



TUALATIN TOMORROW



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

February 22, 2016

Dear Mayor Ogden and Members of the Tualatin City Council,

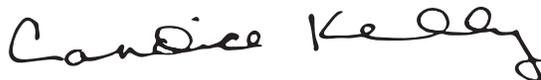
I am pleased to present the second Tualatin Tomorrow Annual Progress Report since completing the five-year Action Plan update. In two years, our community partners have initiated or completed 80 of the 100 actions proposed for implementation over the five-year period.

This year we are especially excited that the Tualatin Tomorrow Vision served as a foundation for our application for the America's Best Communities Competition. The Tualatin Tomorrow Vision Advisory Committee and a number of our partners spearheaded the application process, and our Community Revitalization Plan has now made it into the Semi-finals, and we will be competing for \$100,000 in the next round to advance 20 actions in our Tualatin Tomorrow Vision. This is a shining example of the power of community visioning and how the partnerships established through community visioning can be leverage to achieve the vision.

Many partners were involved in helping to develop the Community Revitalization Plan for the ABC Competition, but many of the other Tualatin Tomorrow Partners have also been very busy working on moving their actions towards implementation as well. Those successes have been documented in the pages that follow. We have also included an overview of Tualatin Tomorrow for readers who may be new to our visioning project.

On behalf of the Tualatin Tomorrow Advisory Committee, I want to thank the Council for your continued support of our community visioning program. We look forward to connecting with you and other community partners in 2016 as we continue our work on the Vision.

Sincerely,



Candice Kelly, Chair
Tualatin Tomorrow Advisory Committee

ABOUT TUALATIN TOMORROW

The Tualatin Tomorrow Vision and Action Plan was originally adopted in 2007 following a two-year public engagement and planning campaign. In the past seven years, more than 100 community-identified priorities were implemented by the City and partner organizations, including:

- South Tualatin Concept Plan
- New Drug Detection Canine
- City Website Enhancement
- Neighborhood Associations Network (Citizen Involvement Organization (CIO) Program)
- Tualatin Emergency Shelter
- Active Aging Center Expansion
- Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Expansion
- Tualatin River Bike and Pedestrian Path
- Summer Arts Festival
- School Inventory and Gap Analysis

As part of its promise to maintain a “living” action plan, the Tualatin Tomorrow Advisory Committee (TTAC) completed a plan update in 2013. Through forums, online surveys, work groups and other outreach activities, more than 1,000 people shared their suggestions and priorities for Tualatin’s future. Four “theme teams” were convened to sort through ideas and develop a new round of actions to advance the community vision plan. In early 2014, the City Council adopted the updated Action Plan which provides a 100-action road map for tackling community goals in the following areas:

- Fostering Shared Sense of Place and Community Identity
- Creating Activities and Attractions for All Ages
- Sustaining Quality Community Services
- Enhancing Mobility
- Promoting Environmental Sustainability
- Ensuring Community Health and Safety
- Creating Economic Opportunity
- Advancing Education and Learning Opportunities

The TTAC continues to oversee and facilitate implementation progress by convening and coordinating with vision partners and provides periodic updates to the community through newsletters and an Annual Progress Report. The Vision Action Plan is available online at www.tualatintomorrow.org or in hard copy by visiting Tualatin City Hall.

2015 ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

The Tualatin Tomorrow Advisory Committee (TTAC) undertook the following activities in 2014:

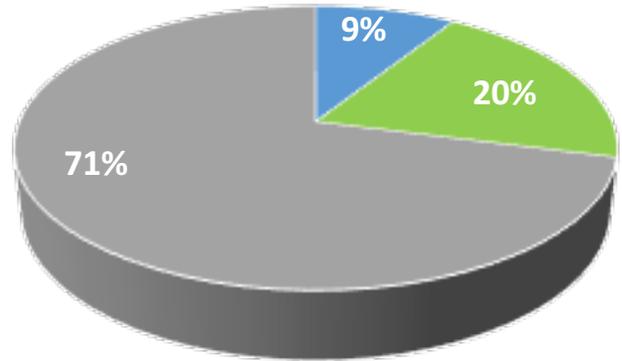
- **TTAC Meetings** – The TTAC met monthly to plan and coordinate vision implementation, partner outreach and other logistics.
- **Partner Events** – TTAC hosted two events to facilitate partner interaction and information-sharing.
- **Partner Survey** – TTAC surveyed lead partners to ascertain implementation progress, and identify highlights and challenges requiring follow-up assistance.
- **America’s Best Communities (ABC) Competition** – The TTAC served on the team developing the ABC application and the Community Revitalization Plan.

