

Appendix A: Summary of Related Plans ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

While the Comprehensive Plan establishes the overall vision for the future of the community, it cannot go into the level of detail required for specific plans. Plans that are more narrowly focused may be necessary to sufficiently address a specific area of the community. Examples of such plans may include neighborhood, economic development, corridor or downtown plans. These plans should be consistent with and referenced in the Comprehensive Plan. Other plans and studies for Goshen that have been reviewed during this update include:



Comprehensive Plan & Community Vision (2004–2013)

In 2001, the Goshen Planning Department contracted with Community Sustainability Project, Inc. (CSP) to manage the planning process for the Comprehensive Plan & Community Vision: 2004-2013. The planning process lasted from early 2001 through 2003, with extensive public participation and broad community support. Public participation included focus groups and advisory councils, a resident survey, and a series of neighborhood and regional meetings. The plan emphasizes the importance of neighborhood involvement, environmental stewardship, balanced transportation and positive relationships between the business community and residents. To ensure continued relevancy in the coming decade, this plan is being updated to reflect the changing goals and needs of the community.



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Five-Year Plan (2010-2014)

The CDBG Consolidated Plan is designed to help local jurisdictions assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. The City of Goshen CDBG program uses a neighborhood-based community development approach, with the goal of concentrating housing rehabilitation, infrastructure improvements and other activities within a specific neighborhood for several consecutive years. Based on past experience, the City believes this approach maximizes the impact, with project funds divided among more families, additional funds leveraged, and additional cost to the City reduced over the long term by supporting and strengthening neighborhood development.

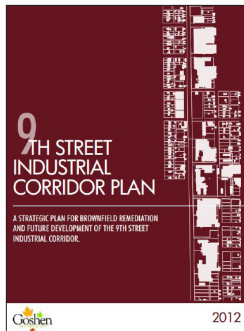


Goshen Parks & Recreation Master Plan (2014-2018)

The 2014-2018 Parks & Recreation Master Plan outlines strategies the Parks Department will pursue to improve facilities and services. Five core recommendations were developed in the planning process:

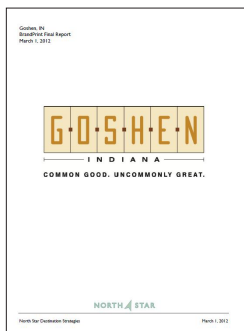
- Pursue the growth and development of the Park System as outlined in the City of Goshen Comprehensive Plan
- Maintain community involvement in the planning and development process.
- Conduct annual reviews of the master plan and adjust as necessary to continue the goal of meeting the park and recreational needs of the community.

- Conduct annual reviews of park facilities and programs for compliance with ADA requirements to assure recreation opportunities for the physically challenged and disabled.
- Refine a procedure and policy manual as well as update safety manuals along with regular safety training modules.



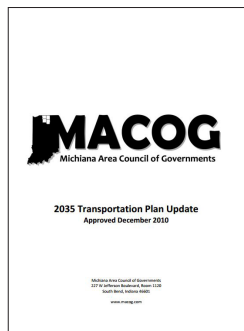
9th Street Industrial Corridor (2012)

The 9th Street Industrial Corridor Plan was the result of a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The City of Goshen was one of 23 communities selected for a Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program. The goal of this program was to facilitate community involvement in developing an area-wide plan for brownfield assessment, clean-up and reuse for the City’s historic 9th Street Industrial Corridor. The plan focuses on retaining the Corridor’s role as a business district. In addition, it emphasizes the importance of improving the stability of existing businesses along the corridor, addressing the hurdles caused by constrained land, and improving land use integration of business uses with residential and community uses.



