

Destination Lock Haven

2022 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.



Housing Strategy



Business Strategy



Service Provider Strategy



Recreation Strategy



Sustainable Community Strategy

The following pages outline the 53 priority goals and action items addressed in the 2022 budget year and describes each action completed. A goal may be a continuous initiative or one-and-done project.



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 city’s Code & Zoning Office work to have the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code adopted. The adoption of this code allows the office to be more effective while enforcing violations and requirements that promote the safety of city residents.



Housing Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Implement and enforce the International Property Maintenance Code

Action Item Addressed

Explore the city’s administration and oversight of rental property inspections

Action

The city’s Code & Zoning Office provided oversight of the rental inspections occurring in the fifth ward. Of the properties inspected, 100% were compliant with the relevant code and requirements.



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 Director of Permits and Licensing utilized the newly adopted 2018 International Property Maintenance Code to address issues at three properties. Compliance was achieved by the end of 2022 through property owner cooperation.



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

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

Action Item Addressed

Collaborate with the organization to implement events, program, and initiatives that support business owners and promote economic development activities in the city

Action

The Director of Community Life, Public Works, and Police Department collaborated with Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. to implement downtown street closures, organize parades, provide free summer concerts downtown, and more.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

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

Action Item Addressed

Invest in passive public spaces within the Central Business District

Action

The city received a T-Mobile Hometown Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to fund improvements to Fallon Alley. The completed project creates a well-lit, interactive passive public space in the heart of the downtown district. The project also incorporates a solar charging station that promotes the use of alternative energy.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

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

Action Item Addressed

Maintain amenities to ensure walkability and safety for all residents

Action

The Director of Public Works collaborated with the PA Department of Transportation to implement various upgrades to traffic and pedestrian signals in the city. The Director suggested many pedestrian safety features that were implemented during the project including pedestrian walk signals.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

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

Action Item Addressed

Collaborate with the organization to implement events, program, and initiatives that support business owners and promote economic development activities in 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

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

Action Item Addressed

Maintain amenities to ensure walkability and safety for all residents

Action

The Department of Public Works completed city-wide maintenance of streets, curbs, inlets, and manholes to promote walkability. Crews also began crosswalks and parking stall striping.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

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

Action Item Addressed

Collaborate with local groups to bring festivals and events to the Central Business District that improve the quality of life

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

Simplify the city's zoning ordinance and zoning districts to enable more business-friendly development

Action Item Addressed

Adapt zones to focus development along major corridors that will not encroach on low to medium density residential neighborhoods

Action

The Redevelopment Authority and city Zoning Office worked with developers to focus development along high traffic corridors and targeted areas for infill development. A truck stop was opened in 2022 thanks to these efforts and other properties along Walnut Street have been targeted.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Promote housing options within the Central Business District to build a sustainable customer base

Action Item Addressed

Encourage improvements to historic buildings while adhering to the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Historic Preservation

Action

Collaborated with Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. to submit a Façade Grant to DCED’s Keystone Communities Program. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$25,000 and will assist property owners in the downtown district in making façade improvements in 2023.



Business Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

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

Action Item Addressed

Collaborate with the organization to implement events, program, and initiatives that support business owners and promote economic development activities in the city

Action

The city planning office supported various local businesses through the Commercial Loan Program to start or renovate businesses downtown. These businesses were supported by Downtown Lock Haven, Inc. and filled empty storefront in the business district.



Business Strategy

Opportunity Zone Strategy Addressed

Prepare and Investment Prospectus focused on the business opportunities in the City of Lock Haven. The Prospectus should outline the demographics of the area and explain the benefits of Federal Opportunity Zones and other incentives in the city.

Action

The city planning office created “Invest Lock Haven”, an investment prospectus focused on the benefits of doing businesses within the city. This action satisfied a strategy outlined in the Federal Opportunity Zone study included in Destination Lock Haven.



Service Provider Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

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

Action Item Addressed

Continue to allow clubs and organizations in the community to hold events on City-owned property

Action

The Director of Community Life collaborated with local groups to process more than 60 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 Item Addressed

Continue to allow clubs and organizations in the community to hold events on City-owned property

Action

The Police Department collaborated with various community groups and members to hold events in the city. Examples include the Robb Elementary Halloween Parade, Lock Haven Catholic School Fall Festival, the Downtown Pedestrian Mall, 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 Item Addressed

Continue to allow clubs and organizations in the community to hold events on city-owned property

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 Item Addressed

Explore the reinvigoration of the Junior Firefighter Program

Action

Several on the 10 Junior members of the Lock Haven Fire Department completed their required training and moved into regular member status in the department.



Service Provider Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Encourage investment in public safety to build volunteers and advance technology

Action Item Addressed

Encourage community engagement and outreach events hosted by the City of Lock Haven Police and Fire Departments

Action

Secured Assistance to Firefight Grant (AFG) funding to replace self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA) for all three companies. The units will reach their end of useful life in May 2023 and all cylinders will be required to be replaced by NFPA regulations.



