

CHAPTER 6 – GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

After reviewing the community input and considering the existing conditions background information, the planning commission established goals and objectives. These goals and objectives will provide guidance to the Krakow Township planning commission and board.

Quality of Life

Goal: Maintain and enhance the overall quality of life of Krakow Township.

Objectives:

1. Implement stated objectives that will improve the overall quality of life for township residents.
2. Strive to balance future growth and development in the Township while maintaining its rural and waterfront character.
3. Promote the use of a Community Center for social, cultural and recreation programs to serve the residents of the township.
4. Promote the quality of life in Krakow Township in order to recruit new families to the Township.
5. Keep apprised of and continue to educate members of the Planning Commission regarding the Medical Marijuana issue.
6. Encourage public feedback regarding ongoing efforts to improve the Township's quality of life.
7. Work cooperatively with agencies and organizations:
 - a. To establish community social programs and events oriented towards different age groups.
 - b. To establish educational programs of domestic importance for local residents (gardening, homemaking, carpentry, etc.).
 - c. To provide a variety of community recreational programs for both seasonal and year-round residents.
 - d. To promote public safety programs.
 - e. To involve residents in local landscape and gardening programs.

Community Character

Goal: Maintain and enhance the appearance and character of Krakow Township.

Objectives:

1. Preserve the integrity of existing neighborhoods and residential areas by protecting them from the intrusion of incompatible uses.
2. Enhance community gateways through the implementation of land use controls, landscaping and screening.
3. Strive to balance future growth and development in the township while maintaining its rural character.
4. Investigate the implementation of conservation-based open space or cluster development options as a means to protect community character.

Planning and Community Development

Goal: Guide future development in a manner that will protect existing development; preserve rural community character; and conserve natural resources and environment, yet meets the long-term needs of the community.

Objectives:

1. Implement the Krakow Township master plan by updating the Township zoning ordinance.
2. Control the location of new development by designating appropriate areas for new residential, commercial, industrial, and resort/recreational land uses.
3. Concentrate new commercial and service uses along US-23.
4. Concentrate more dense residential development such as single family subdivisions, multi-family residential and elder housing complexes adjacent to populated areas of the community. These areas with higher density developments should be served by parks and non-motorized facilities to promote a walkable community atmosphere.
5. Revise landscape requirements for new development, such as appropriate setbacks, retention of green space, buffer zones between differing land uses, screened parking areas, and roadside landscaping.
6. Develop open space residential, commercial and industrial development design standards to preserve scenic views, rural character, farmland, meadows, woodlands, steep slopes and wetlands with a target of preserving 50 percent of the land within a development.
7. Review regulations and standards to protect the community against high noise levels and exterior lighting glare.
8. Implement access management standards along US-23.
9. Evaluate the establishment of a waterfront overlay district that will set forth consistent special requirements and standards for development along designated waterfronts.
10. Provide standards that regulate the placement and size of cellular towers, communication towers, transmission towers and wind turbine generators.
11. Review blight ordinance and consistently enforce to work towards improving the quality of housing and protecting property values.
12. Enforce all ordinances in a consistent and fair manner.
13. Promote walkable communities by developing trails, sidewalks and safe pedestrian crosswalks in developed areas of the Township.
14. Increase safety and reduce the visual impact of on-site and offsite signs and billboards, by controlling their size, number, illumination, and configuration.
15. Cooperate with county and regional efforts to promote a Community "Fire Wise" education program to protect existing and new development from wildfires
16. Require use of "Fire Wise" strategies for new subdivisions, condominium developments, and multi-family residential complexes, and any development requiring site plan review.
17. Develop standards for private roads and shared road access.

Residential Areas

Goal: Allow for suitable housing opportunities for all income levels and age groups, including year-round residents and seasonal residents.

Objectives:

1. Designate areas appropriate for all types of residential development including single family, multi-family, elderly housing, condominium, low to moderate income housing, and extended care facilities.
2. To preserve open space and vital natural resources, provide the development option of clustered housing in buildable portions of the Township.
3. Site new residential development in a manner that protects the rural character and scenic views by maintaining proper setbacks and providing landscaping screening as appropriate.
4. Encourage existing housing stock and neighborhoods to be kept in good repair, appearance, usefulness and safety.
5. Require adequate buffers and transition areas between residential and nonresidential uses to maintain property values and visual attractiveness.
6. Preserve the integrity of existing residential neighborhoods by protecting them from intrusion of incompatible uses.
7. Encourage mobile home development within specially planned and developed mobile home parks.
8. Enforce zoning ordinances and building codes, and study the new and creative ideas of performance building codes and land-use based zoning ordinances.

