

## CHAPTER 2. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICES

Normally, the first step in the comprehensive planning process is the formulation of generalized goals, objectives, and policies for community development and improvement. At this stage of the planning process, these goals, objectives, and standards are intended to be broad in scale and general in nature. More specific data and criteria pertaining to development of required facilities are presented in later chapters of this report, particularly with reference to the City's various land use regulation ordinances.

The principal functions of these goals and objectives are to set forth the overall outline of the planning program, provide points of common agreement between public officials, the Planning Commission, and individual citizens, and to bring community attitudes and opinions into focus prior to initiating the more detailed studies and analyses that are undertaken later in the planning program. It is noted that the standards for development of certain facilities, presented later in this chapter are generally accepted parameters against which existing facilities can be measured and evaluated. These parameters are, for the most part, ideal standards and cities with long established street networks and systems of community facilities and services normally would have difficulty complying with optimum development standards.

For a better understanding of goals, objectives and policies, consider the following:

**Goals** are statements of the community's desires, vision, or aspirations for the community. As such, goals are not necessarily ever achieved and brought to an end. As broad statements, goals are to identify the purpose of an effort, and are not easily measured.

**Objectives** are statements that serve the purpose of narrowing the broadly stated goal into something more specific and measurable. Objectives are formulated to move toward achievement of the goal, and are more precise in terms of directing energies toward an action.

**Policy** statements then follow objectives. The stated policies serve as the basis for decision-making. Policies are very specific and are directed toward carrying out the objectives, which in turn are designed to achieve a certain goal. In some cases, comments or illustrations are provided following the policy statements to explain the planning principle and basis for the policy statement.

### **GENERAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The basic goal of City officials and community leaders is the development of a safe, healthy, and attractive community with a good living and working environment including ample family oriented recreational facilities and programs. Within this basic goal lies a commitment from community leaders to attempt to manage the rapid growth of D'Iberville while maintaining and strengthening its sense of community identity and sense of community pride, "pride in being from D'Iberville". Additionally, it is incumbent upon city leaders to properly manage the rebuilding the city following Hurricane Katrina, and to implement the plans developed during the post-Katrina recovery charrettes.

Achievement of this overarching goal will focus in large measure on the development and implementation of sound and achievable programs and activities for community development and rebuilding. Many such programs and activities began following Hurricane Katrina with intense charrettes designed to plan for rebuilding the Mississippi coast. Much citizen awareness, participation and support went into these efforts, and for the finalization of this revised Comprehensive Plan D'Iberville has once again called upon the citizens to participate. The city recruited volunteers to serve on a variety of focus committees and a multitude of citizens willingly served.

The following is a listing of specific goals, objectives and policies which are designed to reach the major goals established by community leaders and outlined in this Comprehensive Plan. These objectives were formulated as the result of a series of meetings with the Mayor, City Council members, the City Manager, and many other stakeholders in the community. Where appropriate, the goals and objectives have been enhanced utilizing sound planning principles, and additional commentary is provided to aid in the understanding of the goal, objective or policy. Often an objective or policy may relate to multiple goals; therefore, some repetition may appear.

## LAND USE GOALS

### **Goal 1: Continue to provide for the orderly and logical spatial arrangement of development in the city of D'Iberville.**

**Objective 1.1:** Avoid the creation of incompatible land uses as D'Iberville develops or redevelops, and to remedy over time the existing incompatible land uses that have occurred.

**Objective 1.2:** Ensure the protection and betterment of the public health, safety and general welfare, including the provision for adequate light, air and circulation, separation and open space between land uses, prevent overcrowding, protection of the value of property and the protection of the integrity of the various neighborhoods within the City of D'Iberville.

**Objective 1.3:** Provide for the protection of property values by the creation of a level of certainty regarding the use and reuse of lands within the city, and to create a positive sense of place.

**Objective 1.4:** To implement the recommendations of the *Citizens Master Plan*<sup>1</sup> for the City of D'Iberville.

