



IDEAL TOWNSHIP
Comprehensive Plan

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Vision Statement

Maintaining the natural beauty of Ideal Township by ensuring a balanced approach to growth that respects our environment, nurtures community vitality, and sustains the quality of life for future generations.

Introduction

Ideal Township wanted to be intentional about creating a plan for making Ideal Township even more prosperous. Through community engagement, surveys, and outreach, the plan represents a shared vision for the future and a strategic map to reach that vision.

The plan provides broad recommendations to guide and manage growth and development. These board recommendations come in the form of goals and action items that express the township's aspiration for the future. Efforts to implement the plan's vision, goals, and strategies began at adoption.

This living document should be used as a guide for the day-to-day activities of township board members and staff. This plan should be easily accessible to elected and appointed officials, township board members, staff, Ideal Township residents, and visitors. Comprehensive Plans are intended to provide direction for a 10 to 15-year time horizon, however, plans are most effective when reviewed annually and updated every five years.



How to Use This Plan

Ideal Townships Comprehensive Plan Update is divided into the following broad sections:

- Environment – Energy Efficiency, Stormwater Management, Soil, Waste, and Parks & Recreation
- Built – Broadband, Transportation, Community Facilities, Housing
- Financial
- Social – Community Services, Access to childcare, Access to Eldercare, Safety
- Cultural – Welcoming Communities
- Political – Zoning

Each section provides background information and goals developed based on community input. These goals are intended for a wide range of audiences and end users including the township board, elected decision-makers, business owners, developers, permanent residents, season residents, tourists, and prospective residents. We have tried to streamline this document as much as possible for the casual reader while providing enough specific information for the township board. To further describe the multi-faceted nature of this plan, the following list describes each of the users and how they might use this plan:

1. GUIDE TOWNSHIP AND STAFF IN:
 - a. Communicating the townships vision for the future.
 - b. Establishing regulatory changes and permitting.
 - c. Acquiring and use of land.
 - d. Planning for capital improvement.
 - e. Development and infrastructure decisions.
2. GUIDE BUSINESSES, PROPERTY OWNERS, AND RESIDENTS IN:
 - a. Determining potential property use.
 - b. Understanding possible land use changes in the surrounding areas.
 - c. Establishing reasonable land use expectations.
 - d. Understanding future infrastructure improvements.
 - e. Improving and investing in property.
3. GUIDE DEVELOPERS WITH PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND THE COORDINATION OF PLANS WITH TOWNSHIP GOALS, REGULATIONS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS.
4. ASSIST AND COORDINATE WITH NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS WITH ISSUES AND TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

Authority to Plan

The State of Minnesota gives its communities the legal authority to adopt a Plan according to the Municipal Planning Act (Minnesota State Statute Sections 462.351 to 462.364). The Municipal Planning Act creates a single, uniform procedure that applies to all cities. The Comprehensive Plan provides the legal framework to enact land use control and other municipal actions to implement long-term growth and development regulation strategies. The city's land use (zoning) ordinances and official zoning map should be updated to conform to the Comprehensive Plan following the adoption of this plan.

Planning Process

In November of 2023, Ideal Township contacted Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) requesting a proposal for professional technical assistance to help guide the planning process and facilitate meetings to update the townships Comprehensive Plan. The proposal was presented and approved by the Township Board in December of 2023.

During the beginning of 2024, the R5DC Team worked with township officials to develop a local planning team tasked with guiding the planning process, attending the regular planning meetings, and providing key insights and expertise. The Team ensured that a process was implemented to gather community input and develop goals and strategies based on that input.

Public Informational Kickoff Meeting – May 6th, 2024

A public informational kickoff meeting was held at Ideal Township’s community center on Monday, May 6th, 2024, and included a presentation from R5DC staff regarding what comprehensive planning is, the purpose of comprehensive planning, how it can benefit communities, an asset mapping exercise and a call to action to join by being a part of the local planning team.

