

2019 Village Council Goals

GOAL 1:

Provide an **affordable community** with a high quality of life for a diverse resident base

Actions:

- Evaluate factors that could improve affordability of utilities, including:
 - utility rates
 - energy efficiency education
 - incentives for property improvements
- Utilize new YS Designated Community Improvement Corporation (DCIC) to achieve affordability goals
- Design strategies to preserve low- and moderate-income housing
- Complete a Community Health Assessment
- Review income/property tax requirements

Resources:

- Human Relations Commission
- Environmental Commission
- Planning Commission
- DCIC
- Citizens
- Local nonprofits

GOAL 2:

Promote **diverse** rental and home-ownership **housing stock**

Actions:

- Create a Housing Plan that includes:
 - Home, Inc. involvement
 - Possible zoning changes
 - Affordable Housing Fund
 - Identify funding sources
 - Buy-in from stakeholders
 - Housing development incentives
 - Existing housing preservation/rehab
 - Marketing plan
 - Rental and homeownership options in Glass Farm development
 - Completed Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Work with property owners, developers and stakeholders to further goals in the Housing Plan

Resources:

- For- and non-profit developers
- Private and public funders
- Antioch College
- YS Schools
- YS Senior Center
- Landowners
- Community Members
- Miami Township

GOAL 3:

Continue **infrastructure development** that promotes a resident- and business-friendly community

Actions:

- Research options to deliver improved/affordable broadband internet services
- Adopt Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Assess plans to improve water and electric distribution, sewer and storm water systems
- Finalize tree ordinance to balance tree canopy needs with infrastructure protection
- Continue to monitor source water protection area

Resources:

- SpringsNet
- MVECA
- Environmental Commission
- OEPA
- Citizens
- Planning Commission

GOAL 4:

Avoid a deficit budget

Actions:

- Design and implement a paid parking strategy to aid residents and local business
- Form community partnerships to maintain services like JBCP and ball field maintenance
- Evaluate levy renewal options
- Analyze village investments to improve revenue
- Identify other possible revenue streams
- Pursue grants and low-interest loan opportunities

Resources:

- Community groups
- Citizens
- Treasurer

GOAL 5:

Maintain a **diverse community** through proactive, anti-racist village culture

Actions:

- Examine village recruitment and retention policies
- Support inclusive/diverse arts and cultural events

Resources:

- Justice System Commission
- 365 Project
- Human Relations Commission
- Arts & Culture Commission
- Ohio Attorney General Diversity Liaison

GOAL 6:

Implement an **Economic Sustainability strategy** to support existing business and attract new business

Actions:

- Economic Development:
 - Develop a strategy focusing on localism and entrepreneurship
 - Develop tools including property inventory, web tools
 - Actively promote opportunities to developers and business
- Create CBE marketing plan to attract the best fit
- Plan for business expansion
- Explore business incubator/entrepreneur center
- Finalize plan for Dayton St/Railroad St property that complements bike trail

Resources:

- Vision Yellow Springs/Miami Township
- Business retention/Expansion Survey
- Smart Growth Task Force Report
- Citizens

- YS Chamber
- DCIC

GOAL 7:

Establish a **model Village Justice System** that supports a just, safe and welcoming community for all

Actions:

- Review progress of establishing Guidelines for Village Policing; a collaborative process between:
 - Village Council
 - YSPD
 - Justice System Task Force/Commission
 - Community partners
- Explore Village Justice System citizen review/advisory board
- Recommend policy addressing impact of local justice system on disadvantaged groups
- Update YSPD policy to reflect village values
- Increase public knowledge of YSPD policy
- Implement alternate policing approaches to drug addiction

Resources:

- 365 Project
- Village Mediation
- US Department of Justice
- TCN Behavioral Health
- NAMI – National Alliance on Mental Illness, local chapter
- Initiatives in other communities

GOAL 8:

Develop **integrated surface transportation infrastructure system**, including roads, sidewalks and bike trails

Actions:

- Develop strategy for sidewalk improvements
- Address high-priority areas, including:
 - W. South College St.
 - Dayton St.
- Incorporate Bike Friendly results
- Implement YS Active Transportation Plan
- Address needed Bicycle/Pedestrian amenities and signage

- Identify bicycle/pedestrian educational opportunities, including YS schools

Resources:

- Safe Routes to School study/plan
- Sidewalk research
- YS Active Transportation Committee/BikeYS
- MVRPC – Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission
- ODOT/ODH

GOAL 9:

Complete **protection** of key properties in **Jacoby Greenbelt**

Actions:

- Support Tecumseh Land Trust educational efforts
- Authorize financial matches as needed
- Develop plan to reclaim and safely utilize Vernay property

Resources:

- Tecumseh Land Trust partners
- Greenspace Fund
- Environmental Commission
- Citizens