Commercial Areas and Activities

Goal: Promote a varied business environment, and encourage the development and expansion of businesses to meet the needs of residents and tourists, while preserving the natural environment and rural character of the community.

Objectives:

1. Guide commercial development into commercial nodes within areas of greater density through the master plan and zoning ordinance.
2. Develop and utilize planning and zoning techniques, such as clustering, shared parking, access management, and landscaping to regulate commercial development along primary county roads and US-23.
3. Make parking (public and private) needs a consideration for all expansions and new development.
4. Require landscape buffers where commercial uses are adjacent to other land uses.
5. Develop standards for home occupations and home based businesses to assure compatibility with existing surrounding residential areas.
6. Work with county and regional organizations to develop strategies for marketing the area as a tourism destination with recreational, cultural and historic components.
7. Regulate home occupations and home based businesses to assure compatibility with existing residential areas.
8. Improve safety and reduce the visual impact of signs, especially billboards, by controlling their size, number, illumination, and configuration.
9. Solicit those commercial enterprises, which are desired and will be supported by residents, to the township.
10. As the area increases in year-round residents, try to attract convenient commercial activities commensurate with year-round needs.
11. Encourage the design of commercial facilities in accordance with the rural setting.
12. Promote development in the township that is consistent with both its rural-

residential and recreation identities.

Industrial Land Use and Development Areas

At the present time, infrastructure to accommodate industrial is lacking, therefore, the township will direct industrial to communities with infrastructure and industrial parks.

Goal: Encourage the establishment of new light industries to diversify the local economy and to create more stability and self-sufficiency for the community.

Objectives:

1. Ensure that industrial uses are developed in an environmentally sensitive manner, are harmonious with the existing community and are located near access to state trunk lines.
2. Locate light industries and high tech industries that do not pollute the air, soil, or water nor offend because of noise, odor, or visual impact, in industrial zoned areas within the Township. Due to the lack of public water and sewer, these industries should not require high water usage or generate large amounts of septage.
3. Until adequate infrastructure is in place, direct industrial development requiring water and sewer to neighboring communities with industrial parks or sites.
4. As the township's residential development increases, minimize conflicts between residential activity and extractive and industrial activities.
5. Strictly regulate any industry's impacts on the environment in regards to air quality, water quality, noise level and traffic generation.
6. Require landscape buffers where industrial uses are adjacent to other land uses.
7. Develop guidelines to ensure that extractive development takes place in an environmentally sensitive manner.
8. Require landscape buffers around extractive uses to screen adjacent properties and public roadways.
9. Establish criteria and require reclamation extractive areas after the operation is complete.

Infrastructure and Community Facilities

Goal: Improve the Township's transportation systems, community facilities, and public utilities to accommodate the needs of residents and visitors.

Objectives:

1. Work with the Presque Isle County Road Commission to plan for upgrading of roads, maintaining existing roads, and addressing vehicular and pedestrian safety at intersections and on roadways.
2. Continue to support Township road millage.
3. Maintain and when necessary upgrade Township Hall and fire station. Investigate outside funding sources such as grants, donations, low interest loans and foundations.
4. Develop a capital improvements plan to address the long term needs for road improvements, township hall maintenance, fire protection, emergency services, and community recreation.
5. Direct development to areas with existing infrastructure and where infrastructure is not adequate require developers to fund the upgrading of infrastructure to support proposed new development.

6. Seek grants through federal, state and other funding sources for infrastructure improvements, community facility improvements, and economic development projects.
7. Encourage the continuation and expansion of public transit to better serve the needs of senior citizens and other transit dependent Township residents.
8. Orient public facilities to accommodate and serve retired residents.
9. Investigate a wayfinding program designed to enhance tourism opportunities and promotion.
10. Promote, maintain, and expand recreational trails by working with County Road Commission, MDNR, MDOT, and user groups to connect community assets and connect with regional trail systems.
11. Limit commercial truck traffic to designated routes within the township. At the present time this limitation would apply to industrial extraction sites and commercial sites.
12. Insure local roads are designed to carry the traffic volumes generated by the land-use activity they serve.
13. Support and encourage the county-wide solid waste plan implementation.
14. Coordinate with Presque Isle County Sheriff Department and Michigan State Police to provide for adequate township-wide police protection.

