

## **CHAPTER 5**

### ***STATEMENT OF MASTER PLAN GOALS, POLICIES, AND OBJECTIVES***

The development of the City of Solon Master Land Use Plan has been guided by the statement of community goals, policies and objectives listed below. These statements reflect the land use priorities of City of Solon residents and stakeholders as expressed through the Master Plan Citizen's Committee and through the input provided by the Community Attitudes Survey. In addition to providing a framework for the recommendations provided in this Plan, these goals, policies and objectives will otherwise help to guide City policy makers as they consider future development and redevelopment options.

- ***COMMERCIAL DESIGN STANDARDS*** - Improve community character, identity, and aesthetic quality, over time through the establishment and implementation of unifying design concepts throughout the City's commercially zoned areas.
- ***CENTER OF TOWN***- Promote the development of a pedestrian oriented "Center of Town" that will provide an attractive, recognizable focal point of community identity and which emphasizes and advances the historic character of the City of Solon.
- ***HISTORIC PRESERVATION***- Protect the City's heritage through the preservation of significant historical structures and features where feasible.
- ***REVISION TO CITY CODES AND DOCUMENTS*** - Implement revisions to the Zoning Code and other community codes and documents as necessary to support the City's desired changes in community character, identity, design, and to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
- ***SCHOOL DISTRICT COOPERATION*** - Cooperate with the Solon School District to promote and maintain top quality public education opportunities for Solon's children.
- ***GREEN AREAS AND OPEN SPACES*** - Advance the provision of green areas within non-residential and residential developments; protect environmentally sensitive areas (e.g., unique habitats, steep slopes, floodplains, wetlands, etc.) from development; and otherwise seek to protect and preserve the natural environment as an essential community asset.

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- **SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING** - *Promote the creation of new senior citizen housing opportunities to enable Solon residents to continue to live within the community as their housing needs change.*
- **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE** - *Seek to maintain and improve the condition, viability, value, and appearance of the City's residential and non-residential building stock and neighborhoods.*
- **PARKS AND RECREATION** - *Promote the creation of parks and other recreational opportunities within new and existing residential neighborhoods, especially for those areas and demographic groups demonstrating the most need.*
- **INDUSTRIAL MIX** - *Seek to achieve and maintain an appropriate industrial mix, including emerging industries, in order to maximize future City revenues, expand the tax base, and to prevent the tax burden on City homeowners from increasing.*
- **PEDESTALIAN AMENITIES** - *Promote opportunities for expanded and improved pedestrian amenities in commercial, industrial, and residential areas. Identify neighborhood needs for additional sidewalks and prioritize their development.*
- **TRAFFIC MITIGATION** - *Seek opportunities to improve the orderly flow of vehicular traffic and the reduction of traffic congestion, particularly along arterial streets, and within commercial and residential areas.*
- **ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS** - *Seek opportunities to implement multi-purpose hike and bike trails to provide connections between neighborhoods, commercial districts, and local and regional parks and green areas.*
- **COMMERCIAL MIX** - *Seek opportunities to provide an appropriate mix of commercial goods and services to meet residents' diverse shopping needs and to attract those developments to appropriate areas of the City.*
- **COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL MIX** - *Seek to achieve the proper balance between residential and non-residential development while protecting residential areas from commercial encroachment.*
- **GOVERNMENT SERVICES** - *Seek to maintain and improve the high quality of municipal service delivery throughout the City, including the maintenance of public facilities and infrastructure.*