

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Updated Goals and Goal Statements

<p>1. Strong Vibrant Neighborhoods</p> <p>Newport’s neighborhoods are part of its 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.</p>	<p>2. Meaningful Places</p> <p>Newport will strengthen the connection between its people and the places they share. We will take pride in our history, appreciate and celebrate the many cultures that make up our community. Through frequent dialogue and interactions between our diverse neighborhoods and business districts we will establish a cohesive and unified identity for Newport in a way that enhances our sense of community. We value public space, public art, entertainment, and our unique blend of historic and contemporary development.</p>	<p>3. Economic Prosperity and Resilience</p> <p>Newport’s economy will be a balance of vibrant retail districts with lively 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. Newport will be a hub for local entrepreneurs as well as a regional economic driver.</p>
<p>4. Transportation, Access, Mobility & Infrastructure</p> <p>Newport will have and maintain well-connected and safe multi-modal transportation, communications and utility networks. Newport will collaborate with communication and electric providers to ensure aesthetic, sustainable and accessible utilities. Newport will have access to safe and sanitary water and sewer utilities, and will maintain flood and storm water protection infrastructure for the safety of the public.</p>	<p>5. Stewards of the Natural Environment</p> <p>Newport values the contributions that trees, parks, rivers, streams, and natural habitat make to human well-being, and recognizes the importance of protecting and enhancing the natural environment. We will do this proactively and in a sustainable manner to ensure our “green” assets are here for generations to come.</p>	<p>6. Healthy Community</p> <p>Newport will offer a high quality of life with healthy and active everyday activities. We will utilize public space, including valuable parks and open space assets, to travel, gather, exercise, recreate, and promote a healthy lifestyle. Newport will have access to local food options, including community gardens.</p>
<p>7. Good Government</p> <p>Newport will continue to provide effective local governance in order to foster an overall high quality of life for our citizens. The City Government will continue to be accessible, open, and fiscally responsible. We will work with regional partners to leverage strengths and resources, and will make long term capital plans to maintain infrastructure and prepare for the future. We will preserve public safety and increase property values while continually looking for ways to improve our processes and collaborate with others for the benefit of the community.</p>		

Goals and Topics Covered Under Each Goal

Goal	Topics Covered
1. Strong Vibrant Neighborhoods Newport's neighborhoods are part of its unique identity. A system of strong vibrant neighborhoods with a variety of housing options and quality of life amenities....	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing Supply & Affordability 2. Housing Maintenance, Historic Preservation & Architectural Design 3. Land Use Compatibility 4. Schools & Education Facilities
2. Meaningful Places Newport will strengthen the connection between its people and the places they share. We will take pride in our history, appreciate and celebrate the many cultures that make up our community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cultural & Historic Resources 2. Neighborhood/Business District Diversity, Identity & Character 3. Gathering Spaces, Placemaking, & Public Art 4. Communication, Collaboration & Community Involvement
3. Economic Prosperity and Resilience Newport's economy will be a balance of vibrant retail districts with lively venues for local and regional visitors, and office/commercial areas that are home to contemporary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Economic Development, Business Growth & Economic/Job Diversity 2. Land Availability, Land Use & Redevelopment 3. Neighborhood Business Districts 4. Newport as a Regional Destination
4. Transportation, Access, Mobility & Infrastructure Newport will have and maintain well-connected and safe multi-modal transportation, communications and utility networks.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walkability & Bikeability 2. Vehicular Transportation Network Connectivity (gaps in network) 3. Transit 4. Parking Management 5. Transportation Smart Technology, AV & Impacts on Land Use/Infrastructure 6. Digital Inclusion, Access to Technology. 7. Water/Sanitary/Stormwater Utilities 8. Flood Protection 9. Underground Utility Initiatives.
5. Stewards of the Natural Environment Newport values the contributions that trees, parks, rivers, streams, and natural habitat make to human well-being, and recognizes the importance of protecting and enhancing the natural environment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect the Natural Environment 2. Enhance and Restore the Natural Environment 3. Increase Access to Natural Areas 4. Incorporate the Natural Environment by Design
6. Healthy Community Newport will offer a high quality of life with healthy and active activities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Existing Amenities & Programming 2. New Parks & Open Space 3. Access/Paths & Trails 4. Healthy Food, Health & Safety Services
7. Good Government Newport will continue to provide effective local governance in order to foster an overall high quality of life for our citizens.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consumer-Friendly City Government 2. Transparent & Open Government 3. Capital Planning

Goal 1 Strong Vibrant Neighborhoods Objectives & Draft Strategies

Newport's neighborhoods are part of its 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.

WHAT DOES A STRONG VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOOD LOOK LIKE? This goal focuses on the built environment related to housing and schools/daycares as important amenities. However, neighborhoods where people choose to live have other important features as well, such as... a respect for and celebration of history (see Goal 2), the necessary infrastructure such as sidewalks (Goal 4), access to natural areas (see Goal 5) and access to other important amenities such as parks and markets (see Goal 6). [Highlights the overlap among Goals.]

Housing Supply & Affordability

1. Provide a variety of housing options, with all ranges of type and affordability, that meet the needs of all persons and foster population growth.
 - a. Identify gaps in housing needs and the types of housing appropriate for each neighborhood, and ensure the zoning code accommodates the desired types in balanced proportions.
 - i. Work with Realtors to understand the existing market and potential new demand, including location housing type and price points
 - ii. Work with housing developers on ways to keep a percentage of the rehabbed units affordable
 - iii. Identify techniques to keep homeownership affordable (tax moratorium for example, in areas where value is quickly escalating) But how do we identify them?
 - iv. Work with social service entities on how to turn renters into homeowners
 - b. Encourage the adaptive reuse, where feasible, of nonresidential structures (especially historic structures) for unique housing opportunities and in ways that retain the character of the structures.
 - i. Need to understand where are these sorts of properties located and what is their current condition? Are they currently under utilized or vacant?
 - c. Identify vacant lots that are appropriate for infill development and develop strategies to encourage investment.
 - i. City has a growing 'list' of builders interested in investing. City does not have a solid "list" of properties that are or could be available. Only list currently resides with neighborhood foundations and / or lien list.

