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PLAN UPDATE

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COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF AUSTIN, INDIANA ADOPTING THE 2022
CITY OF AUSTIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the City of Austin, Indiana (the “City”) is a duly formed municipal corporation within the State of Indiana, governed by its duly elected Mayor and Common Council (“Council”); and,

WHEREAS, the Council has the duty and authority to review, amend, and approve amendments to the City of Austin Comprehensive Plan adopted and certified by the Austin Plan Commission; and,

WHEREAS, an updated Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the City of Austin on June 8, 2015, by Resolution No. 2015-3; and,

WHEREAS, the Austin Plan Commission held a public hearing on June 13, 2022 for regarding the “2022 City of Austin Comprehensive Plan Update” as required by law pursuant to Indiana Statute 36-7-4-500 series; and,

WHEREAS, the Austin Plan Commission has found said “2022 City of Austin Comprehensive Plan Update” to be in accordance with the promotion of public health, safety, morals, convenience, order and/or general welfare for the sake of efficiency and economy in the process of development of the community and has certified to the Council its adoption by a vote of 6 ayes and zero nays.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Austin, Indiana as follows:

Section 1. That the Council hereby adopts the 2022 City of Austin Comprehensive Plan Update as evidenced by Exhibit “A”, attached hereto, and incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2. That all prior adopted resolutions and exhibits or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, INDIANA on June 14, 2022, by a vote of 5 to 0.

Common Council City of Austin, Indiana

Roger Hawkins
Roger Hawkins, Presiding Officer

Attest:

Chris Fugate
Chris Fugate, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Austin for his approval or veto pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-4-6-15 and 16, on June 19, 2021 at 6:43 p.m.

Chris Fugate
Chris Fugate, Clerk-Treasurer

This Resolution having been passed by the legislative body and presented to me is approved by me and duly adopted, pursuant to Indiana Code § 36-4-6-16(a)(1), on June 19, 2022 at 6:43 p.m.

Roger Hawkins
Roger Hawkins, Mayor

Attest:

Chris Fugate
Chris Fugate, Clerk-Treasurer

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EXHIBIT "A"

[Attach 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update]

RESOLUTION NO. _____
**RESOLUTION OF THE AUSTIN PLAN COMMISSION ADOPTING THE 2022
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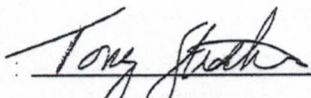
A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE COMMON COUNCIL OF AUSTIN INDIANA ADOPT THE ATTACHED 2022 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE OF AUSTIN, INDIANA CONSISTENT WITH INDIANA STATE LAWS REQUIREMENTS WHICH STATE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

1. A statement of objectives for the future developments in the jurisdiction.
2. A statement of policy for the land use development of the jurisdiction.
3. A statement of policy for the development of public ways, public places, public lands, public structures, and public utilities.

WHEREAS, the Advisory Plan Commission of Austin, Indiana, did on June 13, 2022, hold a legally advertised public hearing on the proposed 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update of the City of Austin, Indiana until all comments and objections were heard and,

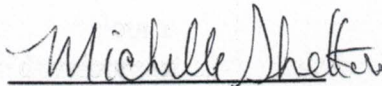
WHEREAS, the Advisory Plan Commission found that said Plan is in the best interest of the citizens of Austin, Indiana.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Advisory Plan Commission of Austin, Indiana recommends to the Common Council the adoption of said 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update attached hereto and named 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update of Austin, Indiana Dated June 13, 2022



Tony Stidham, President Date
Austin Advisory Plan Commission

6/14/22

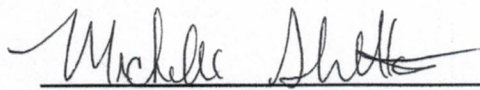


Michelle Shelton, Secretary
Austin Advisory Plan Commission

6/14/22
Date

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

I Michelle Shelton, Secretary of the Austin Plan Commission do hereby certify to the Austin City Council, that the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update of the City of Austin, Indiana, a true copy of which is attached, was considered and approved by the Austin Advisory Plan Commission at their meeting held on June 13, 2022 by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 against and 3 absent and do hereby forward the same to you for consideration and approval.



