

**SPECIFIC ACTIONS  
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES**



Manchester Township Building



Damascus Township Building

**Community Facility and Service Priorities**

A common theme in this *Comprehensive Plan* is the need for local municipalities to set priorities for the use of resources in meeting community needs and resident expectations. Concurrently, immediate community needs and resident expectations must be balanced with local officials' long term view of the future of the community and the costs of action or non-action in providing or postponing facilities and services. Based on this tenet and the results of the community surveys, the Damascus Township, Manchester Township and Oregon Township will focus local municipal resources on those facilities and services traditionally provided by small municipalities and those important to residents.

Road maintenance now accounts for much of the municipal budgets and this will continue to be a primary role of the three municipalities. The ECWC Townships will also work with the volunteer organizations to maintain and improve emergency services, and will explore regional solutions for police service and recreation as demand dictates. In any case, the three Townships will continue to work together to manage growth and development in the area as the best means for minimizing community impacts, planning for the use of municipal resources, and maintaining a quality lifestyle.

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#	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMING
<b>Intermunicipal Cooperation</b> - Local municipalities can work together to improve efficiency of program operation and service delivery, and economies of scale in purchasing of supplies and materials			
1	<u>Northern Wayne County Council of Governments</u> - Continue to participate in the COG for Construction Code administration.	Supervisors	ongoing
2	<u>Opportunities</u> - Fully explore and take advantage of any opportunities to improve facilities and services through intermunicipal cooperation and the Northern Wayne County COG.	Supervisors	ongoing
<b>Township Facilities and Staff</b>			
3	<u>Facilities, Damascus</u> - Increase community center space.	Supervisors	5 years
	<u>Facilities, Manchester</u> - Expand office space and construct heated maintenance addition.	Supervisors	3 years
	<u>Facilities, Oregon</u> - Acquire land and construct maintenance building and cinder/salt shed.	Supervisors	5 years

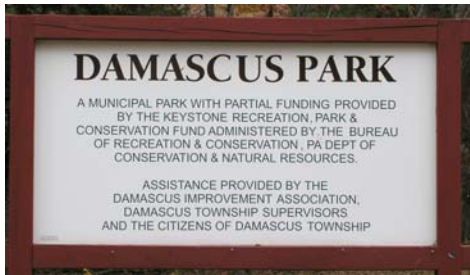
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<b>Township Facilities and Staff</b>			
4	<u>Staff</u> - Monitor need for additional staff.	Supervisors	ongoing
<b>Road Maintenance Cooperation</b> - Work among the three ECWC Townships and the Northern Wayne County Council of Governments as a means of using local road maintenance resources most efficiently. The COG could:			
5	<u>Equipment List</u> - Update and keep current the list of vehicles and equipment owned by the Townships.	Supervisors Road Maintenance Staff	1 year
6	<u>Equipment Clearing House</u> - Serve as a clearinghouse and notify all participants when a municipality is selling or purchasing equipment which may meet the needs of another municipality.		
7	<u>Sharing</u> - Investigate the possibilities for increased sharing labor and equipment.		
8	<u>Winter Maintenance</u> - Investigate the possibilities for increased contracting with or swapping with adjoining municipalities for winter road maintenance where travel savings may be realized.		
9	<u>Purchasing</u> - Coordinate joint purchasing of supplies and materials whenever possible to reduce unit costs.		
10	<u>Inventory</u> - Maintain an accurate inventory of all vehicles and equipment.	Road Maintenance Staff	1 year
11	<u>Liquidation</u> - Liquidate obsolete vehicles and equipment.	Supervisors	ongoing
12	<u>Capital Improvements Plan</u> - Include planned purchases of vehicles and equipment on a capital budget to better plan for large expenditures.	Supervisors Road Maintenance Staff	1 - 3 years



**MANCHESTER  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
LIBRARY & BALL FIELD**




**Damascus Township Recreation Plan**  
 This *Comprehensive Plan* constitutes the Damascus Township plan for recreation. Any recreation fees collected by the Township will be used to improve the existing Township park and recreation facilities, and in the long run, to acquire additional park land as the need dictates. Recreation and park planning will be spearheaded by the Damascus Township Park and Recreation Board.



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<b>Recreation</b>			
13	<b>Focus on Facilities Important to Residents</b> - Work cooperatively within ECWC and with other nearby municipalities to provide recreation facilities and services and focus on providing the types of facilities deemed important by residents.	Supervisors Park and Rec Board	ongoing
14	<b>Existing Damascus Facilities</b> - Damascus Township will make the maintenance and improvement of existing Township recreation facilities at the Damascus Park and at the Damascus Forest the priority.	Supervisors Park and Rec Board	ongoing
15	<b>Recreation Fees</b> - Consider amending the subdivision ordinances to begin assessing recreation fees for new development.	Planning Commissions Supervisors	1 year
16	<b>Planning and Maintenance</b> - Ensure improvements at existing facilities are made in accord with an overall plan and all facilities are maintained.	Supervisors Park and Rec Board	ongoing
17	<b>Community Organizations</b> - Cooperate with area wide community recreation organizations to improve recreation facilities and programs.	Supervisors Park and Rec Board	ongoing

