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IMPLEMENTATION

GroveCity2050 is a long-term policy guide and action agenda to ensure that Grove City continues to be a desirable place to live, work and invest. Implementation of this plan will involve a host of City departments, boards and commissions, non-profits, businesses and citizens. This chapter includes guidance on managing and using the plan and a summary of its actions.

Collaborating

Implementation of GroveCity2050 is in large part vested to the City. However, it is not intended to be solely implemented by government. Many actions will require the coordinated efforts of individuals and organizations representing the public, private and civic sectors of the community. An active citizenry will help to ensure those actions are included and pursued as part of the public agenda.

Monitoring and Reporting

GroveCity2050 should be monitored on a regular basis and, when necessary, should be revised or updated. The plan should be monitored for implementation effectiveness and relevancy. This review should happen on a formal basis no less than once per year. A status report/newsletter should accompany this review and be promoted throughout the community. An annual public meeting could take place to share progress and attract additional participants to move the implementation forward.

HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN

GroveCity2050 is intended to be used on a daily basis as public and private decisions are made concerning development, redevelopment, capital improvements, economic incentives and other matters affecting Grove City. The following is a summary of how decisions and processes should align with the goals and actions of the plan.

Annual Work Programs and Budgets

City departments, administrators, boards and commissions should be cognizant of the recommendations of the plan when preparing annual work programs and budgets.

Development Approvals

Administrative and legislative approvals of development proposals, including rezoning and subdivision plats, should be a central means of implementing the plan. Decisions by the Planning Commission and City Council should reference relevant plan recommendations and policies. The zoning code and subdivision regulations should be updated in response to regulatory strategies presented in the plan (see box below).

Capital Improvement Plan

The City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) should be consistent with the plan's recommendations.

Economic Incentives

Economic Incentives should be reviewed to ensure consistency with the recommendations of GroveCity2050.

Private Development Decisions

Property owners and developers should consider the goals and strategies of the plan in their land planning and investment decisions. Public decision-makers will be using the plan as a guide in their development deliberations such as zoning matters and infrastructure requests. Property owners and developers should be cognizant of and compliment the plan's recommendations.

Consistent Interpretation

City Council and the Planning Commission should collaborate to ensure clear and consistent interpretation of the plan. City boards and commissions should receive training on relevant aspects of the plan and how it is intended to be used.

Regulatory Reform

Many of this plan's actions involve updating City regulations. The following list of regulatory actions could potentially be undertaken together:

- > LU 1.1 Update the City's zoning and land development codes
- > LU 4.1 Ensure that the zoning code defines and permits a wide range of housing types
- > LU 4.5 Require that neighborhoods connect to each other
- > LU 5.2 Require park, trail and open space dedication through all development
- > LU 6.1 Incorporate sustainability best practices into the zoning code
- > LU 6.3 Allow for small-scale urban agriculture
- > T 2.4 Require traffic impact studies for most development
- > T 3.2 Revise street design standards
- > T 4.1 Require street and trail connectivity between developments
- > T 6.6 Require that bicycle parking facilities (bike racks or shelters) are accounted for on new development
- > ED 7.1 Consider providing flexibility in the zoning code to support small business development
- > ED 7.2 Expedite the development review process

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

The following table summarizes the objectives and strategies of all of the elements, including the Implementation chapter. The table below is organized by element and indicates the desirable timeframe for completion. The timeframes are defined by the following:

- > Immediate: begun in 2017
- > Short Term: within 1-5 years
- > Long Term: within 6-10 years
- > Ongoing: Currently in progress and/or to be continued once initiated

