

**APPENDIX A  
PRIOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS  
AND THEIR CURRENT STATUS**

Twinsburg's 2014 Comprehensive Plan provided goals, objectives and recommendations for each subject area evaluated. Prior goals and objectives are incorporated herein by reference as they remain valid and continue to affect policies and practices. The following paragraphs provide comments relative to each subject area's recommendations and the current status of each.

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

- Recommendation: Create housing options for empty nesters and young adults as part of the central area redevelopment effort.
- Status: New age-restricted rental housing has been constructed at Wilcox Meadows. Detailed planning for central area redevelopment is currently under way and will include a variety of housing opportunities.
- Recommendation: Develop more trails and passive facilities for all, but particularly for seniors and the physically impaired.
- Status: Liberty Trail connection has been completed linking the Twinsburg Liberty Road Trail to the trail provided in Reminderville and the City of Solon. This recommendation remains valid and actionable.
- Recommendation: Investigate potential opportunities to attract or develop cultural facilities and museums.
- Status: 9044 Church Street, the Moses Roach House, has been recommended listed on the National Register. Twinsburg Bank property represents an opportunity site for cultural facility or museum.
- Recommendation: Encourage community interaction by organizing events to engage all demographic groups.
- Status: This recommendation remains valid but its implementation has been severely impacted by the current COVID-19 pandemic.

**HOUSING**

- Recommendation: Work with Summit County to make financial assistance available to low and moderate income and elderly households.
- Status: This recommendation remains valid. While referrals for assistance are being made, remote work policies at the County level have substantially reduced processes and response times.
- Recommendation: Participate in the Summit County Land Reutilization Program (Land Bank) to secure, stabilize, or demolish vacant and abandoned structures.
- Status: The City has utilized the Land Bank's Side Lot Program to acquire a number of vacant land parcels. To date, resolution of deteriorated properties has been through traditional enforcement of property maintenance regulations.
- Recommendation: Strengthen enforcement and increase citations issued for property maintenance violations.
- Status: The frequency of citations has increased along with the stronger enforcement of codes directed by a new Chief Building Official.

Recommendation: Encourage mixed use development including a variety of housing types in the central area.  
Status: Planning for a mixed-use redevelopment of a 10-acre portion of the central area is currently in progress.

## **LAND USE**

Recommendation: Encourage development of land consistent with the current zoning.  
Status: PDA 1 – no change  
PDA 2 – developed consistent with zoning  
PDA 3 – no change  
PDA 4 – developed consistent with zoning  
PDA 5 – no change  
PDA 6 – re-zoned to R-5 and developed with substantial preserved open space  
PDA 7 – no change  
PDA 8 – currently in planning for development consistent with zoning  
PDA 9 – no change  
PDA 10 – developed consistent with zoning  
PDA 11 – no change  
PDA 12 – no change  
PDA 13 – no change, re-zoning recommendation still valid  
PDA 14 – no change  
PDA 15 – no change  
PDA 16 – partially developed consistent with zoning  
PDA 17 – partially developed consistent with zoning  
PDA 18 – partial cemetery expansion, recommendation valid for remainder  
PDA 19 – no change  
PDA 20 – developed consistent with zoning  
PDA 21 – zoning changed on north half to R-5 and developed with open space  
PDA 22 – no change  
PDA 23 – no change  
PDA 24 – developed consistent with zoning  
PDA 25 – partially developed consistent with zoning  
Recommendation: Encourage redevelopment and improved aesthetics in the Ravenna Road corridor.  
Status: No change.  
Recommendation: Acquire remaining privately owned properties in Tinkers Creek corridor for flood damage reduction, habitat preservation and recreational trail development.  
Status: Two flood prone homes acquired and converted to open space.  
Part of the Duval property (Cannon Road) secured for trail development.