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OVERALL PROGRESS

In February 2014, the Tualatin City Council adopted an updated Vision Action Plan with 100 proposed actions. One year later, 65 of those actions are underway, 8 are implemented and 27 are not yet started. Implementation is planned on a staggered timeline, with some actions scheduled to begin in the year 1-2 time-frame, others on a 3-5 year timeline and others – typically those requiring intense capital outlays, scheduled to begin in year 6 or beyond. Some of the many actions underway within the various vision focus areas are highlighted below.



■ Implemented ■ Not Started ■ Underway

PHYSICAL & SOCIAL CONNECTIVITY

» VISION FOCUS AREA: FOSTERING SHARED SENSE OF PLACE AND COMMUNITY IDENTITY

Community Goals:

Goal 1: Establish a stronger sense of place through improvements to our built environment

Goal 2: Increase sense of belonging by enhancing community connections and amenities

Goal 3: Make it easier for people to gather and connect

Goal 4: Proactively engage diverse community groups in local events and decision-making

Action 1.2: City Gateways

In the Vision Update, many citizens requested improvements to Tualatin's gateways, and this year the City worked with the business community to improve one of the City's most prominent gateways into Tualatin. The City's Public Works Department staff coordinated with CenterCal and the Community Development Department to improve and expand the City Gateway landscaping on the west side of I-5 north of the Nyberg off ramp.

Action 2.3: Retail Activity Centers

In 2014, the Nyberg Rivers shopping center opened with the first anchor tenants of Home Goods, Cabelas and New Seasons. The excitement around this new shopping center continued into 2015, as more new restaurants and shops opened their doors including Red Robin, LA Fitness, Pieology, Firehouse Subs and more. The City's Community Development Department played a major role in supporting CenterCal as they developed this property and worked with the new incoming businesses. Other projects underway in 2015 included the Hedges Creek Business Park, where the new Industry Café will be opening in 2016.

Action 3.2: Community Meeting Facility

In 2015, the City completed a City Facilities Study to identify locations for a new City Hall, community meeting space and open the opportunity to expand the Library. This study examined ways to include additional community meeting space in the facilities analyzed. In addition, through the America's Best Communities application, the team developed a Community Revitalization Plan with a long term goal of building a facility that would include space for workforce development, STEAM education, the arts and community meeting space. The team advanced to the quarter-finals in April 2015 as one of 50 communities out of nearly 400 who applied. In January 2016, the team was notified they would advance as one of 15 to the semi-finals.

Action 4.3: Engage and Empower Youth

The City's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) continues to contribute actively in this area through giving monthly presentations to City Council on issues that affect youth in the community, hosting seasonal youth activities and participating in the National League of Cities conference. YAC and the Teen Library Committee (TLC) participated in a Youth and Elected Leaders social. Members of TLC and YAC were engaged in the public involvement for Tualatin's America's Best Community competition entry. A member of TLC continues to serve as a teen representative on the Tualatin Library Advisory Committee.

PHYSICAL & SOCIAL CONNECTIVITY

» VISION FOCUS AREA: CREATING ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTIONS FOR ALL AGES

Community Goals:

