

COMMUNITY

A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION VISION 2020-2040

WELLNESS, SECURITY, AND WELL-BEING IN

VISION NARRATIVE

In 2040, Shawnee and other rural communities will adopt more biophilic concepts nationwide. Little to no homelessness exists (in some areas) and is more sustainable or self-sufficient. Twenty years ago, 1 in 4 people was homeless--25% higher than the U.S. National average ("Shawnee, OK | Data USA," 2020). With more job opportunities, education, and training available, the economy has provided more financial security and enhanced the community's wellness and well-being.

Shawnee communities are more inclusive and connected through green spaces with secure walkways and trails. Clean energy public transportation options like a mag-lev tram, bus, or trolley systems are made widely available. In addition to an increase in local opportunities has reduced the amount of reliability on being car-dependent. Access to healthier food options is made available throughout the entire city. They are decreasing adult obesity levels in Shawnee from the 7th highest in the nation at 33.7% to the 10th highest at 20% ("Shawnee, OK | Data USA," 2020)(Healthy Oklahoma 2020, 2020). Every household has access to a community garden, and community service and volunteering are mandatory to ensure everyone is doing their part in the community. The native flora and fauna have begun to repopulate as the reliability of nearby finite resources have drastically decreased harm to their habitats because of increased usage of renewable energy sources.

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SUSTAINABLE COMPONENTS

HUMAN + SOCIAL WELL-BEING



+Local Health has increased by 13.7% because of healthy food options and less reliance on driving.



+Increases in public and community engagement have increased.
+Education about ways to be more self-sufficient; enhancing the Shawnee communities' socio-economic security and well-being has become a norm.

EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIVELIHOOD + ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

+The addition of public transportation has provided new jobs and has increased city-wide mobility.
+More families have financial securities because of savings
+An increase in access to resources like public transportation and walkways and the implementation of green spaces--will create positive impacts towards the reduction in rates of crime and vehicle emissions while increasing access to healthier lifestyles.

VIABILITY + INTEGRITY OF ECOSYSTEMS

+More green spaces and upward mobility, the local economy's health and the physical health of the citizens have improved.
+The health of the environment has improved because of less driving.

+Equitable access to education and training will ensure more eligible people have opportunities.

INTER-REGIONAL JUSTICE

+Connecting nearby towns through mag-lev or tram system to have more access to opportunity and growth in economies.
+An enhanced environment because of decreased car usage, coal, and natural gas.



INTER-GENERATIONAL JUSTICE

+The integration of inclusive and regenerative concepts is conditional for future generations.
+Increase to equal access to opportunities in all communities.
+Long-term health risks related to the environment begin to decline.
+Participating in community gardens and volunteer programs to keep the town clean. More money can go towards education.



OTHER KEY ELEMENTS

Coherent

Cohesion within this vision includes the importance of understanding our meaningful actions and the virtue of connection through collaboration. It utilizes the community's skills to build up communities and acknowledge those at capacity.

Motivational

This vision provides each person to become involved with the community and have their voices heard. The positive impacts of integrating small businesses and healthier food options have prompted more people to take action and become more involved with the city's politics.

Complexity + Capacity

Balance within this system would prove more intrinsic complexities and capacities in applying such concepts. It brings together voices that rally towards making improvements based on health instead of just wealth.

Tangible

This 2040 vision provides ideal physical and financial outcomes to guide stakeholders and deciding parties as a blueprint. Food and financial securities and wellness would improve. Providing more opportunities in new infrastructures and is no longer disillusioned by traditional norms because of the tangibility within this vision.

Plausible

Other cities nationwide have adopted many of these features and have upward mobility. Plausibility within this vision has been acknowledged in the approach to enhance community wellness, securities, and well-being to bring about prosperity among Shawnee citizens in 2040.

Resources

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