Michelle Shelton
Secretary, Austin Advisory Plan Commission

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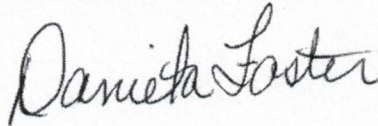
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Curt Kovener, publisher of the
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A weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in Crothersville, in the county aforesaid, who, being duly sworn upon his oath, says that the notice, of which the attached is a true copy, was published in said paper for 1 week/s successively, the first of which publication was on the 1st day of June, 2022, and the last on the ___ day of _____, 2022.

Subscribed and sworn to this 1st day of June, 2022.



, Clerk-Treasurer

My commission expires December 31, 2023

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Section 1: Introduction / Executive summary

The objective of the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update (hereinafter referred to as the “2022 update”) is to perform a review, and update the Comprehensive Plan as adopted by the City in 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the “overall plan”).

The “overall plan” was designed to be in use until the year 2030, but recommends a 5 year review and 10 year update. The last update to the “overall plan” was done in 2015. The City decided that 2022 was an appropriate time for another thorough review and update. This 2022 document serves as both a review and an update as recommended in the previous 2009 “overall plan”.

As an extension of the Comprehensive Plan adopted by the City in 2009 (the “overall plan”), many of the same activities and methodologies were used during the formulation of this 2022 amendment and update. The “2022 update” is organized similar to the 2015 update to the “overall plan”.

Changes in the economy since 2015 and a desire to be better prepared for changing funding opportunities are the events that led to this process. The City of Austin Redevelopment Commission became the driving force in starting and commissioning this update process. The process of ensuing public hearing to be held and adoption of this update of is meant to meet State statute requirements. Meeting state statute requirements will enable the City to remain eligible for grant funding.

In conjunction with this document, the City is working on a separate ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) transition plan, as well as a separate update to the park master plan. There are many common and linked goals in all three of these documents. This document was prepared as requested by the City with the following approach and process:

- What is in the “overall plan” now?
- What items have been completed?
- What new items need to be added?

The City asked that the “2022 update” be simple, straight forward and uncluttered. They asked that it clearly set out newly prioritized Goals and Objectives. Some factual data was upgraded, but the history was not reiterated. The data sets focused on some factual items such as population changes, but projections are not part of this document. Land use as shown in the “overall plan” remains unchanged.

The 2009 Comprehensive Plan “overall plan” shall remain intact. This “2022 update” shall serve as a supplement to the original document.

Section 2: Public Input

2019 Public Input

A public meeting was held at the Austin City Hall on December 19, 2019 at 5:30 pm. During this public meeting, the Parks Board presented their planned improvements of the Austin park system.

Earlier in the year (2019), a little over 700 middle school and high school students were surveyed via questionnaires about their suggestions for park amenities and improvements. Consideration was taken into account on which age groups would be most impacted by park improvements. The most frequent suggestions amongst this survey included:

- Better lighting and security
- Wi-Fi capabilities
- No sand / mulch preferably pea gravel
- Skate park
- Splash park
- Soccer fields
- Nature trails
- Bike trails
- Concessions
- Putt-putt golf course

In order to reach a larger base of participants (approximately 1,300 people), a survey was also advertised and conducted through social media. This survey included participants of all ethnicities, and ages (including parents, youths, and seniors). The responses included:

- Dual access to Austin Community Park
- Better lighting
- More activities for children
- ADA accessible play equipment
- Exercise equipment
- Park on the West side of town

The consensus formed from the 2019 public input was that there is a strong need for the City of Austin to concentrate on their park improvements and amenities provided to the public. With the community's input in mind, the City developed a 5-year park plan, which lead to plans to revamp the existing Broadway Community Park. By revamping the existing Broadway Community Park many of the City's goals set in their "overall plan" will be satisfied.

Broadway Park Rebirth Project

Developed to meet the growing needs of the City of Austin, the Broadway Park Rebirth Project; over the span of ten years, would include the following features:

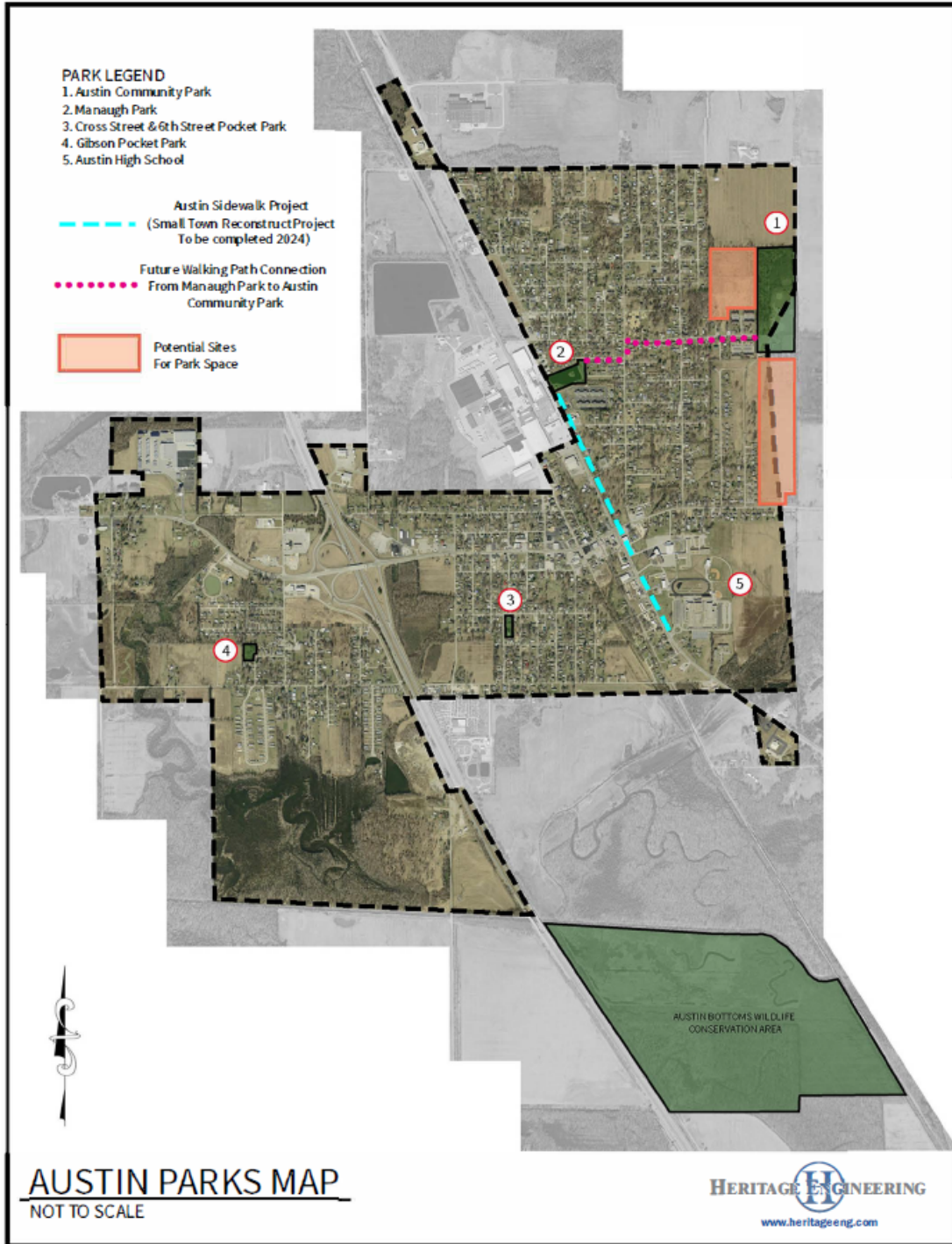
- Acquisition of land parcels south and west of the existing Broadway Community Park as shown below on the Austin Park Map.
- Construction of a Nature Trail with local indigenous plant species identified. This trail would connect to the existing walking paths in the area to provide overall continuity and connectivity with other Parks in the area.
- Storm water retention basin to control storm runoff to improve the water quality of the runoff entering the Austin Bottoms Wildlife Conservation Area. The retention basin would also provide wildlife habitat and opportunities for fishing and aquatic studies.
- The land acquisition would also provide space for a second entrance to the Park. This is Critical missing element as it would facility access in the event of an emergency.
- Construction of a splash park
- Site improvements including lighting, previous pavement parking areas and landscaping.
- Improvements to increase the handicap accessibility of all park facilities.
- Construction of a walking path from Broadway Community Park to Manaugh Park.

Future Properties to Acquire

The existing Broadway Community Park is situated between two lots that offer the potential for future expansion of the park. Acquisition of land parcels to the south and west of the existing Broadway Community Park will provide the city with space needed to provide the desired

additional access points to the existing park, as well as the additional amenities the public has suggested for their community. In total the city is proposing to acquire +/- 22.10 acres of neighboring property.