**Policy 1.4.1:** The City of D'Iberville will, at the appropriate time, prepare and adopt land use control ordinances necessary to implement the recommendations of this plan.

### **Goal 2: Guide and direct development in a manner which is sensitive and responsible with respect to the natural environment and natural resources.**

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<sup>1</sup> The *Citizens Master Plan* is a document separate and apart from this Comprehensive Plan, and was prepared immediately following Katrina through charrettes involving both professional planners and designers and members of the public.

**Objective 2.1:** Provide an incentive for developers and land owners to preserve environmentally sensitive areas and to employ development techniques which result in the conservation of natural resources or otherwise benefit the natural environment.

**Policy 2.1.1:** The City of D'Iberville will establish a means by which to measure the environmental performance of proposed development.

**Policy 2.1.2:** The City of D'Iberville considers the natural environment for which concern is given to be areas of delineated wetlands, areas designated as Special Flood Hazard according to FEMA, areas of historical significance, areas of mature tree growth, and areas or corridors which provide views of the Back Bay of Biloxi and other recreational waters within the city.

**Policy 2.1.3:** The City of D'Iberville will develop a means to provide density or intensity bonuses, or a reduction in development requirements, for developments which work toward the implementation of this goal and objective.

**Policy 2.1.4:** The City of D'Iberville will encourage developments which provide a mixture of land uses, emphasize the pedestrian, place residents in close proximity to employment opportunities and other daily needs, and reduce the reliance on the automobile to meet daily living needs. By way of example, cluster development patterns are effective in protecting environmentally sensitive areas.

**Goal 3: Guide and direct development to locations that allow for the most efficient utilization of existing investment in public infrastructure and public facilities.**

**Objective 3.1:** Minimize the public investment necessary to provide municipal services to future developments within D'Iberville.

**Policy 3.1.1:** The City of D'Iberville will encourage development to first locate in areas that are served with adequate municipal utilities and require no further costly utility extensions or improvements.

**Policy 3.1.2:** The City of D'Iberville will assess the intensity of development and encourage its location with respect to available service facilities and capabilities. Developments will be guided to areas to best accommodate the service demands including, but not limited to, water supply, wastewater demands, fire protection requirements, traffic generation and access to transportation routes.

**Policy 3.1.3:** The City of D'Iberville will impose a concurrency requirement in its land development regulations, which will mandate that services be adequate and available at the time of development.

**Policy 3.1.4:** The City of D'Iberville will employ a program whereby public infrastructure improvements, when necessary, are achieved as a result of public efforts, private efforts, and public-private partnerships.

**Objective 3.2:** Maximize the benefit of public investment in existing municipal service facilities and capabilities.

**Policy 3.2.1:** The City of D'Iberville will encourage infill development to occur, particularly in those areas which are already served with municipal utilities.

**Policy 3.2.1:** The City of D'Iberville will encourage redevelopment for those areas damaged or destroyed by Katrina at increased density levels.

**Policy 3.2.3:** The City of D'Iberville recognizes the impossibility of achieving full build out within the municipal limits and therefore acknowledges that the availability of vacant developable land is not the sole factor to consider when guiding and directing development.

**Goal 4: To create a built environment that is pedestrian friendly, aesthetically pleasing, multi-functional, and attractive to a variety of development markets; and to create a city center, or downtown area, with a high level of residential and retail opportunities, along with other appropriate land uses.**

**Objective 4.1:** To foster and accommodate market forces which seek to capitalize on new urbanism city-building principles.

**Objective 4.2:** To target and develop an area with a mixed use development pattern and having substantial architectural and design features so as to be unique, attractive and a desirable place to live, work, shop, or seek services.

**Policy 4.2.1:** The City of D'Iberville will create, adopt and enforce a land use regulation which embodies the various design principles set forth in the SmartCode form based code.

**Policy 4.2.2:** The city will designate geographic areas within which to apply the SmartCode form based land use regulation. Further, the city understands that changes capable of coming about as a result of form based codes will not occur overnight, and therefore such regulations must remain in effect for an indefinite period of time in order to realize the benefits.

