

## **In 2035 we envision....**

### ***HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOODS***

- The character of existing neighborhoods being protected.
- Kirkwood embracing a diversity of housing types that supports all socio-economic groups at all stages of life.
- Housing that is architecturally diverse.
- Citizens, no matter where they live, being within walking distance of neighborhood retail and services.
- Neighborhoods that are demographically-diverse and non-segregated.

### ***PARKS & RECREATION***

- Kirkwood Park and Community Center as the crown jewel of St. Louis County.
- Open Space and natural areas being maintained and expanded.
- Kirkwood partnering with other entities to expand parks and recreation opportunities.
- Kirkwood is a walkable community with a network of walking paths to important destinations.
- Kirkwood is a sustainable community.
- A park and recreation system that is current with new trends and ideas
- A park system that serves as a teaching tool

### ***TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE***

- Kirkwood streets, water lines and electric lines that are well maintained.
- A community that is full connected by a state-of-the-art fiber-optic system.
- Citizens will have access to multiple methods of transportation throughout Kirkwood.
- Streets that are great spaces and are aesthetically-pleasing, especially entry points.
- A downtown with sufficient parking to support businesses, residents and visitors
- Kirkwood partnering with its citizens and outside organizations for infrastructure and transportation solutions.
- An urban forest that is healthy and thriving.
- An electrical grid that is buried.

## ***ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT***

- A “business-friendly” community
- New commercial development that is architecturally-significant and aesthetically pleasing.
- A local economy that is current with economic/demographic trends.
- Kirkwood being proactive with respect to economic development, not reactive.
- A community that works to incubate new and emerging businesses.
- A professional approach to economic development and job growth.
- A thriving, vibrant downtown Kirkwood with many entertainment options.
- Commercially-thriving major arterial streets (Manchester, Big Bend, Kirkwood).
- Kirkwood having a large number of successful small, independent businesses.
- The skillful development of Kirkwood’s light industrially-zoned areas.
- A strong public education effort about shopping locally.

## ***GOVERNMENT & EDUCATION***

- A strong school district with high standards.
- New educational facilities that are geared for the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- The character of Kirkwood emphasized through the Government process.
- A Public Safety Department that represents the entire community.
- Citizen youth engaged and involved with their community.
- Stronger ties between the municipal government and other organizations.
- A transparent, responsive, professional, forward-thinking, efficient government.
- Kirkwood developing more opportunities for higher education growth.
- A citizen education program to promote knowledge about the community.