Austin Park Map



Completed Projects

Since the establishment of the 2015 Goals and Objectives, and the 2019 public input, the following projects as listed in the original 2009 “overall plan” have been addressed.

(Enumeration after the items reflects the corresponding listing in the “overall plan.”)

- The City has purchased additional park property. (5.C.1.e.P-8, 5.C.1.e.P-9, & 5.C.1.e.P-10)

- There have been Fire Department improvements. (5.B.3.5.7)

- The Police Department had recently relocated from rental property to a facility on Highway 31. (6.D.1)

- There have been some sidewalk and highway improvements, both by INDOT and on the local level. (5.B.3.8.2)

- There has been a great deal of wastewater improvements at the treatment plant. (5.B.3.7.3)

- Better lighting has been installed in some areas. (5.B.3.4.7 & 5.B.3.5.7)

- The City created a Public Parking Lot on Main Street. (5.B.3.1.7, 5.B.3.4.7 & 5.B.3.5.7)

- Improve access to Manaugh Park by way of a direct public way. (*Objective 5.B.3.6.6*)

- Archery range installed at Broadway Community Park.

Pending Projects

The Small Town Reconstruct Project (to be completed by INDOT) has been planned to be completed in 2024 and offers a pedestrian friendly connection south of SR-256 along the east side of US-31. These walkways and pedestrian lanes would create a connection from Austin High School to Wilbur Avenue and the adjacent parks along the route. Creating this connection will spur a future development and interconnectivity of outdoor recreation, and facilities within the City of Austin. Future paths have also been planned to connect Manaugh Park to Austin Community Park. These connections to adjacent parks and outdoor facilities will make the City of Austin even more accessible.

Review of Goals and Objectives (From the 2015 & 2019)

2015 Goals & Objectives

The goals and objectives that were previously in the 2009 “overall plan” were prioritized and additional goals were added in 2015. These goals included:

- Dedicated bike trails
- Neighborhood and / or pocket parks
- Parks and recreation opportunities on the west side of the City.
- The I-65 SR 256 interstate gateway. Additional details that were discussed were landscaping, lighting, and any unique or stand out features, such as decorative fence and grill work over the overpass such as observed in other states.
- Sidewalks on both sides of US-31, north and south of Main street.
- Rails to trails prospects, especially use of the old interurban easements to Scottsburg.
- A potential 4 partner team project of Scott county, the City of Austin, Jackson County, and Town of Crothersville for a trail system that could utilize any number of combinations of old railbeds or roadways and new connections.
- Improvements to Broadway Street to better access Broadway Community Park.

- A second entrance to the Broadway Community Park.
- Improved access to Manaugh Park.
- East to west City and community connectivity across I-65. Currently the only connection between east and west ends of the City is across an overpass that has been designed for vehicular use. There are no safe pedestrian provisions for walking or biking. There may be a potential for a connection crossing the interstate south of the overpass through a tunnel or bridge system.
- Provide senior resources including housing and social centers.
- Better recognition for the City as a gateway to Madison and northern Kentucky instead of just a place to pass through. Logo or branding could be developed that would be used to identify the City as a gateway.
- Install dog parks for both large and smaller dogs.
- Install concrete under bleacher and dugouts at existing Broadway Community Park.
- Expand parking and accessibility into newly purchased property used for park expansions around the community.
- Archery range at Broadway Community Park
- Waterpark spray feature at Broadway Community Park
- Addition of soccer field and skate park area amenities.

2019 Goals & Objectives

Along with many of the objectives set forth in 2015, the goals and objectives of 2019 also include:

- Updates to existing City parks and their amenities. The creation of the Broadway Park Rebirth Project which focuses on achieving the following:
 - Property acquisitions
 - Alternative lighting and underground conduits for existing park lighting.
 - Update existing playground surfacing.
 - Create additional nature trail.

- Splash pad amenity
 - Concessions amenity
 - Tennis court/ pickle ball amenity
 - Disk golf course amenity
 - Skate park amenity
 - Axe throwing amenity
 - Maintenance of existing park amenities and facilities.
- Creating more handicap accessible park programs and facilities.
 - Create pedestrian connections between existing parks.
 - Additional pedestrian friendly connections south of SR-256 along the east side of US-31.
- These walkways and pedestrian lanes would create a connection from Austin High School to Wilbur Avenue and the adjacent parks along the route. The connection has been proposed in the Small Town Reconstruct Project and INDOT is anticipated to complete by the year 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

The Austin Advisory Plan Commission advertised for a Public Hearing for the 2022 Austin Comprehensive Plan Update on June 1, 2022. The Meeting was held on June 13, 2022. The advertisement was published as follows:

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Dated on June 1, 2022.
City of Austin, Indiana

The meeting opened with a general discussion of the plan including the plan development process and purpose of the plan. There were no comments from the public and the Austin Advisory Plan Commission Voted to recommend to the Austin City Council that the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update be adopted by the City. The Austin Advisory Plan Commission Resolution is included in the Appendix.

