

# APPENDIX A

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This Appendix contains the goals, objectives and policies of the 1985 Libertyville Comprehensive Plan. The following are the definitions for “goals, objectives and policies” from that Plan:

**Goals** describe, in general terms, broad aims, desired end situations, or ideals for achievement. A goal is typically broad and long-range.

**Objectives** are more specific than goals and generally represent an expanded description of a particular aspect of a goal or more precise desired end situation.

**Policies** are specific rules or courses of action designed to achieve particular goals and/or objectives. Policies infer a relative consistency of action.

Below are the goals, objectives and policies for each of the seven categories established in the 1985 Plan. These seven categories are: (1) growth and development, (2) land use, (3) transportation, (4) housing, (5) community facilities and services, (6) environment and natural resources, and (7) community appearance.

The following are taken directly from the 1985 Comprehensive Plan.

## Growth & Development

### GOALS

1. A community which in terms of size and population has definable limits.
2. A community with a balanced economy.
3. A community wherein new development occurs with respect for that which already exists.

### OBJECTIVES

1. Discourage unincorporated land development which places additional, uncompensated demands upon village facilities and/or services.
2. Encourage growth which is environmentally desirable.
3. Encourage new development which is compatible with existing and proposed neighboring uses.
4. Insure that the character of new development does not alter or compromise the existing character of Libertyville.

5. Increase the village’s influence or control over development within adjacent, unincorporated areas.
6. Assure that future growth optimizes the use of existing available village facilities and/or services.
7. Encourage growth which yields a fiscal balance.

**POLICIES**

1. Consider the costs of growth prior to approving any new major development proposals.
2. Encourage the development of “clean,” light industry within Libertyville.
3. Plan and direct future growth in a manner which preserves and maintains the existing quality of life in Libertyville.
4. Coordinate development plans with Lake County and adjacent communities to assure that adjacent development minimizes the impact upon the village’s services and facilities.
5. Identify the ultimate boundaries of the Village of Libertyville.
6. Assure that sewage treatment capacity is available to serve future development.
7. Seek to annex those areas which can be served without any increase in marginal cost to the village.
8. Assure that the pattern of development within new growth areas is compatible with and supports the scale and character of developed Libertyville.
9. Encourage the attraction of industry and other business which provides jobs for Libertyville residents.
10. Encourage growth which attracts jobs for local residents.
11. Attract new development and other investments which increase new village revenue.

**Land Use GOALS**

1. A community of definable limits.
2. A community of compatible land use districts.
3. A community with a variety of land use activities which serve the daily needs of the residents.

**OBJECTIVES**

1. Preserve existing natural features, including rivers, lakes, wetlands and major tree stands within the community.
2. Maintain a definable edge to the community.
3. Accommodate additional commercial development in a manner that limits its impact upon the transportation system and residential neighborhoods.
4. Accommodate office development in a manner that limits its impact on the transportation system and residential neighborhoods.
5. Accommodate future residential development in neighborhoods, rather than in isolated subdivisions.
6. Increase the provision of common open space in a manner which is accessible to residents of Libertyville.

7. Minimize the impact of new land use development upon the existing transportation system.
8. Increase the land available for the development of employment opportunities.

### **POLICIES**

1. Improve the appearance of commercial districts.
2. Assure that appropriate development and/or landscape buffers are used to separate incompatible land use areas.
3. Assure that the location and design of roadways, and development at the entry points to Libertyville creates a definable transition between adjacent communities and Libertyville.
4. Require that new land use development is located such that it can be serviced by appropriately sized transportation routes.
5. Separate areas of dissimilar land use by a buffer which limits the intrusion of incompatible activities, views, traffic and/or noise. The size and nature of this buffer should relate to the scale of the impact and the extent of the land use dissimilarities.
6. Expand the open space system in proportion to future population growth.
7. Assure that the content of land use districts is not altered by the introduction of incompatible land use areas.
8. Encourage the development of revenue-generating commercial activities.
9. Increase specialty commercial activities within Libertyville.
10. Encourage the location of neighborhood-serving commercial uses in a manner which encourages walking, biking or transit use, and reduces the need for vehicular travel to these destinations.
11. Prevent continuous commercial development along major arterials.
12. Increase the range of commercial development to include significant region-serving, shoppers goods type stores.

## **Transportation GOALS**

1. An efficient and effective transportation system.
2. A transportation system which reinforces the community's character.

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. Maintain the safety and efficiency of the village's street network.
2. Reduce congestion on major streets in a cost effective manner.
3. Provide an arterial system which facilitates through and crosstown movement while serving all parts of the community.
4. Minimize the impact of the arterial system upon residential neighborhoods.

5. Increase the safe traffic carrying capacity of the arterial street system.
6. Encourage the use of alternative methods of transportation to the automobile.

