

IMPLEMENTATION WORKBOOK

INSTRUCTIONS

Your assignment: review the priorities

You are reviewing the “high priorities” and “secondary priorities” for the Blendon Community Plan—essentially, what’s most important to accomplish once the plan is adopted.

On the following pages, you’ll find a copy of the implementation tables--the same information as on pages 100-107 in the full Blendon Community Plan document.

We identified what *we* think the priorities are, based on the feedback we’ve received at the public meetings. But we need you to review this and make any changes.

Making your changes

For each Action item, we listed our recommendation—either high priority (▶), secondary priority (▷) or no priority. If you disagree with any of these, circle which priority you think it should be.

Bring completed workbook

Please bring this completed workbook to the working committee meeting on January 25. If you have any further questions, please contact Ben Weiner at 462-2784 or biweiner@franklincountyohio.gov

Grow Smart

Goal A

Maintain residential character of existing neighborhoods, p. 58

	Action item	Responsible parties
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 1 Follow the future land use map, p. 58	★
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 2 Discontinue conditional use home occupations, p. 58	★
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 3 Adopt the conservation development regulations in areas of Cleveland Heights and the area east of Big Walnut Creek, p. 59	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 4 Facilitate the creation of a neighborhood association in Cleveland Heights, p. 60	★ B
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 5 Use site design techniques that preserve rural character, p. 60	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Goal B

Encourage attractive and economically sustainable commercial development, p. 61

	Action item	Responsible parties
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 6 Adopt the Smart Growth Overlay for mixed-use commercial corridors, p. 61	★ ★ B ★
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 7 Auto-related businesses should strictly adhere to development standards, p. 61	★
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 8 Limit the number of access points along commercial corridors, p. 62	★ ★ ★
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 9 Implement recommendations of the Westerville Road Streetscape Improvement Plan, p. 62	★ ★ B ★ morpc ★
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 10 Conduct a market analysis of the Westerville Road corridor, p. 63	★
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 11 Support small business development, p. 63	★ B Ohio ECD ★
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 12 Establish a façade improvement program, p. 63	★
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 13 Require installation of sidewalks and bicycle parking for new development, p. 63	★ ★ B ★ ★
▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority	Action 14 Encourage installation of sidewalks and bicycle parking on public and private property, p. 63	★ ★ B morpc ★

Our recommendation

Disagree? Circle one of these

Goal C

Nurture a sense of place in neighborhoods and along commercial corridors, p. 63

Action item**Responsible parties**

► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▢ No Priority

**Action 15**

Install gateway signs in priority areas, p. 63



► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▢ No Priority

**Action 16**

Install decorative street signs, p. 64



► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▢ No Priority

**Action 17**

Install streetlights in priority areas, p. 64





► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▢ No Priority













**Action 18**

Convert the concrete barrier on Sunbury Road to a community amenity, p. 64



 **Our recommendation**
 **Disagree? Circle one of these**

Key to symbols

Franklin County	Other government	Non-profit sector	Private sector
 Economic Development & Planning	 Blendon Township	 Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission	 Private property owners
 Engineer's Office	 Ohio Department of Transportation	 Economic and Community Development Institute	
 Soil and Water Conservation District	 Ohio Department of Development	 Neighborhood Associations	
 Board of Health		 Bicycle advocacy groups	

Live Well

Goal A

Promote sustainable housing that facilitates aging in place, p. 74

Action item

Responsible parties

► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 1

Require conformance with AWARE sustainability and universal design standards for projects receiving public funds, p. 74



► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 2

Support the use of universal design standards in new construction and rehabilitation of residential units, p. 75



► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 3

Facilitate conversion and construction of accessory apartments, p. 75



► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 4

Provide information regarding energy efficiency programs, p. 75



► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 5

Support the use of alternative energy sources such as solar, wind and geothermal, p. 75



Goal B

Maintain quality neighborhoods by improving the housing stock, p. 75

Action item

Responsible parties

► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 6

Facilitate home rehabilitation and compatible infill housing, p. 75



► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 7

Turn around neglected properties, p. 76



► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 8

Increase the homeownership rate, p. 76



► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 9

Improve the appearance of rental homes, p. 76



► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 10

Direct financial assistance programs to help low-income families perform home maintenance and resolve code violations, p. 76



► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 11

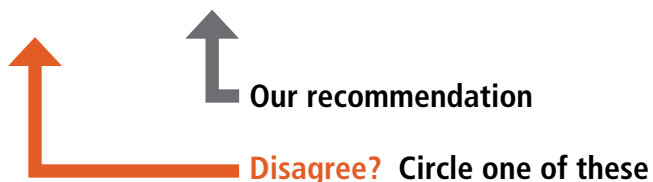
Continue enforcement of the Blendon Township Property Maintenance Code, p. 76



► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 12

Consider the feasibility of a rental housing inspection pilot program, p. 76



Goal C

Maintain, improve and expand township parks and recreational facilities, p. 77

			Action item	Responsible parties
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 13 Conduct a parks master plan, p. 77	★ ★ B Metro Parks
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▷ Action 14 Establish a parks advisory board, p. 78	★ B
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 15 Set aside general maintenance funds for each park, p. 78	B
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▷ Action 16 Consider a levy for parks, p. 78	★ B
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 17 Establish a park in the Cleveland Heights neighborhood, p. 78	★ ★ B
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 18 Explore the feasibility of installing a wellness garden at the Blendon Township Senior Center, p. 78	★ ★ B
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▷ Action 19 Add sufficient bicycle parking at parks, p. 78	B Metro Parks
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 20 Provide connections to the existing trail system, p. 78	★ ★ B morpc morpc
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 21 Utilize Alum Creek, Big Walnut Creek and Spring Run as recreational assets, p. 79	★ ★ Metro Parks FACT FBWC
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 22 Work with local agencies to add land to the park system, p. 79	★ ★ B Metro Parks