Goal 5: Develop and facilitate access to activities for residents of all ages

Goal 6: Establish and promote the city as a destination for unique activities

Action 5.2: More Sports and Recreational Activities for Youth and Adults

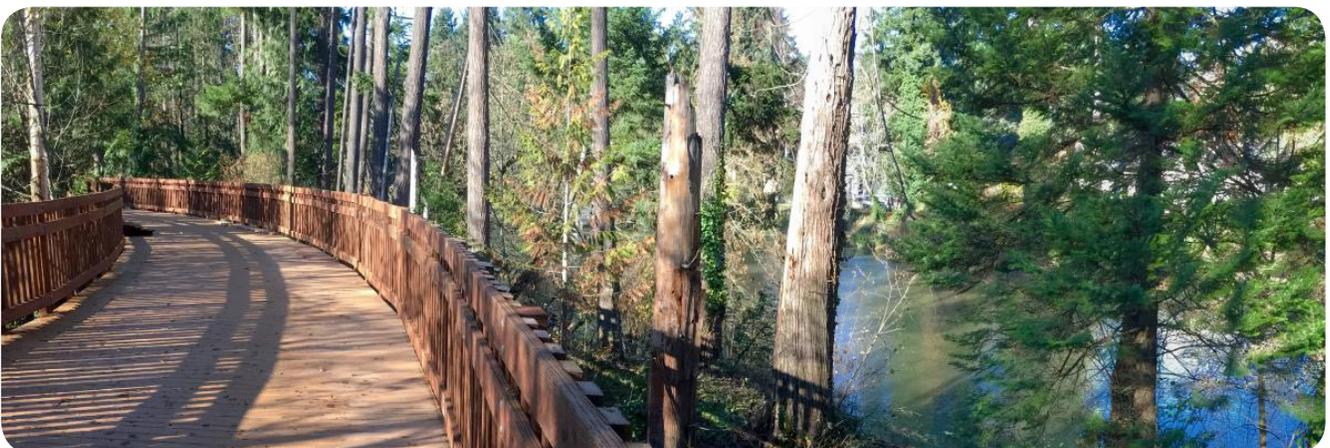
The number of offerings and youth participation in summer camps has increased again in the last year! Summer camps all include physical activity for kids. Participation also increased in the non-competitive, non-timed TRYathlon for kids this year. For adults, the Juanita Pohl Center (Tualatin's Active Aging Center) has partnered with AARP for technology and driving programs, and offers 11 adult fitness classes per week. The Pohl Center also offers adult day trips and family adventure trips for ages 18 and up. The center offers English Is Your Second Language and American Sign Language programs in the evenings, as well as hosting a Latino Women's Support Group.

Action 6.4: Expanded Theatre Performances

In 2015, Mask & Mirror Community Theatre expanded its summer programming to include musical performances at Tualatin High School. Their first such production was six shows of the classic musical "Singin' in the Rain", which sold over 1,400 tickets and included a cast of more than thirty and a live pit orchestra. Cast, crew and musicians were unpaid volunteers. Mask and Mirror donated \$500 of the show proceeds to the Foundation for Tigard-Tualatin Schools.

Action 6.5: Maximize Use and Access to the River

An exciting new trail connection has been under construction and will open in 2016 providing stunning views of the Tualatin River from new lookout points. A new segment of the Tualatin River Greenway trail (under I-5) was constructed this year and another adjacent to River Ridge Apartments on Highway 99 will be constructed in 2016 which will improve viewing access to the river. The City is in the process of installing street signs and river maps for the Tualatin River Water Trail. This signage project for access to the Tualatin River is a partnership with the Tualatin Riverkeepers and the Washington County Visitors Association.



PHYSICAL & SOCIAL CONNECTIVITY

» VISION FOCUS AREA: SUSTAINING QUALITY COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Goals:

Goal 7: Make municipal services more accessible

Goal 8: Sustain community services through collaborative efforts and stable funding

Action 7.1: Civic Center

The first phase of the City Facilities Study was completed in June, and in December, the City Council narrowed the sites to 2 options for further study and consideration.

Action 7.2: Social Media and Technology

Connecting with the Tualatin community through social media and technology is an ongoing effort as technology changes and evolves. In 2015, the City continued to increase social media audiences on Facebook and Twitter. The City also added an Instagram account in an effort to reach a more diverse population. In addition, the City also used a new online citizen engagement platform Tualatin Town Hall (mySidewalk) to allow the community to participate in discussions on important topics online without having to attend a meeting.

Action 8.3: Public Service Funding Education

This effort happens annually as part of the budget process. Throughout the budget meetings in the spring and following the adoption of the City's budget, informational articles, an award-winning budget/communications document, and a budget in brief are developed to share information about the value of Tualatin's City services. Coming in 2016 will be information about the cost of a new city hall and expanded library.

PHYSICAL & SOCIAL CONNECTIVITY

» VISION FOCUS AREA: ENHANCING MOBILITY

Community Goals

Goal 9: Make it easier to get around town and to and from employment centers

Goal 10: Make it safer to drive, walk and bike

Action 9.4: Transit Access and Route Options

One of the most exciting announcements of 2015 was the new bus line to be implemented by TriMet in 2016. TriMet is working with the community to start Line 97 which will run along Tualatin-Sherwood Rd. connecting the cities of Tualatin and Sherwood. The City of Tualatin has been a supporting partner of the project, and the Tualatin Chamber, the CIOs and many others in the community have been advocating for increased transit service in Tualatin.

Action 10.2: Street Crossing Enhancements

The City has been working closely with the CIOs and residents to identify problem hot spots and implement solutions to improve pedestrian safety in 2015. Improvements include the implementation of “Stop Here for Pedestrian” signing, continental crosswalks, and improved street lighting. The City also installed audible crossings at Seneca and Martinazzi as part of a large street improvement project.