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<b>Recreation</b>			
18	<b>Cooperation</b> - Work cooperatively to . . . 1. plan for recreation and open space from an area wide perspective. 2. coordinate individual municipal efforts. 3. maximize use of resources. 4. improve standing for state grants. 5. provide a broader base of support for recreation and open space planning.	Planning Commissions Supervisors Park and Rec Board School District	ongoing
19	<b>Funding Plan</b> - Develop a funding plan to include: 6. use of fees assessed for residential development under the subdivision and land development ordinance. 7. solicitation of private contributions. 8. grants. 9. direct municipal contributions. 10. a special fund for land acquisition and capital improvements	Supervisors Park and Rec Board	1 - 3 years
20	<b>State Assistance</b> - Obtain technical assistance from State agencies.	Supervisors Park and Rec Board	as needed
21	<b>Official Map</b> - Show planned recreation facilities on Municipal Official Maps to ensure that the land can be acquired.	Planning Commission Supervisors	as needed
<b>Police Protection</b>			
22	<b>Need</b> - Monitor need for expanded or new police protection services.	Supervisors	ongoing
23	<b>Regional</b> - Explore the potential for sharing of police and similar emergency services between communities including a purchase of services and contract basis.	Supervisors	as needed
<b>Emergency Services</b>			
24	<b>Support</b> - Continue to support existing volunteer emergency services	Emergency Services Providers, Supervisors	ongoing
25	<b>Paid Services</b> - Monitor the need for paid emergency services.	Emergency Services Providers, Supervisors	ongoing



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<b>Emergency Management</b>			
26	<b>Local Plans</b> - The Damascus Township, Manchester Township and Oregon Township emergency management plans are incorporated into this <i>Comprehensive Plan</i> by reference.	Emerg Mngt Coord's Supervisors	ongoing
<b>Libraries</b>			
27	<b>Local Libraries</b> - There are no plans for additional library facilities in the ECWC Planning Area.	--	--
<b>Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling</b>			
28	<b>Solid Waste</b> - Continue and monitor current system of County Solid Waste Department, regional landfills, and private hauler collection in the three Townships.	Supervisors County	ongoing
29	<b>Recycling</b> - Continue to work with the County Recycling Center to ensure access to recycling facilities for all residents.	Supervisors Co Recycling Center	ongoing
			
<b>Water Supply</b> (See <i>Natural Features Section</i> for groundwater protection actions.)			
30	<b>Public Supply</b> - No public supply is anticipated in the long term.	--	--
<b>Central Sewage Disposal</b>			
31	<b>Balance</b> - Carefully consider the balance between the environmental need for central sewage and its relationship to increased development when new central sewage is proposed.	Planning Commission Supervisors	ongoing
<b>On-Site Sewage Systems</b>			
32	<b>Existing Systems</b> - Monitor the functioning of existing on-lot sewage disposal systems and order corrections when malfunctions occur.	SEO Supervisors	ongoing
33	<b>New Systems</b> - Ensure that all new systems meet DEP regulations.	SEO Supervisors	ongoing
34	<b>System Management</b> - Consider on-lot sewage systems maintenance program.	Planning Commission SEO Supervisors	1 year
35	<b>Sewage Facilities Plans</b> - Update sewage facilities plans.	Planning Commission SEO Supervisors	as needed

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36	<b><u>SALDO Enforcement</u></b> - Continue the enforcement of, and update as necessary, the current subdivision and land development ordinances to ensure that roads, drainage and other community facilities are installed to standards which will result in quality, durable facilities.	Planning Commission Supervisors	ongoing
37	<b><u>Communications</u></b> - Investigate ways of improving wireless telephone service and high speed internet connections in the ECWC Planning Area.	Planning Commission Supervisors	ongoing
38	<p><b><u>Community Facility and Service Priorities</u></b> - Community needs and resident expectations must be balanced with local officials' long term view of the future of the community and the costs of action or non-action in providing or postponing facilities and services. Based on this tenet and the results of the community surveys, the Townships will focus local municipal resources on those facilities and services traditionally provided by small municipalities and those important to residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road maintenance now accounts for much of the municipal budgets and this will continue to be a primary role of the three municipalities.</li> <li>• In Oregon Township, the acquisition of land and construction of a maintenance building will be considered.</li> <li>• The three Townships will also work with the volunteer organizations to maintain and improve emergency services, and will explore regional solutions for police service as demand dictates.</li> <li>• The provision of recreation facilities will be pursued from an area wide perspective.</li> <li>• Capital improvements planning is a good means for facilities and equipment. Damascus Township and Manchester Township have created special funds for road equipment and this approach should be adopted for all capital expenditures.</li> </ul>	Planning Commission Supervisors Park and Rec Board	ongoing