## **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**

Recommendation: Provide capital improvements in the central area to attract and support investment, improved image, and connectivity.  
Status: Detailed planning for redevelopment of a 10-acre portion is currently being undertaken, including capital improvements anticipated to be funded by private investment and tax increment financing of public use elements.  
Recommendation: Continue participation in KSU's Entrepreneur-in-Residence Program.

Status: KSU's program has changed and is now focused on start-up assistance through its Launchnet Program.

Recommendation: Recognize and address business opportunities in health care, housing, and personal services represented by an aging population.

Status: No change

Recommendation: Continue the City's business retention and visitation program.

Status: Continued but significantly reduced due to COVID-19 meeting restrictions.

Recommendation: Seek opportunities to collaborate with Twinsburg Chamber and other organizations to benefit local business and industry.

Status: No change.

Recommendation: Support and strengthen local retail centers.

Status: No change.

Recommendation: Encourage more diverse retail and service businesses in the central area.

Status: No change, however, COVID-19 has had a significant impact related to restrictions on group gatherings, reduced in-person shopping, and restrictions on personal service businesses like beauty shops, barbers, etc.

### **CULTURAL RESOURCES**

Recommendation: Investigate potential to attract cultural facilities and museums.

Status: No change.

Recommendation: Work with local institutions to enhance cultural understanding and development.

Status: The Mayor's office has initiated and is conducting regular meetings of a Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee consisting of members from diverse backgrounds and affiliations to address related issues.

Recommendation: Incorporate public art in conspicuous locations as central area redevelopment occurs.

Status: Detailed planning for the first phase of central area redevelopment is currently being implemented and will include this consideration.

### **CENTRAL AREA**

Recommendation: Provide public infrastructure needed to support private sector investment.

Status: First phase redevelopment planning is underway and anticipates overall site planning that will include public infrastructure with cost sharing for infrastructure determined by proportionate use and benefit.

Recommendation: Increase multi-modal use potential.

Status: Detailed planning for the first phase of central area redevelopment is currently being implemented and will include multi-purpose trails, pedestrian considerations and public transit service.

Recommendation: Increase connectivity by adding connecting street sections.

Status: Detailed planning for the first phase of central area redevelopment is currently being implemented and is anticipated to include new local roadway sections.

Recommendation: Use the Old School property as an asset to leverage additional adjacent land development.

Status: Detailed planning for the first phase of central area redevelopment is currently being implemented which will utilize the Old School property to encourage adjacent development.

- Recommendation: Tie open space elements of the Tinkers Creek corridor to central area redevelopment.
- Status: Detailed planning for the first phase of central area redevelopment is currently being implemented that will achieve this recommendation.
- Recommendation: Carefully plan development to include terminal views, public niches, broad sidewalks, public art and fountains, consistent streetscaping, setbacks and scale to achieve a public living space.
- Status: Detailed planning for the first phase of central area redevelopment is currently being implemented with consideration of the above by landscape architects and/or urban designers familiar with this recommendation.
- Recommendation: Provide traffic calming features to enhance public safety and accessibility.
- Status: Detailed planning for the first phase of central area redevelopment is currently being implemented with consideration of the above by landscape architects and/or urban designers familiar with this recommendation.

### **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE**

- Recommendation: Acquire remaining Tinkers Creek riparian corridor properties to achieve continuous access, preservation, flood damage reduction and recreation.
- Status: Two flood prone homes acquired and converted to open space.  
Part of the Duval property secured for trail development. Recommendation remains valid and actionable.
- Recommendation: Develop extensions of existing trails to achieve a central spine from which connecting links and destinations may be accessed.
- Status: A "First Mile, Last Mile" trail plan has been prepared with assistance from a Connecting Communities Grant through AMATS which identified potential extensions and connections for future action by the City. Additionally, a land parcel has been acquired from part of the Duval property and an easement acquired through the Wilcox Meadows development area to be used for future trail extension. Central area redevelopment is anticipating extension of trails along the Tinkers Creek corridor within the development area.
- Recommendation: Provide playground and playfield opportunities for neighborhoods south of I-480 and in the Ravenna Road and Cannon Road corridors.
- Status: No change.
- Recommendation: Identify the location of, and limit access to, unique and sensitive environmental and cultural sites and secure their long-term preservation.
- Status: No change.
- Recommendation: Share open space and recreational planning elements with adjacent political units.
- Status: No change.
- Recommendation: Implement various improvements at Gleneagles Golf Course to compete with other facilities and increase rounds played.
- Status: Several improvements have been completed including new driving range, new clubhouse, restaurant and banquet facility, new irrigation system and controls.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- Recommendation: Evaluate widening Darrow Road to three lanes between Ravenna Road and Tinker's Creek Bridge.