Economic Development

Goal: Provide for economic growth that creates a diversified economic base and improves the competitiveness of the county's economy by enhancing employment opportunities for residents and the profitability of businesses and industries, while maintaining the community character and environment.

Objectives:

1. Strive to balance economic development with the rural character of the Township.
2. Encourage a diverse mix of new businesses.
3. Work with Presque Isle County Economic Development Corporation to improve existing business retention programs.
4. Continue to investigate and implement methods to develop high speed telecommunication service in rural areas, while maintaining a rural character.
5. Work with Presque Isle County Development Corporation to encourage economic expansion through the promotion and attraction of new businesses.
6. Ensure reasonable land use and development regulations and the development of infrastructure and facilities necessary to support economic development in a planned and managed way.
7. Support and cooperate with regional economic development organizations to explore ways that help promote and develop all of Northeast Michigan.
8. Encourage the expansion of infrastructure required to make the Township attractive to commercial, industrial, and home-based business.

Recreation and Public Lands

Goal: Preserve and improve access to public lands and water, and establish recreational trails and improve public parks for the enjoyment of residents, visitors and future generations.

Objectives:

1. Develop a Township Recreation Plan that identifies and prioritizes needed community

- recreation facilities.
2. Retain and where appropriate acquire public water access sites for residents, seasonal residents and visitors.
 3. Establish easily accessible, smaller "local" parks in residential areas to meet the needs of families with small children.
 4. Pursue grants and outside funding sources for land acquisition and/or recreational development, either passive or active.
 5. Work with the regional, state and federal agencies to create and expand recreation trails such as water, x-country skiing, hiking, biking, horse riding, ORV and snowmobile trails in the area.
 6. Support the development of non-motorized trails that connect parks, community centers and residential areas.
 7. Through zoning and review procedures, proposed subdivisions, site condominiums, planned unit developments, commercial and industrial developments should be encouraged to provide or participate in the development of neighborhood parks and open space.
 8. Encourage creative design and planning techniques such as PUD's, clustering and conservation easements, for all new development so as to maintain open space and scenic vistas.
 9. Maintain communication with the Department of Natural Resources to provide input into the usage and management of the public lands within the Township.
 10. Support the Department of Natural Resources activities related to improvements to Thompson's Harbor State Park, such as additions to the park, recreational activities, trails and trail connectivity with the State Parks as consistent with the management plans developed for those facilities.

Government

Goal: Provide services in an efficient, cost effective, environmentally responsible and caring manner to meet the needs of the residents, property owners, business people and visitors.

Objectives:

1. Ensure a responsible fiscal policy and budget process to finance the Township government.
2. Support intergovernmental and regional cooperation on issues of mutual concern.
3. Continue to work with Presque Isle County to provide emergency services to Township residents.
4. Maintain communication with the Department of Natural Resources to provide input into the usage and management of the public lands and parks within the Township.
5. Promote the involvement of volunteers in the government process.
6. Investigate ways to coordinate and collaborate with other local units of government.
7. Explore joint meetings and areas of coordination or cooperation with other local planning commissions.
8. Investigate ways to generate economies of scale and cost savings through collaboration and coordination with other local units of government.
9. Continue to participate in local meetings of the Michigan Township Association.
10. Continue to work with NEMCOG on local and regional planning activities.
11. Work with the Township Board:
 - a. to deliver township services in a wise and efficient manner.

- b. on planning for future issues impacting Krakow Township.
 - c. to ensure continued funding and support for the Krakow Township Planning Commission.
12. Focus on cross-jurisdictional issues when reviewing community master plans and zoning ordinances.

Goal: Communicate effectively with the public.

Objectives:

1. Continue to use the Township Website to communicate and provide access to township government activities. This includes posting required forms and permits, publishing Planning Commission and Township Board meeting agendas, notices, and minutes electronically.
2. Inform the public about the scope and value of Township services.
3. Encourage public feedback on issues impacting Krakow Township.
4. Encourage public feedback from a wider array of Township residents, including younger and newer residents.
5. Due to the high percentage of seasonal and non-residential landowners use mailed or web based surveys to solicit community input.

Goal: Implement effective blight and nuisance controls within the Township.

Objectives:

1. Work with the Township Board to implement and enforce effective regulations to control blight and nuisances.
2. Implement a civil infraction ordinance to address blight and nuisance violations.
3. Investigate the feasibility of multiple local units of government adopting and enforcing uniform blight and nuisance control regulations.
4. Work with the Township to increase public awareness regarding the need for blight and nuisance regulations.

