

# **Newport Forward Comprehensive Plan Update**

## **Updated Goals and Objectives**

For Public Forum (5/28/20)

### **1. Strong Vibrant Neighborhoods**

Newport's neighborhoods are part of our unique identity. A system of strong vibrant neighborhoods with a variety of housing options and quality of life amenities is the foundation to retaining existing residents and attracting newcomers.

1. Enhance quality of life
2. Maintain and improve existing housing stock
3. Provide all ranges of affordability in order to foster population growth
4. Celebrate the unique identity of neighborhoods
5. Strive to retain / preserve the existing neighborhoods (character, price, people) while balancing appropriate infill development (not replicating) redevelopment
6. Encourage successful "corner stores"
7. Provide neighborhood parks and quality green spaces including a robust street tree canopy
8. Design appropriate traffic patterns to manage traffic in neighborhoods (also covered in Multi-Modal Transportation)
9. Ensure public safety (both real and perceived)

### **2. Meaningful Connections**

Newport will be a strong community that takes pride in its history, appreciates and celebrates the many cultures that make up our community, and maintains our diversity through frequent dialogue and interactions. We aspire to retain the individual identities of our neighborhoods and business districts AND establish a cohesive and unified identity for Newport in a way that enhances our sense of community. Preserve and restore historic places, landmarks and architecture.

1. Foster community activities and engagement for all ages
2. Promote quality design and public art to enhance placemaking
3. Increase communications and collaborations among neighborhoods and among business districts
4. Preserve and restore historic places, landmarks and architecture
5. Provide a compatible balance of historic / modern building types
6. Elevate arts, cultural and entertainment sectors to foster community pride
7. Develop and promote the City's identity in a way that embraces its diversity yet creates a cohesive sense of the City that unites all residents and businesses.

### **3. Economic Prosperity and Resilience**

Newport's economy will be a balance of vibrant retail districts with lively music venues for local and regional visitors, and office/commercial areas that are home to contemporary jobs that provide a living wage for residents and a solid tax base for the community. Maintain and strengthen attractive and vibrant business districts

1. Maintain and strengthen attractive and vibrant business districts
2. Encourage business growth to maintain diverse businesses
3. Promote workforce opportunities & support services
4. Foster collaboration with others in the region
5. Facilitate real estate development that maximizes public benefit
6. Promote local business' use of technology to improve marketing and operations

#### **4. Well Connected Multi-Modal Transportation Network**

Newport will have and maintain a well-connected and safe multi-modal transportation network that increases people's ability to reach destinations that can influence their health and well-being. Such a network is characterized by accessible and seamless bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, direct routing for cars and trucks, and few physical barriers. Improve and maintain infrastructure so residents of all ages can move easily throughout Newport

1. Improve and maintain infrastructure so residents of all ages can move easily throughout Newport
2. Increase connectivity within the city and throughout the region
3. Design complete streets that serve multiple functions and modes for all ages and abilities
4. Embrace smart technology
5. Enhance parking management strategies
6. Prepare for changes resulting from transportation advances (e.g. electric cars, scooters, etc.)

#### **5. Sustainable Environment**

Newport values the numerous contributions natural resources make to human well-being, and recognizes the importance of protecting and enhancing the natural environment. We will conserve and manage our natural resources in a sustainable manner to ensure their long-term health. Protect and enhance our Natural Resources including the Ohio and Licking Rivers, hillsides, and urban tree canopy (e.g. Increase tree canopy throughout all areas of the city.)

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2. Encourage smart consumption by promoting recycling and composting
3. Reduce and manage stormwater runoff through innovative gray and green infrastructure solutions
4. Encourage use of alternative/ renewable energy systems on new and existing structures
5. Ensure that new development is designed in ways that respect and take advantage of natural features, such as mature trees, hillsides, and scenic views

#### **6. Healthy Community**

Newport will offer a high quality of life and a community that fosters healthy and active lifestyles by utilizing its valuable open space assets to gather, exercise, recreate, and provide local food sources.

1. Preserve and enhance quality of open space assets
2. Continue to enhance the city's parks and recreation facilities and programming for all users.
3. Enhance connectivity and access to well-maintained parks, open spaces and other gathering places (i.e., Riverfront Commons) for all users
4. Create attractive, and inviting bicycle, pedestrian facilities including trails (i.e., Licking River Greenway /Ohio River Trails; Jacob Spears and Greenway/Water Trail)
5. Ensure access to food from local sources
6. Encourage budget allocation for capital and operation (including maintenance, staffing, programming, and fundraising for capital projects)

#### **7. Good Government -**

Newport will continue to provide effective local governance in order to foster an overall high quality of life for our citizens. Good governance is characterized as being accessible, open, and fiscally responsible; continually looking for ways to improve and collaborate for the benefit of the community.

1. Maintain and improve ease of conducting business with City Government
2. Maintain and improve a culture of transparency
3. Embrace innovations (technology) with a continual quest for improvement
4. Project a positive image
5. Practice responsible budget management through capital planning

6. Pursue collaboration with county and other cities