

Eaton Rapids Area Plan (1996) Goals & Objectives

Directions

Based on the feedback that we received from the Public Furturing Sessions and High School meetings, please review the following goals and objectives and determine if anything needs to be changed, deleted or added. Please provide your responses by using the check boxes to the right and writing your changes on additional pieces of paper. Please submit your responses to Brian Reed by March 14, 2007.

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| Goal I - Controlled Areawide growth and development. | | | |
| Objective I-A: Achieve a population "target" that represents the optimum number and distribution of residents the Area can sustain over the next 20 years. | | | |
| Objective -1-B: Define and accommodate the optimum distribution of land uses and activities that can best sustain that population "target." | | | |
| Objective 1-C: Determine and provide for the most appropriate and efficient utilities and facilities to encourage and accommodate the desired land uses and associates activities. | | | |
| Goal II - A rural/agriculture environment that protects and enhances natural resources. | | | |
| Objective II-A: Identify prime agricultural lands within the Area and develop programs to retain those lands for farming activities where applicable. | | | |
| Objective II-B: Ensure adequate separation between agriculture and nonagricultural and land use activities. | | | |
| Objective II-C: Provide for land use control measures that promote commercial, industrial - and residential development that is compatible with the rural landscape | | | |

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| Objective II-D: Retain environmentally sensitive sites and areas that contain valued natural open space features. | | | |
| Objective II-E: Protect and enhance the Grand River and Spring Brook, along with associated wildlife, to ensure adequate public access, attractive surrounding land uses, natural foliage, and clean surface waters. | | | |
| Goal III - The City of Eaton Rapids retained and strengthened as the ongoing commercial, industrial and service center of the Area. | | | |
| Objective III-A: Develop a growth management plan and program that efficiently distributes commercial, industrial and service land uses in properly phased development patterns. | | | |
| Objective III-B: Encourage continued redevelopment and revitalization of the City's commercial core and S. Main Street corridor. | | | |
| Objective III-C: Provide for innovative and competitive marketing strategies that will serve Eaton Rapids businesses as a whole. | | | |
| Goal IV: Quality cultural, social and recreational facilities that are easily accessible to residents and visitors to the Area, including senior citizens. | | | |
| Objective IV-A: Create and expand opportunities for local residents to take advantage of regional cultural facilities and programs. | | | |
| Objective IV-B: Provide and continuously improve upon local cultural facilities and events (historical, performing arts, educational). | | | |

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| Objective IV-C: Ensure that existing recreational facilities in the City are consistently modified, upgraded and maintained as necessary to meet the changing needs of Area residents and visitors. | | | |
| Objective IV-D: Provide recreational facilities within the Townships that will complement existing City facilities while accommodating the recreation needs of Township residents. | | | |
| Objective IV E: Design and establish an integrated areawide recreation program using the resources of various local institutions and organizations, including the City, Townships, School District and Senior Citizen Center. | | | |
| Objective IV-F: Expand and enhance local services and facilities for senior citizens. | | | |
| Goal V: An involved citizenry that is interested in the betterment of the Eaton Rapids Area and is able to effectively work with local institutions and organizations to achieve successful projects. | | | |
| Objective V-A: Identify and establish mechanisms to encourage and accommodate citizen involvement that contributes to local decision-making. | | | |
| Objective V-B: Establish a network of voluntary organizations that will serve the various social and economic needs of the area. | | | |
| Goal VI: Intergovernmental cooperation within a structure that best serves the interests of the Eaton Rapids Area while maintaining a sense of autonomy and individual identity within each jurisdiction. | | | |

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| Objective VIA: Determine the most effective and acceptable level of coordination and establish the appropriate structure to accommodate that coordination. | | | |
| Objective VI-B: Provide the most appropriate mechanism to inform local residents and businesses of intergovernmental coordination efforts. | | | |
| Objective VI-C: Identify issues and conditions under which jurisdictional cooperation can be most effective and establish policies for addressing those issues and conditions. | | | |
| Objective VI-D: Ensure adequate funding is available for intergovernmental cooperation efforts. | | | |
| Goal VII: Quality educational and medical facilities and services that will consistently meet the changing needs of local residents and businesses. | | | |
| Objective VII-A: Increase coordination between the School District and each jurisdiction to provide more cost effective and improved community recreation and education services. | | | |
| Objective VII-B: Increase coordination/ cooperation between the Eaton Rapids Area Hospital and local jurisdictions to accommodate continued facility improvements and expansion | | | |