- ii. City works with neighborhood foundations and other developers as they show interest in infill developments – current examples -citirama & ann street.
- d. Assemble vacant and underutilized properties in targeted areas for larger redevelopment opportunities.
 - i. City has done this working with investors in certain areas – Clifton, ann street, etc. additional areas need to be identified.
- e. Encourage the restoration of older homes that were converted to duplexes, triplexes or fourplexes back to their original single family use, when feasible, and, reconfigure or demolish others that are functionally obsolete and beyond repair.
 - i. Is there an incentive we can provide here similar to Bellevue? How does the zoning code address this one?
- f. As redevelopment occurs, identify ways to preserve existing residents' ability to stay in their neighborhood as property values rise.
 - i. Example – recent conversations regarding expanded homestead exemptions. Tax moratoriums....??? KLC?????
- g. Expand energy efficient housing choices for people of all ages, incomes, races, and ethnicities to lower the cost of housing.
 - i. What programs are available for promoting / providing incentives for energy efficiency upgrades . City has PACE program now.
- h. Work with local social service agencies to identify appropriate places for providing services related to the regional issue of homelessness and poverty while avoiding over concentration of such services in any specific area.
 - i.
- i. Collect and analyze data on homeownership, vacancies, property values and other metrics to track neighborhood change.
 - i. City does not have staffing currently to undertake this level of analysis.
- j. Facilitate new housing development that maximizes public benefit, such as providing public open space, public off street parking or retail amenities.
 - i. Check zoning code

City facilitates Neighborhood Foundations CDBG applications for rehab of homes for affordable homeownership. City also facilitates various developers who inquire about rehabbing / infill development throughout the City at multiple price points. City zoning permits a variety of housing densities and types, large single family historic homes - new construction - apartments - condos, etc.

PLACES where new and different types of housing can be/should be encouraged:

- Monmouth & York - Downtown mixed-use properties with apartments above retail.
- Multi-family in the city center area.
- Riverfront (mixed-use/apartment/condo availability)
- West end (vacant and under developed lots. Use of historic tax credits to promote rehab)
- Clifton and Cote Brillante. Sustainable housing development in appropriate areas, avoid environmental sensitive areas with deep slopes or forest mass, etc.

Housing Maintenance, Historic Preservation & Architectural Design

2. Ensure that the existing housing stock is well-maintained and property owners continue to invest in their properties, to maintain and/or develop community character.
 - a. Achieve a well-balanced ratio of home ownership and rental units to meet all residential needs and increase residential retention in Newport.
 - Work with the city's larger employers to create and fund an incentive program to attract employees to buy a house and move to Newport (see University Circle/Cleveland Clinic program, created to entice qualified job applicants.)
 - b. Systematically and uniformly enforce existing property maintenance requirements. Update requirements if necessary.
 - i. Property maintenance code is a national standard.
 - c. Continue the work of the City's Property Task Force, which identifies strategies for working with land owners who are delinquent and/or with code enforcement liens, and foreclosures.
 - i. Initiatives include vacant and dilapidated property identification – have a working list for potential foreclosure. Process includes prioritization, notification and determination of resolution
 - ii. Continue to identify landlord renting without a license
 - iii. Continue to identify and collect delinquent property and occupational taxes
 - iv. Continue to work with property owners to develop voluntary compliance of code requirements.
 - d. Continue collaboration between law and code enforcement professionals and neighborhood groups to target enforcement of areas of illegal activity and maintenance issues.
 - i. Continue to identify properties that generate multiple calls for the police

- e. Retain/preserve the existing neighborhoods to ensure current residents are not forced out of the neighborhood, while balancing context-sensitive infill development (not replicating) and redevelopment.
- f. Update existing Historic District Design Guidelines, where necessary, to ensure consistent administration and appropriate enforcement to stabilize historic assets while also enabling renovations that meet contemporary housing needs.
- g. Enhance/update existing neighborhood-specific, infill and urban design principles, as appropriate, and create design guidelines for appropriate neighborhoods that do not already have them.
- h. Support local agencies that provide educational programs for property maintenance, and incentives to assist property owners.

Property Task Force, Code Enforcement, liens, foreclosures, demolitions, historic preservation, infill standards, etc.

Land Use Compatibility

3. Ensure the compatibility of land uses in and adjacent to neighborhoods in order to protect residential uses from blighting influences, such as impacts from adjacent or nearby commercial development, and integrate neighborhood friendly uses, where appropriate.
 - a. Invest in blighted properties, demolish vacant and abandoned buildings that are infeasible to rehabilitate, and turn vacant properties into neighborhood assets.
 - b. Strengthen development standards related to noise, traffic, light pollution, etc. and the development plan review criteria to ensure commercial development does not negatively impact the quality of life in adjacent residential areas.
 - c. Ensure new residential development is designed in ways that respect the constraints of the natural environment. (See also Goal 5)
 - d. Identify and encourage appropriate locations in neighborhoods for the establishment of neighborhood-friendly, small, local businesses / activities, especially in buildings where “corner stores” were originally established.
 - Evaluate the need for/benefits of regulating short-term rentals.
 - e. Assist in relocating incompatible land uses.
 - Review and update as needed the list of permitted uses in all zoning districts to ensure compatibility within the districts and with adjacent districts (such as strip clubs, night clubs, etc.).

PLACES where close attention to land use compatibility is important:

- Residential sites in Newport that are susceptible to environmental issues and hillside slippage conditions.
- Viewsheds – on hillsides
- CBDF / Shopping Center - fringe areas between Commercial Districts and Residential Districts

- Areas of high traffic
- Areas close to light industry uses/recycling facilities that may need appropriate screening/distance

Schools & Education Facilities

4. Support and collaborate with educational institutions and other community resources such as day care facilities.
 - a. Identify common goals between the Newport Independent School District and City of Newport and work to align strategies to retain Newport residents and attract new families.
 - b. Support and work with local schools to be neighborhood focal points.
 - c. Participate in the School District's Facility Planning efforts, especially those that may impact a neighborhood's ability to attract and retain families.
 - d. Allow and encourage child day care, preschool and other private school facilities in all appropriate zoning districts.
 - e. Work with Newport Independent School District for increased public access to outdoor recreational areas and equipment.

SYNERGISTIC OBJECTIVES That Contribute To Strong, Vibrant Neighborhoods.

See the noted Goals for specific strategies that address these objectives.

1. Celebrate the unique identity of neighborhoods. (Goal 2 Meaningful Places)
2. Provide neighborhood parks and quality green spaces including a robust street tree canopy. (Goals 5 and 6)
3. Design appropriate traffic patterns to manage traffic in neighborhoods. (Goal 4.)
4. Strengthen safe pedestrian and bicycle connections between Newport neighborhoods, CBD, Riverfront Development, adjacent cities and major activities areas, including access to the Purple People Bridge, 4th Street Veterans Bridge and 11th Street Bridge). (Goal 4)
5. Ensure public safety (both real and perceived). (Goal 6)

Goal 2 Meaningful Places Objectives & Draft Strategies

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WHAT MAKES A PLACE MEANINGFUL? This goal focuses on the

Celebrate Cultural & Historic Resources

1. Preserve, and restore when possible, historic places, landmarks and architecture that contribute to the identify and uniqueness of Newport's neighborhood's and business districts.
 - a. Identify and preserve National Register properties and districts, to the maximum extent feasible.
 - b. Develop local historic designations, districts, and landmarks as appropriate.
 - c. Make use of state and federal tax credit programs to rehabilitate existing historic structures.
 - d. Protect the scale and character of historic neighborhoods and business districts while still allowing compatible and context-sensitive infill development to occur.
 - e. Provide education on the value of historic preservation, historical building information, and guidance on the use of historic materials and techniques to assist property owners.
 - f. Celebrate Newport's diverse history through cultural events and information.
 - g. Provide a compatible balance of historic / modern building types.
 - h. Assist in developing the content and use of the Newport History Museum @ The Southgate Street School.