Overall Resource Conservation Goal

Goal: The overall goal of the Resource Conservation Element is to preserve and maintain the ecological, visual, forest, wetland and scenic resources of the Township, preserve the environment and maintain and enhance the overall quality of life for Township residents.

Why protect nature in our community?

- Natural areas enhance the quality of life for residents and help define community identity by connecting residents to the natural landscape.
- Healthy, functioning natural areas provide recreational opportunities including hiking, fishing, bird watching, and nature study.
- Natural landscapes soften the hard edge of urban built-up areas with the greenery of leaves, the many colors of flowers and fruits, the smell of blossoms and the sounds of birds.
- Parks and open space enhance the economic value of the area. Open lands cost less in services than other uses, and add to the value of properties nearby.
- Natural landscapes have many environmental benefits- they control erosion, help retain stormwater, help clean the air of pollutants, protect surface water quality, mitigate global

warming by absorbing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, and help shelter and cool our homes. All of these services are provided absolutely free.

- Future generations will enjoy the legacy of today's efforts to protect our natural heritage.
- Spiritual Values – "A sense of place, a sense of wellbeing, a quiet place to look inward, feeling at one with the earth," there are many ways people express the spiritual values associated with spending time in natural areas.

Collaboration

There are great benefits to communities working together. Watersheds, streams, ecological corridors and wildlife have a complete disregard for political boundaries. The interconnected web of life, the "green infrastructure" was established long before the land area was divided into political units. Without question, the actions of one community can have a direct impact on the resources in an adjacent community. Therefore, it is imperative that adjacent communities coordinate land use planning and development activities. Working together to protect critical area-wide resources and to improve and re-establish degraded ecological corridors is a win-win scenario for all communities.

Goal: Use a collaborative approach to protecting and managing natural systems by forming partnerships with local, regional, state and federal agencies, adjacent units of governments, county government, and resource organizations.

Objectives:

1. Participate in organized efforts to manage and protect the community's natural and water resources including, state forest lands, Thompsons Harbor State Park, private forest lands, Grand Lake, Long Lake and Lake Huron.
2. Encourage local organizations, businesses, government agencies, educators and private citizens to become active participants in natural resource protection in the community through voluntary conservation programming.
3. Work cooperatively with communities, agencies and organizations to develop studies and institute programs that address watershed, woodlands, wildlife and ecosystem management.
4. Support studies that identify ways in which to protect critical resources, wildlife habitat, water resources, ecological corridors, scenic areas and vistas, and other important ecological resources.
5. Participate in organized efforts to manage and protect the community's natural and water resources, such as NRTH Citizens Advisory Committee, Thompson's Harbor State Park and Friends of Thompson's Harbor State Park.
6. Establish an informal watershed based community collaboration planning committee with the adjacent townships of Alpena and Presque Isle to discuss common resource related issues, and work towards more consistent planning and land use regulations related to water resource protection. The three communities have waterfront on Lake Huron and Long Lake with two sharing Grand Lake.
7. Support and implement appropriate sections of the Grand Lake/Coastal Watersheds Management Plan and Karst Groundwater Protection Study.
8. Invite guest speakers (DNR, Cooperative Extension, US Fish and Wildlife Service, NOAA, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Presque Isle Conservation District, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, Huron Pines RC&D Council, Audubon, Chamber of Commerce, etc.) to lecture or hold discussions on all aspects of the natural environment.

9. Hire or provide an internship for a seasonal naturalist or environmental education teacher to present public nature programs and activities.
10. Work with local libraries to make resource reference and educational materials available to residents of the community.

Farm and Forest Lands

Goal: Recognize the importance of agricultural lands as an economic base, heritage, and way of life in Krakow Township.

