

# Palmer Township Comprehensive Plan Update

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Palmer Township has begun the process of updating its long-range Comprehensive Plan. The current Comprehensive plan was adopted in March 2003, with a review and amendments made in December 2011.

## What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Comprehensive Plan is a method of translating the community's values into specific recommendations for future decision-making.

- It documents and illustrates what a community looks like today and what direction it has decided it wants to go for the future. It includes assessments of existing resources and issues, projections of future conditions and needs, and consideration of collective goals and desires.
- It is a policy guide and provides a framework for future land use decision-making and the physical development of the municipality. It will not only address buildings and infrastructure, but also include the important social, natural resource and economic values of the community.
- It covers an approximate time frame of 20 years, but is required to be reviewed at least every 10 years to keep it current with the changing needs of the community.

The Comprehensive Plan is NOT a zoning ordinance, subdivision regulation, official map, budget, capital improvement program or other regulatory document, but it is meant to provide the framework for the development of these implementation tools.

## What is involved in preparing a Comprehensive Plan?

The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors will oversee the Comprehensive Plan Update process, and will be assisted by a consultant

- Public visioning meetings
- Data collection and analysis
- Preparation of the new plan
- Public review and input
- Adoption and implementation of the new plan

The process is expected to take about one year to complete.

## How can I become involved?

Information about the Comprehensive Plan Update will be posted on the Township website at [www.palmertwp.com](http://www.palmertwp.com) and the Comprehensive Plan Update Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/PalmerTownshipCompPlan](https://www.facebook.com/PalmerTownshipCompPlan).