



HOPKINS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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# APPENDIX **D**

## INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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## INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY GOALS & OBJECTIVES

■ Hopkins County has many communities within its boundaries. Each community has individual circumstances that may cause their focus on goals and objectives to differ from the county's overall plan. To facilitate individual community buy-in and make the plan more adaptable to the circumstance of each community in the HCJPC, the goals and objectives were presented to each community individually for reprioritization. The result of this exercise is summarized in this appendix.



## DAWSON SPRINGS

### GOALS

**GOAL 1:** Diversify the **JOB BASE** to provide economic development opportunities.

- a. Expand the existing job base to focus on industrial, manufacturing, technical and related industries, as well as retail and service jobs.
- b. Place a priority on occupying empty industrial buildings and encouraging new development.
- c. Promote the agricultural-business industry to support local farmers and promote tourism.
- d. Retain existing businesses and industry and support their expansion and growth.
- e. Create an environment supportive of small business creation and development.

**GOAL 2:** Provide ample **UTILITY** capacity to existing development before future growth areas.

- a. Improve the existing water and sewer capacities to serve existing and future development.
- b. Replace aging water and sewer infrastructure that is failing or outdated.
- c. Place a priority on providing water and sewer capacity to industrial, commercial and residential growth.
- d. Continue to improve drainage and flooding issues.
- e. Improve cellular service and internet service throughout the city.

**GOAL 3:** Designate **LAND USE** to provide suitable locations for future growth in Dawson Springs.

- a. Provide for industrial and commercial growth in strategic locations.
- b. Provide for a variety of housing types, including senior living, affordable living and new growth areas.
- c. Reinvest in aging housing areas to promote redevelopment.
- d. Provide for planned growth at the interchange along I-69.
- e. Encourage mixed-uses within the urban areas.

**GOAL 4:** Foster an **EDUCATION** system which supports the marketplace and the communities in which they serve.

- a. Work with educational institutions and major employers to create programs that match market needs for jobs.
- b. Expand access to college programs and technology that aids learning for all ages.
- c. Encourage facility locations that promote communities, reduce traffic congestion, and accommodate multi-modal transportation.

**GOAL 5:** Develop necessary **FACILITIES** and adequate personnel levels.

- a. Support necessary and appropriate personnel levels for all emergency management staff, including fire and police.
- b. Update and modernize school facilities while maintaining local community identities.
- c. Enhance and maintain recreational facilities.
- d. Encourage growth and re-vitalization of the existing library to accommodate trends in use and in technology.
- e. Promote arts and cultural opportunities for residents to enjoy.
- f. Analyze and monitor the need for a new water and sewer treatment plant.

**GOAL 6:** Expand and improve **RECREATIONAL & ENTERTAINMENT** opportunities.

- a. Maintain and expand the existing park system to meet the needs of future growth.
- b. Encourage growth of retail and shopping opportunities.
- c. Encourage new and support existing dining opportunities that serve residents and visitors.
- d. Provide opportunities and options for youth entertainment.
- e. Support arts and cultural activities for residents and visitors of all ages.
- f. Promote private recreational opportunities that increase tourism.

**GOAL 7:** Provide a functional **TRANSPORTATION** network for commerce, commuters, and recreation.

- a. Complete road improvements throughout the city, including road widening where needed.
- b. Provide bicycle and pedestrian connections throughout the city with a focus on connecting neighborhoods and parks.
- c. Preserve the functionality of the roadway network by ensuring new development does not overburden the system.

- d. Implement practices to alleviate congestion with a focus on the urban areas and near schools.
- e. Enhance the airport with improved runway.

**GOAL 8:** Promote and develop a unified **CHARACTER & IDENTITY** for Dawson Springs.

- a. Develop entry points or gateways into Dawson Springs that are reflective of the community.
- b. Reinforce the identity of cities or neighborhoods through identification signage.
- c. Create a wayfinding system to help visitors navigate to major destinations.
- d. Continue to promote and market Dawson Springs to increase tourism.
- e. Emphasize Dawson Springs as a place with a small town atmosphere with countryside beauty.
- f. Preserve and restore the historically important sites and build upon Dawson Springs' character.
- g. Break the threshold of 3,500 residents in order to market Dawson Springs as a growing community.

**GOAL 9:** Generate **POLICIES** which enhance the quality of life for all communities within Dawson Springs.

- a. Evaluate the need for annexation adjacent to the incorporated city.
- b. Evaluate the need for zoning around incorporated areas.
- c. Promote and expand the city-wide recycling program.

