

PREFACE



Future development within a place is based upon characteristics throughout the past that have helped shape the fabric of the industrial, commercial, and residential zones of the city. Like many 19th century railroad towns, Monett quickly became a booming transportation hub and the growth of the city shows no signs of stopping. This project seeks to define the history of Monett as progressive movements towards the cultural and social interconnectivity of its people. With the growing Hispanic population of the area Monett has become a center for cultural expansion in the southwest portion of Missouri. With this cultural expansion comes a need for social connections within the city. Linking all portions of the city via bike trails and walking paths will provide not only a safe route for different kinds of traffic but a link that will connect major areas of the city of Monett.

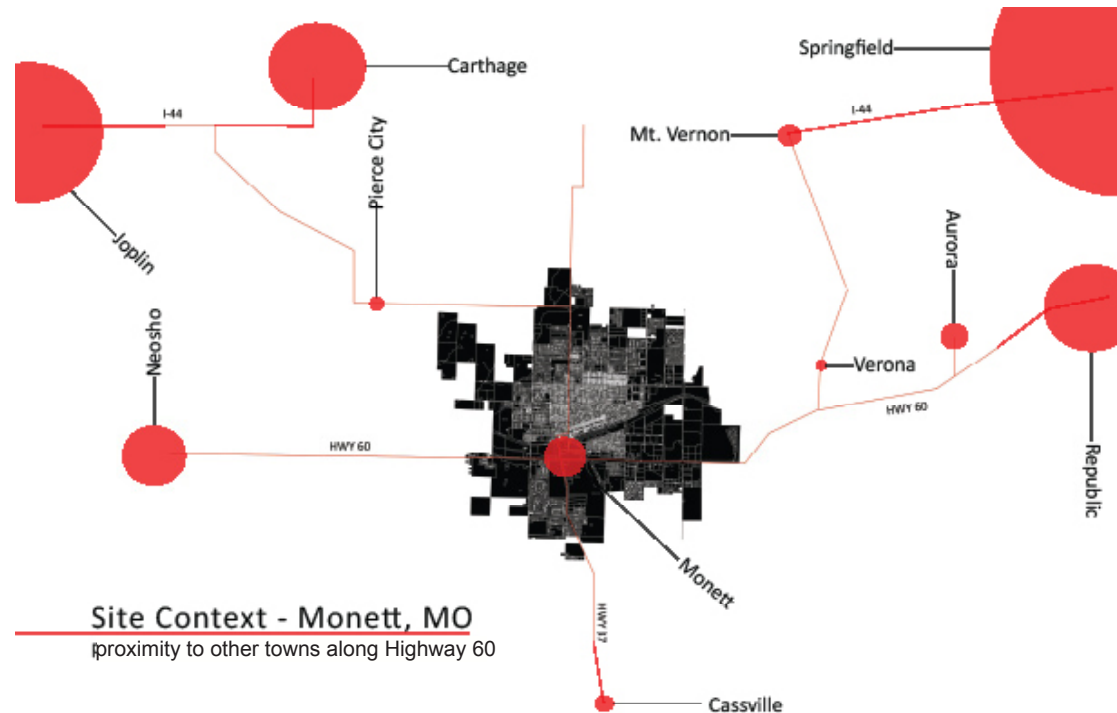


Figure 1.1.1 Monett in relation to near by towns and cities

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This document is a compilation of issues, concerns, and recommendations for future development. Monett, the Drury University Center for Community Studies, and the University of Missouri Extension have worked together to create a tangible vision for the next 20 years of future development. Throughout the course of this project Monett has been photographed, researched, interviewed, and analyzed in order to provide educated recommendations for the revitalization of downtown Monett on Broadway Street and other key elements of great significance to the future of the city. Based upon our research issues such as flooding, interconnectivity, and smart growth have been identified. We hope to provide an extensive insight into our findings and outline these issues among others throughout the entirety of this text.

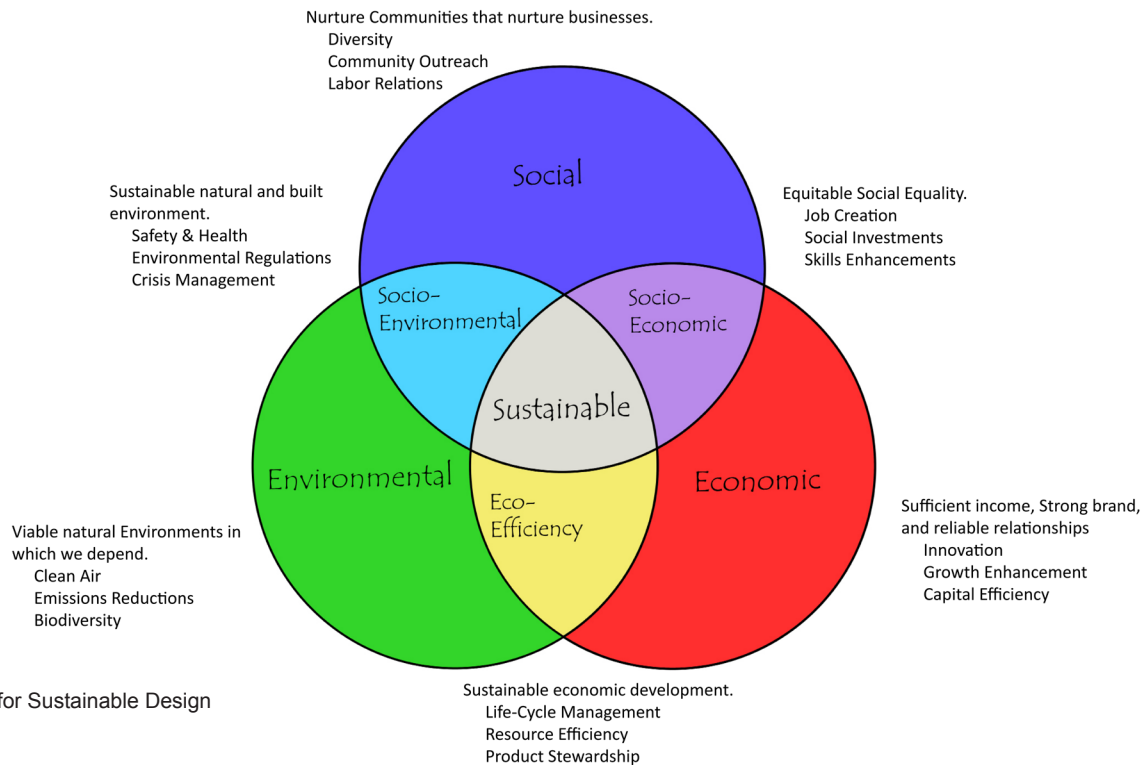


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