Local Planning Team

Following the public informational kickoff meeting, R5DC and Ideal Township staff members requested volunteers to participate in the local planning team. Some members responded via this call to action, and others responded based on what they heard at the public informational kickoff meeting in May. Once the local planning team was established, this group began meeting on a bi-monthly basis according to the timeline laid out by R5DC staff.

Dedicated Comprehensive Plan Update Webpage

With an emphasis towards public and community engagement, the local planning team (LPT) directed staff to develop a webpage that would be easily accessible and dedicated to the comprehensive plan update. Here, residents unable to attend the local planning team meetings could stay informed of the planning process and would have access to all the meeting agendas, handouts, and summaries of the meetings, surveys, and outcomes. You can access this webpage at www.regionfive.org/ideal.

Community Survey

One of the Local Planning Team’s (LPT) first orders of business was to review the community survey and asset mapping exercise from the kickoff meeting. The LPT and R5DC staff carefully reviewed the 48 individual responses to the 15-question survey that provided valuable community input for the planning team.

Discussion of Issues and Barriers

After many community discussions, at the kickoff and subsequent LPT meetings, and equipped with the community survey responses, the LPT focused on identifying community issues and barriers. R5DC facilitated a few LPT meetings dedicated solely to the topic of identifying issues. The LPT spent a considerable amount of time assessing the issues and barriers to appropriately identify solutions to the challenges that they identified throughout the planning process.

Development of Goals and Strategies

After collecting as much information as possible through the public informational kickoff meeting, the development of a dedicated comprehensive plan webpage, the development of a local planning team, and the administration of a community survey, the LPT began to apply this information productively by developing goals and strategies to address the identified issues and barriers.

The LPT held a series of meetings aimed at identifying goals and strategies. The first meeting involved brainstorming to generate a wide range of ideas, resulting in a large list of projects. The second meeting focused on evaluating these projects for feasibility and actionability, leading to a shorter more practical list. Additionally, projects were categorized into topic areas like Built and Social. The next meetings prioritized the shortened list of actionable goals within each topic area. Through this process, the LPT developed a categorized, prioritized, and actionable plan aligned with earlier community engagement, ready to be presented to the community and township board.

Community Character

Overview

Ideal Township, established in 1899, is surrounded by the beautiful Whitefish Chain of Lakes and is located in the northwest corner of Crow Wing County. The township was officially chartered in 1902 and is governed by a three-member, elected Board of Supervisors. Because of the highly attractive lifestyle, Ideal Township is experiencing an increasing amount of growth and development.

Ideal Township has a population of 1,210 people. [1]

This plan seeks to use the best and most current information available. The most widely used sources in this plan include the 2020 US Census Bureau, the Minnesota State Demographers office and a variety of other local sources. The types of information gathered included general demographic information for purpose of community planning including but not limited to: General Population (current and past), age, race, ethnicity, income levels, education attainment, transportation volume, transportation costs, transportation counts among others.

It was the desired effort of the LPT to not discard past planning efforts but rather build past planning efforts and continue where those efforts left off. Therefore, staff and the LPT emphasized the review and use of the previous comprehensive plan - 2004 to the extent possible and where it made sense. For example, a review of the past goals was conducted to determine which goals had either been accomplished, remained relevant and should be included in this update, or were determined to no longer be relevant goals.

This document is a continuation of the ongoing planning process in Ideal Township. The Township has used this planning process as an opportunity to evaluate and reinforce the existing growth and development policies and to evaluate previous planning efforts to update and reinforce past decisions that are still valid. A major premise of this Plan, therefore, is to utilize portions of the previous comprehensive plan whenever applicable.

History

Origins and Founding

Ideal Township is located in Crow Wing County, Minnesota, within the boundaries of the Whitefish Chain of Lakes and neighboring cities of Crosslake, Manhattan Beach, and Fifty Lakes. The two main roads in Ideal Township are County Rd 16 and County Rd 39.

Ideal Township was established in 1899 and officially chartered in 1902.

