



Vision



1. VISION STATEMENT

The community visioning process was an evolutionary process which started with the first community meeting. In this meeting, the residents were given background information and commented about the issues and concerns. The second public meeting was the visioning workshop for the Plan. In this workshop, the residents specifically identified a set of strategies and concepts for improving Schererville's land use, transportation, and other community amenities.

In the visioning workshops, the residents outlined their vision for Schererville under three (3) different categories: people, places, and activities. The participants dreamed of a future that includes a revitalized Downtown with attractive streetscaping and remarkable night life, public transportation to reach Chicago and other areas within the region, and ample open space for leisure and recreational activities.

Other dreams expressed by the participants were walkable neighborhoods, unique shops and restaurants, and cooperation among the branches of local government. Generally, the participants felt that Schererville needs to continue to grow as a dynamic community with a unique identity and high quality of life. The participants noted that the recent developments in the Town had provided adequate incentives to redirect the land use efforts in the Town in a different direction where a set of highly desirable objectives can be assured.

The vision for Schererville includes providing residents with choices and options for housing, recreation, shopping, cultural and social activities and where the community is visually attractive and appealing.

It is the aspiration of the residents to want Schererville to be a place where the local government is fiscally responsible, yet attends to the community's needs for expanding services and maintaining its quality of life.

The vision statement is supported by a set of guiding principles. These principles have been used as a guide for the Schererville Comprehensive Plan. They are aimed to be used by policy makers and implementers of this Plan.

Ideas asserted in the Town's vision statement have provided the foundation for the development of a set of goals and strategies for future development of the Town. In the development of goals, citizen input, data analysis, trends in urban development, and current local or regional efforts have also played a role. As such, the vision statement, in conjunction with the goals, will set the overall theme for the Comprehensive Plan.

The last community meeting was held to get input about the draft framework for the Plan. In this meeting, the residents received an opportunity to review and refine the vision statement for the Plan. They were also offered an opportunity to review goals and supportive strategies, as well as make suggestions.

2. PLAN GOALS

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TOP 10

I - Land Use

- Make Schererville a unique and attractive urban center of the region where people choose to work, live, and play.
- Encourage development of commercial uses to include professional offices, civic uses, and public spaces with pedestrian friendly streets.

II - Economic Development

- Diversify the economy of the Town to meet the global challenges and provide quality jobs for a suburban population.

III - Neighborhoods

- Support Downtown becoming the social center of the Town with ample cultural and civic activities and amenities.
- Maintain the existing housing stock and promote neighborhood character.
- Encourage innovation in neighborhood design and development.
- Reinvest in neighborhoods to enhance character, vitality, and socialization.
- Make schools an integral part of Town.

IV - Community Appearance

- Maintain a coherent and distinctive physical form and structure that reflects Schererville's unique qualities.

V - Culture

- Make arts and culture an integral part of life in the Town.

VI - Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

- Make parks, recreation, and open space an integral part of the community's well being.

VII - Environment

- Protect and preserve Schererville's natural resources and environment in all aspects of development.

VIII - Infrastructure

- Maintain a reliable level and quality of water, sanitary, road maintenance, police, and fire protection services.

**IX - Zoning**

- Establish zoning regulations and districts that are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and complimentary to the established patterns and development characteristics of the Town.

X - Transportation

- Improve Schererville's accessibility for a variety of different transportation modes.
- Promote development of an efficient regional transportation system with connections to Chicago.
- Integrate bicycle and pedestrian travel into overall transportation system and facilities.

3. THE SCHERERVILLE TOP 10

The image preference survey, community meetings, and workshops have produced several findings. The top ten (10) most popular of these findings that the residents would like to see in Schererville in the next ten (10) to twenty (20) years are listed below in no particular order.

1. **Well-designed and landscaped developments.**
2. **Well-designed public realm with amenities and plazas for socialization.**
3. **Maintain Downtown as the heart of the Town for gathering and socialization.**
4. **More diverse development and land uses.**
5. **Tree-lined streets.**
6. **Broad choice of sit-down dining establishments.**
7. **Downtown filled with cultural activities with pedestrian friendly streets.**
8. **Well connected streets and multi-modal transportation options for regional commute.**
9. **Expanded recreational and leisure facilities to support a healthy and fit community.**
10. **Protected natural and open space for enjoyment, relaxation, and recreation.**