Neighborhood/Business District Diversity, Identity & Character

2. Develop and externally promote the City's identity in a way that embraces its diversity yet internally creates a cohesive sense of the City that unites residents and businesses.
 - a. Make use of City and Neighborhood branding to enhance gateways, streetscapes, and districts.
 - b. Identify and address distinct character areas (such as smaller business concentrations) and treatment for transition zones.

- c. Strive for a cohesive approach to the City's identity that is representative of residents.
 - Adopt a color coding scheme and utilize throughout the city to help people maneuver throughout.
3. Ensure the design of new housing construction portrays a welcoming atmosphere that embraces a connection to the rest of the city rather than being walled off and isolated.
 - a. Adopt design guidelines that promote visual connections.
 - b. In areas of new development, ensure that an appropriate transition is provided between high and low intensity uses.

PLACES where close attention to physical connections between neighborhoods is important:

- Between Newport on the Levee and South Monmouth Street
- Between the new Ovation Development and the west side neighborhood
- Between the East and West Side Neighborhoods
- Across the Railroad Tracks between North/South Newport

Gathering Spaces, Placemaking & Public Art

4. Develop and enhance the quality of public spaces throughout the City to provide opportunities for residents to encounter neighbors, entice people to linger, build community, contribute to local identity and foster community pride.
 - a. Create a centralized gathering place that is devoted to hosting local events.
 - b. Develop a citywide cultural plan and public art policy, and explore ways to secure funding. One example is to leverage private development to establish and maintain public art in city-managed open spaces.
 - Include diverse offerings of public art styles and types to represent the diversity of the community.
 - c. Create a Newport Arts Committee to promote the arts within the city.
 - d. Continue to install public art such as murals, sculptures, and fountains throughout the city, focusing first on places that currently lack public art to ensure equitable distribution throughout the city.
 - e. Support programming and events that activate public places and promote local music, entertainment, arts and culture. For example, community public art projects, pop ups or tactical urbanism to animate public spaces and promote citizen interaction.

Communication, Collaboration and Community Involvement

5. Increase communications and collaboration among neighborhoods and among business districts, and with the City.
 - a. Provide community activities and engagement for all ages.
 - b. Identify and provide ways to increase more diverse interactions and communication.

- c. Create a Neighborhood collaborative where representatives from each neighborhood participate and provide feedback and guidance on various City initiatives.
 - d. Continue to provide online, real-time access to City meetings.
6. Increase civic involvement.
- a. Identify potential strategies to honor the history and contributions of community groups that are currently under-recognized or under-appreciated.
 - b. Proactively engage community members in policy decisions that affect their neighborhood.
 - c. Encourage and support community resources that serve our community.
 - d. Identify and eliminate barriers that make it difficult to engage minority populations in local activities and volunteering.
 - e. Increase public awareness of open opportunities for serving on City committees, boards, etc.

SYNERGISTIC OBJECTIVES That Contribute To Meaningful Places.

See the noted Goals for specific strategies that address these objectives.

1. Encourage the adaptive reuse of historic nonresidential structures for unique housing opportunities and in ways that retain the character of the structures. (Goal 1 Strong Vibrant Neighborhoods)
2. Update existing Historic District Design Guidelines, where necessary, to ensure consistent administration and appropriate requirements to stabilize historic assets. (Goal 1)

Goal 3 Economic Prosperity and Resilience Objectives & Draft Strategies

Newport's economy will be a balance of vibrant retail districts with lively 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. Newport will be a hub for local entrepreneurs as well as a regional economic driver.

WHAT IS ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND RESILIENCE? This goal focuses on

Economic Development, Business Growth & Economic/Job Diversity

1. Attract, retain and grow target businesses to provide a range of job opportunities in the City.
 - a. Identify and attract business clusters that complement the city's current portfolio and fit the regional attraction strategy (including working with Tri-Ed, REDI Cincinnati and other organizations).
 - i. Currently work with Tri-Ed on various activities related to business attraction.
 - ii. Do not have a city specific targeted business attraction strategy
 - b. Identify and market available locations and create a Marketing Plan to attract target businesses.
 - Continue to refer property owners to Northern Kentucky University and other agencies that provide marketing assistance.
 - c. Evaluate current local incentives and enhance/expand as needed to encourage growth of existing businesses and successfully attract new businesses.
 - Develop/increase incentives to redevelop and fill empty storefronts and upper floors along main corridors.
 - Provide incentives to assist developers in filling the leasable space they are getting ready to build.
 - i. Assist property owners in identifying appropriate pricing for leased space.
 - d. Make use of State and Federal incentives and programs to assist existing local businesses with growth, capital equipment and training and to attract new business, and advocate for new and expanded programs.
 - e. Promote technology and high tech development through marketing and the expansion of technology infrastructure.
 - f. Address the workforce and training needs of businesses by connecting businesses with the Chamber, employment and training centers, and local schools and universities.

- g. Employ a “Grow your own” strategy for entrepreneurship, working with regional entities such as Northern Kentucky University, Mortar and Blue North (Tri-Ed).
 - Provide links to NKU’s Small Business Development Center (SBDC), which provides a number of services to help small businesses grow.
 - Require a review of the impact of ordinances, licenses, permits, zoning requirements, and other regulations on the creation of new businesses, and work to eliminate or revise them as appropriate
 - Develop and leverage a place-based identity or brand for locally made goods and services to support local makers and entrepreneurs.

Work with Tri-ED to recruit regional target businesses, hold annual retention visits, identify ways to assist businesses, and promote entrepreneurship. Do not have a Newport specific target analysis at this time. Recruitment is related to market conditions, available space, economic impact, and supporting retail and service. City has a list of economic development incentives to assist with real estate, business and other types of recruitment needs. Staff responds in a timely manner to all lease/purchase inquiries, no matter how large or small.