# EARLINGTON

## GOALS

**GOAL 1:** Designate **LAND USE** to provide suitable locations for future growth in Earlington.

- a. Develop a program for adaptive reuse of abandoned mining areas or land that is now unbuildable due to previous mining activity
- b. Provide for industrial growth in strategic locations.
- c. Protect the integrity of wetlands, floodplains and other natural resources by limiting development in these areas.
- d. Provide for a variety of housing types, including senior living, affordable living and new growth areas
- e. Reinvest in aging housing areas to promote redevelopment.

**GOAL 2:** Provide ample **UTILITY** capacity to existing development before future growth areas.

- a. Improve the existing water and sewer capacities to serve existing and future development.
- b. Replace aging water and sewer infrastructure that is failing or outdated.
- c. Enhance coordination efforts between the multiple water and sewer providers.
- d. Continue to improve drainage and flooding issues.
- e. Improve cellular service and internet service throughout the city.

**GOAL 3:** Generate **POLICIES** which enhance the quality of life for all communities within Earlington.

- a. Re-do zoning ordinance.
- b. Evaluate the need for zoning around incorporated areas.

**GOAL 4:** Develop necessary **FACILITIES** and adequate personnel levels.

- a. Support necessary and appropriate personnel levels for all emergency management staff, including fire and police.
- b. Support building a training facility for all emergency management departments, including fire, police, and EMS.
- c. Update and modernize school facilities while maintaining local community identities.

- d. Evaluate spillway improvement options for Loch Mary Reservoir in Earlington.
- e. Continue to support the development of the regional sports complex and enhance local recreational facilities.
- f. Promote arts and cultural opportunities for residents to enjoy.

**GOAL 5:** Diversify the **JOB BASE** to provide economic development opportunities.

- a. Expand the existing job base to focus on industrial, manufacturing, technical and related industries, commercial, and retail.
- b. Promote the agricultural business industry to support local farmers and promote tourism.
- c. Retain existing businesses and industry and support their expansion and growth.
- d. Create an environment supportive of small business creation and development.

**GOAL 6:** Expand and improve **RECREATIONAL & ENTERTAINMENT** opportunities.

- a. Expand the existing park system to meet the needs of future growth.
- b. Encourage growth of retail and shopping opportunities.
- c. Encourage new and support existing dining opportunities that serve residents and visitors.
- d. Provide opportunities and options for youth entertainment.
- e. Support arts and cultural activities for residents and visitors of all ages.
- f. Promote private recreational opportunities that increase tourism.

**GOAL 7:** Promote and develop a unified **CHARACTER & IDENTITY** for Earlington.

- a. Develop entry points or gateways into Earlington that are reflective of the community.
- b. Reinforce the identity of cities or neighborhoods through identification signage.
- c. Create a wayfinding system to help visitors navigate to major destinations.
- d. Continue to promote and market Earlington to increase tourism.
- e. Emphasize Earlington as a place with a small town atmosphere with countryside beauty.

- f. Preserve and restore the historically important sites and build upon Earlington's character.

**GOAL 8:** Foster an **EDUCATION** system which supports the marketplace and the communities in which they serve.

- a. Support the creation of a technology center that aids learning at all levels and ages.
- b. Encourage facility locations that promote communities, reduce traffic congestion, and accommodate multi-modal transportation.

**GOAL 9:** Provide a functional **TRANSPORTATION** network for commerce, commuters, and recreation.

- a. Complete road improvements throughout the city.
- b. Provide bicycle and pedestrian connections throughout the city with a focus on connecting neighborhoods and parks.
- c. Preserve the functionality of the roadway network by ensuring new development does not overburden the system
- d. Implement practices to alleviate congestion with a focus on the urban areas and near schools.
- e. Support public transit/bus services for those without private transportation and the elderly.
- f. Support the relocation of CSX railroad line out of downtown Madisonville.

# HANSON

## GOALS

**GOAL 1:** Generate **POLICIES** which enhance the quality of life within Hanson.

- a. Evaluate the need for annexation adjacent to the incorporated cities.
- b. Evaluate the need for zoning around incorporated areas.

**GOAL 2:** Foster an **EDUCATION** system which supports the marketplace and the communities in which they serve.

- a. Encourage facility locations that promote communities, reduce traffic congestion, and accommodate multi-modal transportation.
- b. Support education institutions and employers to create programs that match market needs for jobs.
- c. Support the creation of a technology center that aids learning at all levels and ages.

