

Join Us In Shaping The Future

The Strategic Comprehensive Plan is a collaborative effort. We invite all residents, business owners, and stakeholders to participate in this important process. Your input is invaluable in shaping a future that reflects our shared values and aspirations.

Stay Informed, Get Involved:

- ✓ **Attend Public Meetings:** Join us at our regular planning meetings and workshops. These events are a great opportunity to learn about the plan, share your thoughts, and engage with other community members.
- ✓ **Share Your Ideas:** Visit our website to submit feedback and suggestions. We value your input and want to hear your ideas on how we can make Delaware County even better.
- ✓ **Volunteer:** Participate in community groups and planning committees. Your involvement can make a significant difference in shaping the future of our county.

Together, we can build a future that honors our past, enriches our present, and ensures a prosperous and sustainable Delaware County for generations to come. **Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow.**



Where tradition meets tomorrow

The Value of the Strategic Comprehensive Plan

The Strategic Comprehensive Plan is more than just a document; it's a strategic vision that brings numerous benefits to Delaware County:

1. GUIDED DEVELOPMENT



With clear guidelines for land use, zoning, and development, the plan will ensure that growth is organized, sustainable, and beneficial to all. This structured approach will help maintain the character and charm of our communities while accommodating new growth. With **Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow**, we guide development to balance heritage and progress.

2. ENHANCED QUALITY OF LIFE



The plan will promote projects and initiatives that improve public services, transportation, housing, and recreational opportunities. By focusing on these areas, we can create a more vibrant and enjoyable living environment for all residents. With **Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow**, we elevate our quality of life through thoughtful enhancements.



3. ECONOMIC GROWTH



A well-thought-out plan will attract investment by demonstrating a clear, strategic vision for the future. This makes Delaware County an attractive place to live, work, and do business, drawing in new residents and enterprises that contribute to a thriving local economy. With **Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow**, we foster economic growth that respects our roots.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



The plan will emphasize the conservation of our natural landscapes and resources, ensuring that we continue to enjoy clean air, water, and green spaces. By promoting sustainable practices and protecting our environment, we can create a healthier, more beautiful county for everyone. With **Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow**, we protect our environment for future generations.

5. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



The Comprehensive Plan encourages community participation in the planning process. By involving residents in decision-making, we ensure that the voices of all community members are heard and considered. This inclusive approach leads to a more cohesive and engaged community. With **Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow**, we involve the community in shaping our shared future.

6. RURAL CHARACTER & COMMUNITY SPIRIT



The plan will highlight Delaware County's authentic small-town atmosphere, strong community ties, and deep connection to the land. It will celebrate our county's agricultural heritage, natural resources, and outdoor recreation opportunities. The importance of local events, traditions, and institutions that bring residents together will be emphasized, enhancing the community spirit that defines our county. With **Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow**, we preserve our rural character and community spirit.

7. CHANGING ECONOMIES & DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFTS



The plan will acknowledge the economic challenges facing the county while showcasing innovative ways to support local businesses and industries. It will position Delaware County as a welcoming place for both long-time residents and newcomers, focused on finding common ground. Highlighted efforts to retain and attract younger generations will ensure the county's future vitality and dynamism. With **Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow**, we navigate economic changes with innovative solutions.

8. THE FUTURE VISION



The plan will articulate a hopeful, forward-looking narrative that builds upon Delaware County's strengths and heritage. It will showcase our adaptability and willingness to embrace change while preserving our core rural identity. This vision will inspire residents, businesses, and visitors with a compelling outlook for the county's future growth and prosperity. With **Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow**, we create a visionary future that honors our past.



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CULTIVATING COMMUNITY, HONORING THE LAND



Why We Need a Strategic Comprehensive Plan

In Delaware County, we cherish our rich heritage, stunning natural landscapes, and vibrant communities. As we look toward the future, it's essential to have a roadmap that guides our growth and development while preserving what makes our county unique. The Strategic Comprehensive Plan is this vital roadmap. Here's why we need it:

1. SUSTAINABLE GROWTH & ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES



Our county is growing, and we need to balance this growth with environmental stewardship and thoughtful development. The plan will ensure we protect our natural resources, like our beautiful rivers and forests, for future generations while accommodating new residents and businesses. It will also demonstrate our commitment to sustainable land use, environmental protection, and modernizing infrastructure. By conveying a vision for improving infrastructure to enhance quality of life and public services, we emphasize our ability to creatively overcome geographic and logistical obstacles, ensuring that our communities are well-connected and equipped for the future. With *Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow*, our plan bridges our heritage with innovative solutions.

2. AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE



Agriculture is at the heart of Delaware County's identity. The plan will support our farmers and promote sustainable agricultural practices, ensuring that farming remains a viable and vibrant part of our economy. By preserving farmland and encouraging agricultural innovation, we can maintain our rural character and continue to provide fresh, local produce for generations to come. With *Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow*, we honor our agricultural roots while embracing new agricultural technologies.

3. ECONOMIC VITALITY



A strong economy is the backbone of any thriving community. The Comprehensive Plan aims to create opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs, fostering a robust local economy that benefits everyone. By supporting local businesses and identifying economic opportunities, we can ensure a prosperous future for Delaware County. With *Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow*, we build on our economic foundation to create future prosperity.

4. TOURISM DESTINATION



Delaware County's natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and cultural heritage make it a prime tourism destination. The plan will enhance tourism by promoting our unique attractions, supporting local hospitality businesses, and developing new tourist-friendly amenities. This will not only boost the local economy but also highlight the county's charm and appeal. With *Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow*, we showcase our timeless beauty while developing new visitor experiences.

5. COMMUNITY WELL-BEING



Our residents' quality of life is paramount. The plan focuses on improving services, infrastructure, and amenities, such as schools, healthcare facilities, parks, and recreational areas. These enhancements will make our county a better place to live, work, and play. With *Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow*, we enhance our communities by blending traditional values with modern amenities.

6. RESILIENCE



We must prepare for and adapt to various challenges, including climate change, economic shifts, and population changes. The Comprehensive Plan will include strategies to make our communities more resilient, ensuring we can face these challenges head-on and emerge stronger. With *Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow*, we prepare for the future with innovative resilience strategies.

7. RURAL CHARACTER & COMMUNITY SPIRIT



Delaware County is known for its authentic small-town atmosphere, strong community ties, and deep connection to the land. The plan will celebrate our agricultural heritage, natural resources, and outdoor recreation opportunities. It will emphasize the importance of local events, traditions, and institutions that bring residents together, fostering a sense of belonging and pride. With *Onward - Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow*, we strengthen our community bonds and celebrate our heritage.

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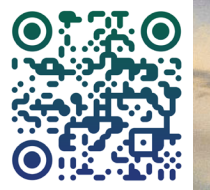
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