

## **SECTION 5 DESIGN GUIDELINES**

### **Introduction**

The rural character of Saint Hedwig can be described in several ways. Principally, it is a community of rural large-acreage residential lots and agricultural/farming sections where housing and the built environment takes a back seat to the natural environment. This natural environment can be described as one with scenic open views of gently rolling pasture land interrupted only by mature tree stands, open fencing, periodic ranching and farming structures, and homes (generally constructed of brick or natural stone) set far back from the roads. Roads are, by definition, two-lane rural roads and tree-lined in many areas. Such an environment has proved very accommodating to a rural, country lifestyle where residents enjoy ranching, horseback riding and other activities associated with a quiet and peaceful rural community.

### **Purpose and Application**

It is the purpose of design guidelines to provide a detailed framework for which development occurs and contributes to the ultimate vision of the City as desired by its citizenry. As such, it is the ambition of the City to preserve and enhance the rural community just described by establishing design guidelines and other tools that accompany a Master Plan.

Design guidelines are specified in the Saint Hedwig Zoning and/or Subdivision Ordinance, as appropriate. Please refer to the respective ordinances for detailed information.