**GOAL 3:** Diversify the **JOB BASE** to provide economic development opportunities.

- a. Expand the existing job base to focus on industrial, manufacturing, technical and related industries, commercial and retail.
- b. Place a priority on new industrial development.
- c. Promote the agricultural-business industry to support local farmers and promote tourism.
- d. Retain existing businesses and industry and support their expansion and growth.
- e. Create an environment supportive of small business creation and development.

**GOAL 4:** Designate **LAND USE** to provide suitable locations for future growth in Hanson.

- a. Provide for industrial growth in strategic locations.
- b. Protect the integrity of wetlands, floodplains and other natural resources by limiting development in these areas.
- c. Provide for a variety of housing types, including senior living, affordable living and new growth areas
- d. Provide for planned growth at interchanges along I-69.
- e. Encourage mixed-uses within the urban areas.

**GOAL 5:** Develop necessary **FACILITIES** and adequate personnel levels.

- a. Support necessary and appropriate personnel levels for all emergency management staff, including fire.
- b. Update and modernize school facilities while maintaining local community identities.
- c. Continue to enhance other recreational facilities.
- d. Encourage coordination with the existing library to accommodate trends in use and in technology.
- e. Promote arts and cultural opportunities for residents to enjoy.

**GOAL 6:** Provide ample **UTILITY** capacity to existing development before future growth areas.

- a. Replace aging water and sewer infrastructure that is failing or outdated.
- b. Continue to improve drainage and flooding issues.

**GOAL 7:** Promote and develop a unified **CHARACTER & IDENTITY** for Hanson.

- a. Develop entry points or gateways into Hanson that are reflective of the community.
- b. Create a unified vision for the county as a whole.
- c. Reinforce the identity of cities or neighborhoods through identification signage.
- d. Create a wayfinding system to help visitors navigate to major destinations.
- e. Continue to promote and market Hanson to increase tourism.
- f. Emphasize Hanson as a place with a small town atmosphere with countryside beauty
- g. Preserve and restore the historically important sites and build upon Hanson's character.
- h. Break the threshold of 1,000 residents in order to market Hanson as a growing community.

**GOAL 8:** Provide a functional **TRANSPORTATION** network for commerce, commuters, and recreation.

- a. Complete road improvements throughout the city including road widening where needed.
- b. Provide bicycle and pedestrian connections throughout the city with a focus on connecting neighborhoods and parks.

- c. Preserve the functionality of the roadway network by ensuring new development does not overburden the system
- d. Implement access management guidelines near the I-69 interchanges to protect the level of service of existing roads.
- e. Implement practices to alleviate congestion with a focus on the urban areas and near schools.
- f. Promote the overpass of CSX railroad North of Hanson.

**GOAL 9:** Expand and improve **RECREATIONAL & ENTERTAINMENT** opportunities.

- a. Expand the existing park system to meet the needs of future growth.
- b. Encourage growth of retail and shopping opportunities.
- c. Encourage new and support existing dining opportunities that serve residents and visitors.
- d. Provide opportunities and options for youth entertainment.
- e. Support arts and cultural activities for residents and visitors of all ages.
- f. Promote private recreational opportunities that increase tourism.

# HOPKINS COUNTY FISCAL COURT

## GOALS

**GOAL 1:** Diversify the **JOB BASE** to provide economic development opportunities.

- a. Expand the existing job base to focus on industrial, manufacturing, technical and related industries.
- b. Promote the agricultural-business industry to support local farmers and promote tourism.
- c. Retain existing businesses and industry and support their expansion and growth.
- d. Create an environment supportive of small business creation and development.

**GOAL 2:** Designate **LAND USE** to provide suitable locations for future growth in Hopkins County.

- a. Develop a program for adaptive reuse of abandoned mining areas or land that is now unbuildable due to previous mining activity.
- b. Preserve prime agricultural land within Hopkins County for agricultural purposes.
- c. Provide for industrial growth in strategic locations.
- d. Protect the integrity of wetlands, floodplains and other natural resources by limiting development in these areas.
- e. Provide for a variety of housing types, including senior living, affordable living, new growth areas and multi-family.
- f. Reinvest in aging housing areas to promote redevelopment.
- g. Provide for planned growth at interchanges along I-69.
- h. Encourage mixed-uses within the urban areas.