Tourism has always been an integral part of Ideal Township. Accessibility to the area is adequate with the County Rd 16 connection to Highway 371. Summer recreation opportunities such as camping, boating, fishing, hiking, trails, and resorts attract tourists to the area.

Population

This table shows the changes in population that have taken place from 2015 to the 2022 census for the township, surrounding townships & cities, Crow Wing County, and the State of Minnesota. [2]

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Ideal Township	1,116	1,122	1,137	1,141	1,222	1,242	1,253	1,210
Timothy Township	169	170	172	172	170	174	174	175
Fifty Lakes	396	401	404	405	447	453	450	454
Jenkins	456	459	460	471	488	493	492	499
Crow Wing County	63,757	64,324	64,957	65,191	65,644	67,270	67,884	68,304
State of Minnesota	5,525,360	5,569,283	5,608,762	5,640,053	5,706,494	5,717,968	5,714,300	5,737,000



Environmental –Energy Efficiency, Stormwater Management, Soil, Waste, and Parks & Recreation

Overview

Cities and townships throughout the nation, big and small, conduct comprehensive planning to steer community development. This process is essential in guiding municipalities. Today, energy resilience, climate adaptation, and environmental health are becoming key considerations in township planning.

The LPT focused several discussions on energy and environment planning for the township based off the survey results as well as conversations within the group.

Goals and Strategies

1. Raise awareness and improve water quality in the township.

This looks like:

- a. Partner with local water quality groups, lake associations, and environmental organizations to share resources and coordinate efforts.
- b. Develop and distribute educational materials on water conservation and pollution prevention to residents.
- c. Host workshops or community events to promote sustainable practices, such as proper waste disposal, shoreline restoration, and septic system maintenance.
 - i. Consider use of the Transfer Station to assist with this action item.
- d. Conduct periodic water quality testing and share results with residents to build awareness of current conditions and areas for improvement.

2. Support lake associations in preserving and enhancing water quality.

This looks like:

- a. Provide financial or logistical support for lake association projects that align with the township environmental goals.
- b. Designate a township liaison to collaborate with lake associations on initiatives such as invasive species control, water monitoring, and habitat restoration.
- c. Include updates on lake association activities and successes in township newsletters and communications.
- d. Encourage participation in lake associations among all Ideal Township residents, including those without waterfront property.

3. Consider developing a walking path to enhance recreation and accessibility.

This looks like:

- a. Identify potential locations for a walking path that balances accessibility, environmental preservation, and residents needs.
- b. Seek grants or funding opportunities for trail construction and maintenance.

- c. Engage residents in the planning process to ensure community support and input.
4. Promote the township's natural resources, including air, soil, and renewable energy opportunities.

This looks like:

- a. Develop and enforce ordinances to prevent soil erosion and maintain air quality.
 - b. Partner with environmental agencies to conduct periodic air and soil testing to identify potential issues.
 - c. Explore renewable energy projects, such as solar installations, that align with the township's environmental goals.
 - d. Encourage residents and businesses to adopt renewable energy solutions.
5. Establish clear expectations for residents and property owners regarding development, tree removal, and aesthetics.

This looks like:

- a. Develop guidelines outlining best practices for tree removal and screening requirements to maintain tree coverage along main roads.
- b. Implement screening standards for buildings to preserve the township's rural character and visual appeal.
- c. Work with the county to define acceptable lighting standards to ensure consistency with township aesthetics.
- d. Explore dark sky initiatives and available grants to reduce light pollution by promoting directives, non-glaring lighting fixtures that enhance visibility while preserving night sky quality.





Built – Broadband, Transportation, Community Facilities, Housing

Broadband

Overview

Broadband connectivity is a critical component of modern infrastructure, essential for economic growth, education, healthcare, and quality of life in Ideal Township.

Current broadband structures include fiber-optic, cable, and wireless technologies, with fiber available throughout the township. The LPT discussed these issues.