Service Provider Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Encourage investment in public safety to build volunteers and advance technology

Action Item Addressed

Continue to pursue funding opportunities to properly equip officers and firefighters

Action

Submitted and received \$118,175 in funding through the Justice Assistance Grant. This funding will purchase mobile and car cameras for all law enforcement agencies in Clinton County.



Service Provider Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Encourage investment in public safety to build volunteers and advance technology

Action Item Addressed

Encourage community engagement and outreach events hosted by the police and fire departments

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.



Service Provider Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Encourage investment in public safety to build volunteers and advance technology

Action Item Addressed

Continue to pursue funding opportunities to properly equip officers and firefighters

Action

Applied for and received \$550,000 to replace radios for all local law enforcement agencies in Clinton County. This project is in response to the county's efforts to upgrade to digital communications that would lead to the current radios to be obsolete.



Recreation Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues properties

Action Item Addressed

Upgrade and maintain City parks and playgrounds to ensure safety and boost recreational activity in the community

Action

Completed a \$240,000 grant-funded improvement project at Piper-Harmon Playground. The improvements bring the park into ADA compliance and installed various safety features. New play equipment promotes recreation for all ages and abilities.



Recreation Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues properties

Action Item Addressed

Upgrade and maintain City parks and playgrounds to ensure safety and boost recreational activity in the community

Action

Through routine property checks of City-owned property the Police Department was able to identify vandalism and safety concerns at parks within the City. These efforts maintain the safety of parks and playgrounds throughout the City.



Recreation Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues properties

Action Item Addressed

Reimagine public spaces and outdoor venues to reflect the interests, culture, and identity of the community

Action

The Director of Community Life facilitated 16 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 Item Addressed

Reimagine public spaces and outdoor venues to reflect the interests, culture, and identity of the community

Action

The planning department organized a community driven process to create a design for a new Lock Haven Skatepark. The preliminary design was finished, and the project was fully funded in 2022. Construction will be completed by the end of 2023.



Recreation Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues properties

Action Item Addressed

Reimagine public spaces and outdoor venues to reflect the interests, culture, and identity of the community

Action

The planning department facilitated a community engagement process surrounding updates at Hoberman Park. The city-wide park is in dire need of upgrades that reflect the interest of the community. Public input was included in applications to DCED and DCNR.



Recreation Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues properties

Action Item Addressed

Pursue funding opportunities to support improvements to parks, playgrounds, and public spaces

Action

Approximately \$1.9 million was received through DCED and DCNR to fund improvements to Hoberman Park. The three-phase improvement project will occur in 2023 through 2024 starting with the Lock Haven Skatepark.



Recreation Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Enhance Outdoor Parks, Public Spaces, and Outdoor Venues properties

Action Item Addressed

Upgrade and maintain City parks and playgrounds to ensure safety and boost recreational activity in the community

Action

Revived the city beach after it had been closed in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Director of Community Life was able to hire 5 lifeguards to maintain and monitor swimming activities.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owner and operate utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action Item Addressed

Continue to identify and address outdated infrastructure and areas of inefficiency within the water, sewer, and stormwater systems

Action

Televised portion of City infrastructure, including storm and sewer, to define an asset and rating system. This information will be included the City's GIS mapping system and will provide a systematic approach to how the Department of Public Works identifies streets to be paved in conjunction with utility replacement.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owner and operate utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action Item Addressed

Continue to identify and address outdated infrastructure and areas of inefficiency within the water, sewer, and stormwater systems

Action

Phase 1 of the Sunset Pines Stormwater Project was bid and contracted to start work in 2023. The project will install stormwater infrastructure in a portion of the neighborhood. Three phase of improvements remain and will occur between 2023 and 2027.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owner and operate utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action Item Addressed

Continue to identify and address outdated infrastructure and areas of inefficiency within the water, sewer, and stormwater systems

Action

Rehabilitation of the Ohl Dam began as part of the multimillion dollar safety improvements occurring at city owned reservoirs to support the water system. Keller Dam, Castana Dam, and supporting systems will also be addressed through these phased improvements.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owner and operate utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action Item Addressed

Continue to identify and address outdated infrastructure and areas of inefficiency within the water, sewer, and stormwater systems

Action

In preparation for CDBG funded paving of E Bald Eagle Street and Race Street, Public Works crews replaced storm inlets along the project area.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owner and operate utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action Item Addressed

Continue to identify and address outdated infrastructure and areas of inefficiency within the water, sewer, and stormwater systems

Action

The Department of Public Works completed repairs to concrete flood walls part of the levee protection system.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owner and operate utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action Item Addressed

Continue to identify and address outdated infrastructure and areas of inefficiency within the water, sewer, and stormwater systems

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-owner and operate utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action Item Addressed

Continue to identify and address outdated infrastructure and areas of inefficiency within the water, sewer, and stormwater systems

