



## STREETSBORO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Located in northeast Ohio, the City of Streetsboro was facing several challenges. The city had no identifiable town core and had suffered from poor development and legal challenges arising from a poorly written zoning code and lack of a community plan. The citizens of Streetsboro voted to amend the city charter to mandate that all new rezoning had to go before a vote of the people. Our responsibility was to lead the community meetings, provide planning and design leadership, and oversee the production of the plan. Specific challenges included creating sustainable solutions to protect the city's abundant natural resources and environmental areas, creating a sense of community, and identifying ways to create a more defined town core.

Most critical was the need to generate feedback from the community, re-build trust between the citizens and the city leaders, and develop consensus around the planning effort. The final plan includes recommendations for areas such as housing, community services, transportation, environment, land use, economic development and community character. It also proposes strategies to recreate and revitalize the downtown including overlay district guidelines, a special improvement district and public/private partnerships.

