

Chapter Fifteen

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Introduction

The strategies shown in the following tables are a summary of the recommendations described in the preceding Plan chapters. The tables include information concerning how and when the recommended strategies should be implemented. The strategies are organized in the same order they are presented in each Plan chapter with the corresponding page number in the first column of the table. Each strategy has been assigned a priority for completion as well as the group or groups who will primarily be responsible for its implementation. The primary method of implementation (ordinance, special study, etc.) is indicated in the last column of the table.

Timeframe for Completion

The four timeframes for the completion assigned to the implementation strategies should be interpreted as follows:

- Immediate: Strategies that should be implemented within the next one to two years. Immediate actions primarily apply to ordinance amendments that can be accomplished relatively quickly, or the first step in a long-term program.
- Short-Term: Strategies to be implemented within the next three to five years.
- Long-Term: Strategies to be implemented within the next five to ten years or when funding becomes available.
- On-going: Strategies that will require a continued effort. The initial action, if not already begun, should be undertaken in the next one to two years. These actions often involve monitoring or the continuation of existing programs.

Priorities

In addition to the timeframe for completion of the strategy, a priority of high, medium, or low has also been assigned to the strategies. These priorities represent the importance to the Township for initiating and completing various Plan recommendations. In general, most high priority items should be completed in an immediate or short-term timeframe. In some cases, a strategy might be considered a high priority, but the timeframe for completion may take place over several years because of the effort involved in its implementation.

Responsibility

The groups with primary responsibility for implementing a particular strategy are listed under this heading. Generally, the groups that have the most responsibilities assigned to them are the Planning Commission, Supervisors, or Township administration. In some cases, a special task force can be formed consisting of members from one or more of the main groups. In the case of ordinances or the comprehensive plan, it is assumed that the Board of Supervisors must adopt the proposed plan or ordinance, but primary responsibility is assigned to the Planning Commission for development of the document.

Progress Reports

In order to assess the effectiveness of the Plan, the Planning Commission should provide a progress report on the strategies implemented to further the goals of the Plan. These reports should be provided twice a year at the August and February meetings of the Board of Supervisors. At that time, the Planning Commission will reassess what actions should be taken to further the implementation of the Plan goals and objectives. The Comprehensive Plan should be re-evaluated annually and updated as deemed necessary by the Planning Commission to reflect the current needs and policies of the Township.