


Implementation

This section delineates each topic area and outlines the recommended Goals/Policies and actions to follow in order to best achieve the vision of Township residents and address the concerns and opportunities identified. Each strategy is developed to reflect the intent of the Guiding Principles.

Key Strategies  are specific Goals determined to be of critical importance. These strategies have a more in depth explanation.

Follow the symbols to learn more about Key Concepts



**Population and
Housing**



**Land Use, Design
and Economic
Development**



Transportation



**Natural Resources
and Environment**



Public Services

Key Sites are areas identified by the Township as crucial areas for development, redevelopment or sites that are located in a unique geographical area that can have a profound impact on the community.

Natural Resources, Environment and Preservation

Goals

1. **Protect hillsides and natural areas and discourage development that adversely impacts natural assets** +

2. **Promote resiliency of natural areas and resources**

Outcome: The Township will promote and protect natural areas

Policies/Actions:

- 1.1 Development will be reviewed to ensure it is contextually appropriate and integrates well with existing natural spaces
- 1.2 Discourage higher intensity, non agricultural/rural residential development in rural areas of the Township
- 1.3 Encourage contiguous and connected open spaces and natural space buffers/stream protection, particularly near creeks and waterways
- 1.4 Encourage development outside of sensitive areas prone to erosion and/or flooding
- 1.5 Align with Goal 4 (PS) to help educate the public, developers and stakeholders on best practices
- 1.6 Properly regulate the use of solar, wind and recycling/waste practices (screening as necessary) in the Township to ensure designs also mitigate impacts on the community regarding pollution, aesthetics or otherwise

3. **Promote creative, effective and proactive measures to mitigate stormwater development impacts**

Outcome: The Township will support development that creatively and proactively mitigates development impacts

Policies/Actions:

- 1.1 Encourage enhanced stormwater capture and treatment (Rainbarrels, swales, riparian buffers etc)
- 1.2 Enhance stormwater regulations (Rainbarrels, swales etc)
- 1.3 Explore stormwater demonstration projects
- 1.4 Promote the use of riparian buffers and stream protection
- 1.5 Consider partnerships and efforts to improve erosion mitigation with particular consideration of Ninemile Creek
- 1.6 Discourage the proliferation of stormwater ponds

Natural Resources, Environment and Preservation

Goals

4. Promote and enhance the Township's natural amenities

Outcome: The Township will support development that creatively and proactively enhances the outdoors as a Township amenity

Policies/Actions:

- 1.1 Promote creative amenities high demand amenities (see Land Use Survey), hike/bike and other outdoor recreational activities
- 1.2 Coordinate with the Parks Committee on shared goals
- 1.3 Explore partnerships and resources to improve boat access, fishing and similar outdoor amenities in the community including coordination with organizations such as such as the Ohio River Way

5. Preserve and enhance the historic character of the Township

Outcome: The Township will explore efforts and policies to promote the protection and enhancement of the Township's history and site(s)

Policies/Actions:

- 1.1 The Township will work with property owners and historical preservation organizations to identify properties, structures and areas of historical significance; initial sites may include the Spann General Store/Post Office, Upper Nine Mile School House the Gaskins-Malany House, the Townsley House, 30 E Main St (SOHIO), the Morse House, the Locust Corner district and other areas with potential historic value
- 1.2 Work with stakeholders to formulate policy to preserve and enhance significant structures and areas of the Township
- 1.3 Craft a policy and text amendments as necessary to protect areas deemed to be historically significant




Key Strategy

Protect hillsides and natural areas and discourage development that adversely impacts natural assets

