



## Corporate Strategic Plan

October 19, 2011





## KRA 1: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)

# AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

**Completion Status** 

Specific projects are

provided below.

described in greater detail

within the AWP update,

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**Annually**On hold

Overall, the CIP is

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Key Result Areas / Goals
Objective Goal 1:  Monitor, time and sequence the Town's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) so that it is implemented when needed, but matched with available revenues to construct and maintain the assets over
time.

objective)
The Town's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes all the Town's infrastructure that has yet to be constructed. The CIP includes: new parks, trails, roads, intersections/signal lights, fire stations, fire apparatus (trucks), Town Government administration buildings, Recreation buildings, Water and sewer lines. The CIP is a vital aspect of building any new community. The Town's CIP is a 5-year plan that is updated annually with the budget development process. The CIP establishes what projects will be built, identifying their costs and timing for construction. Importantly the CIP implements key provisions the General Plan, Economic Development Strategic Plan and the Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan. This objective acknowledges an important activity, in the new-current economy and attempts to ensure that the community's need for new infrastructure is matched with its ability to afford not only the cost of constructing that new infrastructure, but the ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure for generations to come.



## KRA 1: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)

# AND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Goal 2: Update Parks Trails and Open Space Master Plan.	Town Manager	Changes to this document are necessary as a result of these factors: 1) statutory changes to funding sources to build the system, relating specifically to impact fees from homebuilding; 2) Town initiated changes in parks and trail locations and 3) timing for completion as it relates to the local economy and recovery efforts.	July 2013	NEW GOAL: It is anticipated that this effort might commence with the FY 2012/2013 budget.



## **KRA 2: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective Goal 1: Develop a comprehensive volunteer program and non-profit partnership strategy.  [Council Retreat Item]	Parks & Recreation / Town Manager	There are two-three goals to be achieved in this objective. 1) Develop a strategy that provides a list of opportunities for volunteerism; 21) identifyldentify what programs the Town could shift to non-profit organizations to reduce the use of town resources. Further cost-benefit analysis needs to be accomplished in outsourcing programs relative to the goals established by Councilcommunity desires; 2) identify feasibility to shift programming to nonprofits; 3) develop a list of opportunities for volunteerism that includes Town-wide maintenance projects.  The intent is to develop a plan comprised of four focus areas that identify volunteer opportunities. The four focus areas include Town Hosted Special Events; Town Specific Projects; Town Maintenance Assistance Programs; and Recreation Services and Program Support.  Each of the four focus areas will identify volunteer opportunities that will enhance the level of service or reduce costs to the town.	FY 2011/20121/2 012	1. Town staff has developed a list of opportunities for volunteerism that includes Town-wide maintenance projects such as event assistance at HPEC, trail maintenance, water property maintenance, and ROW maintenance, and ROW maintenance. The plan is currently used to match volunteers with projects. As requests for volunteer projects come in, a team of staff from various departments meet to review the project list, coordinate volunteers, and recognition ceremonies.  2. During FY11/12 staff will continue efforts in partnering with local non-profits to produce, or assist with, Town-hosted special events and youth and adult programs.



## KRA 2: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective Goal 2: Enhance opportunities for resident participation in Town decision-making and keep residents educated and informed through community events and outreach programs.	Town Manager / Organizati on wide Economic Developm ent	Activities in advancement of this goal can take many forms and include a variety of media outreach activities and citizen surveys.  Enhancements are implemented based on specific situations and community needs:  (a) Use of social media  (b) Electronic publications  (c) Public meetings  (d) Development of new information materials  (e) Consideration and implementation of changing technologies and trends  (f) Community Service Day Citizen Leadership Institute  (g) Arbor Day Town Hall events	Ongoing.	Staff recently presented the concept of crowd sourcing to the Economic Development Commission for use as a pilot program. The EDC recommended that staff conduct additional research on this new social media resource. A report will be provided to the Town Council.



## **KRA 2: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff
Objective-Goal 3: Enhance communication Communicate efforts with local homeowner association representatives / property management companies. Cultivating partnerships w/ Leadership Centre.	Development Services_/ Economic Development :

accomplish objective) As the Town continues to grow, establishing an ongoing dialog with our Home Owners Associations (HOAs), their management companies and their residents will-becomes an-increasingly important issue. In order to help promote this effort the Town should explore additional means of will continue communicating directly with our HOA's to enhance the Town's visibility and promote town Town initiatives. Options could include emails from the Town which could Communication of this type can be included in HOA newsletters and web sites, additional information related to HOA's can be added to the Town's website, and the Town can provide for to HOA's, attending **HOA sponsored events and providing classes** and informational programs of interest to HOA residents.

Date The Town, in partnership Ongoing. with The Leadership Centre (TLC), sponsored our second annual six-session "Homeowners Association Academy" from March 30 to May 6 2011. Planning is underway for the third annual event, to be held in Spring 2012. Staff maintains a current contact list for all HOAs in Town, which is used to notify them of upcoming events that may be of interest. All Town HOAs are sent copies of the Town's enewsletter, and a link has been added to the Town's website with information for HOAs. The Town, in partnership with The Leadership Centre (TLC), sponsored our second annual six-session "Homeowners Association Academy" from March 30 to May 6 2011. Planning is underway for the third

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## KRA 3: COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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	Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
	Objective Goal 1: Continue with Council professional development to fully initiate the duties of a Council Member	Town Council / Town Manager	The Council desires to continue to be a high-performing, accountable and professional body. Certain trainings and other professional development will be considered to accomplish public goals.	Ongoing.	Council Members regularly attend annual training from various sources.











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	Objective Goal 1: Adopt an efficient wastewater reuse plan-Develop and implement measures to use the Town's reclaimed water to the Town's benefit.	Development Services / Utilities	The Town's Intergovernmental Government Agreement with Gilbert and Mesa requires the Town to accept reclaimed water deliveries from the Greenfield Water Reclamation Plant (GWRP) within the next 10 years. Presently, Gilbert and Mesa are making beneficial use of Queen Creek's reclaimed water, but within the next decade, they will no longer have sufficient excess capacity in the existing system to continue this practice. Queen Creek needs to take responsibility for the ultimate use of our share of the reclaimed water or we will be forced to pay Mesa to construct a system for us. A number of options are available to the Town, including construction of our own reclaimed water delivery system and creative partnerships with other agencies, including the Central Arizona Project and the Gila River Indian Community. The Town's first water reuse plan was adopted by Council in August 2007 prior to the Town purchasing Queen Creek Water Company. As such, the plan anticipates a more detailed and elaborate approach to reuse delivery than what might actually be necessary. A corridor study is currently underway that will help us redefine the reuse plan.  The Town will not have to begin receiving our share of the effluent until 2019 as phased improvements of the treatment facility have been delayed due to significant decline in residential construction.	Ongoing.  May 2011 (Corridor Study)	staff completed a Corridor Study utilizing a phased approach for installing the reuse line in 3 phases—depending on funding—to allow the Town flexibility in the construction and utilizing the resource in a more timely fashion. The Corridor Study for Phase I was presented to Council in May, 2011.  Over the next few months staff will be updating our Development Fee Study to include a new reclaimed water fee. In 2011, staff completed a corridor study utilizing a phased approach for installing a reclaimed water delivery system. Completing the project in phases-depending on funding- allows the Town flexibility in utilizing this valuable resource in the most efficient manner. The first phase of this project would cost approximately \$8.5 million and would include a recharge site, water storage tank, pipeline, and pump station. This first phase would allow the reclaimed water to be used for agricultural irrigation the majority of the year.  Staff is evaluating funding mechanisms for the project including a reclaimed water component in the new development fee study. A corridor study was presented to the council in May, 2011. Continued efforts toward this goal include:  a) Identify the project scope, phasing and project cost.  b) Identify any possible partnerships to achieve the most efficient and equitable use for the Town.  c) Identify any alternative solutions/methods.  d) Cost/benefit analysis of doing nothing (i.e. cost associated for other GWRP partners to continue to take water and possible costs associated with that).













Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective_Goal 2: Complete a comprehensive infrastructure Ensure a sustainable water supply. improvement, replacement and maintenance plan for water & wastewater.(Mov ed from KRA 4)	Utilities	<ul> <li>(a) Comprehensive Water &amp; Sewer Master Plan. Master plans for Water &amp; Sewer, although slightly different in regards to individual tasks have very similar purpose and goals:         <ul> <li>To determine existing capacities</li> <li>Determine impacts of future growth through modeling anticipated areas of growth by anticipated time frames</li> <li>Assist in planning for future service areas and needed infrastructure</li> </ul> </li> <li>These determinations are made by performing the following:         <ul> <li>Data collection</li> <li>For Water: Demand analysis; Source analysis; Storage analysis; System modeling (Water)</li> <li>For Sewer: Interceptor manhole survey; Data review; Physical model development; Drainage basin definition (Sewer/ Wastewater)</li> </ul> </li> <li>a) Complete and adopt a water infrastructure master plan with updates to be conducted on a 3-5 year time frame.</li> <li>b) Conduct a Water Supply Master Plan which will include ground water, re-use water and surface water options for built out needs.</li> <li>c) Work with land owners to secure adequate water supply. Continue to work with land owners to secure adequate water supply. Remaining work in this area will be completed by June 2012.</li> <li>d) Adopt a 10 year CIP plan with identified funding.</li> </ul>	July 2012 Ongoing.	The Town completed a hydrology study in March 2011; however a comprehensive water supply master plan is still needed.  To date approximately 95% of all landowners larger than 20 acres have secured adequate water supply.



	Goals	Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
	Goal 3: Manage wastewater in an efficient and economical manner.	<u>Utilities</u>	a) Complete and adopt a wastewater master plan with updates to be conducted on a 3-5 year time frame (Plan completed July 2011). b) Adopt an odor and corrosion control program c) Identify future options for phasing the buyin of future capacity at the Greenfield Water Reclamation Plan (GWRP). d) Adopt a 10 year CIP plan with identified funding.	July 2011Ongoing.	NEW GOAL: The Town is planning to purchase an additional 1 million gallons of capacity during the next expansion of the GWRP in 2018-2019.
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Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Compl etion Date
Objective Goal 42: Air Quality Program. Ensure that the Town is meeting it's its commitments to the region's Air Quality mandates. Implementing Council resolution regarding PM 10 compliance.	Developme nt Services / Parks & Recreation / MCSO / Town Manager Ramona Simpson	Over the past decade, a serious air quality concern was raised for Maricopa County. Tiny particulate matter (PM-10; dust) is viewed as a significant health concern — and the USEPA is requiring the County (through MAG) to comprehensively address the problem. Depending upon how quickly the region is able to address the issues, this could severely impact transportation planning and funding for the region.  In cooperation with MAG and other local jurisdictions, Council approved a Resolution in 2007 establishing various actions Queen Creek would take to reduce PM-10. Town staff will continue to monitor via MAG's PM-10 working group(s). In June 2007, Council approved a resolution establishing various standards the Town of Queen Creek would take to reduce PM-10 particulate matter as part of the MAG region. Plan anticipates full compliance over the next several years. FY 09 Budget calls for implementation of program in phases. The Implementation/ Enforcement Plan was distributed to Council on March 21, 2008 and a re appropriation of funds for plan costs was submitted to the Council on April 16, 2008.  Communications and Marketing has implemented an extensive community outreach plan including web content, and a printed brochure specifically designed for Queen Creek residents.  As the Town continues to move forward with full implementation of the plan, we will monitor the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) action on the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM 10. The EPA has given notice that it will partially disapprove the plan in January 2011. Depending upon how quickly the region is able to address the issues, this could severely impact transportation planning and funding for the region. As part of the region's response, the Town may need to	Ongoing.

re-evaluate the standards that were adopted in 2007.

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 2008 - Annual Dust Control Block Permit/Plan approved;

program;

2009 Maricopa County "Blue Sky Award" outstanding educational public outreach

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 <u>Dust Awareness Week (proclamation;</u> hotline; brochure; flyer);

 <u>Dust Control Training - 65 staff have been</u> trained;

 <u>Dust Stabilization (52 miles of shoulders;</u> 367,085 square feet Town-owned parking lots; 196 acres of open space);

• <u>2011 - PM-10 Rapid Response Plan</u> <u>implemented.</u>

<u>Future</u> action steps, beyond implementation of the <u>Town's 2007 Resolution</u>, will depend on future actions by the USEPA and MAG.

MAG has requested municipalities that are within 4 miles of a PM 10 monitor implement a PM 10 Rapid Response Action Plan. A small portion in the northwest section of the Town is located within a proposed Rapid Response area (Power Marketplace area). A PM 10 Rapid Response Action Plan has been developed by the Town for implementation.

Town staff is required to establish a framework for administering a standardized process for the investigation and issuance of PM-10 citations and conducting Civil Hearings. Staff has developed draft Administrative Regulation (AR), Pro-forma Budget, Personnel Flow Chart, and Citation Complaint form. Staff continues to develop the AR and Civil Hearing Process.













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	5: Promote the Town's sustainability goals through efforts concerning energy use, green building policy, recycling and use of	Manager / Economic	commits the Town to finance, plan, design, construct, manage, renovate and maintain its facilities in accordance to with the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system and national standards. In adopting this policy, Queen Creek has set itself apart as a forward-looking, progressive community. Additional sustainability efforts include:  (a) Water conservation  (b) Recycling  (c) Land use  (d) Consolidation of town offices  (e) Town's use of hybrid vehicles  (f) Green cleaning products  (b)Promote Queen Creek's current best practices and look for opportunities for new ways to be "green."  Consider amending the Economic Development Strategic Plan to include Sustainable Industries as one of the Town's targeted industry sectors; consideration of solar and its opportunities for use on public buildings, such as the Queen Creek Library will continually be evaluated.  ©Look for opportunities to educate residents on simple	Ongoing.	education efforts regarding recycling and water conservation through the use of Town communication resources. The Town's website contains extensive information on the green building policy as well as other efforts the Town is making to be "green."  Other accomplishments include a partnership with the Queen Creek Unified School District for each agency's fueling needs.  Economic Development Strategic Plan will be updated as part of the EDC FY11-12 Work Program. This issue will be















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Goal 6: Create a welcoming environment in our parks and trails by ensuring they are safe, environmentally friendly, and well maintained. Based on adopted levels of service.  [Council Retreat Item]	<u>Developm</u> <u>ent</u> <u>Services</u>	<ol> <li>Keep the Town's parks and trails aesthetically pleasing by dedicating adequate resources to maintain areas open to the public.</li> <li>Ensure visitor safety by conducting routine inspection of playground equipment, structures, and grounds and making repairs a priority.</li> <li>Being environmentally friendly:         <ol> <li>Research and utilize eco-friendly technologies when economically sensible to do so</li> <li>Utilize and promote appropriate water conservation efforts at Town parks</li> <li>Recycle grass clippings</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		NEW GOAL: Staff will monitor new levels of service to ensure compliance matches available resources.