Action 10.3: Sidewalk Network

The City continues to improve its sidewalk network and improving pedestrian connections. In 2015, Washington County completed a sidewalk connection project along Cipole Road that connects new sidewalks on Pacific Drive with existing sidewalks and transit stops on 99W. The Riverpark CIO was a major advocate for this project. Multiple development projects throughout Tualatin have constructed sidewalk improvements in various locations throughout the City.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WEALTH

» VISION FOCUS AREA: PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Community Goals

Goal 11: Facilitate environmentally-friendly practices, programs and policies

Goal 12: Protect and enhance our environmental resources and assets

Action 11.3: Non-Invasive Tree and Plant Promotion

Clean Water Services (CWS) has been working closely with the City of Tualatin, the Wetlands Conservancy, and other stakeholders to promote native plants and remove invasive non-natives. City and CWS staff work to educate owners of privately-owned water quality facilities to ensure native plants are installed and properly maintained to remove pollution from runoff. Meanwhile, the City's Putting Down Roots in Tualatin campaign continues to grow and includes individuals, families, civic groups and corporations for their large tree-planting events.

Action 11.4: Energy Efficient Construction

The City has been working with code development partners to allow the use of environmentally friendly products, refine energy efficiency measures in construction codes, and provide appropriate level of plan review and inspection oversight to assure energy efficiency in new construction and remodels. Updated building and energy codes were adopted by the State of Oregon and enforced by the City of Tualatin in 2014.

Action 12.5: Tree for All Program

Tree for All planted 5,000 native trees/shrubs in Tualatin in FY 2014-15 bringing the total in the past 10 years to 92,000.

Action 12.6: Wetland and Riparian Clean Up

Through partnerships with Clean Water Services, the City of Tualatin, Volunteers, and Students from Cascade Education Corps., the Wetlands Conservancy has continued to improve the wetlands and riparian areas of Tualatin, as well as draw more attention to the beautiful natural areas. The work of the community has increased the functions of these areas by increasing habitat and water quality. New relationships have been forged with property owners who have valuable stream and wetland habitats. Within these relationships, large scale projects are being explored that will work to improve the functions and values of Tualatin's watersheds. The Wetlands Conservancy is working on securing funding, maximizing the value of volunteer hours, and increasing awareness and appreciation of Tualatin's wetlands.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WEALTH

» VISION FOCUS AREA: ENSURING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY

Community Goals:

Goal 13: Promote and facilitate community health and wellness

Goal 14: Expand the community public safety network

Action 13.3: Patient Follow-Up Program

TVF&R was involved with a pilot program with St. Vincent's Hospital and Legacy Meridian Park Hospital. They provided follow up visits to patients within 30 days of being discharged from the system when patients are most vulnerable. They found that it helps reduce costs for the hospital and helps to reduce the number of 911 calls. This was a pilot study, and now they are studying the results to determine if the program will continue.

Action 13.7: Drug and Alcohol Addiction Prevention

Tualatin Together has had a busy year, and there are already efforts underway to expand activities in 2016 through their application for a Prescription Drug Disposal Awareness Campaign for the entire community, as well as raising funds for six of the StandUp Tualatin leadership students and four advisors to travel to a National Prevention Training Conference in Washington, D.C. The youth ran a Red Ribbon Week Campaign at Tualatin High and participated at Hazelbrook Middle School in lunch time education/pledge signing session. The youth and adult coalition made a presentation to the Tualatin City Council advocating for a "Smoke Free Tualatin." They have teamed with the Washington County Tobacco Prevention Coordinator to gain knowledge and share why it is important to respect everyone's right to clean air, what the "norm" for Tualatin's youth looks like, and how it could be changed for a healthier lifestyle.

Action 13.8: Community Gardens

Neighbors Nourishing Communities (NNC) had an amazing year helping to facilitate garden plots for low income residents to increase access to fresh and healthy produce. NNC sponsored workshops and celebrations, sometimes in collaboration with Winona Grange. Over 2,000 pounds of fresh produce was donated to the Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry, 14 low income families were provided their own gardens to feed their families, 27 home gardeners were supported who donated to the pantry, and an extensive seed library was developed with the help of Victory and Territorial Seed Companies in 2015. NNC purchased materials and are building four large mobile seed germinating stations that local students at MITCH Charter School will use for education as well as raising the plant starts for NNC.

