

LACONIA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN | **PLAN SUMMARY**

THE VISION

A VISION STATEMENT ISN'T ABOUT WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS TODAY BUT INSTEAD, IT IS ABOUT WHAT THE TOWN WANTS TO DO OR BECOME IN THE FUTURE.

Building upon a safe and involved community, Laconia will **preserve its rural character** while **improving the quality of life** for all residents. The town will focus on addressing **infrastructure improvements**, providing **entertainment options**, and promoting **local events**. Laconia will **improve upon its assets** and create a successful future for the town and its residents.

BIG IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE!

PLACEMAKING

1. **Gateways:** Continue to maintain and enhance the exiting gateway sign on S Hwy 11 SE.
2. **Local Festivals:** Continue to support the Celebrate Laconia Festival.
3. **Farmer's Market:** Partner with farmers and local vendors to develop a Farmer's Market.
4. **Public Art:** Partner with the South Harrison Community School Corporation and Harrison County Arts to establish a revolving art display at the community shelter.
5. **Entertainment:** Continue to promote the use of the community shelter for weekend entertainment, such as live music performances.

HISTORIC ASSETS

1. **Historic Marker:** Pursue funding for historic markers and signs to tell Laconia's story.

PARKS AND RECREATION

1. **River Access:** Coordinate with Harrison County and Mauckport to utilize a river access for small watercraft onto the Ohio River.
2. **Playground Equipment:** Seek funding to purchase additional lighting and playground equipment for the park.

LAND USE

1. **Housing Infill:** Encourage residential development in areas that align with the future land use map.
2. **Planned Growth:** Promote planned growth that supports business needs and demands while minimally impacting the surrounding agricultural land.

UTILITIES

1. **Stormwater Drainage:** Complete upgrades to the stormwater system to improve drainage and prevent flooding.
2. **Sewer Capacity:** Upgrade the sewer system for efficiency and explore feasibility to integrate into the Harrison County Regional Sewer District (RSD).
3. **Broadband:** Partner with local providers to enhance high-speed internet coverage, service, and cost.

TRANSPORTATION

1. **Road Improvements:** Reinforce the rural character of Laconia and increase safety through streetscape improvements and new construction.
2. **Local Roadways:** Upgrade current alleyways to meet local street standards.
3. **County Sidewalks:** Work with the county to repair and maintain complete sidewalks along Old Hwy 11.
4. **Local Sidewalks:** Expand the sidewalk system to both sides of Cross Street SE and North Tobacco Landing Road.

HOUSING

1. **Property Management:** Continue to clean up, rehabilitate, and/or demolish abandoned and substandard structures.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

1. **Community Programming:** Utilize the community center and community park to provide reoccurring recreation and wellness programs for all ages.
2. **Access to Health Care:** Promote the existing transportation services in the region to healthcare facilities for at-need residents.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. **Population Attraction:** Leverage local attractions to increase visitors and attract retirees to live in Laconia.
2. **Online Engagement:** Establish a web presence for the community.
3. **Funding:** Seek grant writing assistance from Harrison County Community Foundation for town improvements.