Land Availability, Land Use & Redevelopment

2. Promote appropriate development and redevelopment based on the surrounding land uses.
 - a. Identify and assist property owners with marketing and redeveloping sites that are appropriate for new construction and/or underutilized/incompatible sites for reuse (including brownfields). (Shopping Center for example)
 - b. Assist with land assembly to create larger parcels for economic development purposes.
 - c. Encourage development and redevelopment that incorporates multi-family above street level retail/restaurants to provide for increased population (customers) to support local retailers.
 - d. Facilitate real estate development that maximizes public benefit, such as job creation, commitment to hiring local, workforce development, public open space, public art, etc.
 - e. Amend Zoning and other local ordinances to ensure existing uses remain compatible with the surrounding residential and commercial uses.
 - Enforce current noise and other performance regulations to address existing operations that create nuisances for surrounding residents.
 - Encourage and assist in relocating industrial uses whose operations require larger sites or sites more removed from residential neighborhoods.
 - Evaluate parking requirements and modify as needed to avoid excess parking spaces, but ensure adequate parking in new residential developments in established neighborhoods with limited parking availability.
 - f. Develop Public/Private partnerships to facilitate real estate investment.

Yellow Highlight indicates additions since 11/12/20

- g. Promote appropriate design principles in terms of landscaping, buffering and signage for commercial properties.

PLACES where redevelopment strategies are applicable:

- Shopping center redevelopment ideas:
- Relocate Builder's Surplus to the shopping center, and redevelop the site.
- Route 9 - Steel Site
- Redevelopment of jail site

Neighborhood Business Districts

3. Maintain and strengthen attractive, vibrant and resilient neighborhood business districts.
 - a. Identify the market to attract more small specialty/unique shops (may include sweet shops, music stores, book stores, women boutiques, specialty shops for kids and men).
 - b. Continue and expand the façade improvement program and explore other incentives for small business.
 - c. Promote utilization of upper floors in existing buildings to build the market for small business.
 - d. Provide technical assistance to retail businesses to create business plans that ensure competitiveness (for example online shopping).
 - e. Provide staffing and resources to focus on main street areas using the Main Street model (promotion, economics, design, organization).
 - f. Work with the NBA to promote local businesses through websites and marketing materials, to highlight success stories of local businesses.
 - g. Improve circulation patterns to address needs/visibility of businesses, while preserving existing parking. (See also Goal 4)
 - h. Strengthen connections between the major business districts to encourage flow of customers from one place to the other.

PLACES where neighborhood business districts strategies are applicable:

- Strengthen Central Business District/Renaissance Area/ Monmouth Street Business District
- Along Monmouth Street
- Central Business District and Newport on the Levee / Riverfront Areas

4. Continue to strengthen and support Newport's Monmouth/ York Street Corridors (CBD) as a primary destination.

Newport as a Regional Destination

5. Create, promote and support Newport as a destination. Attract customers, visitors, and investment to Newport.
 - a. Maintain and create new, unique destinations to attract visitors.
 - Focus on attractions that set Newport apart – e.g. celebrate local history.
 - b. Increase the number of regional retail “destinations”, i.e., places people go to for a specific reason, recognizing that these can be small, local retailers who because of their unique products draw people from the entire Cincinnati region.
 - c. Foster collaboration with other economic development entities in the region.
 - d. Promote development that encourages a balance between tourist needs, business needs, and the community needs.

SYNERGISTIC OBJECTIVES That Contribute To Economic Prosperity & Resilience.

See the noted Goals for specific strategies that address these objectives.

1. Preserve, and restore when possible, historic places, landmarks and architecture that contribute to the identify and uniqueness of Newport’s business districts. (Goal 2)
2. Improve vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle connections between neighborhoods and business districts and job centers. (Goal 4)
3. Enhance parking management strategies. (Goal 4, Objective 7)
4. Improve infrastructure and access for pedestrians. (Goal 4, Objective 4)
5. Expand the provision of bike facilities and remove gaps in the bike and trail systems to create more complete and safe bike routes. (Goal 4, Objective 5)

Goal 4 Well Connected Transportation & Infrastructure Objectives & Draft Strategies

4. Transportation, Access, Mobility & Infrastructure

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WHAT DOES A WELL-CONNECTED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK LOOK LIKE? This goal focuses on the

Walkability & Bikeability

1. Design complete streets that serve multiple functions and modes for all ages and abilities.
 - a. Adopt a Complete Streets Policy so that every project is considered and adjust the program as necessary to meet City Council and community goals.

A Complete Streets policy is intended to ensure safe and efficient access to streets and roadways for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders of all ages and abilities. A complete streets approach attempts to balance the needs of various modes and land uses in support of the local community and its economic, cultural, and environmental goals. Benefits include: improved safety, better connectivity, increased travel options, enhanced sustainability, and a more active and vibrant community.
 - b. In collaboration with key partners such as the KYTC and the OKI Metropolitan Planning Organization, prioritize multimodal transportation opportunities such as transit, walking, biking and ridesharing.
 - c. Partner with KYTC to create integrated strategies for complete streets.
 - d. Increase street trees and landscaping along city streets and pedestrian and bicycle facilities to make walking and biking more comfortable.
 - e. Promote walking and biking as a form of exercise through the greenways and complete streets planning and incentivize complete networks for walking and biking
 - f. Work to grow the network of non-vehicular transportation routes across the region. Coordinate greenway development with Tri-State Trails, and work to grow regional strategies for universal access across pedestrian infrastructure.
2. Improve infrastructure and access for pedestrians.

- a. Construct pedestrian facilities that enhance pedestrian safety, such as crosswalks, pedestrian signals, traffic signals, traffic calming and pedestrian refuge islands, for users of all abilities.
 - b. Continue to maintain crosswalks and the sidewalk network citywide.
 - Create and maintain an inventory of the sidewalk network and crosswalks in the City, noting condition, adjoining land uses, street traffic volumes and conformance with ADA.
 - Continue to upgrade sidewalks and crosswalks citywide to meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and achieve universal design. *The purpose of universal design is to provide an environment that is equally accessible and comfortable for users of all abilities and ages, including children.*
 - c. Ensure pedestrian facilities (sidewalks and crosswalks) are equitably provided across geographic areas and all neighborhoods.
 - Identify and eliminate gaps where pedestrian facilities are missing, especially where sidewalks tie in to greenways/trails.
 - Create a program to increase the number of highly visible crosswalks citywide.
 - Install missing crosswalks at street crossings on major streets and where there are high volumes of traffic and pedestrians.
 - Prioritize construction of sidewalks and crosswalks in underserved communities lacking such facilities, as well as within designated growth areas.
 - d. Coordinate with KYTC to increase pedestrian comfort and safety along arterial roadways through various design strategies and best practices.
 - e. Support and encourage local safe routes to school programs.
3. Expand the provision of bike facilities and remove gaps in the bike and trail systems to create more complete and safe bike routes.
 - a. Identify and pursue corridor-level retrofits and upgrades for bicycle infrastructure and connectivity.
 - b. Seek improvements for bicycling safety such as creating dedicated bike lanes within city streets. Where feasible, the preferred method is to provide buffered bike lanes or, bike facilities physically separated from vehicular traffic.
 - Add signage in high traffic areas to remind drivers to share the road with bicyclists and to remind bicyclists to use the road and not the sidewalks.
 - Secure Interim Approval from FHWA for the use of green colored pavement for bike lanes (IA-14) and Interim Approval for the use of an Intersection Bicycle Box (IA-18).
 - c. Create safe and secure bike parking spaces and support facilities.
 - Require/incentivize new development to include private bicycle parking spaces as a minimum percentage of required vehicular spaces. Consider requiring showers and locker facilities for larger developments. Incorporate requirements in zoning code.