Section 3: Current Conditions and Recommendations

This document is an update to the 2009 Comprehensive Plan 2015 update as adopted on June 8, 2015. As previously stated, the authorities decided that 2022 was an appropriate time for a thorough review and update.

A comprehensive plan is a document that sets forth broad policies for the future development of a community. This “2022 update” has been prepared according to the requirements of Indiana Code 36-7-4-502 which requires a comprehensive plan to address the following items at a minimum:

- Statement of objectives for future development.
- Statement of policy for land use development
- Statement of policy for the development of public ways, public places, public lands, public structures, and public utilities.

This update brings to the top issues that were previously identified and adds new elements. There are no changes to items such as land use, history, or projections. The 2009 Comprehensive Plan “overall plan” shall remain intact as this “2022 update” serves as a supplement to the original document. As such, the previously stated listing of goals and objectives, the land use development policy, and the community infrastructure policy remain unchanged and are not reiterated in this document.

The “overall plan” included a community profile containing an inventory of historical structures, housing conditions, natural environmental features, existing and projected demographic and economic characteristics, identification of growth and development issues, an assessment of existing and projected land use, and an examination of existing and planned transportation, utility, and community facility improvements.

The “overall plan” sets out future vision, development policies, goals, objective and guidelines, and recommendations covering land use development, transportation, utilities, community facilities and services, open space and recreation, environmental protection, economic development, downtown revitalization, housing preservation, and comprehensive plan implementation.

This “2022 update” includes a revision to the social and economic characteristics. No new projections of any data sets have been made.

Current Social and Economic Characteristics

Since the 2009 “overall plan”, and 2015 “overall plan” update have been completed, there has been a 2010 U.S. Census and a 2019 estimated Census (results for the 2020 census have not yet been released). As to provide the most current set of data, information in this section has been gathered from the 2010 census and the 2019 Census projections, and City-Data gathered in 2017 and 2019.

Total community Population:

4,064 people residing in Austin, IN (Based on 2020 Census projections and City-Data)

Community member’s median age:

37.4 years (Based on City-Data gathered in 2020)

Percentage of community living at or below poverty level:

14.8% (Based on City-Data gathered in 2020)

Percentage of community under the age of 5:

25.9 % under the age of 18 (Based on 2010 Census data)

Percentage of community over the age of 65:

12.3% over the age of 65 (Based on 2010 Census data)

Breakdown of community by race:

(Based on City-Data gathered in 2019)

- % White: 96.8%
- % Hispanic or Latino (of any Race): 0.8%
- % American Indian and Alaska Native: 0.6%
- % Two or more Races: .8%

Median household income:

(Based on City-Data gathered in 2020)

- \$38,889.00

Median housing value:

(Based on 2020 Census projections)

- \$82,700.00

Median male income:

(Based on 2020 Census projections)

- \$19,702.00

Median female income:

(Based on 2020 Census projections)

- \$14,003.00

Educational attainment: Percent high school graduate or higher:

(Based on 2020 Census projections)

- 75.8%

Demographic Characteristics:

Male/female population

Austin Indiana is ranked the 138th largest city in Indiana and the 5,301st largest city in the United States. The population of Austin in 2019 has seen a 12.8 % decrease compared to the population in 2000 (source: city-data.com). The male to female ratio in Austin in 2019 was 47.8% male and 52.2% female. The 2000 population ratio was 49.3% male and 50.7% female.

b. Age

The 2019 median age (40 years) for Austin has increased since the 2000 census (32 years) by 8 years. The 2010 U.S. Census shows that the previously reported population over the age of 60 years has increased from 14% of the population to 17.2%, since 2000. The population of people between the ages of 30 and 59 has also increased since last reported, from 39% to 41%.

Educational attainment:

The 2019 City-Data information shows that the educational attainment levels of the Austin population 25 years and older is as follows:

- 75.8% of population has a high school degree or higher.
- 3.6% of the population has a bachelor's degree or higher.
- 1.6% of the population has a graduate or professional degree.

