

Glenside Neighborhood Master Plan Projects

Improve and expand the business corridor along Sherman Boulevard.

Businesses along Sherman are within walking distance of most Glenside residents, but the presence of heavy and fast-moving traffic on the street and the resulting parking lot frontages makes the business corridor uninviting to those outside of vehicles.

Maintain a healthy tree canopy with an abundance of oak trees.

Most of Glenside's iconic oak trees are located on private property, making maintenance the responsibility of property owners. The expertise of the City's Forestry Department helps with planting of new trees in public areas, but could be expanded with guidance and education for homeowners.

Create a complete sidewalk network throughout the neighborhood.

Despite most streets carrying light traffic at slow speeds, missing sections of sidewalk leave residents with an incomplete network. Priority should be guided by resident input.

Connect Glenside to the Lakeshore Trail.

No formal non-motorized path exists between the Lakeshore Trail and the neighborhood, but uninterrupted public park space connects the two. An appropriate route could be determined with resident input, and a paved trail could be established.

Connect the Glenside and Lakeside neighborhoods with non-motorized paths.

A non-motorized connection between these neighborhoods could replace an established – though informal – footpath that utilizes a former railroad corridor.

What is a Master Plan?

The City of Muskegon Master Plan is designed to be a guide and strategy for future land use. It is intended for use by decision makers during the process of making choices between varied and often competing interests. The Master Plan:

- Serves as the basis for the City's various zoning districts
- Addresses land use & infrastructure issues; may project 20+ years into the future
- Working tool for planning-related recommendations and decisions by the Planning Commission
- Reviewed at least every 5 years, often incorporating standalone plans. Recent plans adopted as updates include:
 - 1999 Waterfront Redevelopment Plan
 - 2003 Imagine Muskegon Plan
 - 2008 Downtown & Lakeshore Redevelopment Plan
 - 2015 Downtown Parking Strategy
 - 2017 Imagine Muskegon Lake Plan
- The Master Plan defines the vision for the future, but is not a binding contract
- Changes to land use policy (e.g. zoning) determine the outcome
- The development patterns of the city are reflective of the land use policies in place (these have changed over time)
- Future changes will guide direction of future development.

Master Plan → City Policy → Development

Citywide Goals for Housing & Neighborhoods

Create a policy framework to provide housing choice within all neighborhoods.

Infill vacant residential lots with new housing options.

Create walkable neighborhood centers within a short distance of all residents.

New development that provides public amenities to all residents.

Encourage participation in neighborhood associations to create strong neighborhoods with invested residents empowered to address their common needs.

Reduce blight, dumping, and other negative external effects on neighborhoods.

Create linkages to parks and waterfront.

Strive to protect existing neighborhood residents from displacement as well as the cultural practices of diverse groups within the same space.