- Incentivize development that provides publicly accessible bicycle parking and facilities.
- d. Promote bicycle education and awareness to foster a bicycle-supportive culture. Collaborate with community partners to achieve this.
- e. Evaluate city ordinances to allow the use of light vehicles (electric scooters, bikes, etc.) in the bike lanes.
- f. Explore creating natural surface trail standards as part of the greenway program.
 - Ensure funding for greenway maintenance that meets community standards and provides a high level of service.
 - Improve quality standards for greenway development in accordance with best practices.
 - Explore regulatory tools to provide for and enhance greenway corridors.

PLACES Where Strategies Are Applicable

- Create a Bike Boulevard on Saratoga Avenue.
- Create a bike lane or path on E. 10th St. that connects to the Newport Pavilion Shopping Center and crosses I-471 to connect with trails in Ft. Thomas.
- Riverfront Commons and the Purple People Bridge as an alternate route for biking/pedestrian transportation across jurisdictions
- Add signage on Monmouth, York, and E. 10th St.

Vehicular Transportation Network Connectivity (gaps in network)

Improve and maintain infrastructure so residents of all ages, incomes and abilities can move easily throughout Newport and between Newport and other destinations within the region.

4. Improve traffic flow and access for vehicular traffic within the city in ways that protect residential neighborhoods, enhance viability of neighborhood business districts, facilitate east-west traffic flow and improve safety.
 - a. Improve wayfinding signage city-wide for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists.
 - b. Conduct a two-way street conversion study for Newport's one-way street patterns.
 - c. Implement safety-supportive policies for transportation facilities as part of an overall city initiative for multimodal transportation.
 - As part of this initiative, explore strategies such as the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Toward ZERO Deaths goal of zero fatalities on transportation facilities.
 - Increase enforcement, education and awareness of safety-related regulations to enhance safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and automobiles.
 - d. Apply access management strategies based on a roadway's functional characteristics, surrounding land uses and the roadway's users.
 - Minimize the use of curb cuts along public streets, particularly on transit-supportive corridors, to reduce vehicular conflicts, increase pedestrian safety and improve roadway capacity.

- e. As part of a multimodal approach to transportation planning, develop strategies to improve levels of service for all modes.
 - Encourage cross-access between parcels along major corridors.
 - Identify opportunities to connect discontinuous roads, create more roadway connectivity and create local road connections across and parallel to major roads to reduce congestion while being sensitive to traffic impacts on neighborhoods.
 - For transportation improvement projects, consider strategies that aim to minimize roadway widening, such as intersection improvements. When widening is necessary incorporate complete street principles.
- f. Develop a citywide program for street calming strategies, such as identifying and pursuing mitigation strategies for high-crash locations.
 - Identify suitable locations where traffic speeds impact the pedestrian environment
 - Work with KYTC on traffic calming strategies for state routes.
- g. Plan for a new exit ramp to Route 8 (Dave Cowens Drive) to handle increased capacity from southbound 1-471. The current configuration, along Park Avenue, will no longer allow for proper stacking distance of vehicles. This will become a potentially dangerous situation as cars back up onto 1-471 southbound lanes. Any design solution for this new ramp concept should exercise extreme care in minimizing disruption to any residential neighborhoods.

PLACES Where Strategies Are Applicable

- Monmouth Street/York Ave. and 5th/6th Streets
 - 5th/6th Streets
 - 10th/11th Streets
 - US 27 and New Route 9
 - Monmouth Street/Carothers
5. Increase connectivity between Cincinnati and other adjacent municipalities through various modes of transportation (i.e., bike, bus, ferry, water taxi, Southbank Shuttles).

Transit

6. Increase Use And Convenience Of Transit.
 - a. Working with The Transit Authority of NKY, ensure transit service is meeting the needs of those who depend on it most, especially disadvantaged or marginalized communities
 - Provide viable and convenient public transportation options, easily accessible to residents in lower income neighborhoods.
 - b. In the long-term, work with regional agencies to evaluate the feasibility of extensions of the Cincinnati Streetcar system including providing transit access to the streetcar hub.

- c. Where feasible, link greenways to transit nodes, employment, shopping, schools, parks, and other greenways so that they can be used as a practical alternative to vehicular transportation.
- d. Continue to promote the use of the Southbank Shuttle as a main transit route to connect the River Cities.

PLACES Where Strategies Are Applicable

- Upper part of Monmouth Street.

Parking Management

7. Enhance parking management strategies.
 - a. Implement recommendations of previous parking studies, such as the 2011 Parking Planning Study Final Report as appropriate, and update as necessary.
 - b. Use technology, wayfinding, and reasonable pricing policies to encourage more efficient use of parking spaces, such as credit card technology for metered parking.
 - Minimize the amount of public parking spaces available to daily commuters to Cincinnati.
 - c. Reduce the need for off-street parking spaces/lots downtown and other business districts; explore strategies such as structured parking, shared parking arrangements, valet parking and remote shuttle parking to address parking needs.
 - Review and revise the existing parking standards and design requirements to tailor the requirements to the business environment. Consider minimum AND maximum ratios, reduced requirements based on availability of public parking lots/on-street parking, allowances for shared parking, and requirements/incentives for bicycle parking.
 - Identify appropriate locations for short-term parking (to facilitate turnover), long-term parking for employees, and parking for tourist buses on the riverfront.
 - Consider the impact of converting all on-street parking along Monmouth St and York to metered parking to facilitate turnover.
 - Restrict/limit public parking lots being used for parking/storage of business trucks.
 - d. Explore new funding mechanisms, such as public-private partnerships, to provide public structured parking in highly pedestrian environments. Encourage public parking spaces to be included in new development that provides structured parking, as needed.
 - e. Explore traffic management strategies: coordinate with local partners to expand opportunities for alternative modes of transportation available to downtown employees and explore incentives to encourage workforce as well as visitors to carpool/bike/walk/take public transit.

- f. Evaluate the City's Zoning requirements related to parking in various zones, especially commercial uses in neighborhoods and in the Central Business District.