Status: Project has been proposed to AMATS and is on long-term list for funding in the future.

Recommendation: Support central area development patterns that contribute new additional connections between major routes.

Status: No change.

Recommendation: Support loop road segments in new developments that provide multiple opportunities for ingress and egress.

Status: No change.

Recommendation: Evaluate intersection improvement alternatives at East Aurora Road/Darrow Road and Maple Drive/Ravenna Road/Church Street intersections.

Status: No change.

Recommendation: Program road widening for Chamberlin Road north of East Aurora Road, Hadden Road south to Highland Road, Highland Road between Hadden Road and Darrow Road, and Old Mill west to the corporation line.

Status: No change.

Recommendation: Supplement the existing road and trail system with multi-purpose trails and on-road bike lanes for recreational and transportation related bicycling.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Recommendation: Continue to engage the Environmental Commission in efforts to provide public education.

Status: No change.

Recommendation: Facilitate sustainability goals and objectives by development of a formal "Sustainability Plan."

Status: The current plan update is intended to address this recommendation.

Recommendation: Adopt complete streets standards and incorporate multi-modal transportation in new corridors.

Status: Central area redevelopment anticipates a new urbanism style where housing is integrated in a mixed-use pattern enabling greater connectivity and less auto dependence. Multi-modal transportation options and complete street components will be incorporated to the extent possible given right-of-way characteristics.

Recommendation: Continue to acquire riparian and flood hazard areas associated with Tinker's Creek to close gaps and ensure preservation of environmentally sensitive areas.

Status: Two flood prone homes acquired and converted to open space. Part of the Duval property secured for trail development. Recommendation remains valid and actionable.

Recommendation: Continue to work in partnership with local organizations like Summit Metro Parks and Summit Soil and Water Conservation District to facilitate land conservation and improved water quality within Tinker's Creek.

Status: No change.  
Recommendation: Consider adoption of landscape standards that focus on indigenous species and discourage the use of invasive or non-indigenous species.  
Status: No change.

#### **CITY SERVICES**

Recommendation: Coordinate capital improvement program elements to provide sanitary sewer service to all locations within the City, with priority given to extension of sewers to areas with failing septic systems.  
Status: No change.  
Recommendation: Encourage cable fiber optic service extension to industrial and commercial areas taking advantage of right-of-ways and easements controlled by the City.  
Status: Substantial service extension has occurred since the prior plan was completed. Extension of service has resulted in the elimination of gaps in service within the City.  
Recommendation: Implement wireless signal service in the central area.  
Status: Proliferation of smart phone technology has mitigated the need for wireless antennas provided by the City for public use.  
Recommendation: Coordinate the extension of utility services and replacement of services with road improvement program and other capital plan elements.  
Status: A variety of City projects have included replacement of water lines, storm sewers, sidewalks and other elements in coordination with road paving and reconstruction. This recommendation remains valid.  
Recommendation: Explore and implement measures to increase energy efficiency, energy conservation and service delivery cost savings.  
Status: No change. Current planning effort will address some of these issues.  
Recommendation: Continue to seek opportunities for collaborative efforts with other entities to achieve service delivery and cost savings.  
Status: No change.