

Implementation Schedule

LAND USE

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS		PRIORITY			RESPONSIBLE AGENCY	
		LOW	MED	HI	Primary	Supporting
1. LAND USE						
Step 1	Prepare and adopt appropriate residential design guidelines or subdivision regulations to encourage creative and sustainable residential developments.				Plan Commission	Town Council
Step 2	Update and amend the Zoning Code to ensure that the housing types allowed in each zoning district are consistent with the density ranges identified in the Comprehensive Plan.				Plan Commission	Town Council
2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT						
Step 1	Prepare a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to assure orderly and efficient public investment in the Town.				Town Administration	Town Council
Step 2	Prepare Economic Development and Marketing Plan for the Town with emphasis for redevelopment and transformation of Downtown.				Town Administration	Chamber of Commerce Downtown Business Assoc.
3. NEIGHBORHOOD						
Step 1	Work with the Downtown businesses to develop an ongoing program to market the Downtown to residents and visitors alike, such as directional signs, cooperative advertising, and promotional events.				Downtown Business Assoc.	Redevelopment Comm.
Step 2	Work with Downtown businesses and the Schererville Chamber of Commerce to prepare a Strategic Plan for the Downtown Area. As part of the Plan, identify gaps in available merchandise and services, and recruit experienced vendors who would like to relocate to Downtown Schererville.				Downtown Business Assoc.	Chamber of Commerce Redevelopment Comm. Plan Commission
Step 3	Create a Downtown housing program, possibly using Redevelopment District funds or funds from the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program as incentives to encourage housing development.				Plan Commission	Redevelopment Commission
Step 4	Designate the Downtown area as an Economic Revitalization Area and Economic Development Target Area. Establish a residential tax abatement program as an incentive to encourage redevelopment.				Redevelopment Commission	Plan Commission
Step 5	Revisit the existing Redevelopment Plan for Downtown ensure conformance with the Future Land Use Plan.				Redevelopment Commission	Plan Commission
Step 6	Prepare and adopt appropriate architecture design guidelines for the Downtown to encourage creative and sustainable site designs for new developments.				Plan Commission	Town Council
Step 7	Install attractive "Downtown Schererville" signs along US 30, Kennedy Avenue, and Joliet Street.				Downtown Business Assoc.	Chamber of Commerce
Step 8	Explore the development of publicly-owned civic spaces on vacant and underutilized properties in the Downtown, or utilization of such properties for temporary activities, such as displays of public art or community events.				Arts Committee	Plan Commission
Step 9	Update existing building and zoning codes to strengthen appearance and aesthetic provisions.				Town Administration	Town Council
Step 10	Investigate the purchase of alternative building and code software to create a centralized tracking and enforcement system.				Town Administration	Town Council
Step 11	Develop neighborhood education and outreach program to ensure compliance.				Planning and Building Dept.	Police Department
Step 12	Prepare and adopt a pedestrian and bicycle plan for the Town to ensure access from all neighborhoods.				Park Department	Plan Commission
Step 13	Modify and amend the Landscaping Ordinance for residential districts.				Plan Commission	Town Council
Step 14	Work with the School Corporation to develop an elementary school on the southern edge of Town.				Redevelopment Comm.	Town Council
Step 15	Explore development of a higher education facility with regional higher education institutions.				Town Council	IUN, Purdue, Ivy Tech
4. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE						
Step 1	Prepare an Architectural Design Standard and Code for the Town.				Plan Commission	Town Council
Step 2	Review and amend as necessary the Schererville Landscape Ordinance to be consistent with the Community Appearance policies.				Plan Commission	Town Council
Step 3	Join and get involved with the Tree City, USA program.				Town Administration	Parks Department
Step 4	Institute a Community Arts and Culture Committee to promote arts, culture, and community enhancement efforts.				Town Council	Town Administration
Step 5	Install appropriate landscaping along major arterials throughout the Town.				Town Administration	Fed Highway, INDOT
Step 6	Explore the possibility of enhancing pedestrian corridors and trails with plantings, landscaping, or public arts.				Park Board	Fed Highway, INDOT
Step 7	Establish a tree planting program that will work with neighborhood residents to plant street trees on blocks that do not have street trees or are missing street trees.				Planning and Building Dept.	Public Works Park Board
Step 8	Prepare and implement a gateway enhancement program.				Town Administration	Chamber of Commerce
5. CULTURE						
Step 1	Institute a Community Arts and Culture Committee to promote arts, culture, and community enhancement efforts.				Town Council	Town Council
Step 2	Identify potential areas for installation of public arts.				Arts Committee	Other agencies
Step 3	Promote Redar Park as a new civic park with facilities to accommodate a variety of cultural activities.				Redevelopment Comm.	Downtown Business
Step 4	Explore funding for public arts through a tax abatement program.				Redevelopment Comm.	Town Administration