LAND USE

CODE	RECOMMENDATION	TIMEFRAME	LEAD COORDINATOR	ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATION(S)
Objective LU 1. Ensure future development reflects desired patterns and character.				
LU 1.1	Update the City's zoning and land development codes.	Immediate	City (Development)	Planning Commission, BZA, City Council
LU 1.2	Work with Beulah Park property owner/developers.	Immediate	City (Development)	Area property owner(s) and developer(s)
LU 1.3	Continually examine development patterns to ensure Grove City is meeting community needs.	Ongoing	City (Development)	
Objective LU 2. Place priority on developing under-utilized land or land adjacent to existing development served by infrastructure over undeveloped land on the City's edge.				
LU 2.1	Provide incentives to encourage redevelopment in designated areas.	Ongoing	City (Development)	
Objective LU 3. Focus on the Town Center and gateways for priority in revitalization and efforts and development aesthetics.				
LU 3.1	Continually examine Town Center planning efforts.	Ongoing	City (Development)	Grove City Town Center Board
LU 3.2	Implement the Town Center public realm design guidelines.	Ongoing	City (Service)	
LU 3.3	Pursue National Historic Landmark status of the Beulah Park neighborhood and Town Center.	Short Term	City (Parks & Recreation)	
LU 3.4	Provide information on available incentives to property owners at the City's gateways.	Short Term	City (Development)	
LU 3.5	Coordinate with other entities to improve aesthetics of the I-71 corridor between Berliner Park and I-270.	Short-term	City (Administration)	City of Columbus, ODOT
Objective LU 4. Ensure that areas will exhibit strong neighborhood qualities including walkability, integrated open space (parks) and a variety of housing options.				
LU 4.1	Ensure that the zoning code defines and permits a wide range of housing types.	Immediate	City (Development)	
LU 4.2	Create a housing upkeep community education program.	Short Term	City (Development)	

LU 4.3	Create a property maintenance assistance program.	Long Term	City (Building Division)
LU 4.4	Evaluate open space provisions in proposals for new neighborhoods.	Ongoing	City (Development, Parks & Recreation)
LU 4.5	Require that neighborhoods connect to each other.	Ongoing	City (Development, Parks & Recreation)

Objective LU 5. Expand parks and recreational opportunities throughout the City.

LU 5.1	Evaluate opportunities and feasibility of establishing a community recreation facility or sports complex.	Short Term	City (Parks and Recreation)
LU 5.2	Require park, trail and open space dedication through all development.	Ongoing	City (Development)
LU 5.3	Continually evaluate recreational opportunities available in the City to ensure Grove City is meeting market demand and resident desires.	Ongoing	City (Parks and Recreation)

Objective LU 6. Be a regional leader in sustainable development.

LU 6.1	Continue to promote City programs on sustainable practices.	Ongoing	City (Development, Parks and Recreation)
LU 6.2	Incorporate sustainability best practices into the zoning code.	Immediate	City (Development)
LU 6.3	Allow for small-scale urban agriculture.	Immediate	City (Development)
LU 6.4	Pursue STAR Certification or a similar citywide sustainability framework program.	Short term	City (Development, Parks and Recreation)
LU 6.5	Develop a sustainability recognition program for residences and businesses.	Short term	City (Parks and Recreation)
LU 6.6	Identify opportunities and locations for sustainability-themed developments.	Ongoing	City (Development)
LU 6.7	Meet with targeted developers.	Ongoing	City (Development)

Objective LU 7. Expand efforts to plan collaboratively with area jurisdictions and organizations.

LU 7.1	Formalize a protocol for coordination with townships.	Short term	City (Administration, Development)
LU 7.2	Conduct annual joint meetings.	Ongoing	City (Administration)

TRANSPORTATION

CODE	RECOMMENDATION	TIMEFRAME	LEAD COORDINATOR	ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATION(S)
Objective 1. Design corridors to balance different users and modes of travel.				
T 1.1	Formalize a Complete Streets policy.	Immediate	City (Development, Service)	
T 1.2	Improve "transit-supportive" land use conditions along corridors (particularly in those already serviced by transit).	Ongoing	City (Development)	
Objective 2. Reduce congestion on major roadways, without sacrificing character and walkability.				
T 2.1	Create an alternate route for truck traffic to bypass the Town Center.	Long term	City (Administration)	
T 2.2	Manage access points onto parkways and boulevards (arterials and major collectors).	Ongoing	City (Development, Service)	
T 2.3	Consider the use of roundabouts.	Ongoing	City (Development, Service)	
T 2.4	Require traffic impact studies for most development proposals.	Immediate	City (Development)	
T 2.5	Evaluate traffic conditions on Stringtown Road once planned intersection and access management improvements are implemented.	Ongoing	City (Service)	
T 2.6	Develop partnerships to leverage the work of the City of Columbus' Smart City Grant.	Short term	City (Administration)	
Objective 3. Consider aesthetics and character of place in the design of all new roadways and redevelopment of existing roadways.				
T 3.1	Assess potential street design improvements depending on their surrounding context.	Ongoing	City (Development, Service)	
T 3.2	Revise Street Design Standards.	Short term	City (Development, Service)	
T 3.3	Create streetscape design guidelines for public realm elements (landscaping, lighting, signs, etc.).	Short term	City (Development, Service)	
T 3.4	Coordinate with ODOT on the installation of sound walls or other noise-reducing measures along highways	Ongoing	City (Development)	
Objective 4. Ensure that new developments are connected into the existing transportation network.				
T 4.1	Require street and trail connectivity between developments.	Ongoing	City (Development, Parks & Recreation)	
Objective 5. Expand public transportation options.				
T 5.1	Continue to coordinate with the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA).	Ongoing	City (Development)	
T 5.2	Investigate a local "circulator" (bus or shuttle).	Short term	City (Development)	

Objective T 6. Expand the sidewalk and bikeway networks to provide connectivity within Grove City and the region.

