



Crawford County Planning is a countywide entity made up of the Planning Office and Planning Commission. The Planning Office consists of County staff who coordinate long-term investments and community development with the Crawford County Planning Commission and local municipalities. Since 1963, the Planning Commission has consisted of local volunteers from across the County who make recommendations, offer guidance, and advocate for local planning and community development efforts. Together, the Office and Commission work to lead and empower thriving communities across Crawford County.

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OUR 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN



*For the Future Prosperity of
Crawford County*



WHERE WE'RE GOING (VISION) & HOW WE GET THERE (MISSION)

OUR VISION

We will lead and empower thriving communities through a culture of forward-thinking planning.

OUR MISSIONS

Planning Commission

To forge strong communities by collaboratively guiding local development through sharing knowledge, informing policy, and advocating for Crawford County.

Planning Office

To forge strong communities by fostering a culture of planning through guidance with regulatory frameworks, impactful communication and collaboration, and by facilitating resources to support the development of Crawford County.

OUR STRATEGIC BUDGET

Establishing a strategic plan doesn't make sense without consideration of fiscal resources. These are our primary requests for our future budget:

OUTREACH

- Local networking events for Commission members and staff to make connections with citizens and professionals

EDUCATION

- Educational planning workshops for the community
- Training opportunities for Commission members and staff

PROMOTION

- Annual breakfast to promote Crawford Inspired plan with government officials
- Public relations to support the County's Park and Recreation Entity

IMPLEMENTATION

- Fulfillment of the goals and bold moves outlined in the Crawford Inspired comprehensive plan

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How We MEASURE SUCCESS

1

Crawford County's Board of Commissioners continues to see the value of the planning agency, resulting in fiscal and capacity support to further our missions.

2

More well-defined roles are established for the Planning Commission and Office regarding operations and coordination of workload.

3

The relationship between local government elected officials and staff grows stronger.

4

The planning agency receives the credit for the "wins" that are a result of our efforts.

5

Administration of the countywide Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) is well-received and opens discussion of other partnerships with local governments.

6

Public support and interest with the goals outlined in the Crawford Inspired comprehensive plan increases.

7

Crawford County Planning is seen as a leader in community planning and development across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



Five-Year STRATEGIC ACTIONS

1

Creation of countywide **Redevelopment Authority** to aid in tackling blight, housing, and revitalization initiatives

- Conduct a feasibility study of a countywide redevelopment authority.
- Engage municipalities and community groups in discussion about the creation of a redevelopment authority.
- Craft a strategic revitalization plan based on feedback and feasibility.
- Adopt an ordinance establishing a redevelopment authority.

2

Establishment of a **data hub** to collect and distribute information to promote data-driven decisions and data-proven outcomes

- Host a discussion with municipalities, non-profits, community groups, and authorities about their data needs.
- Craft a strategic plan to fund and operate a data hub.
- Develop partnerships to obtain and maintain primary source data.
- Build a robust public-facing data platform.

3

Craft **guidelines, policies, and best practices** to promote consistency with Crawford Inspired and a culture of planning in Crawford County

- Craft policies and guidelines for character areas.
- Update the County's policy on stormwater management (Act 167).
- Implement the County's affordable housing, blight, and transportation policies.
- Explore revitalization policies to target investment.

4

Invest in **public health initiatives** that improve the quality of life as well as attract and retain our population

- Invest in outdoor recreation through the countywide Park and Recreation Entity.
- Obtain federal and state funding to improve housing stock and address health concerns like lead pipes and code violations.
- Implement complete streets and active transportation policies.



When We'll Accomplish Our Strategic Goals

