

VISION STATEMENT

Plain Township is committed to providing a safe, convenient, affordable community offering excellent schools, services, business opportunities, recreation and infrastructure to create an exceptionally high quality of life.

LAND USE PLANNING GOALS

1. Preserve and protect the natural resources of the Township including riparian corridors and wetlands.
2. Maintain a sound revenue base for the Township through an appropriate balance of land use.
3. Maintain and expand an interconnected and integrated public park and recreation system.
4. Provide a variety of housing types, densities, and values.
5. Encourage development patterns that include dedication of quality open space and preserve green space.
6. Continue to meet NPDES requirements for storm water management.
7. Promote sustainable development practices such as infill and mixed-use development in appropriate areas.
8. Adopt and amend zoning regulations in accordance with the comprehensive mini-master plan.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

1. Coordinate sanitary sewer projects with the Stark County Sewer District to continue phasing out package treatment plants and septic systems.
2. Establish and develop the Schneider Community Park and Glen Oak Community Campus as a physical focal point for Plain Township through streetscaping and possible gateway identification measures.
3. Continue to pursue funding options for storm water and infrastructure projects through OPWC and CDBG applications.
4. Continue with traffic control projects and road improvements as recommended in the Road Department Five Year Plan.
5. Transition the Diamond Sports Complex into a multi-use facility.

6. Further develop Schneider Community Park by utilizing grants, donations and public funding.
7. Improve and expand pedestrian walkways and parking facilities through the Township Park System.

SERVICE GOALS

1. Coordinate growth and development with appropriate expansion or consolidation of Township services in order to maintain quality service levels. This should include funding, personnel, equipment, and facilities.
2. Expand automatic aid agreements with other fire departments.
3. Continue to promote a strong community identity with Plain Township's Police Services.
4. Continue dialogue with adjacent political subdivisions and agencies to create partnerships to evaluate and implement regionalization of safety, maintenance and recreational services.
5. Explore creative funding mechanisms to provide revenue for the Plain Township Parks and Recreation Department.
6. Evaluate all part-time employee status.
7. Work to establish a county-wide dispatch center.
8. Decrease the Township's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating.
9. Consider implementing "soft billing" for EMS services.
10. Further develop and grow the Friends of Plain Parks Organization.
11. Partner with Plain Local Schools to offer educational, cultural and recreational activities to the community.
12. Develop a proactive marketing plan to promote and "sell" Plain Township.
13. Offer free family events through the Parks and Recreation Department.
14. Provide innovative solutions by using new cost-effective technology for road maintenance and service.
15. Evaluate feasibility of modifying existing Property Maintenance Code.