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The Vision Statement articulates in clear, simple terms the kind of place Biloxians want their city to be 20–25 years in the future (the time horizon of the Comprehensive Plan). As an expression of shared community values and motivations, it provides the policy touchstone and guide for the goals, objectives, strategies, and actions that are detailed in the remainder of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Vision Statement was prepared based on citizen input and reviewed at a series of public meetings conducted in December 2008. Reflecting Biloxi's place in a time of economic, environmental, and social uncertainty and change - as manifested in the impacts of Katrina in 2005 and the global recession that started in 2008 - it establishes **resilience** as the overarching direction that will enable the City to succeed and prosper in the 21st century.¹



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The best of Biloxi's past—its cultural heritage, natural resources, and the spirit of its people—is carried forward and enhanced in a **prosperous, resilient** city for the 21st century. The City's 21st century renaissance is based on:

- A **diverse, thriving economy** that capitalizes on Biloxi's assets: its natural and cultural resources, economic anchors, status as a premiere visitor destination, and the entrepreneurial spirit of its people.
- A **healthy environment** that supports quality of life, sustains the economy, and protects against storm damage and flooding.
- A **welcoming community** that celebrates Biloxi's unique character and sense of place; provides opportunities for all citizens; and takes care of those in need.



¹ Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines resilience as "an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change."

