PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES OF THE LAKEMOOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

A network of interconnected open space, woodlands, water resources, high quality agricultural lands, and other natural resources are important elements of Lakemoor that provide multiple benefits to residents.

Policies

1. Future development, land use changes, and transportation improvements should protect natural resources and preserve scenic views and vistas.
2. Natural resources should be managed and restored to support natural systems.
3. Public parks, facilities, trails, and recreational opportunities should be accessible to the public and part of a comprehensive open space network.
4. Rain water should be managed to improve water quality, recharge groundwater sources, protect property from damage, and integrated into the design of the community.
5. Lakemoor should support the presence of farmland and agricultural uses to preserve the open space and scenic character of the village and support the local agricultural economy.
6. Sustainable agricultural practices and the production of locally-grown food will help to preserve and protect the resources and values of the community and should be supported.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The provision of goods, services, employment opportunities, and amenities within Lakemoor are important to the community's economic future and should capitalize on the area's natural assets.

Policies

1. Lakemoor should have a Town Center that provides a mix of uses, services, goods, and amenities needed and desired by the community.
2. New economic development uses should be clean, safe, and of high quality construction and design, and the landscaping and appearance of these land uses should be well maintained.
3. New office, retail, and industrial development should complement the semi-rural character of the community.
4. Redevelopment of outdated or underutilized commercial areas is an effective way to strengthen the tax base and provide goods and services, and should be a high priority.
5. Commercial development should be focused and convenient to residents and visitors.
6. Lakemoor should bring more employment opportunities to the area.
7. Lakes, wetlands, and open spaces are regional destinations that should be responsibly utilized and included in Lakemoor's economic development strategy.

TRANSPORTATION

Lakemoor residents should be able to drive, walk, or bike safely and conveniently throughout the Village for daily needs and activities.

Policies

1. A broad range of accessible transportation options should be planned to safely and efficiently move people and goods through Lakemoor while protecting rural and scenic character.
2. Lakemoor's transportation system should maximize transportation choice, allowing residents to travel within the community in a safe and efficient matter regardless of whether they are walking, biking, or driving.
3. Lakemoor should connect existing road networks where appropriate to encourage walking and biking and to reduce the number and length of automobile trips.
4. The transportation system should support and sustain economic activity and a variety of transportation needs.
5. New development should strengthen the transportation network and give physical definition to streets and public spaces.

HOMES AND NEIGHBORHOODS

Lakemoor residents and businesses benefit from homes and neighborhoods that offer a high quality of life and allow residents to remain in the Village through all phases of life.

Policies

1. New housing should include a diversity of type, size, style, and price to provide for the needs of current and future residents with different housing requirements, including seniors.
2. New residential development should be of high quality construction and design, and residential land and buildings should be well maintained.
3. Neighborhoods should maintain the natural, scenic, rural, and open character and assets of the community.
4. Civic, educational, and commercial activities should be conveniently located near neighborhoods to reinforce community cohesion and identity.
5. Opportunities for community gardens should be promoted.

COMMUNITY SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The sustainable provision of community services, facilities, and infrastructure in Lakemoor is essential to the community's long-term future and should be community-driven.

Policies

1. High quality services, facilities, infrastructure, and amenities should be provided to residents and businesses in an efficient, fiscally responsible manner and in partnership with appropriate service providers.
2. New development should contribute to their impact on infrastructure and public services and not pose a financial burden on existing residents.
3. Land use change and investments should be managed to ensure capacities for sewer, water and private utilities are sufficient and of high quality for existing and future residents.
4. Wastewater treatment and management should protect public health, conserve water and energy, and protect the quality of the community's surface and groundwater resources.
5. Energy- and water-efficient practices and dark skies strategies should be encouraged in new and existing development.

COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT

A high quality community is dependent upon proactive policies and standards, a participatory process, and a responsive government.

Policies

1. Land use and development decisions should reflect the needs of the community, be compatible with environmental conditions, and complement neighboring uses.
2. Land use and development decisions should promote quality of life improvements for residents while protecting the fiscal stability of Lakemoor.
3. Village actions and development decisions should follow a logical and practical sequence to ensure continuous improvement to Lakemoor and to provide essential village services to all.
4. Existing property values should be protected through building standards and development design that ensures high quality growth.
5. A consistent and cohesive village identity, character, and sense of place should be developed in Lakemoor.