Transportation Smart Technology, AV & Impacts on Land Use/Infrastructure

8. Embrace and utilize smart technology to increase efficiency and reduce environmental impacts.
 - a. Monitor and adopt appropriate best practices related to emergent smart transportation technologies, including autonomous vehicles and integrated mobility platforms.
 - b. Ensure adequate infrastructure and facilities to accommodate energy efficient vehicles such as electric vehicles.
 - Adopt regulations that accommodate (require?) electric vehicle charging stations.
 - Continue to increase the number of energy-efficient, "clean" vehicle accommodations including plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and alternative-fuel vehicles such as those that run compressed natural gas, biodiesel, and other platforms as technology evolves.
 - Create incentives for businesses and property owners to provide accommodations for energy-efficient, "clean" vehicles.
 - Set the example by providing such facilities at all city-owned facilities, including city hall.
 - c. Generate positive press, educational opportunities and incentives for alternative and renewable fueled vehicles to promote and remove barriers in the private sector.
9. Prepare for changes resulting from transportation advances (e.g. electric cars, scooters, etc.)
 - a. Monitor and evaluate best practices for autonomous vehicles and their potential impacts on parking, pedestrians and the built environment.
 - b. Monitor the potential impacts of autonomous vehicles within the public realm and identify improvements accordingly. Prioritize those improvements that benefit pedestrians, bicyclists, transit and placemaking.
 - c. Promote regional support for ridesharing programs and autonomous vehicles. For example, park-and ride lots should be designed to accommodate these services for "last mile" transportation to remote communities.

PLACES Where Strategies Are Applicable

- Continue to support the US 27 Smart Corridor efforts.

DIGITAL INCLUSION, ENSURE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

10. Understand and increase usage and access to digital and communications technology.
 - a. Prioritize high-speed internet access as a necessary "utility" for all residents and businesses.

- b. Identify strategies to address potential barriers to digital inclusion.
 - Incorporate upgrades to communications infrastructure whenever roadway projects are being designed – such as installing conduit for future growth and upgrading utility poles to be able to accommodate small cell, broadband etc.

PLACES Where Strategies Are Applicable

- Provide essential infrastructure such as broadband and other utilities to position the South US 27 Corridor as the economic and service hub of the City.
- City Wide

WATER/SANITARY/STORMWATER UTILITIES

11. Work with utility providers to maintain and upgrade utilities in a systematic manner to maximize efficiency.
 - a. Continue to coordinate the timing of infrastructure and utility projects to minimize duplication and waste.
 - b. Are there other things we need to add here related to understanding systematic upgrades from other utilities??
12. Work with SD1 and collaborate with other cities in the watershed to reduce and manage stormwater runoff to mitigate flooding and erosion within the city through innovative gray and green infrastructure solutions.
 - a. Incorporate stormwater management improvements along city streets whenever roadway improvements are being made.
 - b. Evaluate current needs and potential solutions to regional and localized solutions to storm water runoff and storm water management.
 - Review zoning of flood prone areas to ensure uses posing an environmental hazard during flood events are prohibited within flood zones. (See also Goal 5 Sustainable Environment.)
 - Enhance data collection to identify locations experiencing recurring nuisance flooding.
 - Identify solutions to localized flooding outside the purview of SD1
 - Continue to work with SD1 on their 50/50 cost share programming to implement projects to address flooding
 - i. Review watershed studies and plans completed by SD1 for better understanding of priorities and potential shared projects for upgrades to storm / sanitary sewer system (not owned by City)
 - c. Implement low-impact development and other types of green infrastructure strategies to provide environmentally friendly connections to the storm sewer system. (See also Goal 5 Sustainable Environment.)
 - Prioritize use of green infrastructure whenever possible.

- In support of complete streets, create design standards for green streets that includes naturalized stormwater management features, sidewalks, bike lanes, landscape, etc.
 - Evaluate the zoning code and the development review process to ensure small scale infill and new development adequately address stormwater runoff and management during and after construction to mitigate negative impacts on adjacent property.
 - Encourage use of permeable surfaces over pavement, asphalt, and similar surfaces.
- d. Support stormwater maintenance programs.
 - e. Improve standing in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System (CRS) program, going beyond minimum standards for floodplain management.
 - f. Advocate for/support the replacement of sanitary and storm water lines that are functionally obsolete with a track record of collapse or failure. *[City doesn't own the utility lines.]*

FLOOD PROTECTION

13. Continue to maintain flood protection infrastructure that protects property within the city from flooding of the Ohio and Licking Rivers.
 - a. Maintain functional operation of the levee for flood control.
 - b. Ensure that Riverfront Development enhances the function of the flood levee/flood wall and provides for appropriate public access to the Riverfront.
 - c. Maintain Flood Levee certification for the National Flood Insurance Program

UNDERGROUND UTILITY INITIATIVES.

14. Continue the City's current projects for undergrounding electric and other utility cables including along major corridors and in neighborhoods and evaluate additional areas for strategic undergrounding of overhead utilities.
15. Continue to require all new utilities (cable, electric, communications) to be placed underground in new developments, redevelopments, and in existing developments where similar utilities are currently underground.
 - a. Work with utility companies to maintain ownership/contact information at the city.
 - b. Continue to refine existing zoning code language and right of way permitting processes to ensure underground utilities are a priority.

SYNERGISTIC OBJECTIVES That Contribute To Well Connected Infrastructure.

See the noted Goals for specific strategies that address these objectives.

1. Strengthen connections between the major business districts to encourage flow of customers from one place to the other. (Goal 3)
2. Implement low-impact development and other types of green infrastructure strategies to protect and enhance the natural environment. (Goal 5 Sustainable Environment)
3. ...

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Goal 5 Stewards of the Natural Environment Objectives & Draft Strategies

Newport values the contributions that trees, parks, rivers, streams, and natural habitat make to human well-being, and recognizes the importance of protecting and enhancing the natural environment. We will do this proactively and in a sustainable manner to ensure our green assets are here for generations to come

WHAT IS A SAFEGUARDED NATURAL ENVIRONMENT? This goal focuses on the natural environment

Protect the Natural Environment

1. Protect our existing natural environment to ensure its long-term viability for the benefit of future generations.
 - a. Continue to be exceptional stewards of Newport's natural assets - rivers, streams and hillsides.
 - b. Ensure zoning regulations and land development code require new development to protect water bodies, streams, steep slopes, sensitive landscapes and habitats.
 - Utilize SD1's recommended stream buffer requirement as a model.
 - c. Identify appropriate development techniques for remaining hillsides in the city and, where necessary, amend development regulations related to preservation and treatment of steep slopes and slide areas.
 - Update and enforce the steep slope ordinance to provide for adequate protection and to ensure it reflects modern building practices.
 - Restrict hillside development in places where necessary to protect damage to adjoining properties.
 - d. Develop regulations that encourage infill development in order to reduce the demand for development on hillsides.
 - e. Encourage smart consumption by promoting recycling and composting.

Enhance and Restore the Natural Environment

2. Enhance, restore and replenish environmental resources throughout the City, such as waterbodies, open spaces and tree canopy.
 - a. Continue to support the Ohio/Licking River Ecosystem Restoration Project – USACE.

