

LICKING TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

COMMUNITY MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE
3/27/25



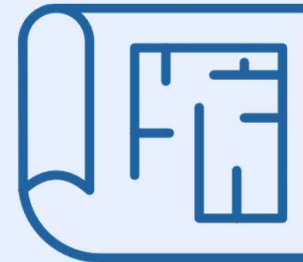
OVERVIEW OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A comprehensive plan addresses all aspects of the community such as land use, housing, infrastructure, economics, and recreation/open space.

A comprehensive plan should answer all questions regarding community needs and desires.



It is a tool for residents to help shape their neighborhood and a way for the community to unite around shared values.



It is a blueprint used by public officials when making decisions regarding growth

WHY PLAN? WHY NOW?

- Generates community input to identify the needs, desires, and priorities of the community.
- Guides land use decisions and provides a framework for zoning, land development, and infrastructure planning.
- Addresses current challenges while anticipating future needs.

LICKING TOWNSHIP

- The Plan can assist the Township in the creation of a game plan when facing development pressures and threats of annexation.
- Central Ohio is facing unprecedented economic and population growth: Intel, Google, Amazon, & Honda to name just a few.
- This process can help the Township decide what areas should be developed, what areas should be preserved, what partnerships should be established, and what tools should be utilized.

THE PLANNING PROCESS

THE RESIDENTS

STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE

ELECTED OFFICIALS

The public provides feedback through the survey and community meetings which is instrumental in establishing a vision and goals

Provides backdrop for the plan through diverse range of experience. Residents, Township officials, schools, fire dept, and more represented.

Utilize the plan to guide and inform future growth and development decisions.

LICKING TOWNSHIP Comprehensive Plan

We Want To Hear From You!

Licking Township is hosting a **community meeting on May 8th at 6:30 PM at the Lakewood High School Auditorium** (9331 Lancer Rd SE, Hebron) to discuss developing a new comprehensive plan to help shape the future of our community. We are providing you, the citizens, an opportunity to voice your opinion at this meeting and through an online **survey** (see back of this card). Every adult in each household may complete the survey.

A comprehensive plan contains a community's vision and serves as a roadmap to guide community growth and change. It provides goals, action steps, and recommendations to achieve the shared vision.

Topics Include:

- Future Land Uses
- Community Character
- Open Space and Agriculture
- Roads and Transportation
- Public Services



STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Department • School District • I-70 Interchange • Sense of Safety • Strong Community • Roads • Prime Real Estate • Access to highways, Columbus • Access to the Lake • Dawes Arboretum • Bike Paths • Rural atmosphere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrounded by municipalities • Annexation • Lack of sewer and water infrastructure • Lack of succession farmers • Lack of defined downtown • Funding • Lack of commercial property • Lack of understanding around zoning • Lack of internet
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legend Valley • New businesses to generate revenue • Methods to prevent annexation • Stronger zoning • Greenspace program • Plan for growth and guide it • Buckeye Lake area • Resident engagement, community gathering place • Full time fire department • Review of services and zoning • County water and sewer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legend valley - a threat to way of life to locals • Development • Annexation • Growth • Land cost, property taxes • Energy fields • Municipal water/sewer • Short term rentals (Airbnb) • Growth outpacing schools • BIA - elimination of TWP zoning



Licking Township
Licking County, Ohio

ESTABLISHING THE TOWNSHIP VISION

BASED UPON:

- Resident survey results
- Stakeholder committee input
- Evolving conditions assessment

BASIS FOR:

- Goals, recommendations, and action steps developed in the Comprehensive Plan



LICKING TOWNSHIP VISION STATEMENT

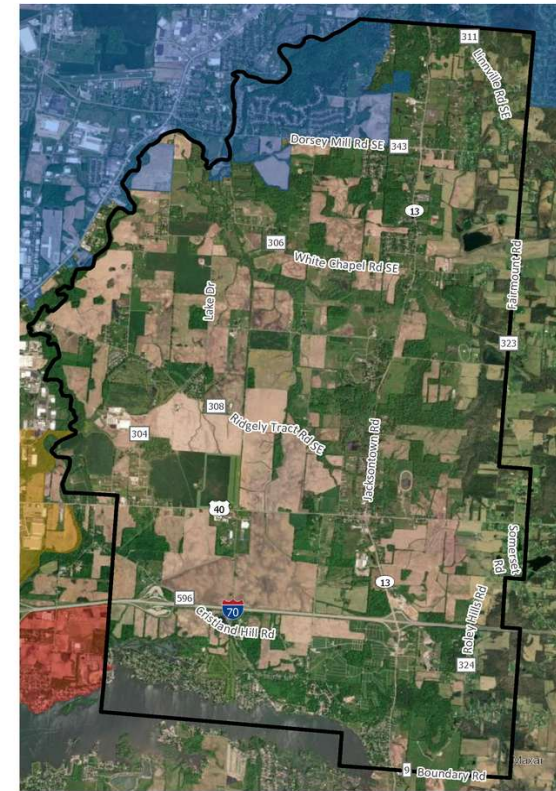
“Licking Township seeks to preserve the natural beauty, friendly atmosphere, and small town feel of the community while planning ahead to balance growth and development within the Township’s borders to ensure the enhancement of the vital aspects of the Township that residents love.”

VISION → GOALS → ACTION STEPS

PLANNING GOALS OVERVIEW: COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP

- 01 Improve Resident Communication Through Clear and Accessible Updates.
- 02 Educate Residents About Annexation.

Historic Township Borders - Aerial



Municipalities
Buckeye Lake
Heath
Hebron

0 1 2 Miles



PLANNING GOALS OVERVIEW: RURAL LIFESTYLE

01 Preserve Natural Views and Enhance Landscaping and Buffering Standards

02 Preserve Rural Residential Land

03 Cluster Housing to Preserve Land



PLANNING GOALS OVERVIEW: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 01 Keep Automobile-Oriented Businesses Along Interstate 70 and SR-13
- 02 Mixed-Use Development Near Buckeye Lake
- 03 Create a Vibrant Village Center



PLANNING GOALS OVERVIEW: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

04 Guide Commercial Development: Near Ridgely Tract

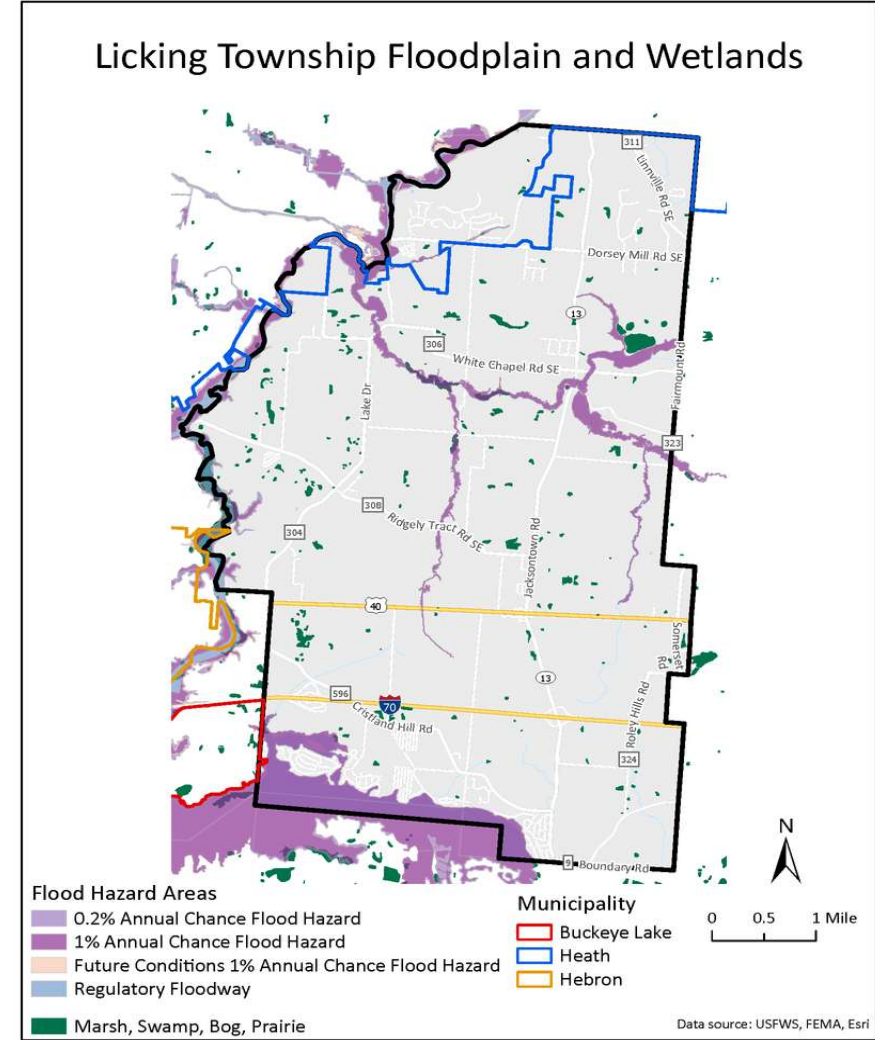
05 Utilize Tailored Economic Development Tools Tailored to Specific Township Areas