Goals & Strategies

1. Maintain reliable broadband service throughout the township.

This looks like:

- a. Partner with internet service providers to ensure ongoing infrastructure maintenance and upgrades.
- b. Monitor broadband coverage and performance to address gaps or outages quickly.
- c. Advocate for state and federal broadband funding to enhance rural internet access.

Transportation

Overview

Transportation has always been an important part of Ideal Township. One of the area's primary transportation features is the connection from County RD 16 to MN Highway 371. This highway provides excellent visibility for visitors passing through and offers convenient access to the residential area.

input & Data

As in most cities, the network of roads is a partnership between several jurisdictions, including the State of Minnesota, Crow Wing County and Ideal Township. When discussing highways and roads, functional classification is the grouping of streets and highways into classes or systems according to the character of service they are intended to provide. Basic to this process is the recognition that most travel involves movement through a network of roads. Functional classification defines the role that any road or street plays in serving the flow of trips through an entire network.

Federal, State and Local Programs, Plans and Planning

The Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan is Minnesota's highest-level policy plan for transportation. It is a 20-year plan based on Minnesota GO, a vision of a transportation system that maximizes the health of people, the environment, and our economy. The plan is for all types of transportation and all transportation partners.

It covers more than just roadways and applies to more than just the Minnesota Department of Transportation. It evaluates the status of the transportation system, what is changing, and how we will move forward over the next twenty years. *The Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan was updated as of January 2017.* You can read the plan at <https://minnesotago.org/final-plans/smtp-final-plan-2017>

10-Year Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP)

The 10-year Capital Highway Investment Plan details MnDOT’s capital highway investments for the next ten years on the state highway network. The CHIP is updated yearly to remove projects that are being constructed, adjust the timing of existing planned projects, and add new planned projects. The primary purpose of the document is to communicate programmed and planned capital highway projects over the next 10 years. The document serves as a check to ensure that MnDOT is meeting the investment levels and performance outcomes identified in MnDOT’s 20-year State Highway Investment Plan, MnSHIP, and explains any change in direction or outcomes from the investment direction. [3]

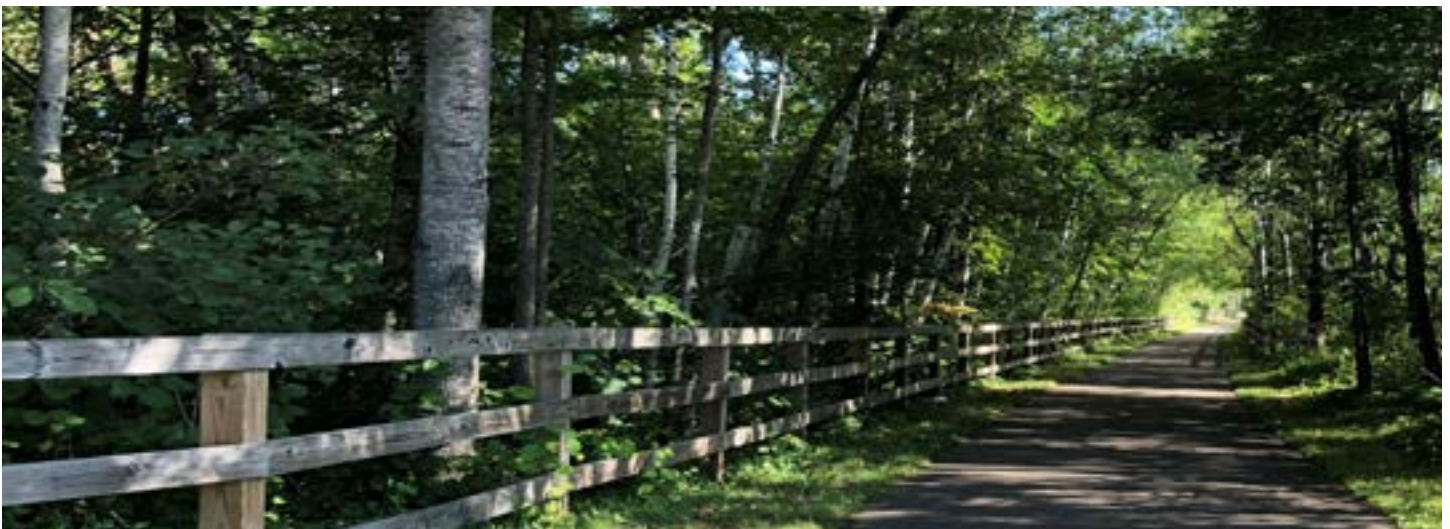
4-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

