



## 2030 OSAGE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



*“If you build castles in the air, your work need not be lost. That is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.”* Henry David Thoreau

### **PREFACE**

The 2030 Osage County Comprehensive Plan (2030 Plan) is the first comprehensive land use plan for Osage County (County) and is a **land use development plan for all of the County**. In late 2005, the Osage County Industrial Authority (Authority) requested and approved a proposal by INCOG to prepare a comprehensive land use plan that was to be utilized as a tool of economic development. Although the initial focus of the planning effort was industrial development, it was apparent to the Authority that the present and future economic development of Osage County must also include measures to address the elements of tourism and marketing in combination with industry. Shortly after the action by the Authority, the Osage County Board of Commissioners joined the comprehensive planning effort and expanded the concept of an industrial land use plan into an overall comprehensive land use plan, to be prepared by INCOG. The comprehensive plan was to include all aspects of land use, transportation, infrastructure, public facilities and economic development.

The 2030 Plan serves as the policy guide for the future physical and socio-economic development based on present and future needs. Osage County is built by an essential public-private partnership. The 2030 Plan provides a basis upon which effective, informed and consistent policy decisions may take place in both the public and private sector, and also provides public officials and the citizenry with essential information about the County and its Planning Area. The goals, policies and objectives of the 2030 Plan are essential statements of the directions the County has established to be achieved during the Planning Period, which has a horizon year of 2030. The policies set forth in the 2030 Plan guide the development decisions of the public and private sectors toward the established goals. Coordination from within the public and private sector of development activities based on the 2030 Plan policies will result in a more efficient, effective and sustainable County for present and future generations. The goals and policies result in specific objectives or accomplishments toward which the County will focus its efforts and resources during the Planning Period.