

Introduction and Background

This Long Range Plan Update is an update of the 2003 Long Range Plan prepared for the Village by McKenna Associates, Incorporated. The Village began the update process with the creation of the Village's Long Range Plan Update Committee, whose members were appointed by the Planning Commission. Throughout 2017, the Committee engaged in extensive community outreach and conducted surveys regarding issues related to the Plan update. That information was presented to the Planning Commission, which assumed the responsibility for the project in 2018. The Planning Commission then held a series of Long-Range Plan meetings to discuss the various sections of the existing plan. Changes were suggested where the Commission felt they were appropriate. This Update follows a similar structure to the 2003 Long Range Plan, and in several areas, the information from that plan, where no changes have occurred, is incorporated into this update. This Updated Plan has been designed to guide development and redevelopment in the Village during the next 5 to 10 years. The Plan contains analyses and recommendations regarding population, existing land use, housing, economic development, land ownership, community and recreation resources, transportation, and future land use patterns, as well as a summary of community goals and visions as developed initially through the goal-setting process and subsequently revised and refined during the Plan preparation process.

What is a Long Range Plan Update?

- ❖ A Set of policy statements (& maps) to guide future land use and physical development – which incorporates and updates the elements of the previous plans that are still relevant.
- ❖ A long-range outlook (5-10 years plus) for the future.
- ❖ A guiding document, not regulatory. While the Plan will include suggested zoning changes, in order for the changes to actually be made, the Village and Planning Commission will need to embark on a wholly separate process – drafting, reviewing and refining the zoning amendments (text and map), and holding the required public hearings.
- ❖ Involves public input to identify the Village's desired future and to ensure the Plan's policies and action steps are embraced by the community.

Community Impact.

This Long Range Plan Update continues to acknowledge that many external conditions beyond Village control have changed significantly, creating a real need for proactive Village involvement in community planning. This Plan is intended to create the foundation for defensible protection

that will benefit the Village in the future, as development and redevelopment begin to have greater impacts on the Village, its appearance, its population, and its quality of life.

Public Input.

The planning process provided several opportunities for input and participation of Village residents. The earlier community goal-setting process included several workshops attended by a variety of Village residents and property owners and stakeholders. Through-out 2018, the Planning Commission discussed the 2003 Plan at monthly Long Range Plan Update meetings, all of which were open to the public. Information from those meetings was available on the Village's website for interested residents. After a draft of the document was completed, a public meeting was held by the Planning Commission to solicit resident input. The draft document was also available on the Village's website. Resident comments and concerns were reviewed by the Planning Commission and changes were incorporated as appropriate into the final document.

Legal Basis.

Section 713.02 of the Ohio Revised Code grants the Village's Planning Commission established under section 713.01 various powers and duties among which are the following: *"...make plans and maps of the whole or any portion of the municipal corporation, and of any land outside thereof, which, in the opinion of the commission, is related to the planning of the municipal corporation, and make changes in such plans or maps when it deems it advisable. Such maps or plans shall show the commission's recommendations for the general location, character, and extent of streets, alleys; ways, viaducts, bridges, waterways, waterfronts, subways, boulevards, parkways, parks, playgrounds, aviation fields and other public grounds, ways, and open spaces, the general location of public buildings and other public property; the general location and extent of public utilities and terminals, whether publicly or privately owned or operated, for water, light, sanitation, transportation, communication, power, and other purposes; and the removal, relocation, widening, narrowing, vacating, abandonment, change of use of or extension of such public ways, grounds, open spaces, buildings, property, utilities, or terminals.*

With a view to the systematic planning of the municipal corporation, the commission may make recommendations to public officials concerning the general location, character, and extent of any such public ways, grounds, open spaces, buildings, property, utilities, or terminals. As the work of making the whole plan progresses, the commission may from time to time adopt and publish any part thereof, and such part shall cover one or more major sections or divisions of the municipal corporation or one or more of the functional matters to be included in the plan. The commission may from time to time amend, extend, or add to the plan...." Source: Section 713.02, Ohio Revised Code.