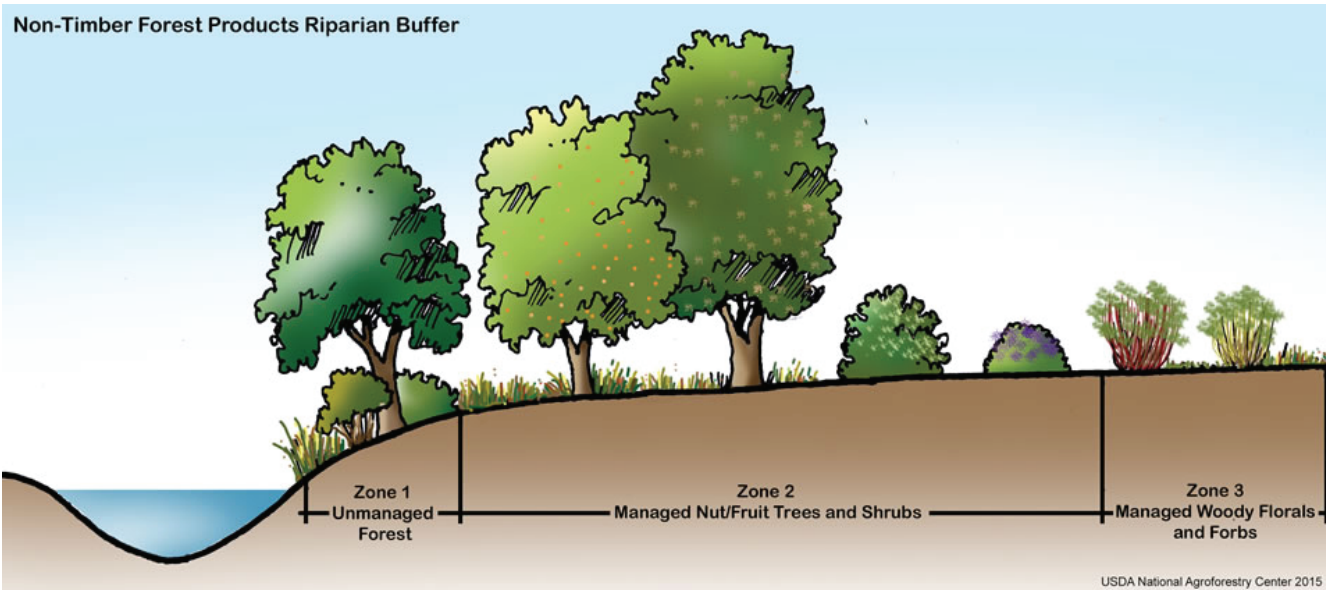
Outcome: The Township will begin to proactively review and prevent impacts to natural areas

Policies

- Development should begin by identifying natural assets, resources and amenities that can and should be preserved
- Limit impacts to steep hillsides (slopes of 15%+), critical soils and Special Flood Hazard Areas and similar critical spaces
- Encourage the preservation of high quality soils, trees and vegetation
- Limit removal of Trees and critical non invasive vegetation
- Avoid creeks, floodplains and waterways; promote use of riparian buffers 
- Winding streets, that avoid and preserve mature trees and calm traffic are emphasized
- Discourage the excessive proliferation of storm ponds and promote common areas, greens, islands and similar areas to function as storm management where appropriate
- Encourage participation in the Clermont County Stormwater District

Action

1. Craft text amendments as necessary
2. Consider the creation of resource protection overlays for critical natural assets corridors and viewsheds
3. Develop a strategy for protecting hillsides, and mitigating stormwater and impervious surfaces on "by-right" residential developments; special emphasis on Agricultural/Rural Residential areas
4. The Township will take efforts to target sites for preservation with National Resource Assistance Council (NRAC) funds. See Key Site 3



USDA National Agroforestry Center for Reference regarding proper riparian buffering

Avoid creeks, floodplains and waterways; promote use of riparian buffers

Benefits of riparian buffers include:

- Protecting waterways
- Reducing the velocity of stormwater runoff and flooding
- Improving water quality
- Preventing and repairing erosion
- Hillside protection
- Protecting wildlife habitats

Riparian Buffer Recommendations:

- Zone 1: Generally planted with native trees - 15' in width
- Zone 2: Native, but smaller and faster growing trees - 20'-60' recommended width
- Zone 3: Native grasses, shrubs and similar - 15'-60' recommended width

Applicability:

- New development should employ stream buffering, setbacks and enhancement
- Where possible, the Township should partner with existing property owners and Clermont County Soil and Water to evaluate and convene resources to repair existing areas suffering from erosion