**Policy 4.2.3:** D'Iberville will pursue infill development to allow vacant properties to serve an urban function.

**Policy 4.2.4:** The City will establish architectural guidelines to convey the desired character of the built environment, encouraging diversity in design consistent with the coastal theme and pedestrian scale.

**Policy 4.2.5:** The City will seek to utilize the resource of other governmental agencies, particularly the Harrison County School District, to build collaborative relationships and further leverage public resources in developing D'Iberville's downtown area.

**Objective 4.3:** To aid in the development and redevelopment of vacant, underdeveloped, or blighted portions of the city.

**Policy:** The City of D'Iberville will explore any potential role it may have to aid, assist, and expedite this objective through legally available means for the establishment of public or quasi-public agencies, regulation, promotion, or funding.

**Goal 5: To recognize the potential for market driven urban development patterns to continue along a lot-by-lot development pattern that presently characterizes the City.**

**Objective 5.1:** To recognize that within the urban development market, some segment of consumers desire to live, shop, and otherwise interact in developments that are less compact and automobile oriented.

**Policy 5.1.1:** The City of D'Iberville will maintain within its land development regulations the necessary language to permit the continuance of lot-by-lot development pattern that presently characterizes much of the city today, although such development will be discouraged.

**Policy 5.1.2:** The City of D'Iberville will require that any continuation of the lot-by-lot development pattern adhere as closely as possible to the various goals, objectives and policies of this plan.

## **TRANSPORTATION GOALS**

**Goal 6: Provide a safe means for vehicular and pedestrian circulation.**

**Objective 6.1:** Provide adequate signage and striping along the streets to regulate and direct traffic as needed.

**Policy 6.1.1:** D'Iberville should review the street signage within the city and develop a plan for replacing those signs which have become an eyesore (faded, dented, defaced, etc.), or to reinstall missing signage. Street striping should be evaluated as well, particularly pedestrian crossings.

**Objective 6.2:** Increase the opportunity for pedestrian mobility throughout the city.

**Policy 6.2.1:** The existence and condition of sidewalks should be evaluated and sidewalks should be installed or improved where needed.

**Policy 6.2.2:** Sidewalk repairs or installations should be directed first toward areas which are used to move children (connecting schools and adjacent neighborhoods), second to connect residential neighborhoods to downtown areas, and finally within other residential areas.

**Policy 6.2.3:** D'Iberville will consider the feasibility of installing or otherwise providing for bike lanes along public streets.

**Objective 6.3:** Improve the safety and attractiveness of access to private properties.

**Policy 6.3.1:** D'Iberville should consider establishing and enforcing a curb cut policy to limit the access points along commercial corridors and to improve the appearance of transportation corridors.

**Objective 6.4:** Ensure the reservation of right-of-way for future transportation routes.

**Policy 6.4.1:** As development occurs along the path of any planned transportation routes, D'Iberville should require, as a condition of development approval, the reservation of an appropriate right-of-way corridor.

**Policy 6.4.2:** D'Iberville should require, through appropriate development regulations, newly constructed streets be laid out so as to facilitate future extensions or connections.

**Goal 7: Improve the level of access to properties within the city, particularly commercial areas.**

**Objective 7.1:** Create additional access points along I-10 to allow traffic to enter and exit the city.

**Policy 7.1.1:** The City of D'Iberville will facilitate, to the extent possible, the Mississippi Department of Transportation in planning, funding and constructing planned interstate access points.

**Goal 8: Preserve the functionality and level of service of existing arterial streets within the city while allowing adequate access to adjacent properties.**

**Objective 8.1:** Aid the Mississippi Department of Transportation in limiting the number of access points to Highway 67 in order to accommodate the high traffic volumes for which the roadway was constructed.