Income Characteristics:

According to City-Data information, the median household income for Austin, Indiana was \$34,952 for Austin. This is a 18.5% increase from the median household income of \$28,495 in 2000.

Approximately 13.1 % of the population had a household income of less than \$10,000.

Approximately 22.8% of households had an income between \$30,000 and \$40,000; 10.1% of households had an income between \$60,000 and \$75,000, while only 1.4% of households had an income between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Residents with an income below the 2019 poverty level was 27.4%.

Economic Characteristics

Existing Workforce:

According to information gathered from City-Data, the unemployment rate in November of 2020 was 5.1%, which is higher than the State's unemployment rate of 4.9%.

Employers/Jobs

The most common industries in Austin are:

- Transportation equipment
- Health Care services
- Food services
- Miscellaneous manufacturing
- Educational services
- Construction
- Plastics and rubber products

The largest employers are as follows:

1. Morgan Foods Inc

2. Pepsi Beverages Co
3. Austin Tri-Hawk Automotive, Inc.

Commuting and Travel Time

According to the 2009-2015 American Community Survey, 49.5% of Scott County residents worked within the county compared to 57% in 2000. This survey also estimates that 11.5% of the residents worked outside of the State and the average commute time for Scott County residents was 26.7 minutes. 36.4% of residents had a commute time of less than 15 minutes and 23.3% had a commute time between 15 and 29 minutes.

Current City Limits

*** (Refer to appendix page 24)*

The current city limits of Austin have not changed since the 2015 update made to the “overall plan”.

Current Zoning

*** (Refer to appendix page 25)*

The zoning map in the “overall plan” is from February 1994. This “2015 update” includes a new map from March 16, 2010.

Current Functional Classification

*** (Refer to appendix page 26)*

There are also changes shown from INDOT that have been made to the Functional classification from the “overall plan”.

Most notably, in the changes since 2009, Church Street has been removed entirely, Broadway to the Community Park has been added, and there are two new routes that are not existing roadways.

The current INDOT map shows the following:

INDOT Functional Classifications (Current as of 10/02/2014):

Interstates:

- I-65

Minor Arterials:

- SR 256 running east/west
- US 31 from SR 256 to the south

Major Collectors:

- US 31 from SR 256 to the north
- Booe Rd (450N) from North Christie Rd (IR 140) to Jack Morgan Rd (IR 142)
- North Jack Morgan Rd from SR 256 to the north
- Broadway St from US 31 east to the Community Park (New since 2009)
- Non-existing road through undeveloped property between Audrey Lane and the City Limits from SR 256 north to the Community Park (New since 2009)
- North Christie Rd from English Ave to West Booe Rd (IR 140)
- English Ave from North Christie Rd to North 7th St
- North 7th St from English Ave to SR 256
- South 7th St from SR 256 to York Rd
- York Rd from South 7th St to US 31
- East Railroad St from York Rd to West Vancampen Rd (IR 132)
- West Vancampen Rd (IR 132) from East Railroad St to US 31
- South Dowling St from SR 256 to Boatman Rd
- Boatman Rd from South Dowling St to the south
- Non-existing road from SR 256 near Old 256 and running in a Southeasterly loop, crossing Tibbs Street, York Road, Cedarbrook Drive, Shady Lane, and tying back to Boatman Rd and County Road 200W (New since 2009)

Two of the local collectors that are shown on the current functional classification maps do not follow any existing alignment. The north south route to the community park is shown across undeveloped property and may be feasible as new construction, but the southwest loop takes a broad swath and does not follow any existing alignment and would affect

scores of developed properties. The origins of these changes to the functional classification maps are unknown. Maps included in the appendices are:

- The INDOT map at a very small scale,
- an overlay of the INDOT work onto a city street map and aerial.

It is recommended that the City carefully review these changes to the functional classification, and if necessary, submit revised documents to INDOT that clearly show the state realistic routes that match local areas where they may wish to pursue federal funds.

RENEWED FOCUS on PREVIOUS GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Enumeration after the items reflects the corresponding listing in the “overall plan.

