Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Fort Sumner, New Mexico

Fort Sumner, a small and historic community located on the Pecos River in New Mexico’s Eastern Plains, contracted with Architectural Research Consultants, Incorporated (ARC) to prepare a comprehensive plan update. Working with elected officials, village staff, a steering committee, and with assistance from Occam Consulting Engineers, ARC prepared a plan that included:

- Community assessment and existing conditions analysis
- Land use element
- Transportation element
- Infrastructure, facilities and parks element
- Housing element
- Economic development element
- Hazard mitigation element
- Community appearance element

Plan recommendations align with the 2013 - 2017 Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP). Goals and actions for the short term align current ICIP priorities with recommendations for future projects.

Economic development recommendations focus on the village’s place as a commercial hub within an area dominated by agriculture, on the tourism appeal of its Wild West history, and the region’s potential for alternative energy production and transmission.

Unique to Fort Sumner’s plan is a community appearance element, identifying actions the Village can realistically take to improve how it appears, both to boost community pride and to appeal to visitors and investors.

**Client:** Village of Fort Sumner

**Project Completion:** June 2012