**GOAL 3:** Provide ample **UTILITY** capacity to existing development before future growth areas.

- a. Improve the existing water and sewer capacities to serve existing and future development.
- b. Replace aging water and sewer infrastructure that is failing or outdated.
- c. Place a priority on providing water and sewer capacity to industrial growth.

- d. Enhance coordination efforts between the multiple water and sewer providers.
- e. Continue to improve drainage and flooding issues.
- f. Improve cellular service and internet service throughout the county.

**GOAL 4:** Provide a functional **TRANSPORTATION** network for commerce, commuters, and recreation.

- a. Complete road improvements throughout the county, including road widening where needed.
- b. Provide bicycle and pedestrian connections throughout the county with a focus on connecting neighborhoods and parks.
- c. Preserve the functionality of the roadway network by ensuring new development does not overburden the system.
- d. Implement access management guidelines near the I-69 interchanges to protect the level of service of existing roads.
- e. Implement practices to alleviate congestion with a focus on the urban areas and near schools.
- f. Support public transit/bus service for those without private transportation and the elderly.
- g. Evaluate the need for and impacts of a new bypass near Madisonville.
- h. Promote the relocation of CSX railroad line out of downtown Madisonville.
- i. Enhance the airport with additional hanger space and maintenance facilities.

**GOAL 5:** Foster an **EDUCATION** system which supports the marketplace and the communities in which they serve.

- a. Work with educational institutions and major employers to create programs that match market needs for jobs.
- b. Expand the college to include more programs and potential four-year programs.
- c. Support the creation of a technology center that aids learning at all levels and ages.
- d. Encourage facility locations that promote communities, reduce traffic congestion, and accommodate multi-modal transportation.

**GOAL 6:** Develop necessary **FACILITIES** and adequate personnel levels.

- a. Support necessary and appropriate personnel levels for all emergency management staff, including fire and police.
- b. Analyze existing fire district boundaries to determine the best manner to serve residents and businesses.
- c. Build a training facility for all emergency management departments, including fire, police, and EMS.
- d. Update and modernize school facilities while maintaining local community identities.
- e. Evaluate spillway and dam development options for reservoirs throughout the county.
- f. Continue to develop regional sports complex and enhance other recreational facilities.
- g. Encourage growth and re-vitalization of the existing library to accommodate trends in use and in technology.
- h. Promote arts and cultural opportunities for residents to enjoy.

**GOAL 7:** Expand and improve **RECREATIONAL & ENTERTAINMENT** opportunities.

- a. Expand the existing park system to meet the needs of future growth.
- b. Encourage growth of retail and shopping opportunities.
- c. Encourage new and support existing dining opportunities that serve residents and visitors.
- d. Provide opportunities and options for youth entertainment.
- e. Support arts and cultural activities for residents and visitors of all ages.
- f. Promote private recreational opportunities that increase tourism.

**GOAL 8:** Promote and develop a unified **CHARACTER & IDENTITY** for Hopkins County.

- a. Develop entry points or gateways into Hopkins County that are reflective of the community.
- b. Create a unified vision for the county as a whole.
- c. Reinforce the identity of cities or neighborhoods through identification signage.
- d. Create a wayfinding system to help visitors navigate to major destinations.

- e. Continue to promote and market Hopkins County to increase tourism.
- f. Emphasize Hopkins County as a place with a small town atmosphere with countryside beauty.
- g. Preserve and restore the historically important sites and build upon Hopkins County's character.
- h. Break the threshold of 50,000 residents in order to market Hopkins County as a larger community.

**GOAL 9:** Generate **POLICIES** which enhance the quality of life for all communities within Hopkins County.

- a. Evaluate the need for annexation adjacent to the incorporated cities.
- b. Evaluate the need for zoning around incorporated areas.
- c. Promote a county-wide recycling program.
- d. Increase efficiency and reduce duplication of services in governmental agencies.
- e. Develop a beautification and cleanliness program countywide.

# MADISONVILLE

## GOALS

**GOAL 1:** Designate **LAND USE** to provide suitable locations for future growth in Madisonville.

- a. Develop a program for adaptive reuse of abandoned mining areas or land that is now unbuildable due to previous mining activity.
- b. Provide for industrial growth in strategic locations.
- c. Protect the integrity of wetlands, floodplains and other natural resources by limiting development in these areas.
- d. Provide for a variety of housing types, including senior living, affordable living and new growth areas
- e. Reinvest in aging housing areas to promote development.
- f. Provide for planned growth at interchanges along I-69.
- g. Encourage mixed-uses within the urban areas.
- h. Promote commercial rehabilitation and re-development downtown.
- i. Provide for a mix of uses and development standards compatible with an urban corridor.

