



Shared Use Trail Master Plan - Goals and Objectives

GOAL 1: IMPROVE THE EXISTING TRAIL NETWORK SYSTEM

Objective: Improve and expand the existing trail system to encourage bicycling, walking, and jogging for recreational use and non-vehicular travel to work, school, and shopping.

GOAL 2: FACILITATE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Objective: Provide multiple opportunities for residents of Yorkville and the surrounding area to provide input and ideas regarding the Integrated Transportation Plan. Accomplish this objective by establishing a task force and conducting a series of meetings with stakeholders, including local, county and state officials, business owners, land developers, property owners and citizens.

GOAL 3: PROVIDE CONNECTIVITY

Objective: Complete a network of trails that accommodate bicycle and pedestrian modes of travel especially to key destinations such as employment centers, residential neighborhoods, schools, parks, recreational facilities, civic uses, future transit stops and commercial centers.

Objective: Coordinate regional trail connections with adjacent and nearby municipalities with a special focus on Oswego, Millbrook and Plano. Other municipalities of consideration are Montgomery, Sugar Grove, Joliet and Plainfield.

GOAL 4: ENSURE SAFETY AND SECURITY

Objective: Improve overall safety and security of existing and future Shared Use Trail facilities for all users.

Objective: Initiate and sustain a Safe Routes to School Program making it safer for children to walk or bike to school.

Objective: Implement appropriate signage, lighting, pavement markings and comply with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards where feasible.

Objective: Make recommendations for implementing traffic calming techniques and minimizing conflict zones.

GOAL 5: DESIGN STANDARDS

Objective: Create standards and guidelines for the Shared Use Trail and streets to accommodate safe non-vehicular travel.

Objective: Provide guidelines and specifications for developing bicycle and pedestrian friendly streets.

Objective: Incorporate theme and design standards to integrate the community character within the trail system and focus on aesthetic quality.

GOAL 6: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Objective: Protect and enhance the Fox River watershed by utilizing Best Management Practices (BMP's) in the downtown area.

Objective: Emphasize the use of drought-tolerant and native trees, wildflowers and grasses along the Shared Use Trail.

Objective: Highlight the Fox River as a major component of the Shared Use Trail System.

GOAL 7: FUNDING

Objective: Explore and identify the use of available federal and state funding to construct and maintain future pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Objective: Ensure all public road improvements include bicycle or walking accommodations and/or contribute funds to the Shared Use Trail System.

Objective: Explore other revenue sources such as including the Shared Use Trail System in the annual capital expense budget and require new developments to contribute funds.

GOAL 8: CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS

Objective: Utilize Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) in order to blend the Shared Use Trail Plan with the character of Yorkville existing neighborhoods and the surrounding region.



Downtown Streetscape Plan Goals and Objectives

GOAL 1: DOWNTOWN AS A DESTINATION

Objective: Contribute to the revitalization of Yorkville's downtown and make it a destination by improving accessibility via walking and bicycling.

Objective: Improve access and visibility to the Fox River and integrate multiple recreational opportunities along the Fox River corridor.

Objective: Maximize riverfront opportunities such as the Riverfront Park, Riverwalk, canoe chute, fishing and other recreational amenities.

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GOAL 3: ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

Objective: Focus on local connections and implementing trail connections where gaps currently exist.

Objective: Improve pedestrian access to and between key elements such as the existing downtown storefronts, Riverfront Park, future plazas, key overlooks and the Fox River.

Objective: Focus on providing trails and walkways connecting the downtown core area to residential areas throughout Yorkville.

GOAL 4: THEME AND CHARACTER

Objective: Establish a unique and identifiable theme for the downtown.

Objective: Create ideas for "gateway" features to establish a sense of arrival into the downtown.

Objective: Identify theme features that can be replicated within the trail system (i.e. trail signage) to tie the downtown to the surrounding community.

GOAL 5: DESIGN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

Objective: Develop streetscape design standards and guidelines establishing a quality model for pedestrian environments to be consistent with in the course of future development in the downtown.

Objective: Create site design standards to require pedestrian friendly development in the downtown area.