**Policy 8.1.1:** The City of D'Iberville will require frontage roads for access to properties along Highway 67.

## HOUSING GOALS

**Goal 9: Improve the quality of the housing stock in the community.**

**Objective 9.1:** Eliminate, to the extent possible, all dilapidated and abandoned housing in D'Iberville.

**Objective 9.2:** Require homeowners to maintain houses to a certain standard of safety and durability.

**Objective 9.3:** Ensure that new housing is built to current standards for safety, durability and functionality.

**Policy 9.3.1:** The City of D'Iberville should adopt and enforce the most current and up to date suite of building codes.

**Policy 9.3.2:** The City of D'Iberville should utilize property maintenance codes and unsafe building abatement codes, requiring that dilapidated homes and buildings be removed and damaged buildings be repaired.

**Policy 9.3.3:** The City of D'Iberville will maintain its publicly owned property to the same or higher standard as that required of its citizens.

**Goal 10: Promote infill housing development in D'Iberville.**

**Objective 10.1:** Attract new housing developments to locate upon underutilized properties within the city.

**Policy 10.1.1:** The City will seek to fill vacant lots within the city. Entities such as Habitat for Humanity are organizations in the business of providing housing on a lot by lot basis. While the city is not in the development business, city leaders can aid in the facilitation of such developments.

**Objective 10.2:** Provide a wider field of housing opportunities within D'Iberville in the form of housing types and housing costs.

**Policy 10.2.1:** D'Iberville will promote the concept of mixed use development, particularly with regard to housing types combined with limited commercial development (commercial on the first floor, housing on the second floor).

**Policy 10.2.2:** The City of D'Iberville will maintain a diverse supply of housing available to people of all income levels, but will limit the proportion of stand alone multifamily housing to 45% of the city's housing stock. Places considered as group quarters will not be considered as multifamily housing for the purpose of this measurement, nor will townhouses.



**Figure 2.1 Townhouses**

*Townhouses are single family units arranged horizontally in a linear*

*pattern. While the units are attached, each individual unit maintains a private entrance on the exposed front and rear wall of the structure.*

**Policy 10.2.3:** The City of D'Iberville will carefully monitor the level of housing development occurring within the city by location and type, and to the extent possible encourage a level of reserve market capacity in order to aid in the development of the French Market Area.

**Objective 10.3:** To transition the city's built environment into one employing Traditional Neighborhood Development principles.

**Policy 10.3.1:** Diversity of housing should be promoted by the inclusion of a wide range of choices in size, design, and cost.

**Policy 10.3.2:** Compact development should be achieved by allowing smaller lots, narrower streets, and reduced setback requirements.

**Policy 10.3.3:** New developments should include a mixture of various types of housing to allow flexibility and choice in the housing market.

**Goal 11: Create Sustainable Housing in D'Iberville.**

**Objective 11.1:** Promote human oriented design versus auto oriented design.

**Policy 11.1.1:** For the purpose of this plan, walkable neighborhoods shall be considered as those wherein the residents have an approximate one-quarter mile walk to reach the center of neighborhood activity.

**Policy 11.1.2:** D'Iberville will encourage the development of walkable neighborhoods and housing design to provide pedestrian friendly homes. Homes with features such as a front porch, three or more step elevation above grade and the front entry as the primary front facing the street (as opposed to a garage or carport) will be encouraged.

**Policy 11.1.3:** The City will permit and encourage the design and construction of homes which accommodate alternative energy and conservation techniques, such as solar panels and water conservation features.

**Goal 12: Create more socially connected and interactive neighborhoods.**

**Objective 12.1:** To create design standards concerning the physical layout of subdivisions and neighborhoods which invite human interaction and activity.

**Policy 12.1.1:** New neighborhoods should be laid out, where possible, in a grid pattern to encourage pedestrian activity, and cul-de-sac streets should be avoided. Streets should terminate with a view of something pleasing, such as a park or open space or a well designed and maintained structure.

