

Elements: Land Use



Goals

1.	Prioritize infill and redevelopment for uses that are appropriate in areas where there is existing development and adequate utility service.
2.	Support various housing development styles, such as single-family development, missing middle housing, cottage court housing, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) (where feasible and appropriate) and multi-plex units.
3.	Distinguish lake development requirements from other development locations.
4.	Prioritize mixed-use and walkable/bikeable development and redevelopment.
5.	Plan for new and large scale non-residential development.
6.	Preserve the character of existing neighborhoods.
7.	Preserve scenic views of major lakes in La Porte.
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Objectives

1.	Update the zoning ordinance and subdivision control standards to reflect new uses and community priorities.
2.	Require connectivity for non-vehicle transportation modes.
3.	Building flexibility into development through use of planned development.
4.	Use incentives to support development that is desired but where there is not a demonstrated local market.
5.	Allow for adaptive reuse of historic structures appropriate for the character of the area.
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Elements: Transportation



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1.	Limit non-delivery truck traffic and use the grid more effectively downtown to reduce congestion.
2.	Improve downtown mobility and accessibility by implementing strategies to address parking, such as expanding off-street parking, exploring shared-use agreements, and optimizing on-street parking turnover.
3.	Implement traffic calming measures in high foot-traffic areas to encourage walkability.
4.	Fund and build out sidewalk and bike paths, and address gaps in the network.
5.	Implement bike racks and encourage their use as the bike path and sidewalk network expands.
6.	Implement greenway and blueway projects identified in local and regional plans.
7.	Plan for connectivity for future bus and/or rail transit.
8.	Plan for development to have a 10-min walk to a park.

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Objectives

1.	Support and advocate for new transportation connections to provide alternative routes for trucks.
2.	Install traffic calming measures downtown to improve walkability.
3.	Study and implement parking solutions downtown.
4.	Study and implement recommendations for pedestrian safety areas.
5.	Complete the sidewalk network.
6.	Complete the trail network.
7.	Install elements that support using non-vehicle modes for transportation between destinations.
8.	Complete the greenway and blueway planned network.

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Elements: Utilities



Goals

1.	Promote smart annexation through utility feasibility.
2.	Support economic development with targeted utility investment.
3.	Support resilient infrastructure for improved utility operations.
4.	Encourage expansion of broadband/ fiber access to underserved areas.
5.	Modernize aging infrastructure to strengthen the long-term health of the utility network.
6.	Implement lead service line reduction throughout the community to address known public health issues.
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Objectives

1.	Develop an annexation strategy that identifies readiness, including utilities, while recognizing that annexation is voluntary and generally occurs with development.
2.	Pursue grants for infrastructure improvement in economic development areas.
3.	Review and revise utility maintenance and coordination policies.
4.	Include broadband access as a utility in development planning.
5.	Identify service gaps and areas needing improvement in the utility networks.
6.	Incorporate green infrastructure where possible to address current issues and provide for future needs.
7.	Develop a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) that includes coordination between utilities and providers.
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Elements: Housing



Goals

1.	Balance residential and retail parking in mixed-use buildings and areas.
2.	Update the zoning ordinance to allow mixed-use and missing middle housing options.
3.	Require new housing development to connect to the existing sidewalk and bike path networks and parks or green spaces.
4.	Support various housing development styles, such as single-family development, cottage court housing, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) (where feasible and appropriate), and multi-plexes.
5.	Encourage infill and redevelopment in existing neighborhoods that is consistent with the neighborhood character.
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Objectives

1.	Develop a comprehensive parking management plan for mixed-use districts.
2.	Update outdated policies in the zoning ordinance and subdivision control ordinance.
3.	Support non-vehicle transportation options to limit the need for excessive parking.
4.	Increase community understanding of housing diversity.
5.	Retrofit existing neighborhoods lacking connections.
6.	Promote housing variety through partnerships and incentives.
7.	Create an incentive program to support owners with historic home renovation.
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Elements: Economic Development



Goals

1.	Invest in public infrastructure and amenities that support business growth and attract residents and visitors.
2.	Encourage economic diversification by supporting a mix of industries, including manufacturing, technology, tourism, and small business, to reduce dependence on any single sector.
3.	Partner with local schools, training programs, and employers to build a skilled workforce that meets current and future industry needs.
4.	Encourage and incentivize development that brings jobs for residents that pay a livable wage.
5.	Incorporate quality of place considerations into economic development investments.
6.	Plan for enough land to be available for economic development opportunities in appropriate areas.
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Objectives

1.	Plan for and coordinate transportation, utility, and workforce needs for significant land users.
2.	Develop and launch a media and meetup system for young adults based on Livin' the Lake Life.
3.	Work with existing and emerging workforce development organizations to open and maintain communication channels that grow the connections between employers and the workforce.
4.	Incentive job creation that pays a livable wage.
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Elements: Quality of Place



Goals

1.	Establish a strong and inclusive identity that reflects La Porte’s history, diversity, and shared community values to foster pride, connection, and long-term investment.
2.	Market and reestablish downtown as the primary destination for entertainment and retail.
3.	Preserve, maintain, and invest in parks and recreation spaces and activities.
4.	Support a high-quality education system by partnering with schools to align community development with student success and lifelong learning opportunities.
5.	Celebrate local history and preserve historic structures when and where appropriate while maintaining effective opportunities for reuse and redevelopment.
6.	Invest in arts and culture throughout the community.
7.	Provide for gathering and experience spaces in the community.
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Objectives

1.	Enhance and accelerate the initiatives already in place.
2.	Create a welcoming atmosphere where residents and visitors feel comfortable.
3.	Infuse La Porte’s culture and history in the built environment.
4.	Develop a culture of healthy lifestyles and activities throughout the City of La Porte.
5.	Continue partnerships schools to extend educational opportunities.
6.	Focus art and cultural activity investment downtown and in the parks.
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