**GOAL 2:** Diversify the **JOB BASE** to provide economic development opportunities.

- a. Expand the existing job base to focus on industrial, manufacturing, technical and related industries.
- b. Place a priority on occupying empty commercial and industrial buildings.
- c. Promote the agricultural-business industry to support local farmers and promote tourism.
- d. Retain existing businesses and industry and support their expansion and growth.
- e. Create an environment supportive of small business creation and development.

**GOAL 3:** Provide ample **UTILITY** capacity to existing development before future growth areas.

- a. Improve the existing water and sewer capacities to serve existing and future development.

- b. Replace aging water and sewer infrastructure that is failing or outdated.
- c. Place a priority on providing water and sewer capacity to support growth.
- d. Enhance coordination efforts between the multiple water and sewer providers.
- e. Continue to improve drainage and flooding issues.
- f. Improve cellular service and internet service throughout the city.

**GOAL 4:** Provide a functional **TRANSPORTATION** network for commerce, commuters, and recreation.

- a. Complete road improvements throughout the city including road widening where needed.
- b. Provide bicycle and pedestrian connections throughout the city with a focus on connecting neighborhoods and parks.
- c. Preserve the functionality of the roadway network by ensuring new development does not overburden the system
- d. Implement access management guidelines near the I-69 interchanges to protect the level of service of existing roads.
- e. Implement practices to alleviate congestion with a focus on the urban areas and near schools.
- f. Support public transit/bus service for those without private transportation and the elderly.
- g. Evaluate the need for and impacts of a new bypass near Madisonville.
- h. Promote the relocation of CSX railroad line out of downtown Madisonville.
- i. Enhance the airport with additional hanger space and maintenance facilities.

**GOAL 5:** Expand and improve **RECREATIONAL & ENTERTAINMENT** opportunities.

- a. Expand the existing park system to meet the needs of future growth.
- b. Encourage growth of retail and shopping opportunities.
- c. Encourage new and support existing dining opportunities that serve residents and visitors.
- d. Provide opportunities and options for youth entertainment.

- e. Support arts and cultural activities for residents and visitors of all ages.
- f. Promote private recreational opportunities that increase tourism.

**GOAL 6:** Promote and develop a unified **CHARACTER & IDENTITY** for Madisonville and Hopkins County.

- a. Develop entry points or gateways into Madisonville that are reflective of the community.
- b. Create a unified vision for the city and county as a whole.
- c. Reinforce the identity of cities or neighborhoods through identification signage.
- d. Create a wayfinding system to help visitors navigate to major destinations.
- e. Continue to promote and market Madisonville to increase tourism.
- f. Emphasize Madisonville as a place with a small town atmosphere and as the “Best Town on Earth”
- g. Preserve and restore the historically important sites and build upon Madisonville’s character.
- h. Break the threshold of 25,000 residents in order to market Madisonville as a growing community.

**GOAL 7:** Foster an **EDUCATION** system which supports the marketplace and the communities in which they serve.

- a. Work with education institutions and major employers to create programs that match market needs for jobs.
- b. Expand the college to include more programs and potential four-year programs.
- c. Support the creation of a technology center that aids learning at all levels and ages.
- d. Encourage facility locations that promote communities, reduce traffic congestion, and accommodate multi-modal transportation.

**GOAL 8:** Develop necessary **FACILITIES** and adequate personnel levels.

- a. Support necessary and appropriate personnel levels for all emergency management staff, including fire and police.
- b. Analyze existing fire station locations.
- c. Support the building of a training facility for all emergency management departments, including fire, police, and EMS.

- d. Support updating and modernizing school facilities while maintaining local community identities.
- e. Continue to support and enhance recreational facilities.
- f. Encourage growth and re-vitalization of the existing library to accommodate trends in use and in technology.
- g. Promote arts and cultural opportunities for residents to enjoy.

**GOAL 9:** Generate **POLICIES** which enhance the quality of life within Madisonville.

- a. Evaluate the need for annexation adjacent to the incorporated cities.
- b. Evaluate the need for zoning around incorporated areas.
- c. Promote and expand the city-wide recycling program.
- d. Create development design guidelines and controls that allow and encourage originality, flexibility, and innovation in development.
- e. Enhance the “First Impression” by developing and promoting a beautification and cleanliness program throughout the city.

