

Plan Summary

Pleasant Township Comprehensive Plan

Rural Character · Safe Transportation · Environmental Protection

The Pleasant Township Comprehensive Plan is a guide for future land use in the township. The plan includes recommendations for the future: how land should be used, what new buildings should look like, what areas are designated for preservation. The plan also includes desired public improvements, such as gateway signs and areas that need sidewalks.

Recommendations follow the plan's themes:

Preserving Rural Character, Safe Transportation and Environmental Protection

Rural Character



Many factors combine to create rural character: how land is used, where new buildings are located and especially the presence of farms and related agricultural uses. All the recommendations aim to keep this character in the face of advancing development.

- Encouraging cluster-style design for new residential growth
- Containing commercial development to specific areas
- Using rural site design techniques for new commercial development
- Preserving agricultural land and increasing its productivity

Safe Transportation



A safe transportation system allows people to travel easily by car, foot or bicycle where appropriate. Although mostly rural, parts of Pleasant Township have denser development. All the recommendations aim to have the transportation system complement Pleasant Township's rural character. Recommendations include:

- Improving safety for pedestrians in dense areas
- Expanding the bicycle network, both on- and off-road
- Improving the safety of the road network

Environmental Protection



Pleasant Township contains 14 miles of the Big Darby Creek, one of Central Ohio's most enjoyed and celebrated natural resources. As development proceeds toward Pleasant Township, environmental protection measures are critical in preserving the Big Darby watershed's sensitive ecology. A healthy Big Darby creek will continue to be a key Pleasant Township asset. Recommendations include:

- Prioritizing preservation of highly environmentally-sensitive land
- Following recommendations of the Big Darby Accord
- Using stormwater best management practices to protect streams
- Encouraging reduction in household energy use