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**GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES - INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION**

**Intergovernmental Goal:**

Coordinate with adjacent local governments, with special districts, and with county, regional and state agencies on issues that cross local boundaries to avoid conflicts and enable mutual benefits whenever possible.

**Objective IG1:** Identify intergovernmental issues associated with natural systems and work with the appropriate local, regional and state agencies to address them.

**Policy IG1.1:**

Support multi-jurisdictional efforts to protect and improve water quality, including water quality monitoring conducted by the Hamilton to New Baltimore Ground Water Consortium, the Miami Conservancy District and the Ohio EPA; agricultural conservation planning through the Soil and Water Conservation District; the acquisition of natural and conservation easements in the Seven Mile Creek and Four Mile Creek watersheds by the Three Valley Conservation Trust; and the development of “Total Maximum Daily Loads” (TMDLs) of pollutants for impaired streams such as Four Mile Creek and the Great Miami River by the Ohio EPA.

**Policy IG1.2:**

Support efforts to assess the quality and quantity of ground water in the Great Miami aquifer system by such organizations as the Miami Conservancy District, Ohio EPA, Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Geological Survey, and consider the implications of such assessments for intergovernmental coordination.

**Policy IG1.3:**

Support multi-jurisdictional efforts to prevent or mitigate negative impacts on the Great Miami aquifer system from land uses such as mineral extraction or waste disposal and from industrial or commercial activities involving hazardous materials.

**Objective IG2:** Identify intergovernmental issues associated with source water protection and management and work with the appropriate local, regional, and state organizations to address them.

**Policy IG2.1:**

Participate in the development and updating of source water management plans for water purveyors and major water users affected by human activities and land uses in the township, such as the Village of New Miami and the Hamilton to New Baltimore Ground Water Consortium, which includes the Southwest Regional Water District, the City of Hamilton, and the Miller Brewing Company as members.

**Objective IG3:** Identify intergovernmental issues associated with infrastructure and work with the appropriate local governments, service providers and regional, state and federal agencies to address them.

Policy IG3.1:

Coordinate the establishment and use of level of service standards for infrastructure with the entities having operational or maintenance responsibility, such as the County Engineer's Office, the County Storm Water District, the County Sewer Department, and water purveyors in the township such as the Village of New Miami, the Southwest Regional Water District, and the City of Hamilton.

Policy IG3.2:

Work with the Butler County Solid Waste Management District and other townships in the county to identify disposal needs and potential disposal sites in the county.

Policy IG3.3:

Consult with the County Storm Water District and with adjacent jurisdictions about drainage problems requiring multi-jurisdictional solutions.

**Objective IG4:** Identify intergovernmental issues associated with public facilities and work with the appropriate schools, park districts, nonprofit organizations and public safety departments to address them.

Policy IG4.1:

Establish a procedure ensuring that implementation of the township's comprehensive plan will be coordinated with the plans of school districts serving the township, i.e. New Miami, Edgewood, and Ross School Districts.

Policy IG4.2:

Establish a procedure ensuring that implementation of any township plans for recreation and open space will be coordinated with relevant planning and implementation efforts by Butler County Metro Parks, neighboring local governments, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and such nonprofit organizations as the Three Valley Conservation Trust.

Policy IG4.3:

Consult with the Butler County Emergency Management Agency and other jurisdictions in the county to plan and maintain adequate hazard mitigation, emergency preparedness, disaster response and disaster recovery.

Policy IG4.4:

Consult with the County Hazardous Materials Response Cooperative to plan and maintain adequate hazardous materials response capability.

**Objective IG5:** Identify intergovernmental issues associated with land use and work with the appropriate local governments and planning authorities to address them.

Policy IG5.1:

Request (by letter) a copy of the comprehensive plan and plan amendments for each adjacent local government to enable consistency between plans.

Policy IG5.2:

Consider the potential impacts of the development proposed in the township's comprehensive plan upon adjacent governments.

Policy IG5.3:

Review developments proposed in the township for their potential to have extra-jurisdictional impacts because of their size, character, or location.

Policy IG5.4:

Provide notice to adjacent local governments and public service providers when the township comprehensive plan is adopted, amended or updated.

Policy IG 5.5:

Provide the opportunity to adjacent local governments to review and make comments on proposed development proposals along township boundaries.

Policy IG5.6:

Establish a process to provide opportunity to schools, utility providers, and other public service agencies to review and comment on proposed development in the township.

**Objective IG6:** Identify intergovernmental issues associated with economic development and work with the appropriate local and state agencies to address them.

Policy IG6.1:

Continue to make data and information available to township residents, businesses, and relevant local and state agencies on issues related to development and growth management.

Policy IG6.2:

Consult with the Village of New Miami, the Butler County Department of Development, the Ohio EPA and the U.S. EPA about plans and progress related to clean-up at the AK Steel site and its potential for redevelopment, and consult with the Ohio Department of Development about funding available for brownfields redevelopment.