

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Throughout the planning process, the Steering Committee received input from citizens through surveys and public meetings. The Steering Committee also received input from key stakeholders and elected officials. The goals and objectives presented below represent a synthesis of the various interests.

Recommendations or action steps to accomplish the objectives below can be found throughout the plan.

GOAL I

Undertake annexation aimed at rounding-off the City's boundaries by targeting strategic parcels that can be efficiently serviced by the City while contributing to the overall economy and sense of community.

GOAL I OBJECTIVES

1. Annex the fingers of land bounded on 50 percent or more of the sides by the City of Vandalia.
2. Annex other lands that can be efficiently served.
3. Annex land that offers strategic advantages to the City.
4. Respect physical barriers when considering annexations.
5. Phase the annexation program of the City in order to provide a smooth transition in urban services, establish logical city boundaries, and promote coordinated capital improvement programming.

GOAL II

Preserve and increase the sense of community by protecting existing and future residential neighborhoods through the enhancement of property values, community appearance, and protection of the natural and built environment.

GOAL II OBJECTIVES

1. Create and promote neighborhood identity.
2. Preserve the quality of existing property and housing stock.
3. Protect existing residential neighborhoods from airport noise pollution.
4. Discourage new residential development in areas already impacted by air, noise, or ground water pollution.
5. Allow for a range of housing types to accommodate increased population growth while improving and protecting the City's residential neighborhoods.
6. Provide and coordinate programs to prevent the deterioration of existing structures and public facilities.

GOAL III

Enhance the physical appearance and economic vitality of commercial districts within the community.

GOAL III OBJECTIVES

1. Collaborate with adjacent political jurisdictions in shared commercial districts.
2. Identify niche markets for the major commercial districts.
3. Create a community awareness of commercial and retail shopping opportunities in Vandalia.
4. Create attractive and safe pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow in commercial districts.
5. Encourage the reuse of vacant commercial space.
6. Create community development standards.

GOAL IV

Retain, broaden, and diversify the economic base of the community by seeking an appropriate mix of industrial, commercial, and office uses.

GOAL IV OBJECTIVES

1. Identify and obtain control of land offering special advantages for industrial and office development.
2. Improve current retention programs.
3. Encourage the elimination of incompatible land uses in the office / industrial districts.
4. Evaluate existing administrative procedures and codes to improve and enhance the existing mix of uses.
5. Promote public awareness of existing programs and policies.
6. Evaluate and adjust Vandalia's competitiveness in attracting businesses.

GOAL V

Undertake appropriate investments and actions aimed at improving the quality of life for people who live, work, and visit the City.

GOAL V OBJECTIVES

1. Create a distinctive identity for the City of Vandalia.
2. Extend utilities to areas having a special advantage for economic development.
3. Support recreational and cultural programs that contribute to the quality of life in the City of Vandalia.
4. Encourage greater levels of citizen involvement on planning issues and other important items.