The Lenexa Guidebook of Quality Community Development Strategies contributes to the sustainable development and redevelopment of Lenexa and is a tool to educate citizens and developers on effective ways to implement sustainable practices. The guidebook addresses all seven characteristics of a sustainable place as outlined in the Mid-America Regional Council’s Creating Sustainable Places initiative and identifies benefits and challenges for each strategy and program.

A companion guidebook was also created to direct amendments to Lenexa’s Unified Development Code (UDC). The companion guide addresses conflicts and a lack of information regarding sustainability within the UDC. The city will conduct an audit of the UDC to insure that sustainable development strategies are achievable.

These two documents provide a solid foundation for future development projects to balance the aesthetic and financial values of the community with an increased desire for sustainable practices.

**PROJECT GOALS:**
- Produce a guidebook with sustainable development strategies for the city of Lenexa
- Produce a companion guide addressing conflicts and a lack of information regarding sustainability within the UDC
- Ensure that goals and suggested strategies were in line with the expectations of citizens and the community

**COMMUNITY BENEFITS AND LESSONS LEARNED:**

The guidebook is being referenced in revision of the city’s comprehensive plan. Development of the guidebook and companion guide has led to review of the UDC. Specific conflicts within the UDC were identified and are now being addressed. The city has already updated standards for the installation of wind turbines and rain barrels.

The guidebook also identified the need for public participation, which will be addressed through multifaceted public education efforts. This project used Lenexa’s Vision 2020, Vision 2030 and a citizen steering committee to ensure that this project truly belonged to the citizens of Lenexa.

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