T 6.1	Create multi-use paths along at least one side of new roadways indicated on the Street Network Map.	Ongoing	City (Development)
T 6.2	Update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan's bikeways element.	Ongoing	City (Parks and Recreation)
T 6.3	Establish partnerships with area jurisdictions, state agencies and organizations on bikeways and trails.	Ongoing	City (Development, Service, Park and Recreation)
T 6.4	Create bikeway/trail connections between Grove City and Downtown Columbus through the regional trail network.	Long term	City (Development, Service, Park and Recreation)
T 6.5	Create a bike/pedestrian bridge over I-71.	Short term	City (Development, Service)
T 6.6	Require that bicycle parking facilities (bike racks or shelters) are accounted for on new development plans where appropriate.	Immediate	City (Development, Parks & Recreation)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CODE	RECOMMENDATION	TIMEFRAME	LEAD COORDINATOR	ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATION(S)
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Objective ED 1. Diversify employment sectors to obtain the jobs desired by residents.

ED 1.1	Develop an Economic Development Marketing Strategy.	Short term	City (Development)
ED 1.2	Identify and market potential business development sites.	Ongoing	City (Development)
ED 1.3	Partner with regional economic development organizations.	Ongoing	City (Development)

Objective ED 2. Promote the City as a desirable place to do business.

ED 2.1	Work with local and regional partners to build a community branding and marketing campaign.	Short term	City (Development)
ED 2.2	Maintain a listing of business locations that are currently available.	Ongoing	City (Development)
ED 2.3	Create developer packages to market sites.	Ongoing	City (Development)
ED 2.4	Conduct an effort to raise awareness about the strength of schools within Grove City.	Short term	City (Development)

Objective ED 3. Foster and grow the local entrepreneurial spirit.

ED 3.1	Work with organizations integral in the growth and advancement of entrepreneurship in Grove City.	Ongoing	City (Development)
ED 3.2	Identify sites and partners for the development of tech-flex and office space.	Ongoing	City (Development)
ED 3.3	Create a business development "one-stop-shop."	Short term	City (Development)

ED 3.4	Conduct "ask the planner" information sessions for small businesses.	Ongoing	City (Development)
ED 3.5	Create a business concierge program.	Short term	City (Development)
ED 3.6	Establish a protocol for coordinating between community and regional partners	Short term	City (Development, Business & Community Relations)

Objective ED 4. Provide infrastructure and public services to support and expand the City's employment centers.

ED 4.1	Prioritize Capital Improvement Projects that open up strategic land for job creation.	Ongoing	City (Development)
ED 4.2	Continue to expand the City's fiber optic infrastructure.	Ongoing	City (Development, Administration)
ED 4.3	Continue to work with the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) to create solutions regarding public transportation access to employment centers.	Ongoing	City (Development)

Objective ED 5. Advance higher education and expand on workforce training opportunities.

ED 5.1	Work with South-Western City Schools and higher education institutions to expand specialized training opportunities.	Ongoing	City (Development)
ED 5.2	Continue to pursue partnership opportunities with a public college or university to develop a satellite campus in Grove City.	Ongoing	City (Administration)

Objective ED 6. Expand amenities to attract quality employers and continue to grow the tourism sector.

ED 6.1	Conduct market studies for the Town Center to create a regionally-recognized destination.	Short term	City (Development)
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Objective ED 7. Adopt policies to encourage and support a variety of development and business types.

ED 7.1	Consider providing flexibility in the zoning code to support small business development.	Immediate	City (Development)
ED 7.2	Expedite the development review process to encourage investment in the community.	Short term	City (Development)
ED 7.3	Promote funding programs that foster the development of and investment in small businesses in key industry sectors.	Short term	City (Development)

Objective ED 8. Partner with Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) to promote "green" industries.

ED 8.1	Work with SWACO to develop a strategic plan for land north of SR 665.	Short term	City (Development)
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