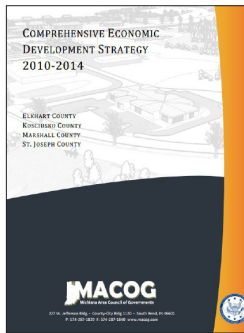
Goshen BrandPrint (2012)

The Goshen Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the City of Goshen and its stakeholders, contracted with North Star Destination Strategies to conduct a brand study for the City. The report determined that, “The people are great in Goshen, but it is their generosity and focus on others that carries that claim to a meaningful position.” The resulting tagline for the City, “Common Good. Uncommonly Great,” captures the culture of the community. This tagline and brand has been integrated throughout the community.



Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) 2035 Transportation Plan Update (2010)

The 2035 Transportation Plan Update explains how the Michiana region will address transportation needs, what the priorities include and how federal, state and local dollars will be used to address highway, mass transit, airports, bicycleways and pedestrian walkways. The plan was completed in 2010 to comply with the federal requirements for Metropolitan Transportation Plans and corresponding air quality conformity analysis.



Michiana Area Council of Government (MACOG) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) (2010)

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is a compilation of data, information and economic development priorities for the Michiana region, developed and articulated by local residents and community participants. The purpose of the CEDS is to provide a detailed profile of the community’s vision for the four county—Elkhart, Kosciusko, Marshall and St. Joseph—area. The CEDS aims to facilitate regional discussion, to coordinate, cooperate and develop comprehensive regional actions to improve and sustain growth.



Maple City Greenways Master Plan (2010)

The Maple City Greenways Master Plan represents a commitment by the City to design, construct and maintain a network of safe, convenient and attractive bicycle and pedestrian facilities for commuting and recreational use throughout the Goshen community and connectivity to other communities and destinations in Elkhart County. The plan consists of three sections: Planning Approach and Development, Design Guidelines and Implementation Strategies.



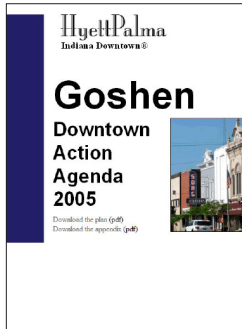
Comprehensive Land Use Plan for Elkhart County, Indiana (2006)

The 2006 Comprehensive Plan for Elkhart County is focused on five major goals. These include well-planned growth, sense of community/retention of rural character, coordination of growth, environmental stewardship and an efficient transportation network. Because land use policies and decisions in Elkhart County and the City of Goshen inevitably affect one another, it is important to ensure consistency in Comprehensive Plan policies.



Millrace Canal Revitalization Project (2005)

In 2005, the Goshen Chamber of Commerce and the City of Goshen contracted with Building Better Communities at Ball State University to develop a plan for the redevelopment of the Goshen Millrace Canal. This project included site plans and a series of charrettes showing options for future development on the Millrace, including designs for a variety of residential options, recreational and commercial uses. Several recommendations in this project have been or are in the process of being implemented.



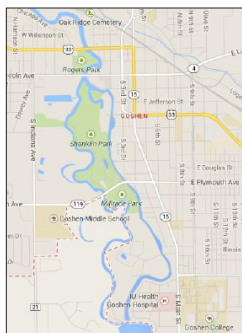
Goshen Downtown Action Agenda (2005)

The Downtown Action Agenda includes the community’s vision for the downtown, findings of a market analysis and a course of action for the development of the downtown. The plan includes recommendations for new businesses, marketing, wayfinding, parking/circulation and how to leverage existing assets such as the historic architecture and farmer’s market to spur new development.



Housing Needs Assessment (2004, updated assessment in process)

In 2013, the City of Goshen, City of Elkhart, Elkhart County, LaCasa and Habitat for Humanity partnered together to carry out a countywide housing needs assessment, to gather information on housing availability and affordability, housing conditions, and future housing development priorities. The report will be used to identify the countywide housing needs for planning and funding purposes.



Thoroughfare Plan (1996)

The thoroughfare plan was developed to fit within “Goshen’s Vision for the Future,” the community’s 1992 Comprehensive Plan. The goal of the plan was to develop a proposed network of City roads and adjacent county roads to meet the existing and future circulation needs of the City. Several of the recommendations contained in this plan were implemented or are in the process of being implemented.