



DOWNTOWN ABILENE

ABILENE, TEXAS

GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGNEE—2022

Over the past two decades, Abilene’s downtown has been the focus of revitalization, preservation, and rehabilitation – earning it the namesake of “The Storybook Capital of America” as designated by the 84th Texas Legislature. This idealistic west-central Texas community seeks harmony with nature, as citizens enjoy varying land uses, multiple green spaces, unique parks, a central business district, light manufacturing, and new residential opportunities.

Spurred by the creation of the Abilene Downtown Association and strategic tax exemptions for historic districts, the downtown neighborhood thrives around a mix of amenities for every palette. Three green spaces in Downtown Abilene are dedicated to the storytelling experience for all ages. With all the features of an urban pocket park, Minter Park dazzles guests with a digital waterfall over a limestone wall, a storybook garden, and a small area for outdoor performances. Everman Park is known for its picturesque fountain with reclaimed water and six bronze character statues from the stories of Dr. Seuss. Finally, the Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden sits on the southern lawn of the Abilene Convention Center and hosts whimsical play for young and old within classic storybook fables, such as “The Three Little Pigs” and “Charlotte’s Web.”

Downtown Abilene also promotes civic pride with its own multi-route bus system, pedestrian signals and traffic calming techniques, and the home of City Hall. So whether it is an event downtown, a Broadway production at the historic Paramount Theater, grabbing a cup of coffee with a friend, or enjoying the farmer’s market, this inclusive downtown has something for all Abilenians.

