walk. The City has been involved in the competitive grant process to secure funds to build sidewalks as part of drainage improvement. Plans for St. Mary drainage improvement and sidewalk addition is underway currently. In addition, the City was awarded a LADOTD Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant totaling \$1.1 million to develop plans to add sidewalks to Old Spanish Trail connecting the school area with Lafayette West Regional Library on Apollo Road. The City is dedicated to increasing connectivity and getting people out of their cars. With lots of public funds available for capital improvement projects, particularly in the active transportation world, such as the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) and the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program within the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Scott can leverage these funds for improved connectivity.



Clockwise From Top: Scott Park; Scott Park baseball fields; Memramcook Park; Memramcook Park playground; Park tennis courts; Scott green space; Park ground breaking; Rendering of the Veterans Memorial Park



2013 Scott Plan Goals & Strategies — Livability

Table 9.1 Status of 2013 Livability Strategies

The 2013 Master Plan outlined the following goals and strategies connected to environmental resilience and preservation.

Number	Strategy	Responsible Agency	Status
NS4-2	Promote landscaping and tree planting in the public realm	DCP	Complete
TN5-1	Acquire property for joint fire and police substation north of I-10	SCG	Complete
TN5-2	Purchase ladder truck for fire department	SCG	Complete
CF1-1	Establish a full time planner position for the city	SCG	Complete
CF1-2	Maintain a full time certified floodplain manager position	SCG	Complete
CF1-3	Maintenance of buildings and properties	SCG	Complete
CF1-4	Implement a code enforcement program	DCP	Complete
CF1-5	Prepare an annual status report on Scott 2032 Comp Plan	DCP	Complete
CF5-3	Preserve existing trees and vegetation through tree preservation and landscaping requirements	DCP	Complete
CF5-4	Promote local artisans and musicians	DCP	Complete
CF5-5	Support local heritage education	DCP	Complete
CF5-6	Encourage public art	DCP	Complete
CF6-1	Create a parks and recreation department	SCG	Complete
CF6-4	Create new park and recreation facilities	SCG	Complete
CF6-5	Transfer ownership of Scott Park from LCG to the City of Scott	SCG/LCG	Complete
CF6-6	Utilize the flood ways in Scott for greenways and linear parks	SCG/Leg Body	Complete
CF7-4	Provide a mix of housing for all income levels	DCP	Complete
CF8-1	Partner with healthcare providers to locate an urgent care center	SBA	Complete
CF8-3	Locate a farmer's market within the city's center	Leg Body	Complete
CF8-4	Implement joint use of educational institution facilities	LPSS/Private Schools/Churches	Complete
CF8-5	Provide better access to schools	SCG/LPSS/Private Schools	Complete
CF8-8	Continue to support community events and programs	SCG	Complete
CF6-7	Acquire property to locate a public gym and sporting complex	SCG/Leg Body	Complete
NS3-2	Develop and implement a greenway system	DCP	In Progress
CF4-3	Locate the Welcome and Tourist Center for the Acadiana Region in Scott	SCG/DCP	In Progress
CF8-2	Encourage physical health by creating a community garden	Leg Body	In Progress
CF8-6	Coordinate future school facilities	LPSS, SCG	In Progress

2023 Scott Master Plan Update Livability Goals

Goal 1. Develop and maintain a comprehensive park and recreation system

The City of Scott is dedicated to providing a range of recreational opportunities for all ages and abilities. The City will plan and implement the creation of new parks, playgrounds, sports fields, and trails, as well as the maintenance and upgrade of existing facilities.

- » Make the future Veterans Memorial Park a centerpiece of recreational programming for ALL ages in Scott
- » Continue to collaborate with Scott Area Team Sports (SATS) to expand recreational uses and facilities in Scott Park, as well as developing programming for families and older citizens

Goal 2. Improve Connectivity via sidewalks, trails, and bicycle paths

Scott will continue to secure funds through grant processes and other financing tools such as the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program to build active transportation infrastructure throughout the city to connect existing development and new development on the horizon.