**Policy 12.1.2:** The City of D'Iberville will allow street designs that are conducive to pedestrians and contribute to a more tight-knit neighborhood. By way of example, sidewalks should not be located adjacent to the curb or edge of pavement, as this places the pedestrian in close proximity to traffic. Street trees or on street parking should be utilized to separate pedestrians from moving automobiles.

**Policy 12.1.3:** New neighborhoods should be laid out with walkable distances (approx ¼ mile radius) to the residents' services and needs, thereby reducing the necessity for automobile trips.

**Policy 12.1.4:** New neighborhood buildings should possess architectural uniformity and uniqueness but at the same time contain sufficient variation in building footprint and height to avoid the monotony of "cookie cutter" type subdivision development.



**Figure 2.2. Pedestrian Landscaping**

*The above photo illustrates the use of street plantings to separate pedestrians from traffic. As time progresses the landscaping will mature and create an entirely new character for this neighborhood.*

*Note that the house has a fairly small footprint and is pulled up close to the sidewalk, all features that focus on the human rather than the automobile.*

**Policy 12.1.5:** Neighborhoods, both residential and nonresidential, should be designed in keeping with Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) principles as follows:

- Is compact;
- Designed for human scale;
- Mixed uses including retail, residential, other commercial, civic and public spaces;

- Contains a variety of housing opportunities;
- Environmental features are incorporated into the design; and
- Maintains existing buildings and architectural style and character unique to the community.

**Goal 13: Ensure the availability of housing opportunities within the City to meet the needs of all market sectors.**

**Objective 13.1:** To provide housing availability for an aging population.

**Policy 13.1.1:** The City of D'Iberville will encourage the development of housing designed to meet the needs of an aging population. Such design features include, but are not limited to handicap accessibility throughout the home, smaller lots (thus less maintenance), condominium ownership, wider sidewalks, group living, etc.

**Policy 13.1.2:** The City of D'Iberville will encourage the development of group housing development for the aging and elderly. This includes assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

**Objective 13.2:** To provide housing opportunities for those portions of the City of D'Iberville which are located remotely from the daily needs of residents and thereby require reliance on the automobile to meet such needs.

**Policy 13.2.1:** The City of D'Iberville will maintain within its land development regulations the necessary language to permit the continuance of lot-by-lot development pattern that presently characterizes much of the city today.

**Policy 13.2.2:** New lot-by-lot development will be encouraged to be high value, executive style housing. Higher value housing is desired as it will yield increased tax collections to offset the increased cost of serving such development.

## **COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES GOALS**

**Goal 14: Provide excellent services throughout the city in an efficient and cost effective manner.**

**Objective 14.1:** Ensure that space is available for the expansion and extension of public services.

**Policy 14.1.1:** D'Iberville should require, as development occurs, the reservation or dedication of space for public use such as additional street right-of-way, park space, or space for public buildings or utilities.

**Objective 14.2:** Ensure there is a logical and compatible relationship between service facilities / capabilities and land uses.

Policy 14.2.1: D'Iberville will evaluate development proposals with regard to the intensity of service demands (police, fire, water, sewer, etc.) and compare the same to the capability and impact of providing the required services.

Policy 14.2.2: D'Iberville will discourage development proposals with such an intensity of service demands (police, fire, water, sewer, etc.) that, if approved, could have a negative impact upon the level of services for existing city residents; unless, however, there is an adequate plan to provide the necessary services.

Objective 14.3: Enhance public services available to the citizens of D'Iberville.

Policy 14.3.1: D'Iberville should evaluate the type of recreational facilities most beneficial to city residents, and develop a plan to fulfill those desires. An example of an increasingly popular recreational facility is a skate park.

Policy 14.3.2: D'Iberville should work with the Mississippi State Rating Bureau to continually enhance fire protection services within the city. The City should seek further improvement in its fire classification rating from class 6 to class 5.

Policy 14.3.3: The city will develop a system whereby streets which are in need of major repair are identified and prioritized, so that a means can be developed to address the maintenance needs.

Objective 14.4: Minimize the burden of infrastructure costs to the existing tax base.