Our recommendation































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★ Soil and Water Conservation District	Westerville	FBWC Friends of Big Walnut Creek	
★ Board of Health	Metro Parks	Housing nonprofits	
★ Auditor's Office	Ohio Department of Transportation	Bicycle advocacy groups	
★ Treasurer's Office			
★ Board of Elections			











Goal D

Protect Alum Creek, Big Walnut Creek and their tributaries, p. 79

			Action item	Responsible parties
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 23 Adopt regulations establishing a stream buffer zone along Alum Creek, Big Walnut Creek and their tributaries, p. 79	      
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▷ Action 24 Promote the use of stormwater best management practices, p. 79	      
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 25 Require dedication along Alum Creek, Big Walnut Creek and Spring Run for public use, p. 79	   
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 26 Support acquisition of scenic and sensitive land located along the creeks, p. 79	      
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 27 Build and maintain relationships with local watershed groups, p. 80	    














Goal E

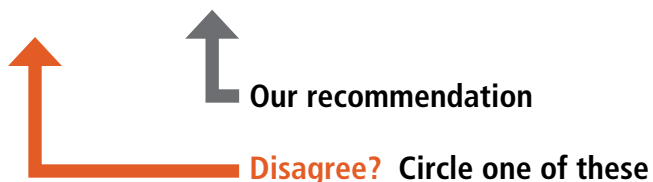
Promote environmental awareness and stewardship, p. 80

			Action item	Responsible parties
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 28 Sign the Central Ohio Green Pact, p. 80	
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 29 Promote backyard conservation, p. 80	    
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▷ Action 30 Conduct an energy audit of buildings at the Blendon Township Complex, p. 80	
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 31 Support participation in the GreenSpot program, p. 80	  

Goal F

Support a sustainable local food system, p. 80

			Action item	Responsible parties
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▷ Action 32 Establish a farmers market, p. 80	   
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 33 Revise zoning regulations to allow community gardens, p. 81	 
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▷ Action 34 Identify and convert underutilized sites to community gardens, p. 81	      



► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority

► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority

► High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority No Priority

Action 35

Support the transition of yards, window boxes and rooftops into food production areas, p. 81



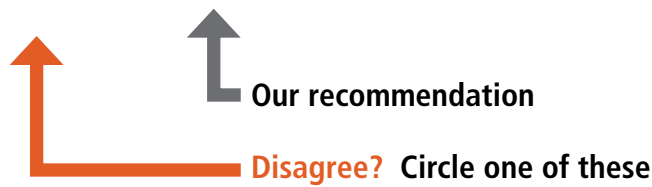
Action 36

Provide information to connect producers and consumers of local foods, p. 81



Action 37

Support local food production and processing enterprises, p. 81

































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Soil and Water Conservation District	Westerville	Friends of Big Walnut Creek	
Treasurer's Office	Metro Parks	Local Food nonprofits	
	Ohio Department of Development	American Community Gardening Association	
	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency	Neighborhood Associations	

Go Safely




































Goal A

Create and maintain a complete network for pedestrian traffic, p. 84

			Action item	Responsible parties
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 1 Install new sidewalks and improve crossings in targeted areas according to the Sidewalk Priorities map, p. 84	    
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▷ Action 2 Maintain and improve existing sidewalks, p. 84	    
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	Action 3 Require sidewalks for new development, p. 84	    
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	Action 4 Use pedestrian-friendly design for major intersections, p. 84	    
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	Action 5 Use pedestrian friendly design within shopping centers and along commercial corridors, p. 84	    
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▷ Action 6 Complete a Safe Routes to Schools Plan, p. 84	    

Goal B

Create a complete bicycle network for recreation and transportation, p. 85

			Action item	Responsible parties
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 7 Use the Bikeways map to guide development of an area-wide bicycle network, p. 85	      
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 8 Provide connections to existing bikeways, p. 85	      
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	Action 9 Require new development to provide rights-of-way to accommodate shared use paths, p. 85	      
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▶ Action 10 Establish bicycle routes through the Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods neighborhoods, p. 86	    
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	▷ Action 11 Improve bicycle parking on public and private property, p. 86	    
▶ High Priority	▷ Secondary Priority	◀ No Priority	Action 12 Locate buildings outside the railway corridor near Westerville Road, p. 86	   

Our recommendation

Disagree? Circle one of these

Goal C

Support a transit network that offers sufficient destinations and frequent service, p. 87

Action item**Responsible parties**

▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

**Action 13**

Improve pedestrian infrastructure near bus stops, p. 87



▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 14

Improve existing bus stops, p. 87



▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 15

Investigate the possibility of locating a Park and Ride in the Sunbury Woods area, p. 87



▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

**Action 16**

Expand the proposed Westerville LINK route to serve Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods, p. 87

**Goal D**

Maintain a safe, well-connected auto network, p. 87

Action item**Responsible parties**

▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

**Action 17**

Adopt a complete streets policy for future road improvements, p. 87



▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 18

Improve damaged roads and roadside drainage infrastructure, p. 88



▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

**Action 19**

Install traffic calming devices in priority areas, p. 88



▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 20

Encourage speed limit reductions on high-accident roads, p. 88



▶ High Priority ▷ Secondary Priority ▷ No Priority

Action 21

Encourage safety improvements at high-accident intersections, p. 88

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Franklin County



Economic Development & Planning



Engineer's Office

Other government



Blendon Township



City of Columbus



City of Westerville



Metro Parks



Ohio Department of Transportation



Central Ohio Transit Authority



Westerville City Schools

Non-profit sector



Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission



Bicycle Advocacy Groups

Public sector



Private property owners

THANK YOU

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