

## Questions for Small Group Discussions

- 1) Garland Today
  - a) What are Garland's greatest assets? List the four things about Garland that your group agrees are its strengths – the things that make it a good place to live and work.
  - b) What are four improvements this community needs to make so it will be a good place to live and work in the year 2030?
  
- 2) Key Places and Connections
  - a) What are the places that identify Garland to you – the ones you show out-of-town visitors or that you'd miss most if you moved away?
  - b) On the map, use the red marker to show the route you'd take if you were leading a tour of Garland's most notable places.
  
- 3) Vital Neighborhoods
  - a) Think about the neighborhood where you live. What three things are most important to the "quality of life" in your neighborhood?
  - b) What resources can the community bring together to create the "quality of life" you want for the future?
  
- 4) Transportation & Infrastructure
  - a) Funding for roads, transit, water systems, sewers, parks and other infrastructure are always limited. What investments will do the most to create a successful and desirable community in the future? List items on a flipchart and use markers (green for parks, black for other infrastructure) to show these items on the map.
  
- 5) Future Growth Opportunities
  - a) A thriving city needs to have good jobs, housing for residents with different needs and preferences, and the services and other companies that people want or enjoy. Which opportunities will make Garland the best possible community for its future residents and businesses? List items on a flipchart and use stickers to locate places where these places should be located.
  - b) Cities must also be sustainable – they should use resources in a way that allows future generations to meet their needs too. What are the top five actions Garland should take to be a sustainable city?
  
- 6) Imagining Your Desired Future
  - a) Please describe, in one or two sentences, your group's vision of Garland as you would like to see it in 2030.