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- b. Continue to partner with other organizations, agencies and private development to make improvements to the Ohio River/Licking River/Taylor Creek riparian corridors.
- c. Maintain and improve the quality and health of the current tree canopy.
 - Implement best practices
 - Plan for and fund annual tree maintenance.
- d. Increase and equalize the tree canopy cover among neighborhoods - all while maintaining public safety. (See City Website)
 - Utilize the existing tree canopy assessment to identify areas for additional tree plantings.
 - Equitably distribute public trees (planting plan exists) - outline desired streets, sidewalks, vacant lots, other public spaces/parks etc...
- e. Review, and refine as needed, current Development Regulations (recent refinement to city ordinance – needs possible revisions in zoning)
- f. Support community tree planting events.
- g. Educate property owners on the benefits of Best Management Practices that can be implemented on public and private property and ensure Development Regulations support these efforts.
 - Educate public on the benefits of tree preservation and tree planting on private property and to encourage owners to stop citywide tree canopy losses and to maintenance of a healthier urban forest.
 - Educate public on the benefits of stormwater management techniques that can be implemented on private property (i.e., rain barrels, rain gardens, porous paving).

Increase Access to Natural Areas

3. Increase Access to the Natural Environment
 - a. As part of public open space planning, enhance access to the City's natural resources including the Ohio and Licking Rivers and public parks.
 - b. Whenever possible develop trail systems through natural areas such as undevelopable hillsides,. (See also Goal 6)

Incorporate the Natural Environment by Design

4. Encourage land uses, building techniques, and materials that are environmentally sensitive, and celebrate the benefits of the natural environment:
 - a. Require new construction and redevelopment to be designed in ways that respect and take advantage of natural features and energy efficiency.
 - b. Adapt historic guidelines and ordinances to incorporate use of alternative/renewable energy systems on new and existing structures.
 - c. Adapt zoning and building codes to encourage community gardens, urban farming, beekeeping, stormwater management, etc.

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- d. Develop regulations that protect scenic views.
5. Implement and prioritize low-impact development and other types of green infrastructure strategies that may include naturalized stormwater features to reduce and manage stormwater runoff, such as rain gardens, landscaped swales and bioretention areas along roadways and greenways.
 - a. Work with SD1 and collaborate with other cities in the watershed to reduce and manage stormwater runoff through innovative gray and green infrastructure solutions (See also Goal 4)
 - b. Identify strategies to promote sustainable development practices that are beneficial for both the property owner and the community and ensure that new development is constructed in ways that limit the amount of impervious area, conserve natural resources by reducing stormwater runoff. (Rain barrels, porous pavers, etc.)
 - Promote incentives to encourage sustainable development practices and LEED certification, such as tax abatements or other incentives. *[City doesn't have resources, but can look for outside sources.]*
 - c. Update, where appropriate, zoning and development regulations to permit and encourage low impact development techniques.
 - Eliminate obstacles/barriers to securing approval of projects utilizing low-impact development techniques so they are as easy or easier to get approved.
 - Adapt city ordinance and/or zoning regulations to address stormwater downspout disconnects, where appropriate, and to ensure that stormwater is not redirected on adjacent property.
 - d. Identify and improve streetscapes in the city for use of green buffers and green infrastructure, where needed and when appropriate, in connection with future transportation improvements.
 - e. Maintain and enhance buffers and open space preservation along creeks, streams and rivers.
 - f. Explore opportunities to enhance impervious surface regulations and other strategies that improve water quality and quantity.
 - g. Consider the use of green infrastructure when improving existing parks or creating new ones.
 - Incorporate depaving strategies as much as possible in the design of new parks and upgrades to existing parks.

PLACES where Strategies are applicable.

- 10th Street, 4th/5th corridor, US 27, Route 9, Monmouth / York

SYNERGISTIC OBJECTIVES That Contribute To A Sustainable Environment.

See the noted Goals for specific strategies that address these objectives.

1. Implement low-impact development and other types of green infrastructure strategies that may protect and enhance the natural environment. (Goal 4 Well-Connected Infrastructure)
2. Increase access to the natural environment (i.e., rivers, trails, public parks) as part of public open space planning. (Goal 6- Healthy Community)
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Goal 6 Healthy Community Objectives & Draft Strategies

Newport will offer a high quality of life with healthy and active everyday tasks. We will utilize public space, including valuable parks and open space assets, to travel, gather, exercise, recreate, and promote a healthy lifestyle. Newport will have access to local food options, including community gardens. We will provide high levels of service for public safety.

WHAT MAKES A HEALTHY COMMUNITY? This goal focuses on

Existing Amenities & Programming

1. Preserve and enhance the **quality, location, facilities, amenities and programming** in the City's parks and open space assets.
 - a. Enhance community parks to provide amenities and recreational offerings that are welcoming to visitors throughout the year.
 - i. Identify resources
 - b. Enhance the riverfront as a cohesive public asset and both a regional and local destination that provides public access to the river, recreational use of the riverfront and a continuous walkway that connects Covington, Newport, and Bellevue.
 - i. Continue riverfront plans/grant research
 - ii. Identify ongoing capital funding
 - c. Identify amenities, recreational uses and facilities that are missing from the parks and collaborate to meet those needs (such as lights, water fountains, restrooms, bike racks, exercise equipment, wi-fi, running tracks/trails, basketball courts, accessibility/handicap features, swimming pools/spraygrounds, water features, batting cages, skate park, and pump track).
 - i. Parks inventory/plan needed
 - d. Strategically improve and program specific parks that are suffering from neglect to bring awareness and community interest to them.
 - i. Identify grant opportunities
 - ii. Identify annual ongoing capital funding
 - e. Work collectively with local and regional partners (i.e. Northern Kentucky Health Department - LiveWell NKY, St. Elizabeth, ReNewport, schools and other partners) to provide recreational and programming opportunities.
 - f. Fund and support a City parks and recreation commission.
 - i. Identify resources and partners

PLACES where strategies to enhance existing park facilities are appropriate:

- Festival Park
- Riverfront Commons
- Buena Vista enhancements
- Bernadette Watkins Enhancements

Received a grant in 2019 for bernadette watkins park playground. Works with outside NPRC, ReNEwport, an others on various initiatives (Fitness park, skate park, dog park, bike trail etc). Just finished up improvements at Mussman park. Runs only public pool in the County

New Parks & Open Space

2. Develop additional open space and park land to meet the current and future needs of the community along the riverfronts and throughout the neighborhoods.
 - a. Increase greenspace and access to greenspace amenities in underserved neighborhoods such as the West Side.
 - b. Evaluate future needs and locations for various types of recreation sites, open space, and recreation facilities based on demands and availability to the public
 - c. Partner with Newport Independent Schools to enhance and provide public access to existing school facilities and build new park/recreation facilities that focus on youth development and engagement.
 - d. Partner with local churches and other organizations to provide public access to existing outdoor recreational facilities.

