

CHAPTER VIII - CONCLUSION

The Town of LeRay is at a crossroads. Recent growth has brought new conveniences such as shopping and services, new housing, and economic activity. Town residents and stakeholders want to leverage the growth of today to ensure that the LeRay of tomorrow is a town that all can be proud of. The comprehensive plan sets forth strategies and recommendations that build on LeRay's positive attributes, the things that make it special and unique, while planning and preparing for change. Having a proactive vision in place for how the town should look and feel in years to come will help to ensure that future decisions and development do not occur in a vacuum, but are guided by a community supported vision. New growth in some areas of town presents "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunities to create high-quality living and commercial environments that build long-term value. By phasing in amenities, such as trails and parks, with each new development, the town can ensure that incremental growth over time will add up to a the kinds of places that town residents have said that they want to live and do business in. Encouraging growth in focused areas of town also takes the pressure off of other, less built-up areas, which helps to preserve rural character and the working farms that are responsible for it.

People, jobs and employers are increasingly mobile and, more than ever before, pick and choose where they wish to settle down. A "high quality of life" positions a community to attract and retain investment and be fiscally healthy. In the end, while the comprehensive plan will provide guidance for the town to achieve its goals, it will be up to the people of LeRay to take the plan's ideas and recommendations from concepts to reality.

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