Action

As part of the initiative to reduce inefficiencies in the water system, the 425,000-gallon storage tank in Castanea was rehabilitated. This project will ensure safe and adequate storage of drinking water for water customers.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owner and operate utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action Item Addressed

Continue to identify and address outdated infrastructure and areas of inefficiency within the water, sewer, and stormwater systems

Action

The City's Streets Department completed a comprehensive assessment of storm sewer infrastructure in the City. This assessment has identified areas in need of immediate repairs and will be useful in addressing areas of inefficiency within the storm sewer infrastructure system.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owner and operate utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action Item Addressed

Continue to identify and address outdated infrastructure and areas of inefficiency within the water, sewer, and stormwater systems

Action

The City's GIS Technician collaborate with the Sewer Foreman to gather and organize existing CCTV inspections videos of the wastewater system. These inspections will assist in identifying areas of inefficiency in within the system.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owner and operate utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action Item Addressed

Ensure infrastructure is adequate for future development

Action

The city's GIS Technician completed the conversion of the fourth ward plats to electronic Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) files. These digital files can be accessed remotely by city staff and easily updated to reflect the development of the city.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owner and operate utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action Item Addressed

Ensure infrastructure is adequate for future development

Action

The City's Streets Department began utilizing pavement management software. Data from this software is used to propose areas of concern for future paving projects.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owner and operate utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action Item Addressed

Ensure infrastructure is adequate for future development

Action

Multiple inlets, manholes, and feet of storm piping were replaced or rehabilitated to provide for effective stormwater management in the City.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Update aging infrastructure in City-owner and operate utilities of water, sewer, and stormwater

Action Item Addressed

Ensure infrastructure is adequate for future development

Action

The City’s GIS Technician collected GPS data related to water, wastewater, and stormwater features. This data was then edited and added to GIS layers to ensure current and accurate mapping is available. This information can be utilized to ensure infrastructure is adequate for development in the City.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

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

Action Item Addressed

Promote the connection between youth in the community with arts and culture

Action

The Director of Community Life and Planner & Development Coordinator continued to offer monthly “Ranger Round-Up” videos to educate the community on various topics in the city.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

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

Action Item Addressed

Promote the connection between youth in the community with arts and culture

Action

The Lock Haven Rangers started the Little Rangers Passport Program that aimed to get youth involved in activities at parks and other places in the city. One local child completed the program and was deemed a Little Ranger. The program will continue in 2023.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

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

Action Item Addressed

Continue to investigate alternate energy uses at public facilities

Action

The Director of Public Works facilitated a process to consider solar companies for development of a solar farm near the William T. Piper Memorial Airport campus. A developer was chosen by City Council and will begin construction in 2024.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work to develop a multimodal friendly transportation network

Action Item Addressed

Support River Valley Transit and their expansion of public transportation into Lock Haven and surrounding areas

Action

After further investigation of River Valley Transit bus service and other options. The Clinton County Community Action Agency, STEP, Inc. revamped their designated stop routes to welcome all users, despite of income levels. This program filled a transportation need in the city and in Clinton County.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

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

Action Item Addressed

Promote the connection between youth in the community with arts and culture

Action

The Director of Community Life delivered over 50 Good Neighbor Bags that welcome new residents to the city by providing informational materials, event schedules, and important resources that new residents may find helpful.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work to develop a multimodal friendly transportation network

Action Item Addressed

Continue to maintain sidewalks, crosswalks, and other pedestrian infrastructure

Action

Completed restriping of crosswalks and installed new signs to align with current standards for parking.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work to develop a multimodal friendly transportation network

Action Item Addressed

Continue to maintain sidewalks, crosswalks, and other pedestrian infrastructure

Action

Two grants totaling \$346,558 and \$351,719 were awarded from PennDOT to address aging traffic signals at the intersection of SR 120 and North Fairview Street and the intersection of SR 150, Second Avenue, and Barton Street. Construction will occur in 2024.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work to develop a multimodal friendly transportation network

Action Item Addressed

Continue to maintain sidewalks, crosswalks, and other pedestrian infrastructure

Action

Parking Enforcement Officers continued calibrating all parking meters in the city. This task will ensure all meters are in working order and accurate for users. The updating of meters has been investigated as a result of this effort.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work to develop a multimodal friendly transportation network

Action Item Addressed

Install wayfinding signage to help pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists to navigate places of interest within the City

Action

The City’s GIS Technician collected field locations on street signage throughout this City. Data related to the condition of the signs was also added to create a comprehensive database used by the Department of Public Works when old signage needs replaced or when installing new wayfinding signage.



Sustainable Community Strategy

Priority Goal Addressed

Work to develop a multimodal friendly transportation network

Action Item Addressed

Install wayfinding signage to help pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists to navigate places of interest within the City

Action

The Director of Community life created wayfinding signage for installation throughout the city and LHU campus to promote the walkability of the city. Signage will be installed in 2023.