06 Create an Economic Development Team

PLANNING GOALS OVERVIEW: ENVIRONMENTAL

01 Protect Wetlands and Biodiversity

02 Increase Outdoor Recreation



RECOMMENDATIONS

RURAL RESIDENTIAL

- Large lot zoning for areas where water and sewer services are not expected in the near future.
- Preserve the rural character of the community.
- Preserve rural landscapes.



RECOMMENDATIONS

AGRICULTURE

- Agriculture is central to Licking Township's character and will continue to be so.
- Retain agriculture and rural residential uses as the primary land uses in the Township outside of growth nodes.



RECOMMENDATIONS

PRESERVATION

- Land predominately preserved by the Dawes Arboretum.
- Safeguard vital natural resources and landscapes from development.
- Conservation and agriculture easements.

Simplified Steps to Obtaining a Conservation Easement

1. Assess Your Land

Determine if your land has significant natural, scenic, agricultural, or historical value that aligns with Licking Township's priorities for preserving its rural character and natural resources.

2. Find a Partner

Reach out to local organizations like the Licking Land Trust or consult with Licking County's Soil and Water Conservation District to explore conservation options and resources.

3. Evaluate the Property

Collaborate with your conservation partner to assess your property's unique features and establish specific goals for preservation and use restrictions that benefit Licking Township's community values.

4. Draft and Sign the Agreement

Work with legal and conservation experts to create a conservation easement agreement tailored to protect your land while meeting your needs and the community's priorities.

5. Finalize and Record the Easement

Once approved, sign the easement agreement and file it with the Licking County Recorder's Office to make it legally binding and ensure the preservation of your land for future generations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

VILLAGE CENTER

- This area is designed to be the heart of the community, functioning as a gathering space for residents.
- It will feature key public buildings like the Township Hall and serve as a hub for civic and social activities.



RECOMMENDATIONS

CLUSTERED CONSERVATION HOUSING

- Target development to specific areas and helps protect environmentally sensitive sections.
- Requires less infrastructure.
- Include parks, multi-use paths, and playgrounds.



