



# VISION STATEMENT

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## OVERALL VISION

*The City of Lebanon will be a safe, clean, family-friendly town for all its citizens that preserves the natural areas and encourages growth in its existing activity centers with safe transportation connections.*

## DEMOGRAPHIC VISION

### Tale of Two Cities

- The area around the Square will keep a unique small town feel.
- The newer areas of town function as a suburb of Nashville.

## SURVEY VISION

The vision for the City is to be a safe, clean, family-friendly town with opportunities for people of all ages.

## NATURAL AREAS VISION

Use the natural features as assets and to connect parks, open spaces and trails.

## LAND USE VISION

Encourage residential, retail and job growth in existing activity centers and near existing infrastructure.

## TRANSPORTATION VISION

Connect activity centers with roads with the capacity to move cars. At the activity centers, create streets that are safe for cars and pedestrians.

## STRATEGIC VISION FOR GROWTH

*Five priorities to focus on so Lebanon can advance and prosper.*

### 1. Transportation/Traffic/Infrastructure

- Design large roads (highway or through roads) to move traffic smoothly
- Plan small roads (neighborhood or access roads) to be safe for pedestrians and cars
- Create a bike and pedestrian plan
- Study the transit options in Wilson County to compliment the Music City Star
- Maintain the current infrastructure before considering expanding
- Update the Major Thoroughfare Plan

### 2. Planning (Zoning) Contextual Growth

- Create a new Land Use Plan
- Treat the older areas like a town and the newer areas like a suburb
- Consider the natural areas in land use decisions
- Update the Zoning Code to match the Land Use Plan
- Create incentives for existing activity centers

### **3. Downtown Redevelopment of Older Historic areas**

- Use the Square, Cumberland University, the train station, the Mill and Castle Heights as assets
- Identify obstacles to redevelopment
- Start from the Square and work out with improvements and incentives

### **4. Parks & Recreation**

- Create a Parks and Recreation Plan
- Determine what areas are worth preserving and use those areas for trails, parks or open space
- Identify connection possibilities for the parks and trail system
- Connect the pedestrian and bike routes with park locations
- Incentivize developers to create neighborhood parks

### **5. Entertainment/Things to Do**

- Leverage proximity of residents, jobs to attract business and entertainment options
- Connect options (entertainment, food, stores and education) with people

