

SWWCOG (5) MASTER PLANS GOAL STATEMENTS

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Natural Features	Maintain natural features and open space throughout the Township	The preservation of existing natural features including wetlands, flood plains, topographic features and the protection of the quality of surface and ground water for the enhancement of the natural environment.	The preservation and management of natural features (There is an extensive list of objectives)	Manage future growth and development to assure that it is consistent with the natural limitations of the land; the availability and provision of public services in a cost-effective fashion and the protection of the Township’s natural resources and rural character.	To preserve the natural resources of the Village of Manchester
Agriculture and Open Space	Encourage and support agricultural areas and operations (PDR & TDR actions)	The retention, stability and conservation of agricultural activities in Freedom Township for the support of long term agricultural use and preservation of prime agricultural soils.	The preservation of agricultural and open space land use. (There is an extensive list of objectives)	Encourage the continuation of local farming operations and the long-term protection of farmland resources.	
Residential Land Use	Maintain residential development that meets the needs of township residents. (Mostly in the hamlet)	Residential development will be provided and located within desirable residential settings that are sensitive to the environment, to ensure a maximum choice of dwelling units within the Township	Single-family residential, located within desirable residential settings	Accommodate new residential development in a manner which recognizes the Township’s natural and cultural constraints; preserves its overall rural character and natural resources; and accommodates a range of densities and lifestyles	To emphasize and strengthen the single family home character and neighborhood atmosphere of the Village, while also providing for a variety of new, high quality housing types and protecting the natural features of the Village.
Commercial/Industrial Land Use	Maintain commercial operations that meet the needs of township residents that do not detract from Bridgewater’s rural character.	Commercial land uses within the Township consist of local uses and shall be established to serve the needs of	-Commercial land uses integrated with surrounding land uses to serve the needs of Township residents.	Provide opportunities for limited expansion of commercial and industrial uses that minimize negative impacts upon	To provide exclusive areas for office uses that will have limited impact beyond the sites and which are intended to

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		<p>Township residents and integrated with surrounding land uses.</p> <p>-Only limited amounts of commercial development will be needed for Freedom Township within the scope of the Growth Management Plan.</p> <p>- (Industrial) Specific lands within Freedom Township should be utilized as industrial centers which can be integrated with surrounding land uses and not create hazards for the Township’s environment nor create adverse impacts on existing or proposed residential or agricultural uses.</p> <p>-(Extraction) Control the extraction of sand and gravel resources within Freedom Twp. To ensure that they do not disrupt the environment, impair water supplies, cause noise nuisances, dust nuisances, damage the roads and create conditions that are dangerous to Township residents.</p>	<p>-Employment zones that are integrated with surrounding land uses to serve the demonstrated needs of Township residents, and that neither create hazards for the Township’s environment nor create adverse impacts on existing or proposed residential or agricultural uses.</p>	<p>adjacent land uses, respond to the predominant rural and agricultural character of the community, and are compatible with available public services and infrastructure.</p> <p>-Maintain and preserve land identified suitable for mineral extraction for the production of mineral deposits, including but not limited to sand and gravel.</p>	<p>serve nearby residences or businesses.</p> <p>(Office/Service)</p> <p>-To provide sites for Research and Development uses that are characterized by buildings in which people are employed in activities that are of a technical research nature, or are professional activities, including technical training and education.</p> <p>(Office/Service)</p> <p>-To provide for a proper land use distribution of commercial uses.</p> <p>(Commercial areas)</p> <p>-To provide mechanisms for traffic management in commercial areas that will be easily accessible, while also limiting the impact on adjacent thoroughfares.</p> <p>(Commercial areas)</p> <p>-To improve the appearance of existing and future commercial areas.</p> <p>(Commercial areas)</p> <p>-To provide for industrial development in a manner that increases the community’s tax base, results in proper land use relationships, and does not negatively impact the environment. (Industrial</p>

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					<p>areas) -To strive for high standards of design for industrial development in the Village. (Ind. Areas) -Maintain and encourage a thriving Central Business District (CBD).</p>
Transportation	<p>Maintain an efficient transportation network that reinforces the Township's rural character.</p>	<p>To promote the rural and scenic character of roadways within the Township while providing a safe, efficient transportation system that facilitates movement through the township on designated roadways.</p>	<p>A safe, efficient transportation system that facilitates movement within the Township while minimizing adverse impacts of traffic, especially of regional traffic, flowing through the Township.</p>	<p>Maintain a transportation network throughout the Township that moves vehicular traffic in a safe and efficient fashion, and is coordinated with the planned future land use pattern.</p>	<p>-To provide a transportation system that facilitates the smooth, safe, and efficient flow of automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, buses, emergency vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. -To develop a system of pedestrian/bicycle sidewalks and pathways to link residential areas with schools, recreation areas, commercial districts and other destinations. This includes the development of sidewalks throughout the Village.</p>
Community Facilities		<p>Allow various types of community facilities that are necessary for various types of development within Freedom Twp.</p>		<p>Maintain and improve public facilities and services in coordination with the Township's planned future land use pattern and to assure public health, safety and welfare in a cost-effective manner.</p>	<p>-To provide the majority of Village administrative office and meeting facilities within the new Village Hall. -To provide quality public services and community facilities which promote the public health, safety and welfare and contribute to the quality of life for community members.</p>

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					<p>-To cooperatively plan and locate school facilities and services with the Manchester Community School District.</p> <p>-To provide adequate police and fire protection for Village residents and property owners.</p>
Recreation Facilities	Develop and implement a Recreation Plan Township (within Natural Features and Open Space goal statement)	N/A			provide recreation programs and facilities to meet the present and future needs of all Village residents
Historic Preservation		N/A		Reflected in Maintain Character of Community goal statement. (bold)	
Maintain Character of the Community				Preserve, protect and enhance the rural, historic and environmental character of the Township, including its scenic and aesthetic features; the integrity of its natural resources and its historically and architecturally significant areas, buildings and sites.	