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SECTION 1: PLAN OVERVIEW

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This document is a comprehensive plan for the Calcasieu Parish that was adopted by the Planning and Zoning Board and by the Police Jury. The update vision: Calcasieu establishes the vision for the future Calcasieu Parish through the year 2030 and provides guidance for public and private decision makers to achieve the vision. The view of the future expressed in the comprehensive plan represents the community values, ideals and aspirations about the best management and use of the community's resources.

This plan uses text, maps and diagrams to address the many physical economic and social challenges facing the Parish. It is intended to be a dynamic tool to manage change in ways that maintain or enhance the quality of life throughout the parish. While many of the policies and strategies in this document are focused on unincorporated areas, the vision and goals address the entire parish.

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1.2 WHY PLAN?

Successful communities do not just happen; they are continually shaped by consistent public and private actions with specific outcomes in mind. Community must actively manage its growth and to expanding circumstances if it is to meet the needs of its residents and retain

quality of life that attracted those residents to the community in the first place.

Smart planning requires local officials to examine existing conditions and trends, project the impacts of those conditions and trends, identify the resulting challenges and develop a clear strategy to meet those challenges. In short, planning uses forethought to anticipate future needs and discussion about the best ways to use local resources to address those needs. To accomplish this, the planning process requires the



identification of local issues and understanding of the implications of different ways to address those issues, a shared vision of desired outcomes and consensus for actions to achieve those outcomes.

Effective planning will produce a dynamic for public and private growth decisions that enables residents of the parish to enjoy prosperous, healthy and fulfilling lives, live in safe and vital neighborhoods, and provide for future generations.

1.3 WHAT IS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

Calcasieu Parish comprehensive plan provides a framework for decisions affecting the growth of the parish. The plan identifies the short and long term challenges. It establishes a vision and goals of the plan which describe a desired future for the parish and its communities. The guiding principles guide interpretations by stating the intent of the policies and strategies in the plan and describe the actions that the parish will take to achieve the desired future. The benchmarks provide a means of monitoring the plan.

The plan also documents existing conditions and trends, describes the planning process, and outlines the growth alternatives considered in developing this plan. While most of the land use and infrastructure policies in this plan address unincorporated portions of the parish, the

comprehensive plan that establishes a vision and goals. This vision required extensive communications with community representatives throughout the parish and will require joint efforts to achieve shared goals, such as better coordinated planning and development decisions, efficient extension of municipal services environmental protection, provision of attainable and sustainable housing and economic vitality and fulfilling educational, recreational and cultural opportunities for all residents.

1.4 HOW SHOULD THIS PLAN BE USED?

The comprehensive plan is a guide to action. It does not implement itself. By ensuring that individual actions are consistent with the policies of the plan, the Parish can effectively achieve its goals included in this plan. For example, the plan's policies and maps should guide short term work program will be used to establish budget priorities for a wide variety of actions, such as improved service delivery coordination, funding initiatives, capital improvement investments, modifications to development codes, and other initiatives.

The plan should guide future refinements of capital plans for the parish and transportation systems. The plan should also guide coordinated efforts to address existing proposed water and wastewater system deficiencies and improvements. The plan should be a dynamic document, subject to annual review and periodic amendment when conditions within the parish change significantly. Periodic updates of the plan will be needed to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of public sector decision makers as well as business owners and residents.

1.5 HOW WAS THIS PLAN PREPARED?

Existing Conditions, Trends and Projections Throughout the planning process, Parish staff and consultants have worked together to develop an understanding of existing conditions and trends while evaluating future needs and opportunities. This assessment is summarized

