

The Municipality of Murrysville Comprehensive Plan

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Introduction

This planning document is intended to provide a basic understanding of the shared goals and objectives of the residents, government officials and agencies, business entities and other organizations comprising this community we call Murrysville. The principal goal stated by a majority of the participants in this planning process was to “protect and enhance the predominantly rural character of Murrysville.” That goal is the foundation for this Plan.

For any Plan to be accepted or implemented it must first be understood; therefore, the communication involved in the planning process must be a dialogue. In order to maximize that dialogue an intensive public participation program was undertaken which involved as broad a representation of interests of our community as possible.

This document is a statement, in words, maps, graphs and pictures, of policies for guiding development activities in our community. The Plan suggests the role of the Municipal government’s future in areas such as land use, environmental protection, economic development, community facilities and transportation.

The Plan establishes goals or targets for these activities as they relate to the conditions of our physical environment and recommends policies for the people who will occupy and use the land in the future. These statements of goals identify what is to be accomplished and the kinds of services and facilities that the citizens of Murrysville will need in the future.

The plan serves as a guide to public officials for making decisions related to development activities and serves as a statement of public policy to guide private decisions. The Plan also serves as a framework for inter-municipal concerns and provides a basis for more detailed and specific proposals.

This document is not fixed or rigid. It is subject to periodic study and change as conditions change. There is a recommended timeline for implementing the Plan. This Plan considers issues of community wide concern and importance. This Plan does not attempt to address every detail and issue of our time. It has been deliberately limited to identify only those issues identified by citizens and local officials as major concerns at this particular period in our history.

The Comprehensive Plan represents the community’s vision of the future regarding its character, use of resources and quality of life. The Plan is based on the exploration of alternative land use visions, assessments of relative impacts and consideration of trade-offs. While the planning process utilized numbers and projections during the comparison of visions, the Plan focuses on the character and development issues that were discussed as a result of the comparisons. Consequently, the concepts and policies described by the Plan embody the community’s consensus and define Murrysville’s shared vision - the desire to maintain as much of our rural character as possible in ways that are legal, neighborly and effective.

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