



Goals & Objectives

Planning Commissioners reviewed the previous chapters of the Comprehensive Plan and gleaned the goals and objectives listed below, with the help of staff. The action statements were then developed to help implement the plan in a measurable and timely manner.

Quality of Life Goal

Maintain and enhance the quality of life found in the Village of Brooklyn and its relationship to the Heart of the Lakes Area.

Public Services, Objective 1

Cooperate with other local units of government and Jackson County to provide some basic (police, fire, rescue, recreation, and library) public services to Village residents. Services specific to development activities, water, sewer, and roads shall be provided by Village employees.

Action 1 Actively participate on the board of the Leoni Township Wastewater Treatment System in order to provide effective wastewater sewer service in the Village.

Action 2 Continue to examine the potential for an expansion of or addition to the cooperative efforts between the Village and other governmental entities.

Action 3 Establish a policy which limits the potential for an extension of the Village water service into Columbia Township without a clear benefit to the Village. Annexation and/or a P.A. 425 Agreement shall predicate all such extensions.

Action 4 Prepare and annually update a 5 year capital improvements plan.

Economic Development, Objective 2

Actively participate in the Brooklyn-Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce, the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, the Enterprise Group, and other economic development organizations to make Brooklyn attractive to commercial and industrial development.

Action 5 Prior to the end of each fiscal year, develop an annual report of economic development activities in which the Village was engaged.

Action 6 Actively support the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and merchant sponsored events and projects which draw people into the community along with an enhancement of the tax base.

Environmental Protection, Objective 3

Cooperate with other environmental stewards to protect and enhance the natural resources that make the Heart of the Lakes Area such a desirable place.

Action 7 When deemed beneficial to the Village, participate with/on the River Raisin Watershed Council, the Jackson County Wellhead Protection Committee, the Jackson County Drain Commission, and other organizations dedicated to the protection of the water resources in the Heart of the Lakes Area.

Action 8 Protect the agricultural lands and open spaces that provide and enhance the surroundings of the Village through active participation on The Heart of the Lakes Recreation Commissions and other organizations dedicated to land preservation.

Transportation, Objective 4

Facilitate intergovernmental cooperation in the provision of a multimodal transportation system.

Action 9 Actively participate on the Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study (JACTS), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Greater Jackson and Jackson County.

Action 10 Utilize RoadSoft software to create an annually updated maintenance rating system for Village streets that is compatible with the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Asset Management Program.

Action 11 Annually review the Act 51 and NFC designations of Village streets in cooperation with JACTS and MDOT.

Action 12 Develop a nonmotorized plan, inclusive of funding mechanisms such as Safe Routes to School, which shall be updated on an annual basis. The Plan will include:

Upgrade the sidewalk system by making repairs, filling in gaps, providing new facilities, making it ADA accessible, and reviewing village policy.

Explore the establishment of a regional trail network that augments the Village's sidewalk system through external interconnectivity.

Action 13 Apply the principles of Complete Streets in all transportation projects.

Recreation, Objective 5

Increase the opportunities for recreation in the Village and the surrounding area by participating in the Heart of the Lakes Recreation Commission.

Action 14 Maintain a 5-year recreation plan for the Village and the Irish Hills Area through participation in the Heart of the Lakes Recreation Commission

Action 15 Develop a master development plan for each recreation facility in the Village (i.e., Swain's Park, Weatherwax Park, The Square, etc.).

Action 16 Work with external organizations to provide recreational programming opportunities.

Historic Preservation, Objective 6

Establish historic themed design guidelines for all applicable portions of the Village.

Action 17 Work with the DDA to create design guidelines for the downtown (C-1) zoning district.

Stable But Diverse Growth Goal

Create a growing and stable yet diverse Village population.

Residency, Objective 7

Investigate ways to increase the percentage of owner occupied homes within the Village (presently at 53.7%).

Action 18 Attract a mix of retail, service, professional, and light industrial employment opportunities through active participation in the Chambers of Commerce.

Action 19 Reinforce a pattern of land use which facilitates the other goals and objectives of this Plan by:

Analyze each rezoning and major development proposal to ensure the maintenance of a balanced mix of the residential, commercial, and industrial development in the Village.

Recognize the inherent conflicts between residential and nonresidential uses when making land use decisions.

Action 20 Analyze the potential opportunity for mixed land uses and adaptive reuse while implementing a form not function based zoning ordinance.

Action 21 Work with the DDA to evaluate the land use patterns and zoning regulations within the Village.

Housing, Objective 8

Maintain a viable and attractive housing stock.

Action 22 Analyze each rezoning and major development when they are proposed to ensure:

A balanced mix of single-family, two-family, and multiple-family residential units.

A balanced range of home values.

A healthy mix of rental and owner-occupied housing units.

Action 23 Establish maintenance codes for all structures and grounds. All such regulations shall be evaluated on an annual basis and shall be coordinated with the landlords.

Action 24 Establish a rental inspection/registration program in coordination with the landlords.

Municipal Government, Objective 9

Assess the function of the municipal government.

Action 25 Periodically review the administrative structure of the Village to ensure compliance with other comprehensive plan goals/objectives.

Action 26 Evaluate the existing governmental structure in light of recent recommendations from the Governor.