**POLICIES**

1. Improve the safety and operation of major arterials through site access control, improved signalization and other traffic operation improvements.
2. Assure that new development is properly served by extensions and/or improvements to the village arterial/collector system.
3. Assure that the major arterials serving and leading to the village are designed to accommodate the expected traffic volumes.
4. Provide safe, efficient bicycle routes and facilities.
5. Link the village bike system to adjacent community and region bike-ways.
6. Increase the range of public transportation services servicing the community.
7. Prepare and adopt a street system classification plan based upon street function.
8. Increase the number of through streets within Libertyville.
9. Minimize additional traffic congestions through control of the density and location of future development.
10. Establish a transportation pattern which separates local traffic from through traffic.

**Housing GOALS**

1. Safe, decent and sanitary housing for all residents of the community.
2. A community containing a mix of housing types serving all ages.

**OBJECTIVES**

1. Maintain the quality of Libertyville's housing areas.
2. Increase the range of housing opportunities within Libertyville for residents in a variety of socioeconomic levels.
3. Increase the opportunity for the development of housing stock of all price ranges.

**POLICIES:**

1. Encourage the provision of housing suited to persons within the various stages of the life cycle.
2. Establish programs to facilitate the conservation of the village housing stock.
3. Encourage those actions needed to assure the provision of affordable housing within Libertyville.
4. Allow downsized housing and lots in order to make housing more affordable within Libertyville.

5. Assure the provision of affordable housing for the parents of Libertyville residents.

**Community Facilities  
& Services**

**GOALS**

1. Quality public services provided to the entire village.
2. A sound use of prior and future public facility investments.

**OBJECTIVES**

1. Assure efficient provision and maintenance of utilities in public ways.
2. Increase the level of cooperation and communications between all local governments having jurisdiction in Libertyville.
3. Provide municipal water and sewer services to all parts of the village.
4. Reduce the duplication of expenditures, services and facilities among the primary local governments serving Libertyville residents.
5. Maintain the presently high level of public safety services.
6. Maintain efficient public recreation and park services.
7. Maintain efficient public health services.
8. Increase the usefulness of community facilities to meet changing community needs.
9. Maintain efficient social services directed to the needs of Village residents.

**POLICIES**

1. Establish a capital improvements plan and program which links the timing and location of water and sewer extensions to established development plans.
2. Establish ways to promote and foster intergovernmental cooperation in matters of community development and services.
3. Encourage the development of the public and private open space system which will protect the areas of natural features found along the Des Plaines River and its tributaries.
4. Assure that public safety services and facilities are provided at a level consonant with expected new growth.
5. Update and adopt a park development master plan.
6. Assure that proper reuse alternatives involving all local jurisdictions are explored before releasing surplus public property to the private market.
7. Identify and implement cooperative service programs with other local governments serving the Libertyville area.

**Environment &  
Natural Resources**

**GOALS**

1. A clean and safe small town environment.
2. A community in close contact with the natural environment.

**OBJECTIVES**

1. Limit new development which substantially increases air and noise pollution.
2. Preserve existing natural features, including rivers, lakes, wetlands and major tree stands within the community.
3. Assure that new development will not adversely affect the natural features of the site.
4. Preserve an open space greenbelt around the community.

**POLICIES**

1. Require residential developers to donate land and/or money to ensure the provisions of park and open space in areas under new development.
2. Minimize the amount of paved surface within any commercial and/or industrial development while meeting all parking requirements.
3. Assure that new development does not adversely impact the quality of existing streams, ponds and lakes.
4. Provide for non-vehicular access into and through open space corridors so that residents can have access to and utilize these areas.
5. Incorporate areas along streams and within floodplains into permanent open space.
6. Encourage the retention of existing areas of private open space and development of new private open space.

**Community  
Appearance**

**GOALS**

1. A community which evidences great civic pride.
2. A community having the identifiable visual character of a town, rather than of a suburb.

**OBJECTIVES**

1. Upgrade the appearance of the downtown.
2. Improve the appearance of highway commercial area.
3. Improve the visual quality of Libertyville as perceived from the automobile.
4. Emphasize the attractive architectural and historic heritage of Libertyville.

**POLICIES**

1. Protect the downtown and Heritage area portions of Libertyville, which are the basis of community character.
2. Improve the appearance of Milwaukee Avenue and other commercial strip arterials through a coordinated public right-of-way landscaping program.
3. Encourage exterior facade improvements within the older residential neighborhoods of Libertyville as a means of strengthening their historic character.
4. Encourage the preservation and rehabilitation of buildings having local historic and/or architectural merit.
5. Develop a streetscape improvement program for the downtown which creates a pedestrian scale environment and improves the overall appearance of the area.
6. Initiate a comprehensive street tree planting program throughout the community with special emphasis on establishing a “Libertyville” image along the major arterials of the community.
7. Assure that public improvements and buildings to be constructed within Libertyville reflect the existing community character.