

Executive Summary ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

In Indiana, Comprehensive Planning is permitted by the 500 series of Indiana Code, Title 36-7-4. This law empowers towns, cities and counties to adopt plans. According to Indiana Code 36-7-4-502, the minimum requirements for Comprehensive Plans include a statement of objectives for future development, a statement of policy for land use development, and a statement of policy for public assets. This section demonstrates how the goals of each chapter satisfy the state requirements for Comprehensive Planning.



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GOSHEN'S OBJECTIVES FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT (IC 36-7-4-502-(1))

Neighborhoods & Housing

- N-1: Revitalize, sustain and enhance urban core neighborhoods
- N-2: Provide opportunities for neighborhood engagement and involvement
- N-3: Enhance neighborhood sense of place
- N-4: Enhance the experience of diversity in neighborhoods
- N-5: Support the development of local food systems
- N-6: Encourage compact and connected residential development
- N-7: Expand housing options and opportunities
- N-8: Improve the quality of rental housing
- N-9: Promote green building and site design in new and existing residential development

Economic Development

- E-1: Work to diversify the local economy
- E-2: Support the development and recruitment of a skilled and competitive workforce
- E-3: Support the development of small, locally-owned businesses
- E-4: Provide essential infrastructure to facilitate economic growth
- E-5: Encourage vibrant, accessible employment districts
- E-6: Encourage business practices that have positive social impacts on the community
- E-7: Promote sustainable practices in business and industry
- E-8: Promote travel and tourism in Goshen

Natural Environment

- NE-1: Protect, preserve and enhance natural habitats and resources
- NE-2: Maintain and increase open spaces and parks

- NE-3: Promote environmental education
- NE-4: Maintain, grow and promote Goshen's urban forest program
- NE-5: Reduce toxins in the community
- NE-6: Improve water and air quality
- NE-7: Use best practices to reduce and dispose of solid waste
- NE-8: Encourage sustainable living and business practices

Transportation

- T-1: Provide a highly connected network of safe and efficient streets
- T-2: Plan for the provision of Complete Streets
- T-3: Provide safe and attractive sidewalks
- T-4: Increase pedestrian/biking options and make walking/biking a Goshen priority and proud community asset
- T-5: Expand and promote safe public transportation
- T-6: Encourage efficient and attractive parking
- T-7: Provide and strengthen opportunities for public participation in transportation decision-making
- T-8: Address issues and explore opportunities to improve quality of life through rail improvements
- T-9: Collaborate with regional partners on transportation projects and policy

GOSHEN'S POLICY FOR LAND USE DEVELOPMENT (IC 36-7-4-502-(2))

- L-1: Prioritize the reuse and redevelopment of existing land and structures
- L-2: Promote commercial and industrial development that complements existing land uses
- L-3: Encourage new and infill residential development that is consistent with existing neighborhood design, style and scale
- L-4: Encourage development that is sensitive to the natural environment
- L-5: Strengthen regional land use planning

- L-6: Maintain an attractive and vibrant downtown
- L-7: Encourage small-scale, neighborhood commercial development

GOSHEN'S POLICY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC ASSETS (IC 36-7-4-502-(3))

- C-1: Provide and maintain excellent public facilities
- C-2: Pursue innovative ways to provide and deliver community services
- C-3: Provide and expand parks and recreational activities for all citizens
- C-4: Provide opportunities for arts and cultural engagement
- C-5: Expand opportunities for lifelong learning
- C-6: Provide the finest quality, professional law enforcement services to the community
- C-7: Promote the health and safety of the community by providing excellent emergency and preventative Fire Department services
- C-8: Provide efficient and effective Street Department services that enhance quality of life for Goshen residents
- C-9: Provide a high level of Utility Department service
- C-10: Maintain and improve water quality
- C-11: Protect and enhance the quality of ground and surface water
- C-12: Minimize impacts on habitats and improve public safety and resident quality of life through enhanced stormwater management
- C-13: Match land uses with existing or potentially available utility services
- C-14: Create and maintain an interactive data management system to aid and support municipal decisions