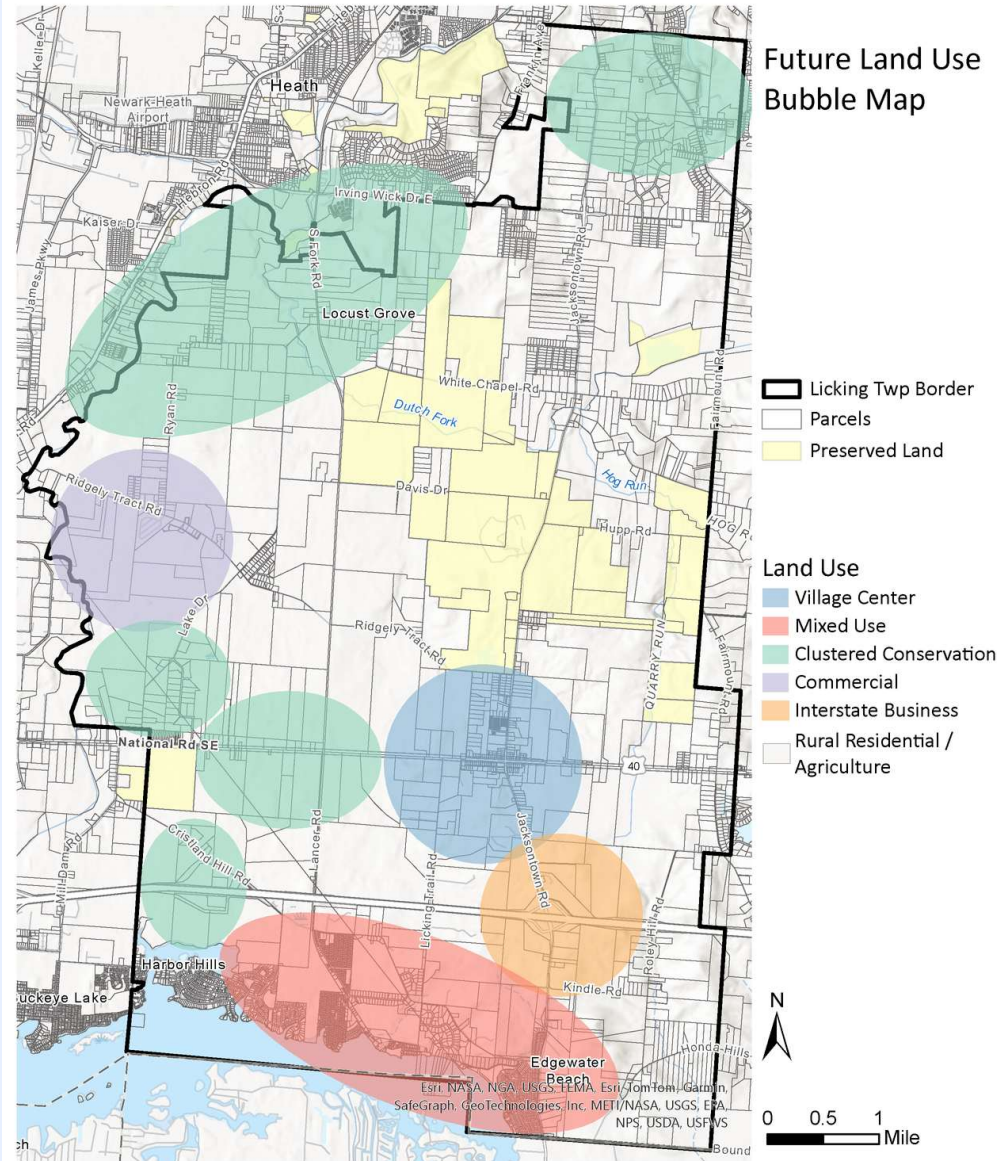
TARGETED MIXED-USE

- Located near Buckeye Lake.
- Create paths to provide pedestrian connections to nature, amenities, and businesses.



FUTURE LAND USE

- The land use map is **not** a zoning map
- Serves as a key tool for guiding future growth and development in Licking Township.
- Balances growth with the preservation of farmland and open spaces.
- Works to ensure that development aligns with the Township's current needs and long-term goals.



NEXT STEPS

- 01** Revise the Plan based on tonight's feedback
- 02** Zoning Commission Public Hearing
- 03** Township Trustees Public Hearing
- 04** Comprehensive Plan is adopted

Q&A

What questions or feedback do you have?

Notecards/sticky notes are available at the presentation boards for written feedback.