The STIP is a federally required public document that lists Minnesota’s four-year transportation improvement program. The STIP includes all state and local transportation projects that are using federal highway and/or federal transit funding along with those state transportation projects which are using 100% state funds. Information contained within

the STIP includes the cost, schedule, and funding sources for the identified projects. The STIP is developed on an annual basis, and it is updated throughout the year to reflect significant changes in the program. In addition to federal highway and transit projects, the STIP includes rail and port projects for informational purposes. [4]

As part of the public input process, the following theme was identified around the topic of housing in the community survey:

- Trail system connection
- Increase transportation needs for residents



- Increase transportation needs for residents

Goals and Strategies

1. Improve transportation accessibility for township residents.

This looks like:

- a. Assess current transportation needs through resident surveys and community feedback.
 - b. Partner with nearby cities, churches, and businesses to explore shared transportation services, such as shuttle programs.
 - c. Conduct a feasibility study on introducing ride-share options (e.g. Uber/Lyft) within the township, including identifying potential areas of demand.
 - d. Collaborate with regional health providers to establish medical shuttle services for residents requiring non-emergency transportation.
2. Develop a trail system to connect the township with neighboring areas.

This looks like:

- a. Create a township trail plan, identifying key routes and connections to neighboring trail networks.
 - b. Seek grant or funding opportunities to support trail development and maintenance.
 - c. Incorporate clear and informative signage along trails, including directional markers, safety warnings, and educational information about the local environment.
 - d. Highlighting the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway, which runs through the township, and ensuring the park kiosk provides maps and trail information, as well as protect the view sheds on CO RD 16.
3. Maintain and improve township roads.

This looks like:

- a. Conduct regular road condition assessments and prioritize repairs and maintenance based on urgency.
- b. Allocate budget for ongoing road resurfacing, snow removal, and drainage improvements.
- c. Develop a long-term road improvement plan to address future growth and traffic demands.
- d. Maintain a positive working relationship with county or state agencies and neighboring city and townships for shared maintenance costs on key roadways.

Community Facilities

Overview

Community facilities are vital assets that contribute to the quality of life, health, and well-being. These facilities include parks, recreational centers, libraries, public safety buildings, and other public infrastructure that support the townships cultural, social, and civic needs.

Goals & Strategies

1. Explore emerging energy technology options for township-owned buildings.

This looks like:

- a. Conduct an energy audit of township buildings to determine solar feasibility and potential cost savings.
- b. Research available solar energy grants or rebates to reduce implementation costs.
- c. Educate the community on the benefits and outcomes of solar energy adoption.

2. Enhance recycling options at the township transfer station.

This looks like:

- a. Expand recycling services to include additional materials (e.g., electronics, hazardous materials, or composting).
- b. Partner with regional waste management companies for efficient and sustainable recycling programs.
- c. Conduct periodic reviews to ensure the transfer station meets the needs of the township residents.

Housing

Overview

Over time, the township has experienced a slight increase in population. Housing accessibility, quality, affordability, and availability enhances the community's sense of place and strengthens the quality of life for all residents, whether they own or rent. Housing could be the single most important element in a city or township.

Housing is not a one-type solution. Housing needs change throughout life stages and with demographic needs.

