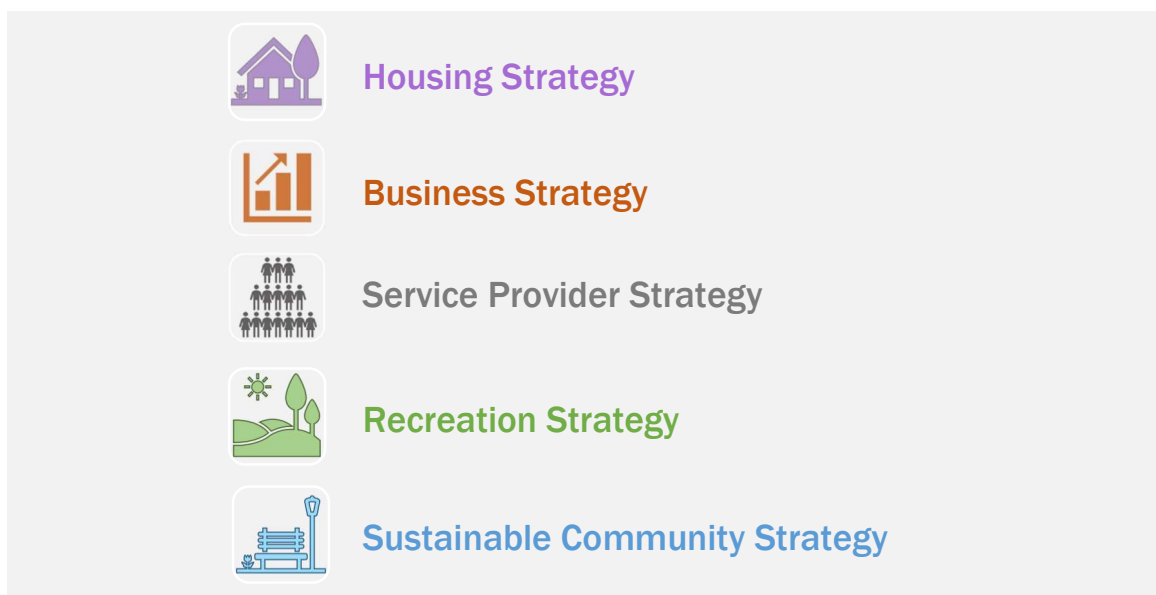


Destination Lock Haven

2023 Plan Accomplishments

The City of Lock Haven comprehensive plan, *Destination Lock Haven*, was adopted in April 2021 and provides demographic information, special studies, public engagement results, and goals for the future. The goals and action items are organized in five strategies and offer a framework of initiatives that, when implemented, achieve the goals as defined by the community. The plan's five strategies are listed below and color coded throughout this document.



The following pages outline the 56 priority goals addressed by various departments in 2023 and describes each action completed. A goal may be a continuous initiative or one-and-done project.



Housing Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Foster an attractive and sustainable housing market

Action

The city's Code & Zoning Office removed two deteriorated trailers on Third Avenue and issued permits to replace both trailers with new manufactured homes on permanent foundations.



Housing Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Implement and enforce the International Property Maintenance Code

Action

The city's Code & Zoning Office added a full-time Property Maintenance Officer to assist in implementing the International Property Maintenance Code and assisting with code violations.



Housing Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Implement and enforce the International Property Maintenance Code

Action

The city's Code & Zoning Office established 100% compliance during the rental property inspections. The year 2023 brought the oversight of rental properties in the first ward.



Housing Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Implement and enforce the International Property Maintenance Code

Action Item Addressed

Sustain the workload in the City’s Code & Zoning Office so that enforcement can be done regularly

Action

The Code & Zoning Office completed a comprehensive review of the International Property Maintenance Code with a subcommittee of City Council. This review helped propose solutions to workload issues in the Code & Zoning Office.



Housing Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Foster an attractive and sustainable housing market

Action Item Addressed

Develop an aging-in-place program to allow older residents to stay in the city

Action

The city’s HOME Housing Rehabilitation Program began in 2022 and a full waitlist was compiled. One housing rehabilitation project was fully completed and provided a low-income family with substantial renovations that will assist in energy efficiency and code compliance.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Promote Housing Options within the Central Business District to build a sustainable customer base

Action

City Staff is collaborating with Clinton County and Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. to apply for the Working in the Wilds Program through the PA Wilds organization. If selected for this program, our downtown will benefit from extensive promotions, relocation efforts, and new residents.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Continue to explore opportunities to enhance the atmosphere of the Central Business District

Action

The Code & Zoning Office collaborated with the Redevelopment Authority to organize a pending sale of the vacant property located at 37-55 Bellefonte Avenue.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Continue to explore opportunities to enhance the atmosphere of the Central Business District

