



Christopher J. Looney, AICP - Planning and Development Services Director

Christopher has over 25 years of planning, policy, legislative, intergovernmental relations, and stakeholder engagement experience in several Texas cities including San Angelo, San Antonio and currently New Braunfels. He was named New Braunfels Planning Director in 2015. His team includes current and long-range planning, historic preservation, code compliance, building permitting, plan review & inspections, health & food safety, and animal welfare & rescue. The department is currently managing the rewrite and consolidation of New Braunfels' zoning, subdivision platting, historic preservation, and sign ordinances into a unified land development ordinance to implement the comprehensive plan.



As Planning Director, Christopher has focused on innovation, organizational leadership, mentoring promising new leaders, and continuous improvement. He led the community's Comprehensive Plan adoption which won the 2018 American Planning Association Chapter award for best Texas Comprehensive Plan.

Christopher is active in professional associations and several community groups. Originally from Uvalde, where he attained Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow, Christopher holds a Bachelor of Science in Geography with a Concentration in Urban and Regional Planning from Texas State University, and a Master of Business Administration with a Concentration in Ethical Leadership from Schreiner University. He and his wife Denise moved to New Braunfels in 2002. They have an adult daughter in college, and a special needs teenage son who will graduate from high school this year. When not tubing, camping, cycling, or hiking with his family, Christopher enjoys acting in community theatre where comedies are his specialty.