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6. PARKS						
Step 1	Prepare a master plan and land acquisition funding strategy for Rohrman Park expansion as a youth sports center.			HI	Park Board	Town Administration
Step 2	Prepare master plan for Redar Park as a new civic park in Downtown.		MED		Park Board	Town Council
Step 3	Prepare master plan and implement a linear park in Downtown.		MED		Park Board	Town Council
Step 4	Amend Subdivision Control Ordinance to accept voluntary contribution of land for parks purposes.			MED	Plan Commission	Town Council
7. ENVIRONMENT						
Step 1	Amend the Town's municipal codes to encourage application of green building design, energy conservation, and environmental stewardship standards.		MED		Town Council	Planning and Building Dept.
Step 2	Develop cooperative agreements with state and regional agencies to develop and fund transit facilities in the Town.		MED		Town Council	INDOT, NIRPC, NICTD
8. INFRASTRUCTURE						
Step 1	Prepare and adopt a Capital Improvement Plan for the Town.	MED			Town Administration	Town Council
Step 2	Explore new Allocation Areas (TIF Districts) to support infrastructure development in the designated areas.		MED		Town Administration	Redevelopment Comm.
Step 3	Identify and acquire a site for a new fire station and a police substation on the western boundary of the Town.			HI	Fire Department	Town Council
Step 4	Update the Subdivision Control Ordinance provisions to create infrastructure standards and systems requirements for new developments, including future extension and capacity needs of adjacent areas.		MED		Public Works	Redevelopment Comm.
Step 5	Establish and implement a program to install, repair and maintain streets, curbs, sidewalks and streetscaping consistent with the Infrastructure and Plan goals.			HI	Public Works	Town Administration
9. ZONING						
Step 1	Update the Town's Subdivision Control Ordinance to conform with the Comprehensive Plan policies.			HI	Plan Commission	Town Council
Step 2	Prepare and adopt a new Zoning Map consistent with the Future Land Use Plan.			HI	Plan Commission	Town Council
Step 3	Update the Town's Zoning Code to conform with the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan.			HI	Plan Commission	Town Council
Step 4	Prepare and adopt Architectural Design Guidelines Ordinance for all zoning districts.			HI	Plan Commission	Town Council
Step 5	Prepare and adopt Sign Control Ordinance to remove unsightly distractions on major corridors.	MED			Plan Commission	Town Council
10. ADMINISTRATIVE						
Step 1	Planning Retreat			HI		Town Council
	Plan a retreat to fully discuss different elements of the Plan and set additional priorities as required. Have a review retreat on an annual basis to evaluate progress.				Plan Commission	Redevelopment Comm.
Step 2	Ensure Implementation			MED	Town Administration	Plan Commission
	Form an interdepartmental task force to outline criteria and to implement milestones for the following activities.					Town Council
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Capital Improvement Plan ▪ Zoning and Code Updates ▪ Development standards ▪ Arts and Culture Committee ▪ Land Acquisition process and priorities 				Town Council	Town Administration
Step 3	Facilitate Communication		MED		Plan Commission	Town Administration
Step 4	Establish Responsibility:		MED			Plan Commission
	Identify individuals and organizations to be responsible for specific tasks identified in the Plan. Review progress on a regular basis.				Town Administration	Town Council

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TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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11. THOROUGHFARE						
Step 1	Prepare Access Management Plan for US 30 and 41 in collaboration with State and Federal agencies.				Town Administration	INDOT
Step 2	Prepare plans and seek funding for right-of-way acquisition and construction of Oak Street overpass.				Town Administration	INDOT, FHA
Step 3	Implement planned improvements for the Main Street intersection to ease congestion.				Town Administration	INDOT, STP
Step 4	Prepare plans for right-of-way acquisition and lane addition for Kennedy Avenue.				Town Administration	INDOT
Step 5	Prepare and adopt Sign Control Ordinance to remove unsightly and other distractions on major corridors.				Plan Commission	Public Works
Step 6	Plan and prepare designs for 77th Avenue improvement, including intersection at Cline Avenue.				Public Works	
Step 7	Prepare design plans for improvement of Lincolnwood Avenue (Alexander Street).				Town Administration	Public Works
Step 8	Prepare plans and designs for Rohman Road in concert with Pennsy Greenway to assure complete coordination.				Town Administration	Park Board
Step 9	Implement resurfacing of Kennedy Avenue, Division Street, Clark Road, 77th Avenue, and 75th Avenue (from Cline Avenue to Harvest Drive) as a part of Economic Recovery Plan.				Town Administration	Public Works
Step 10	Prepare and adopt a Capital Improvement Plan. Prioritize and assess the feasibility of the proposed improvements.				Town Administration	Town Council
Step 11	Plan for extension of the reliever and service roads adjacent to major corridors.				Town Administration	Public Works
12. TRANSIT						
Step 1	Amend and adopt the zoning regulations for provision of transit facilities and park and ride spaces in major commercial activity centers. (Main Street area and US 30/41 area)				Plan Commission	Town Council
Step 2	Develop cooperative agreements with state and regional agencies to develop and fund transit facilities in the Town.				Town Council	INDOT, NIRPC, NICTD
Step 3	Identify and seek alternative funding sources to coordinate improvement of multiple types of transportation projects.				Town Administration	INDOT, NIRPC, IDNR
13. GREENWAYS, PEDESTRIAN AND BIKEWAYS						
Step 1	Identify and seek alternative funding sources to coordinate improvement of multiple types of transportation projects.				Town Administration	INDOT, NIRPC, IDNR
Step 2	Prepare and adopt a Pedestrian and Bike Master Plan for an orderly process to connect neighborhoods, parks, schools, and other centers of activities.				Park Board	Public Works Lake Central School District NIRPC Planning and Building Dept.
Step 3	Incorporate proposed trail and pedestrian improvements into Capital Improvement Plan.				Town Administration	Park Board
Step 4	Develop, revise, and adopt the Town's street design standards to meet pedestrian and biker's requirements.				Town Engineer	Park Board
Step 5	Prepare a master plan and implement a linear park concept in Downtown.				Park Board	Town Administration
Step 6	Prepare prototype trailhead plan for the Town with minimum design standards.				Park Board	

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