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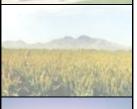






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Objective Goal 34: Review-Update/modify the Roads & Streets Maintenance Plan, and modify annually as necessary.		In Fall 2009, Tthe Town Council approved a Roads Maintenance Plan for the community. The plan identifies the conditions of all roads and recommends timelines and maintenance treatment. Each year the Town Council reviews and develops options for funding. Adequate attention to the Town's streets are imperative to avoid disproportionate reconstruction costs if maintenance is deferred too long.	Ongoing-Annu al.	FY 2010/11 identified pavement maintenance projects are substantially complete. Projects included crack sealing and resurfacing 3.25 miles of arterial roadway, sealing 640,000 yd2 of residential roadway, and replacing several deteriorated roads.  In June, Town Council approved the annual street maintenance budget for FY 2011/12. Staff will continue to monitor and implement the Maintenance Plan at the appropriate times and as available funding allows. funding levels approved by the Council, and will bring back road maintenance recommendations and options for Council consideration in FY 2012/13.











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Objective 3Goal 4: Continue progressive strategies to attract and retain professional high-performing staff.	Town Manager / Human Resources Workforce & Technology	The Workforce & Technology Human Resources Department has developed strategies to recruit, develop, reward and retain a quality workforce by providing a safe and healthy work environment and offering competitive compensation, benefits, training and development, and ensuring fair treatment to all of its employees.	On-going — 1/2013	The electronic performance evaluation system project was initiated in Aug. 2011 for January 1st completion. A comprehensive reorganization was completed in Sept 2011, which increased the supervisory ration from 1:3 to 1:5 placing the Town in a better, balanced structure as compared to the region's communities. In 2010, the Town joined the Valley schools Employee Benefits Trust (VSEBT) to assist in controlling benefit costs and for the 3rd consecutive year, the Town and employees will pay the same premium levels with little change to plan design.  The newly created Wellness Committee implemented the Wellness Program in Jan. 2011, which employees now enjoy wellness resources through VSEBT, monthly lunch and learn programs, donated prizes to encourage participation, a popular weight loss program, a Health Risk Assessment promotion and a healthy potluck promotion. Training programs were completed this past year including the completion of the Customer Service Initiative (CSI: QC) and training on Ethics in the Workplace, Diversity and Sexual Harassment.











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	Goal 5: Complete a comprehensive review of the Town's classification and compensation system.	Staff Workforce & Technology	The last review was completed in 2006. Since that time the Town has added several new departments and division including Fire,  Utilities and Solid Waste. However, during the same timeframe, staff was reduced by 47% due to the economic downturn. The current system was built for an organization that would have reached 500 employees within a 10-year timeframe. The current number of job classifications is 70 for 165 full-time and part-time employees (almost a 1:2 ratio).  Additionally, a new pay system needs to be identified that meets the current realities of the economy.	January 2013	NEW GOAL
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## KRA 6: IMAGE/IDENTITY

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Areas / Goals  Objective Goal  I: Maintain community events that incorporate the Town's ineritage and enhance the Town's oranding initiative.  dentify opportunities for the Town to facilitate the oroduction of special events and festivals by orivate organizations that will enhance the Town's oranding initiative.	Lea
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Festivals and events create community and economic <u>capital impacts</u> in the markets that they serve. Staff will evaluate the current special event permit process and look for opportunities to reduce barriers for special events in the community.

Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)

One of recommendations made by the Urban Land Institute was to provide activities such as festivals and other events such as farmers' markets and art shows to attract new visitors to Queen Creek. The current events held at the Queen Creek Olive Mill, Schnepf Farms and HPEC help reflect the Town's identity but more can be done in terms of the location and theme of the events to strengthen the image of Queen Creek throughout the region. The Town needs to work closely with venues that have the potential to host festivals and help market them to potential festival producers through programs such as the International Festivals and Events Association.

It will take 2-3 years of recruiting small to midsize events however it is very likely that one or two small events may grow into signature festivals.

Conduct an economic impact study to gain a full understanding of the economic benefits of bringing visitors to special events at various facilities in the community. Fartnerships with, and support from the local community at all levels, is critical to the success and sustainability of existing festivals and events, as well as the ability to attract and encourage new events.

Events shall be well organized, creative, include sponsor involvement and outreach; add quality of life for local residents; drive tourism; showcase a positive community brand and image to residents, business community, visitors and the media; create economic impact; provide enhanced exposure for the arts, and other community programs; promote volunteerism and bond the many elements of the community together; and encourage community investment, participation, creativity and vision.

- Community Events are such as Queen Creek Hometown Christmas are produced for and marketed to our local community as an inexpensive way to gather and celebrate; build tradition and honor heritage; cultivate relationships and communicate with Town leadership, adding significant positive quality of life for our residents.
- Regional/Special Events such as PRCA Rodeo are produced for and marketed
  to a wider market as a way to drive economic development, promote the QC
  brand, increase tax revenues, increase exposure of Town facilities like
  Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre and local attractions such as Schnepf
  Farms and Olive Mill.

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The Economic Development Department presented the Economic Impact Study scope of work to the Economic Development Commission on 9/28 and to the Town Council for approval on 10/5.

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## Community Events -

The FY 11/12 budget eliminated all community events. The direction by Council is to produce Trunk or Treat and Passport to Discovery only if revenues outside of Town resources can be secured. Staff is currently working towards securing sponsorships and volunteers to produce the two events at a level that maintains tradition and honors heritage, while providing an inexpensive opportunity for residents to gather and celebrate our community.

## Regional/Special Events

The Fy11/12 budget did not allow for the reproduction of the Queen Creek Roots n' Boots/PRCA Rodeo. At the June 15 Council meeting Council requested that staff work with Friends of HPEC on options to produce the event for FY11/12. Staff will present this information at the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Council

Ongoing

Meeting. Council approved the partnership agreement with FOHP for the 2010 Roots n' Boots/PRCA Rodeo at

the 9/21/11 Council meeting.











## KRA 6: IMAGE/IDENTITY

Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective Goal 2: Implement a community-marketing plan tied to mission, vision and values through a comprehensive branding effort.	Economic Developm ent	Economic Development will continue to implement the Town's adopted marketing plan, which includes general and targeted industry sectors as well as a tourism-focused campaign.  Items include strategically placed advertisements in trade publications, key tradeshows and sales missions to promote the Town to the business community. Staff is also working to promote Queen Creek as a tourist destination, capitalizing on the agritourism/agritainment venues in the community and the growth potential within this sector.  In addition to agreements with the Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce and Queen Creek Performing Arts Center, the Town Council approved marketing partnerships with Schnepf Farms, the Queen Creek Olive Mill and Barney Family Sports Complex which will allow the Town to actively market these venues and events. These partnerships also provide the Town with a resource to promote its own events.  The Communications and Marketing Division and the Economic Development Department will implement a Town marketing plan that includes general and economic development targets and that is reflected in both the Communications Strategic Plan and the Economic Development Action Plan. Items include strategically placed advertisements in trade publications; key tradeshows and sales missions to promote the Town to the business community.	Ongoing.	Town Council approved marketing partnership agreements with Schnepf Farms, the QC Olive Mill and Barney Family Sports Complex. Staff is working to develop promotional advertising in strategic publications.  Working closely with Mesa CVB to promote QC as a destination. Staff is exploring tradeshow opportunities with a retail/tourism focus. Ongoing.