Input & Data

The housing landscape of a township and its needs can be determined by the population living in a community and the current availability of housing. Ideal Township's current housing landscape and data include:

- A median age of people in Ideal Township of 59.6 years, compared to 39.1 for the State of Minnesota. [5]
- A median value of owner-occupied units of \$443,400. [5]
- A majority of residents in Ideal Township are owner-occupied with 90.0% of the Township owning their homes. [5]
- A majority of the housing units in Ideal Township are Single-Family units at 97%. [5]

Goals and Strategies

1. Preserve and promote single-family living in the township.

This looks like:

- a. Review zoning regulations to ensure they align with the township's vision for single-family housing.
- b. Provide resources and guidance to support property maintenance and improvements for homeowners.
- c. Encourage responsible development that aligns with the township's character and rural charm.
- d. Monitor housing trends and assess potential impacts on single-family housing availability and affordability.



Financial

Overview

The Financial health of Ideal Township is a critical component in ensuring the sustainability and growth of the community, maintain infrastructure, and provide essential services while keeping tax burdens reasonable. Revenue sources include property taxes, state and federal aid, fees, and grants.

The township focuses on maintaining a stable tax rate, managing expenditures, and securing funding for capital improvements. Efforts to diversify revenue and seek grant opportunities support local initiatives while ensuring long-term stability.

Regular financial reviews, transparent reporting, and community engagement guide the township's financial goals and strategy, foster a resilient and thriving community.

Goals & Strategies

1. Maintain the lower taxes and benefits the township offers.

This looks like:

- a. Conduct an annual review of the township's budget to identify cost-saving opportunities without compromising essential services.
 - b. Monitor and compare local tax rates to neighboring jurisdictions to ensure competitiveness.
 - c. Promote transparent communication with residents about how tax revenues are utilized.
2. Continue to utilize grant assistance to maintain and improve township infrastructure.

This looks like:

- a. Identify and track available federal, state, and private grants relevant to township priorities.
 - b. Establish a grant committee or assign a point person to coordinate applications and manage awarded funds.
 - c. Develop a grant calendar to anticipate submission deadlines and align them with township improvement plans.
 - d. Regularly report to residents on grant-funded projects to maintain transparency and encourage community support.
3. Ensure the Township remains fiscally responsible.

This looks like:

- a. Maintain a balanced budget by setting clear financial priorities and adhering to them.
- b. Conduct annual audits to evaluate financial health and spending efficiency.
- c. Build and sustain an emergency reserve fund for unforeseen expenses or economic downturns.
- d. Encourage officials and staff to pursue continuing education in fiscal management best practices.

Social – Community Services, Access to Childcare, Access to Eldercare, Safety

Community Services

Overview

Services such as public safety (police, fire, and emergency medical services), healthcare, education, childcare, eldercare, social services, and other essential programs that enhance residents' quality of life are pivotal in meeting the needs of Ideal Township residents.

Input & Data

As part of the public input process, the following theme was identified around the topic of Social – Community Services in the community survey:

- Improve communication

Goals and Strategies

1. Improve communication between the Township board and Ideal Township residents.

This looks like:

- a. Create and distribute a quarterly newsletter to inform residents of the township updates, decisions, and upcoming events.
- b. Publish a summarized version of meeting minutes on the township website and in the local newspaper for easier access.
 - Enhance transparency by developing a method to publicly share key information and updates from meetings.
- c. Finalize and regularly update the township website to serve as a central hub for community information, including meeting agendas, minutes, and announcements.
- d. Draft and mail an annual community letter that highlights the townships accomplishments, ongoing projects, and future plans.
- e. Use social media platforms or email lists to provide real-time updates on township activities and emergencies.

Safety

Goals and Strategies

1. Continue to support the fire department and maintain high safety standards.

This looks like:

- a. Allocate sufficient budget and resources to ensure the fire department has access to updated equipment and training.

- b. Collaborate with the fire department to organize community safety workshops, such as fire prevention and emergency preparedness.

2. Maintain high standards for maintenance and transfer station crews.

This looks like:

- a. Continue providing ongoing training for maintenance and transfer station crews to uphold safety and efficiency.
- b. Recognize and highlight the crew's contributions in community communications, fostering pride and accountability.
- c. Regularly inspect facilities and operations to ensure compliance with safety standards and regulations.

