
GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES – PUBLIC FACILITIES

Schools Goal:

Support adequate school capacity for the existing and projected population and educational programs that improve the quality of life in the township through ongoing communications with the school districts serving the township.

Objective S1: Coordinate with school districts serving the township to identify and address existing facility deficiencies and projected facility needs.

Policy S1.1:

Conduct an annual review of school enrollments and projected school enrollments with the Edgewood, New Miami and Ross school districts.

Policy S1.2:

Develop strategies for communication among the Butler County Planning Commission, the township and Edgewood, New Miami and Ross school districts when new residential developments are proposed that would affect capacity.

Objective S2: Compare and coordinate the location of new schools or expansions with the future land use map.

Policy S2.1:

Develop strategies for coordination among Edgewood, New Miami and Ross school districts, Butler County Planning Commission and the township for future school site selection and expansion related to the future land use map and the location of housing.

Policy S2.2:

Evaluate the location of future educational facilities to promote school locations in relatively dense populated areas where student enrollment is within a reasonable walking distance.

Objective S3: Coordinate existing and planned school facilities with the plans for supporting infrastructure.

Policy S3.1:

Develop strategies for coordination among the township, the Edgewood, New Miami and Ross school districts, the Butler County Engineer's Office, Butler County Department of Environmental Services, the Village of New Miami, Southwest Regional Water District, the City of Trenton, the City of Hamilton and the Butler County Storm Water District, and the Butler County Health Department to provide adequate infrastructure for existing schools, expansions and for future school site planning.

Policy S3.2:

Participate in planning for coordination between the Edgewood, New Miami and Ross school districts and the county emergency management agency on emergency preparedness.

Objective S4: Encourage the coordination of future school facility locations with other public facilities such as parks, libraries, and community centers.

Policy S4.1:

Determine opportunities for coordination of township public facility improvements such as parks, community centers and/or libraries with the Edgewood, New Miami and Ross school districts to take advantage of opportunities to share facilities and/or services for economies of scale.

Policy S4.2:

Encourage coordination between the Butler County MetroParks and the Edgewood, New Miami and Ross school districts to take advantage of opportunities to share facilities and/or services for economies of scale.

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Recreation and Open Space Goal:

Provide adequate open space for the existing and projected population and recreation options that improve the quality of life in the township.

Objective ROS1: Create a recreation and open space master plan for the township.

Policy ROS1.1:

Define recreation and open space for the Township.

Policy ROS1.2:

Review and modify the NRPA standards as needed and adopt a level of service standard for the township.

Policy ROS1.3:

Based on the adopted level of service standards, identify township needs for recreation and open space. Determine locations of existing population and the need for each park facility type and activities.

Policy ROS1.4:

Establish specific standards for the protection of lands designated for recreation and open space use.

Policy ROS1.5

Coordinate with the private sector and nonprofit organizations to designate or acquire appropriate and publicly accessible open space in areas with identified need.

Policy ROS1.6:

Identify and pursue relevant governmental, nonprofit and private sector funding sources for recreation facility funding.

Policy ROS1.7:

Identify and evaluate areas for recreational linkages and greenways including preservation of natural features.

Policy ROS1.8:

Identify methods of incorporating community activities and activity areas in new public facilities, such as new park buildings or schools.

Objective ROS2: Monitor development and ensure that sufficient open space within proposed public and private developments is reserved.

Policy ROS2.1:

Work with Township Staff and the Butler County Planning Commission to amend development regulations to include appropriate requirements for providing recreation and open space in new development.

Policy ROS2.2:

Determine appropriate land preservation techniques, such as easements or acquisition, to reserve land for open space and recreation. Determine the appropriate administering body for such techniques.

Policy ROS2.3:

Protect lands designated for recreation and open space within new developments from incompatible land uses.

Objective ROS3: Provide for open space and recreational opportunities which help to conserve natural resources such as streams, aquifers, wetlands and forests and to protect sources of drinking water.

Policy ROS3.1:

Identify and administer appropriate techniques to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential adverse impacts of new development or redevelopment on public recreation sites and sources of drinking water.

Policy ROS3.2

Establish strategies to improve public access to the Great Miami River, Four Mile Creek and Seven Mile Creek.

Policy ROS3.3

Install trash disposal receptacles at all recreational facilities in the township.

Policy ROS3.4

Prioritize natural resources (hillsides, floodplains, wetlands, and other characteristics unique to the township) for protection as part of a recreation and open space system.

Objective ROS4: Coordinate with Butler County Metro Parks regarding existing facilities, township goals and needs for recreation and open space now and in the future.

Policy ROS4.1:

Conduct an annual review of township goals, existing needs and projected needs for recreation and open space with Butler County Metro Parks.

Policy ROS4.2:

Develop strategies for communication with Butler County Metro Parks when new residential developments are proposed that would affect township needs for recreation and open space.

Policy ROS4.3

Develop strategies for coordination with Butler County Metro Parks for future recreation and open space site selection.

Public Safety Goal:

Provide adequate fire, emergency response, and police service to all of the existing and projected population in the township.

Objective PS1: The township will reduce emergency vehicle delays caused by back-ups at many at-grade railroad crossings in the township.

Policy PS1.1.

Track and document the delays and emergency response problems caused by train back-ups through at-grade crossings.

Policy PS1.2

Communicate documented delays and problems to the pertinent railroad companies and explore mitigation and solutions.

Policy PS 1.3

Work with the appropriate railroad, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) to secure funding through the Rail Grade Separation Program to eliminate at-grade crossings.

Objective PS2: Ensure adequate public safety for all current township residents and the projected increase in population through ongoing communication with emergency service agencies.

Policy PS2.1:

Evaluate the current level of patrolling and the volume of police emergency and nonemergency calls handled by the Butler County Sheriff's Office.

Policy PS2.2:

Execute formal contracts or agreements to add police officers as warranted, contingent on available funding sources.

Policy PS 2.3

Determine methods and funding to improve the ISO rating for fire services.