

# Comprehensive Plan Overview

This Comprehensive Plan builds upon and brings together existing planning efforts (explored further in **Appendix C**) to create a unified vision for the future of Shawnee. The Comprehensive Plan demonstrates a path forward - using both physical and policy recommendations.

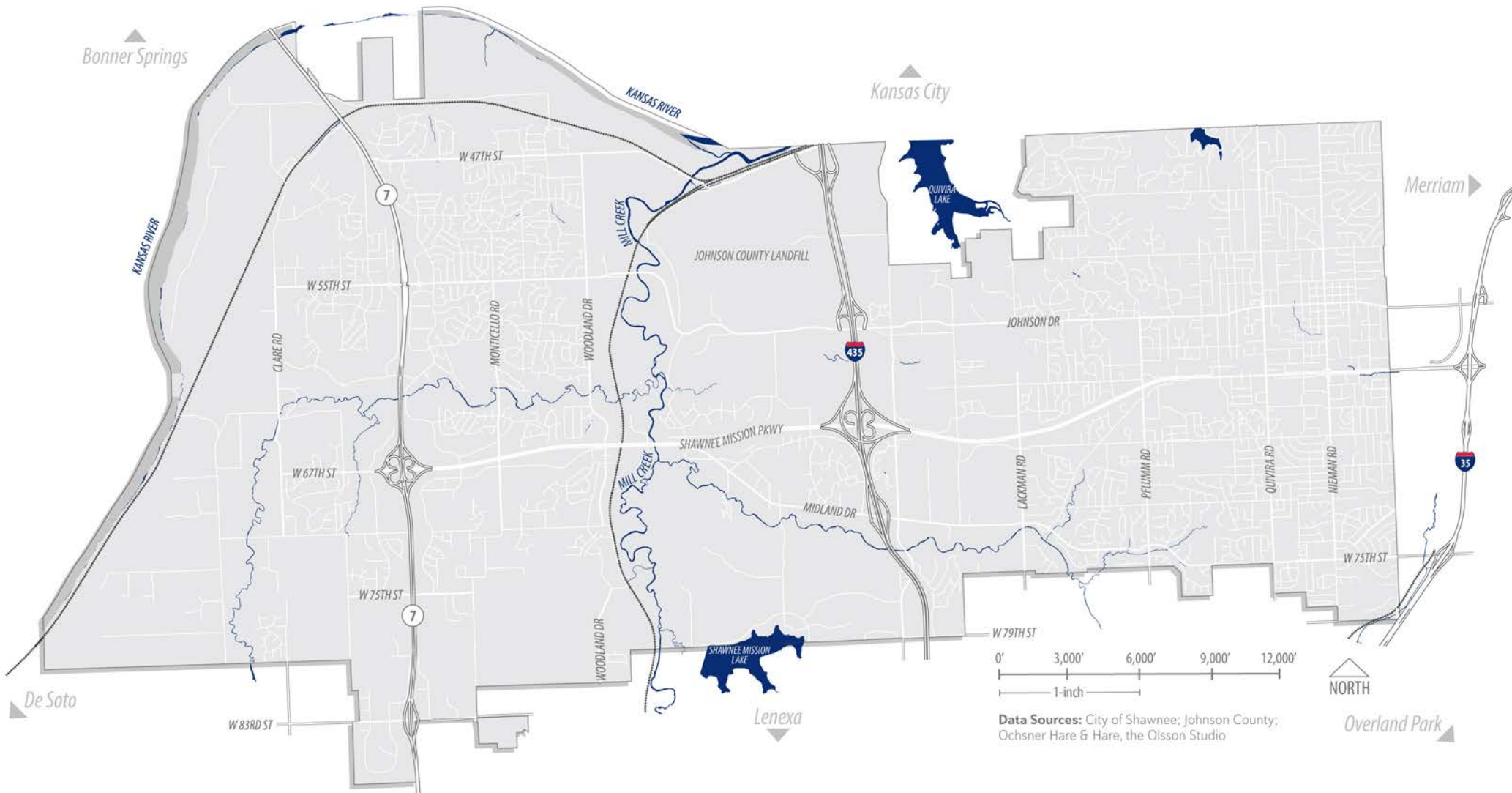
The Comprehensive Plan addresses a wide variety of topics critical to the continued and improved success of Shawnee, including:

- Area/district development plans for specific areas and corridors based on a fusion of the findings from the Economic and Market Analysis (see **Appendix D** for full report), public input, City staff, the Planning Commission, and the Governing Body direction.
- Identification of areas to target for economic development through adaptive reuse options for housing of the future, with the ideal mixture clarified to ensure the existing and projected populations will have diverse and affordable housing choices.
- Choices for all residents to experience a high quality of life through outdoor recreation and enhanced entertainment options.
- Transportation opportunities that work alongside the City's topographical and physical barriers, providing multimodal mobility choices.
- Infusing concepts of sustainability and resiliency throughout all recommendations to balance community desires, financial feasibility, and environmental needs.
- Economic development strategies that go beyond business recruitment and retention.
- Place-based design concepts that integrate living, working, and recreating.
- Future use options for the Johnson County Landfill site after its operations close.

The process culminated in an integrated document that reflects the needs and desires of the community and helps direct future decision making as it relates to the orderly growth and sustainable future of Shawnee. The Comprehensive Plan provides a framework for the development of future public policy pertaining to development, redevelopment, infrastructure improvement and expansion, transportation and connectivity, and provision of community services.



**Figure 1.1** City Boundaries



## The Planning Area

The planning area consists of the entirety of the City of Shawnee, as shown in **Figure 1.1**. The Kansas River defines much of the northern and western border of the City; Switzer Road designates the eastern border; and the southern boundary is more loosely defined, jumping from 75th Street to 83rd Street and splitting Shawnee Mission Lake.



## What is a Comprehensive Plan?

At its core, a comprehensive plan is a vision for the future at a community scale. Comprehensive plans are created by and for the community to record shared goals and desires for themselves and their fellow community members. A comprehensive plan is a living document that incorporates best practices, new technology, and current trends relevant to a community. A comprehensive plan examines what a community is, where it came from, and crafts a coordinated road map for the future. This road map guides the growth and development of the community for the next 10 to 20 years and is revisited often to ensure its relevance.

# The Why

The previous comprehensive plan was originally adopted in 1987. Although well-made plans sustain themselves over time, there comes a point when a full update is necessary. With new technology, thought patterns, and development best practices, it is important to update and look toward the future.

The intent of the Achieve Shawnee Comprehensive Plan is to create a community-wide vision that resonates with the public at-large. This planning process sought to answer these questions:

### WHERE IS SHAWNEE TODAY?

This question defines what is loved about Shawnee, what needs improvement, and what the current realities of the City are.

### WHO DOES SHAWNEE WANT TO BE?

The only sustainable path forward is one that has community buy-in. By asking the question of who Shawnee wants to be, recommendations for the future were created.

### HOW DO WE ACHIEVE SHAWNEE?

In other words, how do we get there? This is ultimately what the Comprehensive Plan answers. This Comprehensive Plan offers a road map to the future, outlining goals and strategies that keep elected and appointed leaders and City staff on track to ***Achieve Shawnee***.