City of Greenwood Comprehensive Plan

2007 - 2027

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SECTION THREE

Guiding Principles & Vision

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Introduction

Below are the components of the city's guiding principles, which are the foundation for the Greenwood Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement. The city's guiding principles and vision are supplemented by the goals and objectives presented in the following section.

Community Vision Statement

The City of Greenwood will be a well-managed hometown of desirable neighborhoods and a strategic regional economic hub including retail, industrial, and a vibrant, mixed-use Old Town. The community's character will be defined by quality growth, distinctive edges, and well-planned transportation corridors. Greenwood will be a family-oriented city that provides a high quality of life for its residents by emphasizing its historic resources, and using a system of parks, trails and recreational areas to connect its citizens.

Components of the Guiding Principles

During the early stages of this phase of the Greenwood Comprehensive Plan Update, the Steering Committee formulated lists to compile the components of the guiding principles listed below. Discussions regarding the city's desired principle components centered on the following (refer also to Appendix A, Public Participation, for additional information with respect to the public input process):

Traditional site layout for residential development, including:

- The traditional grid-street pattern,
- · Pedestrian linkages,
- The use of traffic calming techniques/methods,
- Building and garage layout with the home facing the street and the garage oriented towards an alley, and
- The use of a build-to-line rather than minimum front setback distances.

Traditional architectural design, residential and commercial

- Front porches
- Respect for historic detail without imitation
- Building and garage orientation
- Building placement/lot size/setbacks
- Avoiding large massive facades
- Parking facilities
- Creative signage

Traditional Site Layout



Garage Orientation facing the Alley



Front Porch



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- Enhanced landscaping
- Pedestrian connections
- Pocket parks/seating areas/green space

Enhanced landscaping

- Native vegetation
- High impact: low cost
- Innovative parking lot design
- · Building perimeters
- Trails & greenways
- Storm water design elements

Multi-modal transportation

- Trails
- Bike lanes (on & off-street)
- Sidewalks
- Pedestrian trails
- Road network
- Bike racks
- Trail heads
- Rail, commuter & freight

Public spaces

- Trail heads
- Plazas
- Parks
- Street furniture
- · Sidewalk cafes

Mixed-use

- Walkability
- Neighborhood commercial
- Live-over-work
- Old Town (residential)
- Village centers

Historic preservation

- Old Town (buildings)
- View sheds
- Existing trees

Trails & Greenways



Sidewalk Cafe



Historic Preservation



Planned Corridors





- Historic landscapes
- Building setbacks
- Block faces
- Parking in rear
- Creative/historically appropriate signage

Planned Corridors

- · Land use management
- Roadway enhancements
- Access management
- Traffic engineering
- Vehicular and pedestrian circulation
- Public art

Plan Making

	Community Framework				
Guiding Principle	Employment	Neighborhoods	Transportation	Downtown	Nodes & Paths
Traditional site layout for residential development					
Traditional architectural design, residential and commercial					
Enhanced landscaping		•			
Multi-modal transportation					
Public spaces					
Mixed-use					
Historic preservation					
Corridors					
Economic development					
Sustainable design incentives					

Source: Steering Committee Meeting, Sept. 25, 2006.

Guiding Principles

The City of Greenwood has identified the following guiding principles, which they have stated in the form of value statements. Simply put, these guiding principles, coupled with the following Community Vision Statement, should serve as the foundation of the contents of this document and the day-to-day decisions made by local officials throughout the planning horizon.

- 1. We value preserving and creating open space, protecting critical environmental areas, and enhancing natural beauty.
- 2. We value creating walkable, interconnected neighborhoods.
- 3. We value the creation of a range of housing opportunities and choices for existing and new residents.
- 4. We value planned and diverse growth as a part of a dynamic, sustainable community with a supporting tax base.
- 5. We value planned multi-modal transportation forms and desire to provide a variety of easily accessible transportation choices while providing unique development opportunities to capitalize on our strategic location near Indianapolis.
- 6. We value the character and historic qualities of Old Town and seek to direct new development and redevelopment towards existing developed areas to strengthen our identity.
- 7. We value partnerships between the community and other governments, businesses, and educational institutions and encourage community and stakeholder collaboration.
- 8. We value fostering a distinctive, attractive city with a strong sense of place and identity.
- 9. We value making development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective.
- 10. We value being good stewards of the land to provide a better quality of life for future generations.

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