Access to Childcare

Goals and Strategies

1. Become a resource hub for residents seeking childcare options.

This looks like:

- a. Facilitate access to information by providing resources to links or existing directors of licensed childcare providers within and near the township.
- b. Include childcare resources and updates in township newsletters and on the website.

Access to Eldercare

Goals and Strategies

1. Become a resources hub for residents seeking eldercare options.

This looks like:

- a. Provide resources for eldercare by sharing links to existing directors and services, including in-home care, senior living facilities, and transportation assistance, on the township website.
- b. Include eldercare resources and updates in township newsletters and on the website.



Cultural – Welcoming Communities

Overview

Ideal Township fosters a strong sense of community pride through inclusive events and initiatives that bring residents together. The township values engagement, collaboration, and traditions that enhance local identity and strengthen connections among neighbors.

The LPT believes that by encouraging events that celebrate the township, promote civic involvement, and create opportunities for social interaction, the township is meeting the community survey results in building community pride and belonging for residents.

Welcoming Communities

Goals and Strategies

1. Support groups and organizations that want to host events within the township.

This looks like:

- a. Develop a process for event proposals, providing guidance on permits, available spaces, and township support.
 - b. Offer logistical assistance such as access to township facilities, promotional materials, and event coordination support.
 - c. Create a small grants program or funding assistance for community -led events that align with township values.
 - d. Highlight and promote upcoming events on the township website, newsletter, and social media to encourage resident participation.
2. Establish a taskforce to coordinate and promote community events.

This looks like:

- a. Recruit taskforce members from a diverse cross-section of the community, including residents, businesses, and local organizations.
- b. Set annual goals for the number and type of events, such as cultural festivals, seasonal celebrations, and educational workshops.
- c. Collaborate with neighboring townships and cities to share resources and co-host larger regional events.
- d. Use feedback from residents to tailor events to their interests and needs, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility.



Political – Zoning

Overview

Ideal Township, without a formal planning and zoning committee, manages land use and development through adherence to county and state regulations. The township prioritizes responsible growth while preserving its rural character and natural resources.

Land use decisions are guided by comprehensive planning efforts, ensuring balanced development that aligns with community needs. Coordination with county officials, local stakeholders, and residents helps maintain orderly growth and address zoning concerns effectively.

Through transparent decision-making and community input, Ideal Township aims to uphold a thoughtful approach to land use, promoting sustainable development while maintaining the township's unique identity.

Zoning

Goals and Strategies

1. Clearly define the township's authority and limitations regarding planning and zoning.

This looks like:

- a. Develop a reference guide or training program for representatives outlining planning and zoning regulations and processes.
 - b. Establish a resident-led task force to *Collaborate with the township board to assess zoning needs and develop* an ordinance addressing screening requirements, ensuring adequate tree coverage along main roads for aesthetics and environmental benefits.
2. Develop a set of township-specific planning and zoning rules to preserve natural beauty and community character.

This looks like:

- a. Form a local taskforce consisting of township representatives, residents, and subject-matter experts to draft planning and zoning recommendations.
- b. Create a draft set of zoning rules that align with county and state regulations but addresses the unique needs of the township.
- c. Present the proposed rules to the county and state officials for review and potential adoption.
 - Maintain/improve relationship with the county P&Z for ordinance.

- d. Implement educational materials and outreach to ensure residents understand and comply with updated zoning guidelines.
3. Evaluate the feasibility of forming a local Planning & Zoning (P&Z).

This looks like:

- a. Conduct a financial analysis to estimate tax implications for establishing a local P&Z program, including costs for staffing, enforcement, and ordinance implementation.
4. Evaluate the feasibility of establishing a local ordinance requiring township approval for Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) before county review.

This looks like:

- a. Draft and adopt an ordinance mandating that all PUD proposals receive township approval prior to submission to the county, ensuring alignment with local priorities and development goals.

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