

CHAPTER I

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The statement of goals and objectives provides a framework for the recommendations that constitute the future land use plan. They are intended to reflect the quality of suburban living and the values of the community's residents, as well as the opportunities and limitations expressed in the analysis of existing conditions.

The following goals and objectives are therefore established as part of the Comprehensive Plan:

1. To preserve and enhance the character and living quality for all residents in all parts of the township. This will support the township's primary role as an attractive residential community with a wide range of housing choices for all income levels.
2. To provide a suitable level of community facilities in accordance with the density of development prevailing in each neighborhood.
3. To provide a safe, rapid, convenient and efficient transportation system, with minimum adverse effects on adjacent properties. This may include an integrated and coordinated system of streets, expressways and public transportation systems both within the township and on a regional basis.
4. To encourage a diverse and sound economic base that would permit the continuation of a high standard of municipal services without imposing undue tax burdens.
5. To encourage in selected core areas the continuation of commercial and industrial activities to provide employment and serve the needs of both local residents and non-residents.
6. To recognize the natural constraints preventing development in certain areas, such as flood plains, steep slopes, and erosion-prone land, and the necessity of preserving these critical areas for the benefit of all citizens.
7. To guide future land development and community facilities to meet the needs of township residents while also insuring that new development is compatible with existing developments.

8. To encourage a diverse population composition with equal opportunity for safe, decent and affordable housing.
9. To encourage the preservation of all historical structures in the township.
10. To encourage continued efforts to coordinate regional services and conservation efforts.