Objectives:

1. Promote agricultural growth and recognize the importance of small family farms in Krakow Township.
2. Maintain and provide for the preservation of farmland and woodlands.
3. Discourage the conversion of farmland into other more intensive uses. Recognize farmland as contributing to the scenic and rural character of the Township.
4. Discourage residential and farming land use conflicts.
5. Encourage the use of "Purchase of Development Rights", "Transfer of Development Rights", Clustering, and Conservation Easements to help farmers retain their agricultural acreage.
6. Recognize farmland as part of the Township's active economic base and potential source of jobs for Township residents.
7. Maximize the most beneficial agricultural use of agricultural lands in Krakow Township, while encouraging environmentally sensitive farming practices to protect local surface and ground water quality without unnecessarily limiting the economic rights of agricultural landowners.
8. Encourage agricultural landowners to work cooperatively with supportive public agencies, such as the local Michigan State University Extension, Presque County Conservation District, USDA, and National Resource Conservation District offices.
9. Allow farmers to produce, process, and market at wholesale and retail the products grown on their property.
10. Amend Zoning Ordinance to include regulations which encourage and promote agricultural tourism activities.
11. Educate residents and local officials on Michigan's Right to Farm Act.
12. Encourage the use of Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices (GAAMPs).
13. Address the issues of improperly managed human waste used on agricultural lands.

Goal: Support the retention of the forestry and agricultural land base as a viable resource and to insure they are a component of the economic diversity of the Township.

Objectives:

1. Support and provide for the conservation of public and private forests through master plan and zoning.
2. Encourage use of best management practices and science based forest and wildlife management activities on public and private lands in the township.
3. Participate in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forestry Planning activities for lands within the Township.
4. Support the retention of agricultural lands, forest lands and ecological corridors through available mechanisms such as open space/cluster development and farmland

agreements, forest stewardship programs, and conservation easements, as well as zoning incentives.

Resource Conservation

Local planning and zoning are the primary tools communities can use to encourage the use of lands in accordance with their character and adaptability, to limit the improper use of land, and to conserve natural resources and energy.

Goal: Develop planning & zoning strategies that recognize the land's environmental constraints; consider level of infrastructure available/needed; support concept of sustainable development.

Objectives:

1. Plan for a land use pattern that is oriented to the natural features and water resources of the area by evaluating:
 - a. type and density of proposed developments based on soil suitability;
 - b. slope of land;
 - c. potential for ground water and surface water degradation and contamination;
 - d. compatibility with adjacent land uses;
 - e. and impacts to sensitive natural areas like wetlands, greenways and wildlife corridors.
2. Review model ordinance language in the DEQ Filling the Gaps publication and consider use of resource overlay zones; environmental assessment requirements; fees for professional reviews; sensitive areas protection, PUD/cluster development, conservation cluster residential development; site plan review standards; shoreline protection provisions; recommended setback distances; stormwater management guidelines; greenbelt provision language; groundwater protection standards; and coordinated permit review and approval procedures.
3. Adopt zoning and development design standards to supplement State and Federal laws pertaining to wetlands and water resource protection.
4. Encourage the use of native plants for reforestation, wildlife habitat, street and neighborhood trees, landscaping, parks and roadside corridors, by providing a list of recommended native plants.
5. Enact guidelines for, and encourage the use of cluster development that follows a creative design, retains open areas, indigenous vegetation, and other natural features.
6. Review and update groundwater protection and stormwater management regulations in the community's zoning ordinance.
7. Review keyhole development regulations for waterfront areas.

Goal: Support the long term conservation the natural environment by protecting groundwater, surface water, environmentally sensitive areas, shorelines, and highly erodible areas; and supporting proper management of woodlands, wetlands, open space, fish and wildlife.

Objectives:

1. Limit development on steeply sloped areas. Require erosion control measures where construction is permitted. Require slope stabilization and revegetation on disturbed

- slopes or in extraction areas.
2. Preserve topography such as slopes, valleys and hills by limiting the amount of cut and fill during site development.
 3. Integrate wetlands, woodlands and meadows into site development as aesthetic and functional features.
 4. Encourage the retention of agricultural lands, forest lands and ecological corridors through available mechanisms such as open space and farmland agreements, forest stewardship programs, and conservation easements, as well as zoning incentives.
 5. Encourage the use of native plant species and naturalized landscape designs, where appropriate, to enhance the community's existing character.
 6. Use natural landscaping, where appropriate, in community parks and around public facilities.
 7. In recognizing the importance of trees in the suburban environment, encourage the retention of existing native trees and the establishment of street and shade trees in residential neighborhoods and commercial developments.
 8. Encourage county departments to effectively administer and enforce regulations such soil erosion and sedimentation control and adopt needed ordinances such as storm water control.
 9. Support natural resource education and technical programs that assist landowners, businesses and communities.
 10. Due to negative impact to groundwater and surface water resources, discourage the establishment of large Confined Feeding Operations (CFOs).
 11. Identify non-protected areas within the community that present opportunities for protection, prioritize those areas to maximize biodiversity and community benefits, preserve priority areas using all available resources and techniques.
 12. Encourage the preservation, enhancement and restoration of critical wildlife habitat and important ecological corridors.
 13. Promote responsible use of water access sites, Lake Huron shoreline and public lands.
 14. Encourage the preservation and management of plant communities that provide critical habitat for resident and migratory wildlife species.
 15. Support continued efforts to document presence of threatened and endangered species and communities and develop strategies to conserve those finite resources.
 16. Support an educational component to increase public awareness about causes of and methods to prevent the spread of invasive species.
 17. Sponsor local workshops that focus on water quality, woodlands, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and wildlife habitat. Workshops should also have a field trip component.
 18. Support efforts of the Michigan Sea Grant and the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative "Placed Based Education Program" with local schools.
 19. Support efforts to preserve priority conservation areas through Voluntary Conservation, Conservation Easements, Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) and Fee Simple Purchase.
 20. Direct development away from wetlands, environmentally sensitive areas and high risk erosion areas.

