

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is a long-range plan intended to guide growth and development of a community or region. Under Ohio Revised Code Section 519.02, townships are advised to develop zoning “in accordance with a comprehensive plan”. This Plan fills that role.

It includes analysis and recommendations for the community in many categories like population, housing, infrastructure such as roads and utilities, community facilities, economic development, and land use. It is based on public input, surveys, planning initiatives, existing development, physical characteristics, and social and economic conditions. The last time your community prepared a plan of this nature was in 2009, and the community leaders believed the time was right to update it. Chippewa Township has been guided by a Plan that was adopted in 2010, and the current leadership has determined that it is time to update it. Some of the areas and issues that the Plan will provide guidance to include:

- Establishing general guidelines and locations for various land uses.
- Prioritizing community improvements and coordinating the location and timing of infrastructure improvements and other physical improvements.
- Providing residents with community services and facilities they most desire.
- Improving areas hampered by limited investment.
- Providing for the expansion of walking and biking facilities, and additional quality of life amenities.
- Improving parks and public spaces to promote the health and well-being of multiple generations of citizens.
- Supporting the growth and preservation that complements the township's unique sense of place.
- Promoting intergovernmental cooperation with Doylestown, Marshallville, Rittman, Wayne County and even adjacent communities in other counties!

What is the purpose of a Comprehensive Plan & why is it important?

The purpose of the plan is to create a shared vision for future of the Township. This Plan presents an opportunity to demonstrate that residents, businesses and elected officials are committed to working together for the best possible future for our community. The goal of this Plan update is to review the last plan for “continued relevance” and to help prioritize the community's goals and strategies for the next five or more years.

How does the process work? Does it give everybody the chance to participate?

Reveille, a firm that specializes in planning, economic development and community design solutions, was selected to assist a well-rounded steering committee comprised of township and county representatives in developing the plan update.

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Public participation plays an important role in the process. An interactive public process has been developed to solicit ideas and solutions. The entire community is encouraged to participate in decisions about the areas the plan will focus on, such as neighborhoods, land use, pedestrian connectivity, community services and facilities, infrastructure and economic development.

You can start doing your part by taking the community survey by clicking here:

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How long will the process take?

The entire process will take approximately 9 months and should be ready for the approval process by May 2023.

How will the Comprehensive Plan Update be finalized? Can it be changed after it's approved?

Once completed, the Zoning Commission and Township Trustees will hold a public hearing to accept the Plan as the community's primary reference guide to promote growth, development and preservation.

To remain viable, the Plan should be flexible and dynamic, not static. It must be able to respond to change as well as guide it. It should be updated periodically to be the most effective.

Who can I contact if I have any questions or ideas?

Please feel free to contact the individuals below if you have any questions.

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