

Marquette Neighborhood Master Plan Projects

Create a bike path along Marquette Avenue.

The driving lanes on Marquette Avenue are excessively wide, leaving space to incorporate on-street bicycle facilities. Such a route would be an opportunity to connect to the larger non-motorized transportation network.

Reestablish a tree canopy over Marquette Avenue.

The terraces along Marquette Avenue are too narrow to support large species of trees – such as oaks, which are predominant in the neighborhood – so a public-private partnership could allow for trees to be planted on land owned by participating partners.

Create an identity for the Getty Street and Marquette Avenue intersection.

This underutilized, quasi-business corridor has the potential to become more of a community asset through the addition of more commercial, residential, or public space options.

Explore a community room addition at Fire Station #5.

Fire Station #5 on Marquette Avenue has potential for community event space/additions. The large outdoor space fronting Ducey Avenue provides an opportunity for building expansion or recreation. Additionally, it has been discussed in recent years to relocate this fire station. If that is pursued, the City should explore options to keep this facility as a community resource.

Create a landscape buffer between Broadmoor Street and US-31.

Some landscaping already exists in this area, but it is fairly sparse. A complete wall of various plant species could reduce noise and air pollution in the neighborhood.

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.