# MORTONS GAP

## GOALS

**GOAL 1:** Generate **POLICIES** which enhance the quality of life within Mortons Gap.

- a. Evaluate the need for annexation adjacent to the incorporated cities.
- b. Evaluate the need for zoning around incorporated areas.
- c. Support a county-wide recycling program.

**GOAL 2:** Diversify the **JOB BASE** to provide economic development opportunities.

- a. Expand the existing job base to focus on industrial, manufacturing, technical and related industries, commercial and retail.
- b. Promote the agricultural-business industry to support local farmers and promote tourism.
- c. Retain existing businesses and industry and support their expansion and growth.
- d. Create an environment supportive of small business creation and development.

**GOAL 3:** Provide ample **UTILITY** capacity to existing development before future growth areas.

- a. Improve the existing water and sewer capacities to serve existing and future development.
- b. Replace aging water and sewer infrastructure that is failing or outdated.
- c. Enhance coordination efforts between the multiple water and sewer providers.
- d. Continue to improve drainage and flooding issues.

**GOAL 4:** Designate **LAND USE** to provide suitable locations for future growth in Mortons Gap.

- a. Protect the integrity of wetlands, floodplains and other natural resources by limiting development in these areas.
- b. Provide for a variety of housing types, including senior living, affordable living and new growth areas
- c. Continue to reinvest in aging housing areas to promote redevelopment.

- d. Provide for planned growth at interchanges along I-69.
- e. Encourage mixed-uses within the urban areas.
- f. Provide for industrial growth in strategic locations.

**GOAL 5:** Promote and develop a unified **CHARACTER & IDENTITY** for Mortons Gap.

- a. Develop entry points or gateways into Mortons Gap that are reflective of the community.
- b. Create a unified vision for Mortons Gap as a whole.
- c. Reinforce the identity of cities or neighborhoods through identification signage.
- d. Create a wayfinding system to help visitors navigate to major destinations.
- e. Continue to promote and market Mortons Gap to increase tourism.
- f. Emphasize Mortons Gap as a place with a small town atmosphere, friendly people, and a good place to live.
- g. Preserve and restore the historically important sites and build upon Mortons Gap's character, and secure historical markers.
- h. Break the threshold of 1,000 residents in order to market Mortons Gap as a growing community.

**GOAL 6:** Expand and improve **RECREATIONAL & ENTERTAINMENT** opportunities.

- a. Expand the existing park system to meet the needs of future growth.
- b. Encourage growth of retail and shopping opportunities.
- c. Encourage new and support existing dining opportunities that serve residents and visitors.
- d. Provide opportunities and options for youth entertainment.
- e. Support arts and cultural activities for residents and visitors of all ages.
- f. Promote private recreational opportunities that increase tourism.

**GOAL 7:** Develop necessary **FACILITIES** and adequate personnel levels.

- a. Support necessary and appropriate personnel levels for all emergency management staff, including fire and police.
- b. Analyze existing fire district boundaries to determine the best manner to serve residents and businesses.

- c. Continue to support the development of the regional sports complex and enhance other recreational facilities.
- d. Promote arts and cultural opportunities for residents to enjoy.

**GOAL 8:** Foster an **EDUCATION** system which supports the marketplace and the communities in which they serve.

- a. Support education institutions and employers to create programs that match market needs for jobs.
- b. Support the college to include more programs and potential four-year programs.
- c. Support the creation of a technology center that aids learning at all levels and ages.
- d. Encourage facility locations that promote communities, reduce traffic congestion, and accommodate multi-modal transportation.

**GOAL 9:** Provide a functional **TRANSPORTATION** network for commerce, commuters, and recreation.

- a. Complete road improvements throughout the city including road widening where needed.
- b. Provide bicycle and pedestrian connections throughout the city with a Focus on connecting neighborhoods and parks.
- c. Preserve the functionality of the roadway network by ensuring new development does not overburden the system
- d. Implement access management guidelines near the I-69 interchanges to protect the level of service of existing roads.
- e. Implement practices to alleviate congestion with a focus on downtown and near the schools.
- f. Support public transit/bus services for those without private transportation and the elderly.
- g. Promote private recreational opportunities that increase tourism.