



This document details the Walnut Creek Planning Partnership (WCPP) goals survey submissions and outlines common goal themes in Central Ohio plans.

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A. Protect Environmental Resources

- Floodplains are preserved for use as parks, recreational facilities and natural areas.
- Buffer areas will be required along riparian corridors to maintain natural features
- The recommendations of Pickerington Ponds Wetland and Wildlife Refuge study should be adopted and implemented
- Protect our environmental resources
- Preserve the critical natural resources of the township
- Protect environmental resources and increase interaction between humans and the natural world.
- Protect the 100 year floodplain.
- To provide open spaces for light and air, to prevent excessive concentration of the population where public water supply and sanitary sewer are not now available, to prevent scattered and uncoordinated development
- Preserve critical resources such as floodplains, wetlands, woods, dense vegetation, natural drainage and bodies of water
- Enhancement, restoration, and preservation of the river corridor as a central recreational amenity, educational opportunity, connection to the larger community and working landscape.
- To preserve natural beauty, wildlife, quietness and open space.
- To continue to educate the township residents concerning environmental protection, recycling, etc. within the township.
- Preserve ravines and slopes greater than 20% for open space when the township develops.
- Protect environmentally sensitive areas such as floodways and drainage corridors.
- Continue to preserve open space and natural features.
- Utilize a balanced, leading approach to environmental stewardship.
- Increase the community's use of open space, landscape and forestry best practices to achieve environmental sustainability in the community, its parks and public right-of ways and set an example stewardship excellence within the parks.
- Preserve natural lands, protect the environment, and reuse already developed land.
- Protect the natural environment by preserving riparian corridor and streamways and employing innovative practices to manage stormwater.
- Conserve surface and ground water quality around the streams
- Preserve a high degree of environmental quality.
- Retain wildlife cover and corridors where feasible.
- Preserve woods and forest land
- Conserve the surface and ground water quality in the watersheds
- Preserve steep slopes where possible in order to avoid erosion.
- Preserve natural resources including woodlands, wetlands, creeks, rivers and floodplains.
- Provide and protect the township's natural features in keeping with the community vision.

B. Preserve Unique Character of Community

- Protect our historic resources
- Maintain the rural character of the township.

- Preserve the rural character and natural resources of the township.
- Retain low residential density in agricultural areas.
- Preserve the rural “look” along township roads via fencing and landscaping.
- Retain historic and agricultural structures, where feasible.
- Preserve the rural character of the township as expressed in its openness, green areas, farms, natural resources
- Retain low residential density in agricultural areas.
- Preserve our heritage by protecting cultural resources (historic, archaeological, cultural)
- The city is a special place and its historic fabric will be used as a template
- Preserve the rural character of the township as expressed in its open green areas.
- Preserve the rural "look" along township roads via fencing and landscaping.
- Retain very low residential density in agricultural areas.
- Protect the character and the values of the agricultural, residential, institutional, business and manufacturing uses, and to insure their orderly and beneficial development
- Preserve historic resources.
- To preserve scenic views, where feasible, as open space within farm villages or conservation subdivisions.
- To preserve scenic views and vistas as open space.
- Provide an opportunity for agriculture to continue through flexible/creative zoning.
- Retain and protect prime farmland.
- Ensure a quality built environment that provides exciting and imaginative development.

C. Promote Economic Development

- Maintain high quality development standards.
- Promote short- and long-term economic growth.
- Adopt land use and development regulations that will serve as a foundation for economic growth.
- Retain and create jobs, especially well paying positions. This includes strategies to retain and grow professional employment and employment in activities that bring fresh dollars into the county.
- Commercial development is adjacent to existing retail and commercial development.
- Promote economic development in designated commercial and Industrial districts.
- Industrial development is limited to the Rickenbacker area and the Rickenbacker Parkway. Commercial development is adjacent to existing retail and commercial development. (In Madison Township, Franklin County)
- Improve economic base by encouraging appropriate redevelopment that enhances and compliments the community’s character and quality of life
- Promote reinvestment in house and businesses
- Development that is compatible with the community’s values and aspirations
- To guide the future development of the township in accordance with the comprehensive plan, and to assure economical extension of public improvements and services
- Preserve over the long term farm economy by both land preservation and encouraging development patterns that do not interfere with farming operations.

D. Invest in infrastructure

- Build connectivity between parks, schools, Metro Parks, and adjacent communities through the development of trails and greenways.
- Promote redevelopment and new projects that use transportation, sanitary sewers and other public utility infrastructure efficiently. This is to maximize benefit and growth opportunity and limit the impact on the agricultural economy and cost to the local taxpayers both in construction and energy usage.

- Investment/development in the existing community core, and prioritizing adaptive use of and reinvestment in existing facilities.
- Investment in infrastructure and civic structures.
- Install sidewalks, expand bicycle trails, expand mass transit opportunities, design street to accommodate all users.
- Develop a thriving community center, recognizing that the core is the emotional and practical heart of the community.
- Link conservation subdivisions and farm villages with green spaces and paths.
- Link Planned Developments with green spaces and paths.
- Protect, preserve & restore historic canals
- Develop parks & walking/bike trails
- Promote the acquisition of land for the development of Metro Parks.
- Relate land use and density to land suitability, utility availability and existing land use
- To improve the public safety by locating buildings and uses adjacent to major thoroughfares, so they will cause the least. Interference with and be damaged least by traffic movements

E. Plan for Sustainable Growth

- A watershed management system should be developed for the area to accommodate the effects of continued development within the Southeast
- Promote land uses that support and respect current areas, maintain quiet neighborhoods and support vibrant mixed-use areas.
- Avoid inappropriate sprawl and retain critical resource areas and wildlife corridors
- To maintain an orderly, sustainable development of the township that will promote new housing, commercial and light industrial business while preserving farmland and an economically viable agricultural sector
- Work with neighboring jurisdictions to solve problems.
- Help the surrounding area (communities)
- Achieve Balance in Land Use Mix
- Neighborhoods and development to provide a sustainable community
- Promote the provision of housing types to attract and accommodate all age groups and maintain the quality of existing housing stock
- To remain competitive in the region and focus on redevelopment while maintaining the strong community, unique qualities, and high level of services.
- Follow the future land use map and corresponding text.
- Develop a community that is economically and environmentally sustainable for current and future residents.
- Define appropriate areas for growth while maintaining an environment conducive to wildlife
- Support a high quality of life by improving existing parks and adding green space. Continue to develop a variety of housing types. Constantly work to rehabilitate older neighborhoods.
- Develop strong neighborhoods based on the principles of interconnectivity, pedestrian orientation, proper scale, high quality architecture and design, and proximity of parks and open space.
- Preserve open space and recreational area from future development.