Policy 14.4.1: D'Iberville will develop a system by which developers bear a proportion of the expense to extend and improve the infrastructure as necessary. This policy, however, shall not be construed in conflict with the policy of first locating development in areas presently served by adequate infrastructure.

**Goal 15: Enhance, to the extent possible, services delivered to the residents of D'Iberville from other governmental or quasi-governmental entities.**

Objective 15.1: To work in a mutually cooperative fashion with public and quasi-public agencies for the discharge of their duties within the City of D'Iberville.

Policy 15.1.1: The City of D'Iberville will make its resources available for the purpose of furthering this goal and objective; provided, however, that the city shall not place any burden upon the taxpayers of the city in doing so unless there is good and valuable benefit to city taxpayers.

## COMMUNITY APPEARANCE AND SPIRIT

**Goal 16: Improve and Enhance the Overall Appearance of the Community and Generate a Sense of Community Pride.**

Objective 16.1: Eliminate, to the extent possible, all dilapidated and abandoned structures in the city.

Objective 16.2: Maintain public and private properties in the city so as to project a positive image of D'Iberville.

Policy 16.2.1: D'Iberville should adopt and/or enforce the necessary ordinances to empower it to compel property owners to clean their property by removing unused or discarded items, mowing tall grass, removing dilapidated buildings and otherwise keeping property in a safe and presentable form.

Policy 16.2.2: D'Iberville will maintain public property to the same standards required for private property owners.

Objective 16.3: Improve the visual appearance of the community.

Policy 16.3.1: The city should evaluate the effectiveness of its sign regulations to ensure that signage does not cast a cluttered and confused impression for commercial, business or industrial areas of the city.

Policy 16.3.2: D'Iberville should assess the appearance of the entrances to the city and take measures to improve the visual impact.

Policy 16.3.3: D'Iberville should assess parking lots and streets to determine where added landscaping would enhance the appearance. The purpose is to interrupt the continuous flow of asphalt from streets into parking lots.

Policy 16.3.4: The City of D'Iberville will address, to the extent necessary, negative conditions arising from inadequate property maintenance, including but not limited to the conditions of: inadequate parking space, trash, litter, clutter and similar conditions.

Policy 16.3.5: D'Iberville will control visual clutter through the application of sign regulations.

### **Goal 17: Improve the Design Quality in New and Existing Commercial and Retail Developments.**

Objective 17.1: Promote the development of high-quality, mixed-use centers, mixed-employment areas, and commercial developments.

Policy 17.1.1: Implement and enforce new design standards for mixed-use areas that address parking, streetscape, siting of buildings, transitions to adjacent uses, landscaping and buffers, access management, pedestrian orientation and other elements resulting in high-quality design.

Policy 17.1.2: The City of D'Iberville will encourage enhancements and improvements to existing structures, including façade improvements, landscaping and other visual features.

Objective 17.2: To ensure the desired design features for new development in D'Iberville is compliant with this plan.

Policy 17.2.1: D'Iberville will establish an appropriate site plan review process whereby the city has the opportunity to review designs and require changes which would further the implementation of this plan.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

### **Goal 18: Create and Promote a Downtown Area (see goal 4) as a Center of Retail, Entertainment and Cultural Activity.**

Objective 18.1: Establish a sense of continuing activity in the downtown area.

Policy 18.1.1: The City of D'Iberville recognizes that ongoing pedestrian activity and going business activities creates a valuable synergy within an area, and it is desirable to create an atmosphere which fosters this synergy.

Policy 18.1.2: Mixed use development will be encouraged in the downtown area, specifically residential uses in the spaces above commercial uses, and higher density homes in proximity to the downtown area.

Policy 18.1.3: The City of D'Iberville will utilize resources to encourage development and activity within the downtown area, particularly through the investment in civic spaces and other incentives for private investment.

Objective 18.2: Encourage entertainment uses within the downtown area that will aid in establishing a sense of continuing activity and enhance the city's tax base.

