

2025



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Live Here. Invest Here. Grow Here. Smithville Starts With You.



Quality of Life

Striking a Balance

• Cultural District

- Economic Development through the Arts
- Doing a lot with a little
- Community Unity and Capacity
- [Cultural District](#)

• Historic Preservation

- HDPS Advisory Committee – Historic Commercial District
- Historic Residential District
- City Historic Marker Program
- [Historic Preservation](#)

• Regional and Local Teamwork and Partnerships

• Ordinance Development

• Preparation for Future Growth



First in Bastrop/Texas*

- Recreation Center with Racquetball Court (1999)
- Texas Film Commission's "Film Friendly" Designation (2008)*
- Cultural District Designation (2013)
- Golf Cart Community by City Ordinance (2017)
- Tesla Power Wall in a Texas residence (2018)*
- Workforce Training/Mentorship Center (2021)





“Only” in Bastrop Co.

- West End Park, Chitlin Circuit – with Undertold Stories Marker
- Seton-Ascension Smithville – only full-service hospital in Bastrop County

FIRST & Only!

- [Smithville Crawford Municipal Airport](#) (Late 1940 / 1976)
- Community Recycling Center (1980)
- Guinness Book of World Records Gingerbread Man (2008)
- Frisbee Golf Course (2008)
- Electronic Billboard on Hwy 71 (2019)



Learning Opportunities

- **Smithville Public Library**
 - It's Bigger than it Looks!
 - Over 9,000 card-holding Patrons from all over the world
 - Taking the Library out of the Library
 - Children, Teen, and Adult Programming
- **Workforce/Business Training**
 - Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce
 - Career Tracks
 - Upcoming Innovation Center



Housing + Health Grant

- **What it is:**
 - \$750K from St. David's Foundation
 - Predevelopment funds that address housing solutions for low-to-middle income residents of Bastrop County
 - Learning from the community to develop solutions that fit the needs
- **How you can help?**
 - Opportunities to participate and have your voices heard
 - Property Tracker Information: [Property Search](#)





2024-2025 Smithville Comprehensive Plan

- **MIT GLO Grant Program**

- Timeline
- Portal (to be released to the public within the next 2-3 weeks)
- Community Forums (7/31)
- Open Houses (date TBD)
- City Website: [Comprehensive Plan](#)



- **Topics**

- Land Use
- Transportation
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Community Facilities/
Infrastructure
- Natural Resources Protection
- Historic Properties
and Cultural Assets
- Public Health
- Emergency Actions



Economic Development **Tools**

- [Website](#)
- [Zoom Prospector/Property Search](#)
- [Demographics](#)
- **Planning**
 - Water Treatment Facility Upgrade
 - Airport Plan
 - Comprehensive Plan
- **Grants**
 - Infrastructure
 - Community Development
 - Quality of Life
 - Workforce and Entrepreneurship



What's **Next?**

- Comprehensive Plan Portal -- make your voice heard! What do you think Smithville should do to grow the right way for us?
<https://langfordplanning.com/smithville-rcp>
- Sign up for "Notify Me" to learn about what's going on at the City.
<https://www.ci.smithville.tx.us/list.aspx>

Thank you for your interest in Smithville and our efforts to grow at a pace that suits everyone.