Water Resource Protection

Goal: Preserve and improve surface water and groundwater resources that are essential to the Township's short-term and long-term economic viability and the overall quality of life for Township residents.

Objective:

1. Regulate the density and type of residential and commercial development adjacent to lakes, ponds, streams, and wetlands.
2. Improve greenbelt areas adjacent to lakes, ponds, streams, and wetlands by reviewing and updating the greenbelt section in the zoning ordinance.
3. *Work cooperatively with private landowners in partnership with local, regional and state agencies to restore and protect natural buffers along the edges of streams, lakes and wetlands.*
4. Evaluate the establishment of a waterfront overlay districts that will set forth consistent special requirements and standards for development along designated waterfronts.
5. *Adopt area-wide stormwater management ordinances to regulate the conveyance, containment and treatment of stormwater run-off.*
6. Assemble water resource educational packets on topics such as septic maintenance, establishing and maintaining greenbelts, lakescaping for water quality and wildlife, proper fertilizer use, and shoreline erosion control.
 - Make an application to local foundations to cover costs associated with assembling the educational packets.
 - Distribute the packets to waterfront landowners.
7. Coordinate with the Health Department in implementing regulations to require regular inspection and maintenance of septic tanks and other environmental alterations.
8. Preserve the scenic and fragile nature of waterfront property from the negative impacts caused by intensive development and provide areas for public access and enjoyment.
 - a. Consider development of a zoning district specific to waterfront properties in the Township.
 - b. Develop zoning restrictions that recognize the unique character and sensitive nature of waterfront property.
 - c. Encourage conservation easements on waterfront properties considered to hold scenic shoreline views.
9. Support the establishment of a program to provide technical assistance to waterfront landowners to: enhance greenbelts, improve wildlife habitat, protect water quality, promote “water friendly” lawn maintenance, maintain septic systems and protect threatened and endangered species.
10. Encourage the use of land and construction of new buildings in ways that protect groundwater from contamination by ensuring storage and use of hazardous substances occurs only in places with adequate secondary containment, separation from wells, and away from drains that discharge into soil.
 - a. Review and if necessary amend the zoning ordinance standards related to groundwater protection.
 - b. Protect groundwater from pollution by addressing secondary containment, drain discharge location, and setback from wells in Site Plan Review standards.
 - c. Provide educational materials to citizens and stakeholders on protecting groundwater and on the outcome of groundwater monitoring.
 - d. The Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator will coordinate the Site Plan Review, and compliance inspections with the Health Department and Drain Commissioner.

Farm and Forest Lands

Goal: Support the retention of the forestry and agricultural land base as a viable resource

and to insure they are a component of the economic diversity of the Township.

Objectives:

1. Support and provide for the preservation of woodlands and farmland where feasible.
2. Support science based forest and wildlife management activities on public and private lands in the township.
3. Participate in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forestry Planning activities for lands within the Township.
4. Discourage the conversion of forestland and farmland into other more intensive uses. Consider larger lot zoning and open space/cluster development standards to maintain the resource base.
5. Encourage the retention of agricultural lands, forest lands and ecological corridors through available mechanisms such as open space/cluster development and farmland agreements, forest stewardship programs, and conservation easements, as well as zoning incentives.
6. Provide altered tax incentives.
7. Encourage farmers to be aware of and use any programs or educational means that are provided through agencies (NRCS, Cooperative Extension, Farm Service Agency, etc.) to better their farms.
8. Use legal tools to discourage residential development among productive farm lands.