Action

The Code & Zoning Office established a relationship with a realtor working to develop two blighted properties in the city. These properties have been targeted blight and their redevelopment will enhance the Central Business District.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Support Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. initiatives to support businesses within the city

Action

The City and Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. collaborated to implement events such as Best of Clinton County, the pedestrian mall, and others to support business, tourism, and economic development.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Support Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. initiatives to support businesses within the city

Action

The Director of Community Life collaborated with Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. as they work towards gaining Main Street Designation. The office contributed information about city infrastructure and processes to assist in the effort.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Continue to explore opportunities to enhance the atmosphere of the Central Business District

Action

Various city departments collaborated with the Clinton County Arts Council for their annual JAMS festival held on Main Street. The festival brings live music, art, and vendors to the Central Business District.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Continue to explore opportunities to enhance the atmosphere of the Central Business District

Action

The Planner & Development Coordinator coordinated the completion of the Fallon Alley Improvement Project to enhance the downtown atmosphere, introduce sustainable technology into the downtown, and provide a safe pedestrian experience.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Continue to explore opportunities to enhance the atmosphere of the Central Business District

Action

The Lock Haven City Police Department created a program that creates a more positive relationship between business owners and officers. Many “check cards” were distributed to downtown businesses during property checks that occur during non-business hours. This program will continue into 2024 and beyond.



Service Provider Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work with community-based service providers to enhance recreational and educational opportunities on city-owned properties

Action

The Director of Community Life collaborated with local groups to process more than 63 use requests for parks, banner installations, street closures, weddings, and festivals. This process continues to promote the use of City-owned facilities and parks for recreation and community events.



Service Provider Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work with community-based service providers to enhance recreational and educational opportunities on city-owned properties

Action

The Director of Community Life worked with Haven Youth Camp as they utilized various city parks for a basketball day camp. This is in addition to the ongoing Summer Recreation Program through Keystone Central School District and various outdoor yoga classes.



Service Provider Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work with community-based service providers to enhance recreational and educational opportunities on city-owned properties

Action

The Police Department collaborated with various community groups and members to attend special events in the city. Examples include the Clinton County Night Out, Summer Concerts, street closures, Grove Street concerts, Regatta, Lock Haven Skatepark Opening, and more.



Service Provider Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work with community-based service providers to enhance recreational and educational opportunities on city-owned properties

Action

Parking Enforcement Officers assisted in closing public streets for the Downtown Pedestrian Mall, various parades, and other community events.



Service Provider Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Encourage investment in public safety to build volunteers and advance technology

Action

The Police and Fire Departments participated in the inaugural Clinton County Night Out, hosted by the Clinton County Sheriff's Department. The event was a successful outreach event and is planned again for 2023.



Recreation Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues properties

Action

Completed a \$856,190 grant-funded improvement project at Hoberman Park, to complete the first phase of upgrades at the park. The funds were used to construct the Lock Haven Skatepark, a project that was created through community engagement.



Recreation Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues properties

Action

The Department of Public Works, Public Property, removed 2,000 linear feet of vegetation along Bald Eagle Creek to assist in the functioning of the levee.



Recreation Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues properties

Action

The Director of Community Life facilitated 18 total summer concerts as part of the Summer Concert Series. These concerts are free to the public and continuously adapt to the interest and culture of the community.



Recreation Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues properties

Action

The Director of Community Life and City Planner collaborated to expand “Ranger Round-Up” series and the summer passport program. The program is free to all participants and provides activities to complete at the city parks and various places around the city.



Recreation Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues properties

Action

The Department of Public Works, Public Property, removed hazardous trees and limbs in city parks. The trees were identified through continual oversight and removed to increase safety for residents and visitors.



Recreation Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues properties

Action

The Director of Community Life and Planning Office received a grant from the National Fitness Campaign for the installation of a Fitness Court at Hanna Park. The Campaign is promoting free fitness in the city and connecting with funding partners to make the project come to life.