Action 14.1: Drug and Gang Enforcement

The Tualatin Police Department implemented the new drug detection canine program in 2014. To prevent gang activity, the Tualatin PD has a patrol officer assigned as a Gang Liaison Officer who coordinates and communicates with the Washington County Interagency Gang Enforcement Team (IGET) on anything gang-related in Tualatin. The Department continues to educate students at the High School and Middle Schools regarding Drug and Gang Prevention. In 2015, the Tualatin PD gave two presentations to parents who wanted to learn about drug prevention and identifying trends with youth. The department continues to hold the Summer GREAT camp for middle school students. This is a team-building class that focuses on Gang and Drug resistance for students at a vulnerable age.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WEALTH

» VISION FOCUS AREA: CREATING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Community Goals:

Goal 15: Identify and accelerate business development within targeted industry clusters

Goal 16: Prioritize economic development that catalyzes community benefits

Action 15.2/15.6: Targeted Business Recruitment and Business Services Point of Entry

The Economic Development program has been able to assist numerous businesses and developers through the permit process, in accessing state assistance programs, and resolving local service issues.

Action 15.5: Local Business Support

Through its new Economic Development Program, the City now provides proactive assistance to local businesses from facilitating permitting to accessing assistance programs and resolving service issues. Those efforts are complemented by the Tualatin Chamber through its Ambassador Program that provides small business advocacy and promoted information-sharing.



COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WEALTH

» FOCUS AREA: ADVANCING EDUCATION AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Community Goals:

Goal 17: Maintain and perfect existing education and training programs

Goal 18: Strengthen learning options that align with future employment opportunities

Action 17.2: Coordinate efforts to expand and maximize literacy campaigns

The Library partnered with Tualatin schools to promote Summer Reading and is working with elementary school principals to share aggregated data to measure whether students participating in Summer Reading maintain or improve their reading levels. The Library brought Summer Reading to the free summer lunch participants at Community Park, including book giveaways and activities. With support from the Tualatin Library Foundation, the Library hosted open houses for elementary students' families to introduce them to Library resources; each child received a free book. Also with the Foundation's support, the Library donated copies of Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) titles to Tualatin elementary and middle school libraries to support student participation in the OBOB literacy program.

Actions 18.1 – 18.6 Tualatin Community Revitalization Plan

These actions were all addressed in the new Community Revitalization Plan developed for the America's Best Communities competition. This plan focuses on increasing opportunity and the standard of living for everyone in the community through advancing STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) education. The ABC initiative is hyper-focused on one specific target: connecting youth and underserved populations to STEAM education and Career Technical Education training that align with Tualatin's advanced manufacturing industry base. In addition to providing jobs and personal growth opportunities for residents, the plan will help the community begin to develop a workforce pipeline for a large cross-section of employers. The full plan can be found at www.tualatinabc.org. The ABC Team will travel to Durham, North Carolina in April 2016 to compete for the next round of funding in the competition.

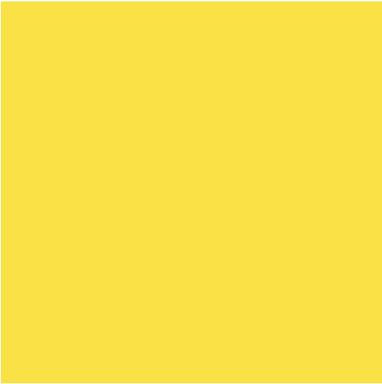
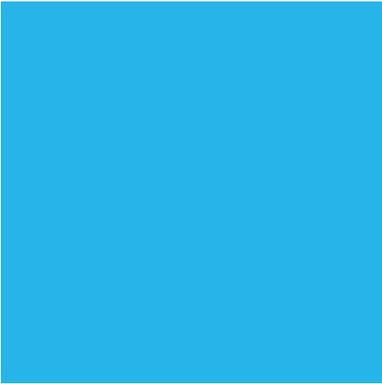


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The Tualatin Tomorrow Advisory Committee is grateful to the following implementation partners who continually work to bring our community vision to life:

- City of Tualatin
- Clean Water Services
- Community Action Organization
- Core Area Parking Board
- Legacy Meridian Park Hospital
- Mask & Mirror Community Theatre
- Metro
- Neighbors Nourishing Community
- Oregon Institute of Technology
- Portland Community College
- Republic Services
- South Metro-Salem STEM Partnership
- Tigard-Tualatin School District
- TriMet
- Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee
- Tualatin Chamber of Commerce
- Tualatin Citizen Involvement Organizations
- Tualatin Friends of the Library
- Tualatin Historical Society
- Tualatin Library Foundation
- Tualatin Library Advisory Committee
- Tualatin Parks Advisory Committee
- Tualatin Planning Commission
- Tualatin School House Pantry
- Tualatin Together
- Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
- Vision Action Network
- Washington County
- Wetlands Conservancy
- Willowbrook
- Winona Grange

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