



# Implementation

## Introduction

The preceding chapters of this Plan help form the basis for determining future land use needs and provide a narrative and explanation for the Future Land Use Map. At a public goal-setting workshop, the Schererville residents agreed that the greatest strengths in the community were a result of linking “quality of life” issues (e.g., schools, parks, shopping) with the traditions of family settings in the neighborhoods, a willing and educated workforce, and a desire to maintain the Town as a livable community. These positive attitudes and aspirations have given rise to the need for a systematic implementation process. This Chapter aims to provide a conscientiously conceived guide for an orderly and coordinated implementation process. The Plan further strives to properly direct future public and private investments in consideration of the overall community and cost of public improvements and services.

This chapter highlights a list of the major Action Steps and specific activities that the Plan Commission should pursue in order to be aggressive in the implementation of the Plan. These steps were initially identified in the preceding sections of the Plan. In addition to the Action Steps, the Plan Commission must maintain some level of vigilance about the overall validity and relevance of the Plan. Steps necessary to assure such relevance are also described in the following paragraphs. In the implementation process, it is important for the Town to set priorities based on budget, resources, and capital improvement programming, as not all elements of the Plan can be implemented at once. This will take a major commitment from Town Officials, strong public/private cooperation, and input from the citizens.

### Prepare Work Program

The Comprehensive Plan recommends that the Plan Commission prepare a work program in January of each year. This work program would set forth the tasks or goals that the Plan Commission determines to accomplish for the upcoming year. This will allow the Commission to stay focused on important tasks and help to implement the goals and strategies identified in the Plan.

### Maintain Related Plans

As part of the comprehensive planning process, the Town has also adopted a Subarea Plan for three (3) different districts. It is critical that these Subarea Plans also be consulted when making zoning and land use decisions. Further, the Plan recommends the development and completion of a Capital Improvement Plan and Architectural Design Guidelines. These two (2) elements are critical components of this Plan. The Town must complete and adopt these documents at the earliest possible date. In 2008, the Town also adopted a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. All of these plans should also be updated at least every five (5) years and kept consistent with the overall Plan.

### Revisions to the Plan

The Comprehensive Plan should be updated periodically (minor review every one (1) to two (2) years, major reviews every five (5) years) in order to be responsive to new growth trends and current community attitudes. As the Town grows, the Plan goals, land use information, population projections, and other related data should be reviewed and updated as required to maintain the Plan as a valid guide to the growth and development of Schererville.

Amendments to the Plan are conducted through the same process as the crafting of this Plan. That is, the Schererville Plan Commission would draft any proposed changes, hold a public hearing, and approve and adopt the recommended changes.

## Summary of Implementation of Action Steps

The Comprehensive Plan identifies a series of Implementation Actions Steps under each goal. These Action Steps need to be initiated by the Plan Commission, the Town Council, Redevelopment Commission, other agencies, and the Administrative Staff. The following tables highlights these action steps. It should be noted that the list is not all inclusive. The implementation steps should be reviewed and updated on an annual basis in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan review.