Recreation Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues properties

Action

The Director of Community Life was able to hire and manage 6 lifeguards to maintain and monitor swimming activities for 6 days a week from June to August. The lifeguards provided a safe environment for residents and visitors to enjoy the Susquehanna River.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Sewer Treatment completed the industrial inspected form for the treatment plant.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Sewer Treatment, worked to update Industrial Pretreatment requirements in preparation for a change in the ordinance.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Sewer Treatment, updated the process for cleaning and maintenance. The updated process will prolong the useful life of the sewer treatment plant.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Sewer Collections, worked with the City Manager to update the ordinance related to standard of sewer laterals and sale of houses. This revision will assist in oversight of infrastructure in the city's sewer system.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Sewer Collections, created a city-wide inspection program which includes flushing of main lines and televising. This program will assist in the oversight of the city's sewer system.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works updated various water meters in the city and performed radio readings within the system. Many of this technology has been upgraded in 2022 to be more efficient.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Sewer Collections, assessed line inventory and prepared a list for future projects. This proactive research assists in the development of future process and exploring grant funding.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Sewer Collections, met with restaurants to inspect and review grease trap requirements. The installation of grease traps will help protect to efficiency of the city's sewer infrastructure.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Streets, identified outdated storm sewer infrastructure. This identification will assist in future projects as not only the street is paved, the infrastructure under the street is also upgraded.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Streets, worked to clean and maintain stormwater infrastructure. This preventative maintenance will prolong the useful life of the city's stormwater system.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Streets, complete line painting and striping throughout the city. These actions help protect areas related to fire protection, loading zoning, driver safety, parking enforcement, and more.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Streets, removed a rock-lined ditch along Glenn Road that was causing water to back up and flood adjacent areas.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Streets, assessed streetlights throughout the city. Many of the streetlights are aging and it is important to identify issues now. This action can assist the city in future replacement and pursuit of grant funds.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Public Property, tested the relief wells on the levee according to US Army Corp of Engineer standards. The continually testing of these wells will ensure the efficiency of the levee when it is needed to protect against flood hazards.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Water, worked to rehabilitate the Nittany Road water tank. This project will prolong the effectiveness of the water tower and increase the stability of water supply for water customers.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Water, began searching for lead service lines. This action was kick started by recent direction from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). According to EPA's direction, all lead lines must be removed from the system.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Water, assessed line inventory and prepared a list for future projects. This proactive research assists in the development of future process and exploring grant funding.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Water, updated various meters and radios readings within the water system. This action will assist the city and water customers by increasing the efficiency of the equipment and providing a more accurate read.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Water, continues to conduct system-wide leak detection in efforts to repair leaks and find inefficiencies within the system. In 2023, the crew has repaired about 100 leaks within the system.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Facilities, reviewed the Wastewater Treatment Plant plans and identified an inaccurate process causing the city's flow to be charged twice. This error was fixed.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Administration, worked with contractors to complete phases 1 and 2 of stormwater updates in the neighborhood of Sunset Pines. This multiphase project will provide stormwater infrastructure in the neighborhood and enhance the quality of life in the neighborhood as well as “downhill.”



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owned and operated utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action

The Department of Public Works, Administration, oversaw the completion of reconstruction of the Ohl Reservoir. This completion of this project increases the efficiency and safety of the reservoir and protects a portion of the city’s water supply.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Connect residents with local food and nutrition, culture, and art resources

Action

The Director of Community Life continuously updated social media and the city’s website to increase public education, release alerts to residents, and more.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Connect residents with local food and nutrition, culture, and art resources

Action

The Lock Haven Rangers continued the Little Rangers Passport Program and expanded outreach through local schools. Seven local children completed the program and were deemed Little Rangers. This program will continue in 2024 with more local activities.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Connect residents with local food and nutrition, culture, and art resources

Action

City staff collaborated with Clinton County Probation to create a community garden at a vacant city-owned property. In 2024, the garden will be expanded to allow use from all members of the community, not only those just involved in the program.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Connect residents with local food and nutrition, culture, and art resources

Action

Submitted a Letter of Interest to the PA Council on the Arts to the Creative Communities Program. The Letter of Interest includes projects associated with murals, art, active transportation, and youth education.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Encourage and/or incentivize energy efficient improvements to public and private facilities

Action

The Department of Public Works, Sewer Treatment, installed LED lights throughout the sewer treatment plant and associated offices. These improvements will assist in energy efficiency and reduce costs for the facility.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work to develop a multimodal friendly transportation network

Action

The Department of Public Works, Public Property, relocated various street signs to their current locations by MUTCD standards and installed new signs. Not only do these signs help direct drivers, but they also help identify points of interest such as libraries, hospitals, and more.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work to develop a multimodal friendly transportation network

Action

The Department of Public Works, Public Property, completed trimming of areas that visibly blocked signage throughout the city. This action helps increase the visibility of wayfinding signage.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work to develop a multimodal friendly transportation network

Action

The GIS Technician performed GPS field location and conditional inspections of street signage and existing ADA curb ramps. This action created a database for the Public Property Crew to complete replacement of wayfinding signage.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work to develop a multimodal friendly transportation network

Action

Supported STEP, Inc. as they implemented a third route in their Designated Stop Program. This program has filled a transportation need in the city and Clinton County.