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Goal 3: Continue strategy to increase awareness and knowledge of success in community education of school systems.	Town Manager	The 2011 Urban Land Institute study indicates areas for greater success for the community's K-12 schools. This goal identifies the issue to develop a coordinated plan to increase the region's awareness of the success of accomplishments of the K-12 system. This goal identifies the issue of relevance between community/economic development with the community and the success of the K-12 education system.	January 2013	NEW GOAL













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Objective Goal 1: Encourage and Promote Productive Regional Partnerships.	Town Manager / Town Council / Economic Development / Development Services	Queen Creek is uniquely situated geographically in two counties: Maricopa and Pinal. Although mostly located in Maricopa County the Town's relationships must extend well beyond its borders to positively address complex long-term economic development opportunities and issues affecting transportation on the community. Staying active in Pinal County and Maricopa County will ensure that the Town's interests are not overlooked and are advocated in the best interest of the town and the region. Based on available staff, the Town has strategically identified key regional organizations the Town will actively participate in. Town staff monitors the agendas of several other organizations, but does not actively participate in meetings.	Ongoing.	Regarding long-term economic development opportunities, Queen Creek remains an active member of the Central Arizona Association of Governments (CAAG) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Greater Phoenix Economic Council and the Arizona Association of Economic Development.  Transportation issues are addressed through a number of regional projects, teams and committees. Ongoing projects with partnership opportunities include the Superstition Vistas land planning process; the Inter-City Rail and Commuter Rail projects; the N-S Freeway and SR 24 Freeway; the Germann Road Corridor Study; and many others. Partnerships are fully implemented via Intergovernmental Agreements, Resolutions of support, letters of support, and attendance at strategic meetings.













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Objective Goal 2: The Town should proactively pursue statewide partnerships to support and advance legislation that improves Queen Creek's competitive position with other regions and/or states and work towards the creation of new economic development tools and resources. Pursue regional and statewide partnerships to support and advance creation of new economic development tools and alliances, as appropriate with other public agencies. (Combine Goal 2 & 3)	Town Manager / Economic Development	The uncertainty in the economy has created a number of opportunities and challenges as resources for local governments are even more limited. The Town needs to proactively engage area representatives so they can support the interests of Queen Creek and the region. Additional work with the League of Cities and outreach with key legislative representatives is imperative. The new economy has created a number of opportunities and challenges as resources for local governance become even more scarce. This objective requires annual consideration of an active state agenda for engaging our area representatives in a proactive way so that they can support the interests of Queen Creek and the region.	Ongoing.	The Arizona State Legislature passed a jobs bill during the 2011 Regular Session, however it will be several years before the provisions are fully implemented. The Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) drafted complimentary legislation that would have contributed to increasing Arizona's competiveness. Although the GPEC legislation was vetoed, GPEC is responding to the direction in the Governor's veto letter and will be bringing new legislation forward in 2012 that is intended to stimulate job creation and business development and expansion. The Town supported the GPEC legislation in 2011 and will evaluate the new legislation and likely support the 2012 version as long as there are no negative revenue impacts to cities and towns.













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Objective Goal 3: The Town should proactively advocate and pursue state legislation that improves Queen Creek's and the region's competitive position with other region's in the country concerning economic development tools and resources. (Combine Goal 2 & 3)	Town Manager / Economic Developm ent	The Town has developed an aggressive economic development strategy that attempts to implement a diversified economy for the town for long term financial sustainability. This strategy, however, could take at least at decade, if not more, if there are not the proper economic development tools allowed by the state. Arizona is falling behind its comparator inner mountain west states and the consequence of no action is a direct negative impact on Queen Creek and other Arizona communities. Continue to partner with GPEC, Phx-Mesa Gateway;	Ongoing.	Econ Dev works to support legislative initiatives of GPEC centered around economic development tools.











Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Goal 43: Support legislation designed to establish fair taxation policies that apply to both online retailers and brick and mortar businesses in Arizona.	Town Manager	California and Texas recently passed legislation that allows for the taxation of online purchases if the online retailer has subsidiaries in the state where the buyer resides. This legislation is aimed at leveling the playing field between online retailers and brick and mortar businesses. It is highly likely the Arizona Retailers  Association will pursue similar legislation in Arizona in 2012. The Town supports this legislation from a fairness standpoint; however staff will need to work with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns to carefully evaluate proposed legislation to insure no loss of local control over transaction privileges taxes. The passage of this type of legislation would not only increase the competitiveness of brick and mortar stores, it would also likely improve the State's fiscal health and increase state shared revenues. Town staff will also track the progress of similar legislation at the federal level.	Ongoing.	NEW GOAL













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Objective 4 Goal 54:	Town	Organize various meetings and community	Annually	In 2011, a joint Council
Continue to sponsor	Manager /	orientations. Joint meeting with area City/Town		meeting with Gilbert was
and initiate	Town	Councils plus school districts. <u>In addition to</u>		held.
collaboration with our	Council	holding joint meetings with area City/Town		
partner cities, towns		Councils and school districts, collaboration		
and counties, including		opportunities may also include Town Council		
the community's		participation on regional boards and		
schools				
		Airport Authority.		
	Goals  Objective 4Goal 54: Continue to sponsor and initiate collaboration with our partner cities, towns	Goals  Lead Staff  Objective 4Goal 54: Continue to sponsor and initiate collaboration with our partner cities, towns and counties, including the community's	Goals  Lead Staff  Objective 4 Goal 54: Continue to sponsor and initiate Collaboration with our partner cities, towns and counties, including the community's  Companize various meetings and community orientations. Joint meeting with area City/Town Councils plus school districts. In addition to holding joint meetings with area City/Town Councils and school districts, collaboration opportunities may also include Town Council participation on regional boards and	Cobjective 4Goal 54: Continue to sponsor and initiate Collaboration with our partner cities, towns and counties, including the community's schools  Councils Councils and school districts, collaboration of Governments, Regional Council, the Central Arizona Association of Governments, East Valley Partnership, and the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway  Cobjective 4Goal 54:  Town Organize various meetings and community Orientations. Joint meeting with area City/Town Councils plus school districts. In addition to Councils and school districts, collaboration opportunities may also include Town Council participation on regional boards and committees including the Maricopa Association of Governments, East Valley Partnership, and the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway











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Company of the Compan	Objective 5 Goal 65: Encourage Maricopa County to use bond financing as a practical, modern means to improving the region's road system.	Town Manager / Town Council	Initiate Continue dialogue with surrounding communities to solicit wide-spread support of county-wide bond financing to meet the region's growth-transportation needs. The Town Council would like to have a meeting with the County Board of Supervisors on this matter.	Ongoing	Town staff continues to stress the value of this option with meetings with the East Valley cities, towns and MAG.









Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective Goal 6: Encourage Maricopa County to develop San Tan Regional Park.	Town Manager / Town Council / Parks & Recreation	Continue dialogue with County on San Tan Park improvements and planning.	Ongoing	The local economy has hindered efforts to make progress on this goal.











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Objective 7: As resources are available and ensuring they are tied to economic development interests of the Town, consideration should be given to increasing Queen Creek's financial share of ownership in Phx- Mesa Gateway Airport.	Town Manager	Develop a financial plan through the annual budget process that leads to a phased ownership increase in Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport. Implementation tied to available revenues.	7/2015	





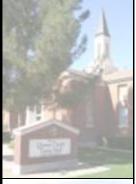








Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective Goal 87: Collaborate with state, local and county agencies; Central Arizona Association of Governments; and Maricopa Association of Governments on SR 24 freeway, N-S freeway, Inter-City Rail and Commuter Rail studies and corridor planning efforts. Collaborate with area governments, East Valley Partnership, Central Arizona Association of Governments and Maricopa Association of Governments on SR24 freeway corridor.	Town Manager / Town Council / Developm ent Services	Identifies a long-standing strategy of the Town to achieve a freeway in the region, closest to most of the emerging population centers to alleviate congestion on Town arterial streets and accelerate economic development in the Town's employment areas. Freeway alignments (SR 24 and N-S Freeway) are still under review by ADOT and final corridor selection will likely occur in FY 2011-12. The 2010 MAG Commuter Rail Study identified the SE Corridor (Union Pacific RR to Queen Creek) as the best alternative. The Inter-City Rail study linking Tucson to Phoenix is currently underway, with a final alignment to be selected in 2014.  In addition to identifying regional partners, the Town should consider a Major General Plan Amendment in 2012 and the delineation of a transit-oriented development land-use corridor along the UPRR. Identifies a long standing strategy of the Town to achieve a freeway in the region, closest to most of the emerging population centers to alleviate congestion on Town arterial streets and accelerate economic development in the Town's employment areas.	Ongoing.  Major General Plan Amendment in 2012	The Town is attending stakeholder meetings for both freeways and the Inter-City Rail study.  Action on the Commuter Rail study is on hold pending the 2014 final alignment decision on Inter-City Rail.















**Completion** 

**Status** 

The Urban Land Institute

(ULI) completed their week long study of the Town in early June, and presented summary information and findings at a Town Hall briefing on June 10. Staff also presented an update to Council of both the ULI and ASU Capstone projects in September, 2011. Staff anticipates receiving ULI's final draft report in October. Following receipt of the final report, staff will schedule another Work Study presentation for the Town Council to

recommendations and adopt an implementation plan, as warranted.

The EDC has included a review of the ULI and ASU Capstone Reports in the FY11 12 Work Program and incorporate as appropriate in the Economic Development Strategic Plan Update.

**Comp letion** 

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Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	
Objective Goal 1:	Economi c	The Economic Development Commission will be updating the Economic Development Strategic Plan as part of their work program for FY11-12. The Economic Development Strategic Plan update will include a detailed review of	-
Maintain a	Develop	several key areas critical to the economic development program for the Town. The update will also evaluate and	
balanced community	ment <del>/</del> <del>Develop</del>	include recommendations, as appropriate, suggested by the Urban Land Institute Advisory Services Panel. These key areas include:	
and	ment	Targeted industry sectors – evaluate emerging industries and what makes sense for Queen Creek to target	
economical	Services	in the short term with limited resources and limited building inventory and improved sites. Also need to	
ly diverse		consider that the office, industrial and retail markets are heavily over supplied in the Phoenix-Metro area.	
employme		Focus on agritainment/agritourism uses; how to grow existing assets that differentiate Queen Creek from	
nt base <u>.</u> by evaluating		other towns and attract similar yet complementary uses.	
new		Focus business attraction efforts in the Town Center. Develop beautification program for the Town Center	
economic		that includes façade improvement grants, gateway features, public (functional) art, special events, festivals	
models		and activities and specific design standards for Town Center.	
focusing on		Issue an RFP for a mixed use entertainment district in the Town Center in an attempt to take a leadership	
fostering		role in filling a void in entertainment options in the community.	
economic		Outline plan for Town owned parcels within the Town Center.	
<del>developme</del> nt within			
the		Small business development and kitchen incubation program dedicated to early-stage catering, retail and wholesale food businesses.	
community		wildesale 1000 businesses.	
through		Evaluate results of the economic impact study to understand the secondary impact the destination venues	
regular		have and can have on the community by way of increased revenue growth. The Town Council is concerned about the financial sustainability of the community, and how to develop and maintain a diverse economic	
monitoring		base that provides financial stability in order to achieve the long term vision for the community. There is	
<del>of national</del>		concern that the community's vision will be negatively impacted if there is not a balance or perspective	
trends.		maintained on the marketplace and economic development.	
[Council		The Council may bring in outside experts to advise on these matters to ensure there is responsible economic	
Retreat		development, living wage job creation and to examine how Queen Creek can capitalize on its unique geographic	
<u>Item]</u>		market position relative to Pinal County, Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport and the Phoenix region in general. If a	
		study is conducted, particular emphasis should be on the declining housing sector and diminished reliance on Pinal	
		County market for sales tax revenues. This objective may lead to the replacement of the existing economic	
		development strategic plan, identification of specific infrastructure needs in certain economic corridors and the	













Key Result Areas Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective Goal 2:  Develop and propose strategic amendment to our Zoning Ordinance that implement emerging legislative priorities and provide enhance economic development tools. Finalize appropriate Zoning Ordinance update to implement the General Plan.  Emphasis of Zoning Ordinance updates when business retention/creation while balancing community design preferences.  [Council Retreat Item]	Economic Developm ent	As part of the implementation of the recently approved. General Plan, staff is developing recommendations to update the Zoning Ordinance. As part of this process staff will develop and propose amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that are required via action by our State legislature and other amendments that will support Economic Development opportunities as outlined in the updated Economic Development Strategic Plan. These opportunities may include but are not limited to changes that support Town Center (downtown) development including zero setback requirements and design standards; special event permitting; agritourism/agritainment type uses.	Ongoing	Work is progressing on both an update to the Zoning Ordinance and development of a Development Design Standards Manual. Initially planned as a text update, staff is dividing the Ordinance into three separate documents (similar to the format of the Subdivision Ordinance): 1) the Zoning Ordinance itself, containing all of the policyrelated information and zoning criteria; 2) a Design Standards manual, containing various Town design criteria (including the residential design standards adopted by Council in 2005); and 3) a Policies and Procedures Manual, including the various application forms and related materials. Due to the reduction is staff and an uptick in Planning submittals, the schedule for completion is uncertain.















Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective Goal 3: Continue and advance strategies to attract and preserve higher educational opportunities to the community and region, including community colleges and partnerships with other higher educational programs such as ASU Poly.	Town Manager / Economic Developm ent	Included as a component of the Economic Development Strategic Plan. The Town is workingContinue partnership with the Maricopa County Community College District and Rio Salado College on the development of a new higher educational concept called "Communiversity @ Queen Creek., partnerships with Chandler-Gilbert Community College and ASU Polytechnic."  This new concept includes a new building at the Queen Creek library site.  Additional strategic efforts will need to include partnering with Mesa, Gilbert, Apache Junction and the East Valley Partnership to ensure the stability and growth of ASU Poly at Phx-Mesa Gateway Airport. With state budget challenges, there is concern over ASU Poly's long-term viability.	Lease finalized 12/2010; facility operational by late 2013.Ongoing.	Educational Specifications will be presented to the MCCCD Governing Board in October. A representative from Rio Salado will present an update on the project to the Council at one of the November meetings. Plans still call for a Communiversity opening Efall 2013-opening.















Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective Goal 4: Evaluate options to deliver advancing infrastructure by the Town in key employment areas of the community.  Areas include the northern tier; southeast area of the community including the regional commercial center and mixed use designation aroundat Meridian/Riggs.	Economic Developm ent/ Utilities / Developm ent Services	detailed The S.W.O.T. analysis of the Town's main employment areas. areas identified lack of infrastructure as one of the major challenges in trying to attract employment uses to the community. An implementation and financial plan related to infrastructure will be developed and presented to the Town Council Budget Committee and Town Council during FY12-13 budget discussions. Key staff members from Public Works, Utilities, IT and Planning were involved in the process. Economic Development staff delivered a presentation of short-term and long term initiatives to the Economic Development Council. Short term initiatives included: preparing a wastewater master plan update and focusing business attraction efforts on the Town Center. An implementation and financial plan will be developed and presented to the Town Council for future consideration.	12/2011 <u>6/201</u> 2	S.W.O.T. Information will be reviewed and included as appropriate in the Economic Development Strategic Plan update. The Town is in partnership with Maricopa County and Pinal County on a Design Concept Report for Meridian Road from Queen Creek Wash to Empire, including the intersection of Meridian / Riggs / Rittenhouse and the Union Pacific RR. This intersection is a challenge and efforts are underway to finalize this study by June 2012.  Maricopa County is also considering early delivery of a two-lane Riggs Road between Ellsworth and Meridian (3 miles). Staff continues to work with the County to advance the project, and the Phase II Environmental Assessment along this segment will begin soon.













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Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective 5: Facilitate the development of the community's first regional mall.	Economic Developm ent, Developm ent Services	Addressed in the General Plan Update, Economic Development Strategic Plan and CIP. Economic Development Department taking the lead.	2016	













Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective Goal 56: Update the Redevelopment Area Plan.	Developmen t Services / Economic Developmen t	The Town Center Committee, appointed by Council in January 2009, updated the Town Center Plan that was approved in April 2010. As part of the process the Committee also provided recommended updates to the Goals and Objectives section of the Town Center Redevelopment Area Plan to ensure consistency between the documents. The Town Center Redevelopment Plan is an implementation tool build upon community direction laid out in the General Plan and more specifically, the Town Center Plan. Working in conjunction with the Town Center property owners, the Plan provides direction to the Town on steps that can be considered to protect and enhance the Town Center. The Redevelopment Plan will be updated to reflect changes and goals already accomplished and those yet to be accomplished. Emphasis on any goals by date may include references to ULI and ASU studies and recommendation for Town Center.made to the Town Center Plan once General Plan Amendment (GP10-039) is finalized. Update will include updated graphics, location of facilities, i.e. library, post office. Staff does not intend to make any substantial changes to the Redevelopment Plan that would require a Building Condition and Site Survey.	2012-2013	GP10-039 was adopted by Council in December, 2010. The ASU Capstone report on the Town Center was completed in May 2011, and the ULI study will be finalized in the fall of 2011. Once the final ULI report has been is published and any, potential updates to the Town Center Plan will be are evaluated and implemented, staff using both the ASU and ULI reports. Recommended changes will develop a refined scope for this project. be presented to the Planning Commission and Town Center Committee for consideration.















Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective 7Goal 6:	Developm	With limited resources and a disproportionate	Ongoing.	An annexation study
Continue to review	ent	reliance on sales taxes, the Town remains		(simplified economic
<u>Update the Town's</u>	Services /	cautious when considering any annexation		analysis tool) was
annexation policy <u>to</u>	Economic	opportunity. The economic development		presented to the Council
encourage that is	Developm	opportunities available to the Town should be		in March, 2009. Council
proactive <u>Town-</u>	ent	considered in conjunction with a fiscal analysis		direction at that time was
initiated annexations,		of the potential annexation. This objective was		to analyze each
whenever such		considered by the Council in FY2007. It is the		annexation to determine
annexation is		intent of the Council to only annex lands that		if it would meet economic
beneficial to the rather		will have a positive or revenue neutral impact		development needs in the
than defensive;		on the Town's budget. With limited resources		Town, and what the
conducting a cost		and a disproportionate reliance on sales taxes, it		associated costs to the
benefit analysis		is imperative to be as prudent as possible when		Town would be
(including economic		considering new territory. The economic		(infrastructure,
development		development opportunities that may come		maintenance, Town
<del>potential) areas as</del>		along with any proposed annexation should also		services) for any
<del>part of any new</del>		be considered in conjunction with the fiscal		annexation.
annexation		analysis. Town Council may need to adopt new		Staff continues to
request.opportunities		resolution on this matter.		monitor our approach to
within the Town's				annexation of new lands,
<u>Planning area.</u>				and will continue to
				utilize the economic
				analysis tool for all
				proposed annexations.













	Result / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Enhance	nities for Creek Ses to	Economic Development w/QC Chamber of Commerce	Continue to implement and evolve the Shop Queen Creek Program, encouraging residents to shop local and businesses to support other local business.  Begin planning for the succession and evolution of the QC Inc. program. Research the idea of a kitchen incubator.  Work with Development Services to update the Zoning Ordinance to support economic development objectives. (Reference KRA 8: Objective 2) Economic Development in partnership with the Chamber has developed and implemented the Shop QC program. Staff continues to encourage residents to shop local and for businesses to join the program as an added opportunity to promote their business.  Based on the results of the Business Incubator Feasibility Study, staff is developing an office/services style business incubator to assist small business owners to grow their company within Queen Creek. A business incubator is an economic development tool designed to accelerate the growth and success of entrepreneurial companies through an array of business support services and resources. Queen Creek's incubator program will provide clients access to flexible lease space, shared basic office services and equipment, technology support services, business counseling and mentoring as well as assistance in obtaining financing necessary for company growth. A business incubator's main goal is to produce successful firms that will leave the program "graduates" financially viable and freestanding.	Ongoing	Plans underway for a Shop QC for the holiday program.  QC Inc. has had a successful first 8 months. Staff is evaluating the succession and evolution of QC Inc.















Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completio n Date	Completion Status
Objective 9Goal 8: Establish a proactive Economic Development policy on business recruitment.	Economic Development	Proactively promote the Ombudsman Program to new and/or expanding businesses. Work to change any negative perceptions of doing business in Queen Creek.  Continue to evaluate "local" tools to aid in closing the deal with new business. Staff will continue to partner with regional groups including the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC), the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) and the Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED) in this effort.  Continue to update and revise the economic development web pages with relevant business resource information. Staff, with assistance from the Economic Development Commission, has developed an "Ombudsman Program" to promote Queen Creek's business friendly environment. The program will provide enhanced communication and coordination for key development projects. (projects with high wage jobs/significant capital investment, projects within the Town's designated targeted sectors.)  Staff will actively seek new employment opportunities for the community through strategic networking, sales missions, tradeshows, etc. identified in the Economic Development Action Plan. It is important to sell the community assets and promote the Town as a business location.  To help bring successful economic development projects, the Economic Development Strategic Plan references several "local" tools that can be utilized. However, AZ is lacking innovative statewide programs/tools to aid in closing the deal. Staff will continue to partner with regional groups and to monitor and work with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) and the Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED) to support new economic development legislative initiatives.	Ongoing.	Staff is promoting the "Ombudsman Program" to new businesses. Econ Dev is also following up with members of the development community about their perception on doing business in QC. Staff participating in tradeshows and GPEC Sales Missions to promote QC as a business location. P













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Objective 10Goal 9: Continue to monitor, evaluate, and adjust HPEC cost-recovery policies. Ensure that it hosts numerous events that draw local and regional visitors to generate economic activity and be operated as a regional event center.	Economic Developm ent	HPEC is designed to operate as an economic development venue. The facility will be marketed (as per the Town Council approved marketing plan) for regional events that increase revenues and provide positive economic impacts to the community. HPEC will continue to provide opportunities for local equestrian and recreational activities while accommodating the new regional and national equestrian associations that have signed multi-year contracts for events at HPEC.  Revenue projections for HPEC for FY11-12 are estimated at \$460,000.  Staff will be evaluating HPEC policies and procedures given the economic development focus for the facility. Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre is designed to operate as an economic development venue. While it is recognized that full cost recovery will be challenging, it should be continually marketed for regional events that broaden the intent of returning investment for the community at large and attracting net new dollars into the local economy. This strategy will need to be balanced to allow for local group use and public recreational activities but it will need to continue to strive for increased revenues for the Town.	Ongoing.	Revenue projections for HPEC for FY11–12 are \$460,000.  Regional and National Associations have signed multi-year contracts for events at HPEC.  Staff will be evaluating policies and procedures and updating/revising/creating in an attempt to increase revenues for the Town.











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Objective 11 Goal 10:	Economic	<u>Currently the Chamber of Commerce is</u>	Ongoing.	
Continue partnership	<u>Developm</u>	responsible for a significant element of the		
with Chamber of	ent / Town	Business Retention and Expansion program		
<u>Commerce for</u>	Manager	(BR&E) for the Town. BR&E is a strategic piece		
strategic economic		of a successful economic development program.		
development		The Chamber, as a key partner of the Town,		
<u>initiatives</u> Facilitate the		serves as the main conduit for businesses		
Queen Creek Chamber		looking to expand in Queen Creek or for		
of Commerce		businesses that have issues that need to be		
becoming autonomous		resolved in an attempt to keep them in the		
and financially self-		community. The Chamber also serves as the		
sufficient.		anchor tenant of the QC Incubator program and		
		serves a vital role in providing small business		
		resource information and the continuity for the		
		program at the QC Inc. location. Implement a		
		migration plan that decreases Town funding of		
		the chamber over a period of time. Depending		
		on financial viability, the Chamber funding may		
		be decreased. However, this shall be evaluated		
		based on economic and budget considerations		
		by the Council. Reviewed annually by the Town		
		Council.		















Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Goal 11: Continue to promote resort/hotel development opportunities and evaluate options for accelerating resort and master planning in the San Tan Mountains.	<u>Economic</u> <u>Development</u>	Continue to maintain/develop relationships with key resort/hotel developers and market strategic locations for development in Queen Creek. Collect data from neighboring community hotels on bed nights that are coming from Queen Creek.  Continue to track data related to hotel development trends including occupancy rates in surrounding communities. Monitor bed nights that HPEC is generating from the regional/national associations utilizing the facility.  Evaluate conducting a hotel study for the community.  The General Plan identifies a resort development option in the San Tan Mountains. This goal would strive for achieving that land use sooner with Town in a lead role.	Ongoing.	NEW GOAL















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Objective 1: Develop and evaluate current programs based on future needs and available funding. Identify priorities for funding new stations, including analyzing the implementation of a new service model that may reduce long term costs for capital. Goal 1: Create, develop and test new staffing and deployment model (for the future) to replace current plan from 2005.	Town Manager / Fire	a) Document emergency response model based on improved response times, pre-hospital medical care and fire/rescue/special operations capabilities. b) Validate conceptual applications of new model. c) Experiment with two person ALS (paramedic) rescue unit. Costs for public safety continue to rise and it is imperative to continually monitor, innovate and create new strategies for the highest possible performance of this invaluable service. The 911 staffing and deployment model for the Town will center on an EMS/Pre Hospital Care response system that is also capable of supporting fire, hazardous materials, and technical rescue emergency response. This objective recognizes the need to be responsible with management of finite financial resources. Service models may need to be entirely re-evaluated to maintain community expectations and affordability.	Annually12/20 14	A conceptual proposal for a new Queen Creek Emergency Services Response model has been completed but not approved or made available for internal or external review. It is anticipated that the concept supported by statistical analysis could be made available for a Council Study Session at the Manager's discretion.













Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective Goal 2: Police Services. Continue with the MCSO contractual services, but continue to monitor and enhance levels of service as warranted. Improve crime statistical analysis including shift coverage, closed cases and overall workloa. dProvide MCSO District 6 staffing and deployment model that meets the policing needs of the Town based upon improved statistical analysis of past and present programs and services. Improve crime statistical analysis including shift coverage, closed case and overall workload and proactive community policing.	Town Manager / Fire MCSO	The Police and Law Enforcement Services Study (Buracker report) established a population threshold of 50,000 as a possible target date as to when Queen Creek should begin the transfer from contractual to its own police department. The staffing and deployment model for policing will focus on traffic control, accident prevention, crime reduction, and public safety education. This objective is linked to the revised master plan for police and law enforcement services.	12/2012Ongoi ng.	No Change Based upon statistical analysis and MCSO Command Staff Support, the staffing for MCSO District 6 was reduced to 4 patrol beats. This deployment better reflects the level of service needs of the community. MCSO Command Staff will continue to monitor activity level to adjust the model as necessary.













Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective Goal 3: Evaluate and make recommendations for increasing Develop strategies for improving the crime prevention programs of in the Town. Town Manager to evaluate cost for increasing programs.	Town Manager / Public Safety Division / MCSO	Utilizing statistical analysis and empirical evidence, evaluate all current crime prevention programs/services, and make recommendations to the Town Manager/Council. Develop strategies that employ modern and effective policing strategies. Town Manager to evaluate cost for increasing programs.	6/20116/2013	Draft workbook for the Crime Free Multi Housing program has been completed and sent to the printer. The first training for Multi Housing is scheduled for November 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2011.













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Objective Goal 4: Develop and implement an emergency response/operations plan (EOP) that provides for Town and community response to wide spread or local disasters.exercise the Town's Disaster Management System.	Town Manger / Fire / Police / Public Works / Utilities	a) Complete revisions to the Town's current Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).  b) Develop an emergency communications center for Town Disaster operations.  c) Develop a database for disaster management to include GIS capability and a resource directory.  d) Establish and mange a regional CERT disaster response system for citizen volunteers.  e) Develop exercise (simulation) system to annually test the Town's disaster response capabilities. Create and integrate an emergency operations plan that allows a Town overhead (management) team to direct and support disaster response efforts by town employees, CERT responders, and automatic aid/state/federal resources. Include Disaster Management Resident's Committee in training and community outreach.	Ongoing— 1/2014	The Town's EOC blueprint system has been improved and expanded to create an ability to manage and support a CERT Disaster Response effort in the community. The implementation of the Town's Volunteer Response Plan is under way and now represents five regions and fifteen disaster response districts. HAM radio and CERT training will be provided to over one-two hundred citizen volunteers in the QC area to provide twelve CERT units for region two-first half of 2012.











	Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
	Objective 5: Provide a MCSO District 6 staffing and deployment model that meets the policing needs of the Town based upon improved statistical analysis of past and present programs and services (Revised as Goal 2)-	Town Manager / Fire / MCSO	The staffing and deployment model for MCSO will focus on traffic control, accident prevention, crime reduction, and public safety education.  This objective is linked to the revised master plan for police and law enforcement services.	Ongoing.	MCSO District Six has been reduced to four beats in the transition for personnel in terms of reassignments has been completed.
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Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective 6: Establish a Fire Prevention Bureau that is able to provide fire and safety code enforcement and consultation services for commercial occupancies.	Fire/ Developm ent Services	Provide Queen Creek with a commercial occupancy inspection program that protects the Town's business community and their customers from unsafe conditions and practices.	6/2011COMPL ETED	Completed as of September 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2011















Key Result Areas Goals	/ Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Objective 7: Implement an agreement with the appropriate private- sector ambulance company for medica transport.	Fire	The current East Valley (fire based) emergency medical system sends the closest available fire truck(s) to 911 calls for help without regard to jurisdiction. This has lead Queen Creek and its other automatic aid partners to pursue the same kind of response from its private sector ambulance provider on a regional basis. In order to achieve this goal, a regional contract (representing Queen Creek, Mesa, Gilbert, and Apache Junction) has been created following a lengthy request for proposal process. The contract is currently being reviewed by the State Department of Health Services for approval. Such approval will lead to a much improved emergency medical transport system.	6/2011COMPL ETED	Completed as of August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2011















Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Goal 5: Evaluate and support options to provide emergency services to Queen Creek County Island residents that provide needed public safety and appropriate cost recovery for the service.	Town Manager/ Fire/	<ul> <li>a) Support petition drive to create QCCIFD as a consultant and advisor.</li> <li>b) Negotiate IGA with QCCIFD if established</li> <li>c) Expand QCCIFD to provide emergency services in Queen Creek's municipal planning area (MPA), as appropriate.</li> </ul>	12/2014	NEW GOAL















### KRA 10: TECHNOLOGY

Narrative (Action steps to accomplish

objective)

**Objective** Goal 1: Implement the Telecommunications Plan. Keep abreast of emerging technologies for implementing the Town's **Telecommunications** Plan.Implement emerging technologies that support the Town's telecommunications planning, GIS Strategic Plan, and other information technology efforts.

**Key Result Areas** 

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The Town continues to focus upon technologies that are being developed that could potentially enhance telecommunication efforts within the Town on multiple levels. Examples include internal municipal use, such as public safety, Town field services, etc. For residential services, wireless broadband technologies are of interest, especially in regards to quality of life.improved telecommunication use and regional coordination by public safety, use of GPS units by Town field services, geographic and mapping data to enhance efficiency, utilization of web resources to broadcast the Council meetings, and implementation of virtualization technologies for the Town's IT infrastructure. Commercially, staff continues to evaluate technologies and strategies that could enhance highspeed data options/services for businesses within the Town, as they relate to economic development opportunities. The Town Manager serves as the Chair of the Topaz Regional Wireless Cooperative (TRWC) system for the region and several staff members represent the Town on TRWC committees. TRWC links multiple jurisdictions to maximize public safety and service oriented communications and to promote interoperability.

The municipal fiber and wireless network designs completed in

these designs were completed.

2007 will need to be re-evaluated and possibly redone in order for

the Town to fully recognize the change in technologies from when

Date TBD/As funding is

**Completion** 

available Ongoi ng.

Council approved the data storage virtualization of servers, and upgrades to our tape backup project in 2/11. The new infrastructure will serve as the foundation for implementing Town strategies such as an all digital disaster recovery solution. A test site has been developed, waiting for finalization of the virtualization project, for implementation of public facing web services for GIS> Additionally, the majority of water and sewer infrastructure has been mapped. The Town moved to Google Apps to replace the Microsoft Exchange 2003 email server. The Fire Department is exploring Electronic Patient Care Reporting (EPCR) which utilizes tablets which is linked to the dispatch system and downloads alarm times, addresses, etc. The Town also purchased radios for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and for special events allowing communication coordination for emergencies and events. The Fire Department is also considering aircard support for mobile computer terminals to improve data exchange of emergency information between the alarm room and fire truck. The transition has resulted in cost savings, functionality, improved access and business continuity. One area that the Town is actively pursuing is coordination with the City of Mesa. We are looking at options to having both fiber and wireless links to Phoenix-Mesa Gateway's Fire Station, which would allow us potential access to the RCN (Regional Communications Network), an opportunity to possibly collocate

technologies, and to utilize off-site storage and multiple back-up

systems.

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### KRA 10: TECHNOLOGY

Goal 2: Maintain an active and relevant website that provides comprehensive information in a user-friendly format.  Morkforce & Technology / Economic Development	Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
	active and relevant website that provides comprehensive information in a	Technology / Economic	community communication, and should be maintained using the most up-to-date technology, making it simple for residents, businesses and visitors to find information.  The current website was installed in 2007 and has been updated with minor changes each	Ongoing.	reviewing options for updating the website to a new, more modern platform, making it easier for staff to make changes and incorporate the













### KRA 10: TECHNOLOGY

Key Result Areas / Goals	Dept & Lead Staff	Narrative (Action steps to accomplish objective)	Completion Date	Completion Status
Goal 3: Continue to pursue and implement emerging technologies to improve efficiencies with regards to manpower, sustainability and operations.	<u>Utilities</u>	<ul> <li>a) Site security/video surveillance for all well sites and water storage facilities (ties to KRA 4/Goal 2)</li> <li>b) Equipment technology, acquire equipment that will enable staff to increase efficiencies and reduce future staffing.</li> <li>c) Hardware/software acquisitions with regards to the following:         <ul> <li>GPS/ GIS technology for identifying and mapping system components;</li> <li>iWater software allowing operators to locate and input system detail/ data for maintenance performed, new construction, changes, and repairs;</li> <li>iRemote software that eliminates paper work orders and allows for real time response to completing tasks;</li> </ul> </li> <li>SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) improvements to better manage electrical and operational efficiencies for well sites;</li> <li>AMR (Automatic Meter Reading) technology to more efficiently read over 9700 plus meters in the water distribution system;</li> <li>AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) networking technology of fixed network meter systems utilizing smart meter technology for tracking/ collecting customer usage patterns.</li> <li>iCall an automated system that allows customers to retrieve account information and pay the utility bill over the telephone allowing customer service representatives to focus their time on other duties, as well as allowing us to utilize our iNhance billing and work order system data to automatically direct information/ messages to customers via the telephone; vehicle GPS locating to more efficiently distribute workloads</li> </ul>	Ongoing.	NEW GOAL