PLACES where Strategies are applicable.

- West Side Neighborhoods
 - West Side Mixed-Use Redevelopment and integration with Licking River Greenway Trail
 - Central Park
 - Riverfront
 - Vacant lots and existing underutilized land
 - Cote Brilliante
3. Promote/encourage river-focused recreation activities.
 - a. Continue progress on constructing and connecting to local and regional land trails (i.e., Riverfront Commons, Licking River Greenway, Ohio River Trail) and water trails (i.e., Jacob Spears/Licking River Blue Water Trail).
 - b. Identify location(s) to create a public canoe/kayak launch for water trail recreation.

Access/Paths & Trails

4. Create attractive, inviting, and safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities, trails, and connections to local and regional community assets (i.e., schools, parks, destinations). (See also Goal 4)
 - a. Continue progress on constructing and connecting to local and regional recreational land and water trails.
 - (Riverfront Commons as a **braided network** of multi-use pathways along the river's edge, along the levee top, and behind the levee that connect over and through at multiple locations.
 - Licking River Greenway/Blueway/Trail as a **braided network** of multi-use trails that celebrate local history and the Jacob Spears/ bourbon story and promotes cultural tourism and recreation.
 - Ohio River Water Recreation Trail & Water Taxi as a regional corridor.
 - Purple People Bridge as a major regional connection to regional trails, assets and the Greater Cincinnati network, as the **crossroads** of a multi-state, multi-modal trail network.
 - b. Continue to evaluate and implement routes for enhanced bicycle routes along main roadways.
 - c. Provide general maintenance to support existing and future bike trails.
 - d. Install bike racks at community assets and identify other strategic locations for expanded bike infrastructure such as air and repair stations, restrooms, etc.
5. Enhance awareness, connectivity and access to well-maintained parks, open spaces and other gathering places
 - a. Consistent park signage and wayfinding for all City parks.
 - b. Promotion of parks and programming events (i.e., social media, city websites, electronic billboards).
 - c. Promote biking and walking as a viable mode of transportation, in addition to forms of recreation and exercise.

Healthy Food, Health Services & Safety

6. Ensure access to healthy food from local sources
 - a. Encourage neighborhood groceries and markets, farmers' markets, community and residential gardens, and other fresh and healthy food providers throughout the community as a means to provide healthy food options to all residents.
 - b. Promote community gardens throughout the city to encourage social interaction and healthy food choices.
 - Turn vacant lots into community gardens, with partnerships between residents and neighborhood organizations, schools, and local businesses to ensure long-term viability.
 - Update the zoning code to allow the use and ensure community gardens are well-maintained.

7. Increase health services for the community.
 - a. Coordinate with other local, regional, and state governments, public health departments, non-profit community groups, community members, and institutions to develop and address common community health goals; including them in the planning process with an understanding of each agency's role in planning and implementation.
 - b. Encourage health care facilities and services throughout the community, especially in underserved neighborhoods.
 - c. Ensure emergency medical facilities are geographically distributed to be accessible to all community residents.
 - d. Coordinate with local health departments, emergency management, and other organizations on prevention and response to natural and man-made environmental and health hazards.
8. Increase safety and prevent, reduce, and mitigate crime.
 - a. Acquire new technology and public safety equipment to enhance public safety (utilize a grant research team to ensure most efficient cost to taxpayers).
 - Improve city-wide surveillance systems:
 - ♦ Ingress/egress points of the city
 - ♦ Areas of heightened citizen complaint(s)
 - ♦ Traffic studies
 - Research gun-shot location detecting technology.
 - Develop public safety 'Drone' program for better area mapping and planning.
 - b. Continue emphasis on 'Community Oriented' Policing and encourage direct communications between citizens and public servants.
 - Encourage community participation in neighborhood watch programs.
 - Encourage community participation in established monthly neighborhood meetings.
 - Encourage attendance to city sponsored neighborhood events.
 - c. Maintain and enhance 'Quality of Life Coordinator' position:
 - Examine specific issues for efficient resolution.
 - Encourage direct communication between citizens and public servants.
 - d. Offer program for victims in efforts to reduce repeat victimization.

SYNERGISTIC OBJECTIVES That Contribute To a Healthy Community.

See the noted Goals for specific strategies that address these objectives.

1. Preserve and enhance the quality, location, facilities, amenities and programming (i.e., Gateways) in the City's parks and open space assets. (Goal 2 – Meaningful Places)
2. Improve the Walking and Biking Infrastructure network. (See also Goal 4)

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3. Create attractive, inviting, and safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities, trails, and connections to local and regional community assets (i.e., schools, parks, destinations). (Goal 4 – Well Connected Infrastructure)
4. Adapt zoning and building codes to encourage community gardens, urban farming, beekeeping, etc. (Goal 5 – Natural Environment)
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Goal 7 Good Government Objectives & Strategies

Newport will continue to provide effective local governance in order to foster an overall high quality of life for our citizens. The City Government will continue to be accessible, open, and fiscally responsible. We will work with regional partners to leverage strengths and resources, and will make long term capital plans to maintain infrastructure and prepare for the future. We will preserve public safety and increase property values while continually looking for ways to improve our processes and collaborate with others for the benefit of the community.

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY GOOD GOVERNMENT? This goal focuses on the Newport's government

Consumer-Friendly City Government

1. Maintain and improve ease of conducting business with City Government.
 - a. Continue to simplify programs and processes for a higher level of customer satisfaction.
 - b. Work with developers, neighborhoods, and other organizations to solve problems and facilitate growth.
 - c. Embrace innovations (technology) with a continual quest for improvement.
2. Pursue collaboration and consolidation with county and other cities for purchases, provision of services and through other opportunities, and in ways that improve efficiencies.

Transparent & Open Government

3. Maintain and improve a culture of transparency.
 - a. Continue to provide annual reports on the status of projects, budgets and staffing.
 - b. Enhance ways to evaluate goals and ensure that activities and outputs meet those goals.
 - c. Continue to make informed, data-driven decisions.
 - d. Create a Marketing and Communications plan for the City, outlining current conditions and future actions related to consistent communications via the City's Website, newsletters, press releases and press conferences, social media, events, and annual / ongoing publicly facing activities, that will include messaging for specific target audiences (such as neighborhoods, underserved populations, businesses including for recruitment purposes, visitors and city employees).
 - Increase the amount of information posted online.

Capital Planning

4. Practice responsible budget management through capital planning.
 - a. Implement a Coordinated Capital Investment Strategy.
 - b. Utilize adopted city plans and standards to guide the design of transportation projects and decision making involving capital improvements to roadway infrastructure.
 - c. Develop and maintain a policy of making equitable Investments in city neighborhoods & business districts.