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Press Release

Osawatomie Launches Comprehensive Plan 2040

Community and Staff Ready to Shape the City's Future

Osawatomie, KS (December 22, 2023) The City of Osawatomie is proud to announce the commencement of the Comprehensive Plan 2040, a visionary roadmap that will guide the future development and growth of our beloved city. This initiative aims to engage the community in shaping a vibrant, sustainable future while at the same time preserving our community's historic past.

Key components of the Comprehensive Plan 2040 include:

- 1. **Community Engagement:** We invite all residents, businesses, and stakeholders to actively participate in the planning process. Our first phase of engagement for the Comprehensive Plan 2040 launches today with a public survey, available online now.
- 2. **Manageable Development:** The Comprehensive Plan 2040 will focus on practices that promote stewardship of our community assets, economic resilience, and building a community that will last another 150 years.
- 3. Preserving Our Heritage: Osawatomie's historic significance is deeply rooted in its landmarks, culture, and stories. The Comprehensive Plan 2040 will emphasize the importance of preserving and celebrating our heritage, ensuring that future generations can appreciate the unique character of our city.

To participate in the survey and contribute to the Comprehensive Plan 2040, please visit us online at <u>osawatomieks.org/2040survey</u>. Your input is invaluable in shaping the future of Osawatomie.

For more information about the Comprehensive Plan 2040 and upcoming community engagement events, please visit osawatomieks.org/2040 or contact City Manager Bret Glendening at (913) 755-2146 x 101.

About Osawatomie, Kansas: Incorporated in 1883, Osawatomie is rooted in American history from its foundations as a free-state settlement and the headquarters of infamous abolitionist John Brown to its landmark visits by two U.S. Presidents: Teddy Roosevelt in 1910 and Barack Obama in 2011. Today, Osawatomie remains a hardworking rural community with plentiful opportunities for recreation, new development, and family living.

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