Policy 18.2.1: The City of D'Iberville should seek to locate a gaming establishment in proximity to the downtown area.

Policy 18.2.2: Land use regulations applied to the downtown area should be more permissive with regard to allowed land uses and more restrictive with regard to the actual resulting built environment for the purpose of establishing a positive sense of place for pedestrians.

Objective 18.3: Encourage pedestrian activity in the downtown area of D'Iberville.

Policy 18.3.1: As development occurs, the City of D'Iberville should assure that pedestrian features, such as benches, waste receptacles, bicycle racks, etc., are located in the downtown area for public convenience.

Policy 18.3.2: Downtown development and redevelopment should occur with a consistent architectural style designed for safety, functionality and promotion of the aesthetic quality of the area, built to a human scale.

**Goal 19: To Generate Additional Employment Opportunities within D'Iberville.**

Objective 19.1: Strengthen and increase the employment opportunities within the city.

Policy 19.1.1: D'Iberville will seek to attract diverse employment opportunities including manufacturing, public sector, research, retail, service and entertainment industries and other potential employment sectors.

Policy 19.1.2: D'Iberville will continue strengthening its retail base and contemporaneously therewith seek to attract entertainment venues to add to the local economy.

Objective 19.2: Provide incentives which serve to enhance the creation of jobs and reuse of vacant buildings.

Policy 19.2.1: D'Iberville will encourage the reuse, or an adaptive use, for existing vacant industrial buildings and properties.

Policy 19.2.2: D'Iberville will investigate the potential to provide financial incentives for economic development and the creation of jobs.

**Goal 20: Stimulate and Promote Economic Development within the Community.**

Objective 20.1: Provide a sense of welcome for new development or redevelopment.

Policy 20.1.1: D'Iberville development regulations and policies resulting from this comprehensive plan are not to be construed as restrictive, but are intended to be supportive of development.

Policy 20.1.2: The development regulations and policies resulting from this comprehensive plan are to be interpreted in a consistent and fair manner. D'Iberville recognizes the importance of a "level playing field" with regard to the competitive nature of real estate development.

Objective 20.2: Make the public aware of the city's commitment to attracting economic development.

Policy 20.2.1: Form alliances with local Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Authorities, or other such agencies designed to locate and attract economic development.

Policy 20.2.2: D'Iberville should take an active role in ensuring information available to the public is accurate and up to date. This includes the continuing maintenance and updating of the city's web site and other forms of technical forms of communication as such evolve, such as twitter, face book, RSS, etc.

**EDUCATION GOALS**

**Goal 21: Provide for the further enhancement of educational opportunities and the quality of education within the City of D'Iberville.**

Objective 21.1: To work cooperatively with and in support of the Harrison County School district in delivering educational services to residents of the city.

Objective 21.2: To ensure adequate space is available for the location of new schools or the expansion of existing schools in the city.

Policy 21.2.1: When approving development proposals, D'Iberville will consider the impact population increases will have upon the school system and will seek input from the School District regarding the same, particularly in regards to enrollment.

Policy 21.2.2: The City of D'Iberville will seek direct input from the School District concerning any development proposed which abuts property owned by the school district.

**PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GOALS**

**Goal 22: Continually interpret this plan and evaluate its effectiveness and impact on the community.**

Objective 22.1: Create a forum in which the city receives comment and feedback regarding the implications of this plan.

Policy 22.1.1: Following the adoption of this plan, the city will establish a means by which the effectiveness and implementation of this plan is measured. This task may be accomplished by the planning commission or some other established committee or staff.

Policy 22.1.2: The City of D'Iberville will utilize this plan as a guide when making land use and development decisions.

Objective 22.2: Facilitate future revisions and updates to this comprehensive plan as needed and increase the comprehensiveness of this plan.

Policy 22.2.1: D'Iberville should utilize a permitting system to enable the tracking and quantifying of development activity. This system should not only be for the purpose of determining compliance with regulations, but also to gather statistical information regarding development activity.