Goal 3. Institute a Blight Remediation Program coordinating Code Enforcement and leveraging land use tools to improve neighborhoods in Scott

A Code Enforcement officer needs to be in place to enforce the City of Scott Code of Ordinances. A Blight Remediation Program can also mitigate blight in the area, particularly around Cameron Street.

Goal 4. Support the development of cultural and historic amenities, such as museums, theaters, and other cultural facilities that provide opportunities for learning and recreation

The City will continue to use the Begnaud House as the Scott Welcome Heritage Interpretive Center to educate about Scott's unique culture and history. The City will administer the development of potential spaces in the Downtown Scott area for community events such as farmers markets, festivals, and concerts, including the future Veterans Memorial Park.

Goal 5. Encourage the development of diverse housing choices in Scott

The City of Scott will create a regulatory environment where an assortment of housing options are available to meet the needs of the growing population, including town homes, apartments, and senior housing. A possible Assessable Dwelling Units ordinance should be considered as well to allow for mother-in-law houses for an aging population.

Goal 6. Expand cultural and community programs/ events at Begnaud House, Scott Civic Center and future Veterans Memorial Park

Scott residents repeatedly mentioned a desire for more events throughout the city highlighting the region's unique culture, history and food. The City will continue to advocate and organize events for all residents to take advantage of the collective identity shared. In addition, the future Veterans Memorial Park will serve as a new recreational/cultural center of Scott





10. Implementation

It is important that the goals and recommendations in this Master Plan are implemented by The City of Scott. The support and effort of the Administration, Planning Commission and City Council are critical to successful implementation. Utilizing the entire “development toolbox” including comprehensive zoning, subdivision regulations, development agreements, impact fees, annexation, form-based and performance-based design controls, and sustainable development incentives should be considered.

Future Land Use & Development Goals

1. Update the City of Scott's Land Use Code with new zoning designations and added standards that promote smart growth development and walkable areas
2. Update design standards for commercial corridors and developments including landscaping and signage
3. Implement Phase II of Scott Downtown Overlay District (DCOD) standards
4. Explore potential areas for growth of the City through annexation
5. Encourage mixed-use and traditional neighborhood development along Apollo Road
6. Conduct a neighborhood and housing assessment identifying housing needs and strengths

Economic Development Goals

1. Ensure regional economic development coordination in Acadiana
2. Support the growth of business and local entrepreneurs through technical assistance, financing, and other resources
3. Promote development that will strengthen the City's tax and job base
4. Encourage more entertainment and retail development within the City of Scott, particularly around downtown and the Apollo Road corridor
5. Continue to Promote Scott as a tourist destination
6. Create Scott "Gateway Improvement Plan" to improve entrances to City
7. Seek funds to provide incentives for property owners to improve and beautify property
8. Foster a vibrant Downtown Scott

Transportation & Mobility Goals

1. Continue to support and prioritize road and transportation network improvements
2. Develop a Scott Active Transportation Plan and further development of active transportation infrastructure such as walking trails and bicycle lanes
3. Partner with regional and state agencies to study regional transportation options that support accessibility, such as intercity buses and rural transit
4. Continue to participate in the grant process for capital improvement funds

Environmental Resilience & Preservation Goals

1. Continue implementation of policies and programs to protect and preserve the natural resources of Scott
2. Continue implementation of the Scott Drainage Improvement Plan
3. Develop a plan in coordinating development of green infrastructure
4. Encourage energy efficiency and renewable energy
5. Assess City owned properties for potential green infrastructure projects
6. Promote conservation and preservation in the development process

Livability Goals

1. Develop and maintain a comprehensive park and recreation system
2. Institute a Blight Remediation Program coordinating Code Enforcement and leveraging land use tools to improve neighborhoods in Scott
3. Support the development of cultural and historic amenities, such as museums, theaters, and other cultural facilities that provide opportunities for learning and recreation
4. Encourage the development of diverse housing choices in Scott through land use regulations
5. Expand cultural and community programs and events at Begnaud House and Scott Civic Center, as well as the future Veterans Memorial Park