

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2005, the Township Trustees determined a review of the 1999 Comprehensive Plan was required. The Township Trustees created a Comprehensive Plan Committee which was comprised of community volunteers, two (2) Zoning Commission members and a Planning Consultant.

The Montville Township Comprehensive Plan Committee held public meetings throughout 2006 to update the comprehensive plan. With the assistance of Sandy McKew, a Planning Consultant, the committee reviewed the goals, objectives, and policies of the existing Comprehensive Plan; updated the Township's housing inventory; completed an analysis of existing conditions and trends; updated the future land use map and narrative; and drafted thoroughfare and transportation developed guidelines.

The Planning Consultant also interviewed the Township Trustees for their goals for the Township. These goals are as follows:

- (1) Methods for developing an identity for Montville Township.
- (2) Incorporate the use of open space developments.
- (3) Maintain governmental services.
- (4) Maintain financial sustainability and economic development within the Township.
- (5) Create transportation/access management guidelines for the Township.
- (6) Update the Township demographics in the Comprehensive Plan.

The Committee invited various community or county officials to present information on various topics such as transportation, infrastructure, economic development and collaborative efforts available to the Township. Community officials included Jim Douth – Medina County Economic Development, Ken Hotz – Medina County Sewer and Water, Mike Salay – Medina County Engineer, Tom James – Medina County Parks District, and Alan Biehl – former ODOT Engineer.

The Committee refined the plan and presented their draft to the public on June 20, 2006 at Blake Elementary School. After public input, the plan was forwarded and presented to the Montville Township zoning commission for review.

The Zoning Commission held numerous public hearings to review the Comprehensive Plan and developed the following prioritization of the Committee's recommendations/goals:

- (1) Establish and designate a Community Reinvestment Area(s)
- (2) Establish an Architectural Review Board
- (3) Create cohesive and unified developments of non-residential districts Throughout the Township
- (4) Create a Township identity (i.e. Town Center or Post Office)
- (5) Manage all development

- (6) Protect natural resources and wildlife
- (7) Maintain the rural atmosphere
- (8) Interconnect new and existing developments with pedestrian and Bicycle paths
- (9) Maintain the Urban Growth Boundary in the Township
- (10) Increase the use of traffic impact studies for all developments

The Zoning Commission encourages the Trustees to undertake the first two recommendations and the Commission will work with the Trustees and the public on implementation of the remaining recommendations.