- Ensure adequate availability of entertainment, recreation, services, and all necessities for all residents of Austin. *(Goal 5.B.3.5(Community))*
- Create more opportunities for fun and safe activities for the young people of Austin (recreational facilities, parks, a movie night in the park, youth programs, youth sport leagues, etc.) *(Objective 5.B.3.5.2.)*
- Improve the curb appeal of gateways into Austin (I-65, US 31 and SR 256) by adding attractive signage, lighting, and unique visual features to encourage drivers to stop and shop in Austin.*(Objective 5.B.3.5.3)*
- Improve sidewalk conditions and ensure that all future and existing sidewalks are accessible to the handicapped. *(Objective 5.B.3.6.2.)*
- Preserve and enhance the parks and recreational facilities serving the residents of Austin. *(Goal 5.B.3.8 (Recreation))*

- Ensure neighborhood parks are appropriately located to serve existing and future major residential areas and are sufficient size to accommodate the full range of neighborhood park facilities and to be cost-effectively maintained. *(Objective 5.B.3.8.1)*
- Encourage development of bicycle, walkway and trail connections between education, recreation, other community facilities, and other communities. *(Objective 5.B.3.8.2)*
- Make improvements to Broadway Street in order to better access Community Park. *(Objective 5.B.3.6.4)*
- Add a second entrance to Community Park. *(Objective 5.B.3.6.5)*
- Emphasize the need for east to west City and community connectivity. *(Objective 5.B.3.5.17)*
- Request that INDOT establish pedestrian and bicycle measures at the SR 256 overpass at I-65, over any other proposed crossing through a tunnel or bridge system. *(Objective 5.B.3.6.7)*
- Recognize and encourage that development on the west side of I-65 near the Interstate ramps will probably occur sooner than any other location. *(Objective 5.B.3.2.6)*
- Create a program for developing Senior needs and resources, with the long-term goal to include housing and social centers. *(Objective 5.B.3.5.16)*
- Prepare for the impact from growth along I-65 from the south to the north due to the new bridges across the Ohio River. *(Objective 5.B.3.2.7)*

- Develop a logo that can be used, especially at the interstate gateway, as a unique identifier for the City. Use this branding to attain better recognition as the gateway to Madison and northern Kentucky. (*Objective 5.B.3.5.18*)

These items contain assigned numbers that follow the format in the 2009 “overall plan”. There is a Reference map with Keynotes to this list that assists to graphically set out these objectives. The City can develop annual or short-range capital improvement programs or budgets and earmark local funding sources for either whole funded local projects, or as matching funds for outside leverage.

In addition, the City can perform INDOT Local Public Application preparation and land acquisition activities, file their ADA transition plan, and the Title 6 status reporting, EEO documentation etc.

The City can also budget as set aside target funds for match money, pre-purchase or pursue right of way donations for identified projects.

All of these movements can be established and serve as proactive measures, allowing quicker action to be taken as opportunities become available ensuring that grant applications are handled in a timely manner.

New Recommendations for Goals & Objectives

- Increase the geographic size of Austin through strategic annexation

- Renovate the Austin Sanitary Sewer System to eliminate all Sanitary Sewer Overflows and increase the capacity of the treatment plant to accommodate wastewater production from development areas.
- Increase the number of single family and multifamily dwellings in the City with focus on senior living and assisted living.
- Create a Millennial Home Program to convert older/historic buildings into apartments and update building facades with focus on multifamily dwellings for senior citizens, assisted living and independent living for seniors.
- Participate in INDOT's Adopt a Bridge Program and incorporate a relocated Bridge into the Austin Park System.
- Develop a connection to the Wildlife Management Area managed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources south of the City.
- Enforce current ordinances related to substandard buildings
- Develop a Sports Complex in the Austin area to serve residents of the City and Scott County
- Attract a grocery store to locate in the area to provide fresh foods to residents locally, reducing the need for residents to travel outside the City Limits
- Revitalize downtown by developing a Downtown Revitalization Board and apply for funding through Rural Development
- Invest in renewable energy including wind, solar and alternative fuels to reduce the City's carbon footprint

Section 4: Implementation

Currently the neighboring City of Scottsburg offers more economic and recreational opportunities to surrounding residents. This in turn draws residents out of Austin away from their City, and therefore possibly hinders the potential for what Austin has to offer.

The need for economic stability, and amenities that bring more residents to the area, or that spark a sense of community pride are needed to help maintain what Austin has, as well as, provide for future development of the City.

Acting on this plan will enable the City to better compete with other communities for state and federal program grants and loans for all types of projects, not only for these stated priorities, but for any and all items previously set out in the “overall plan”.

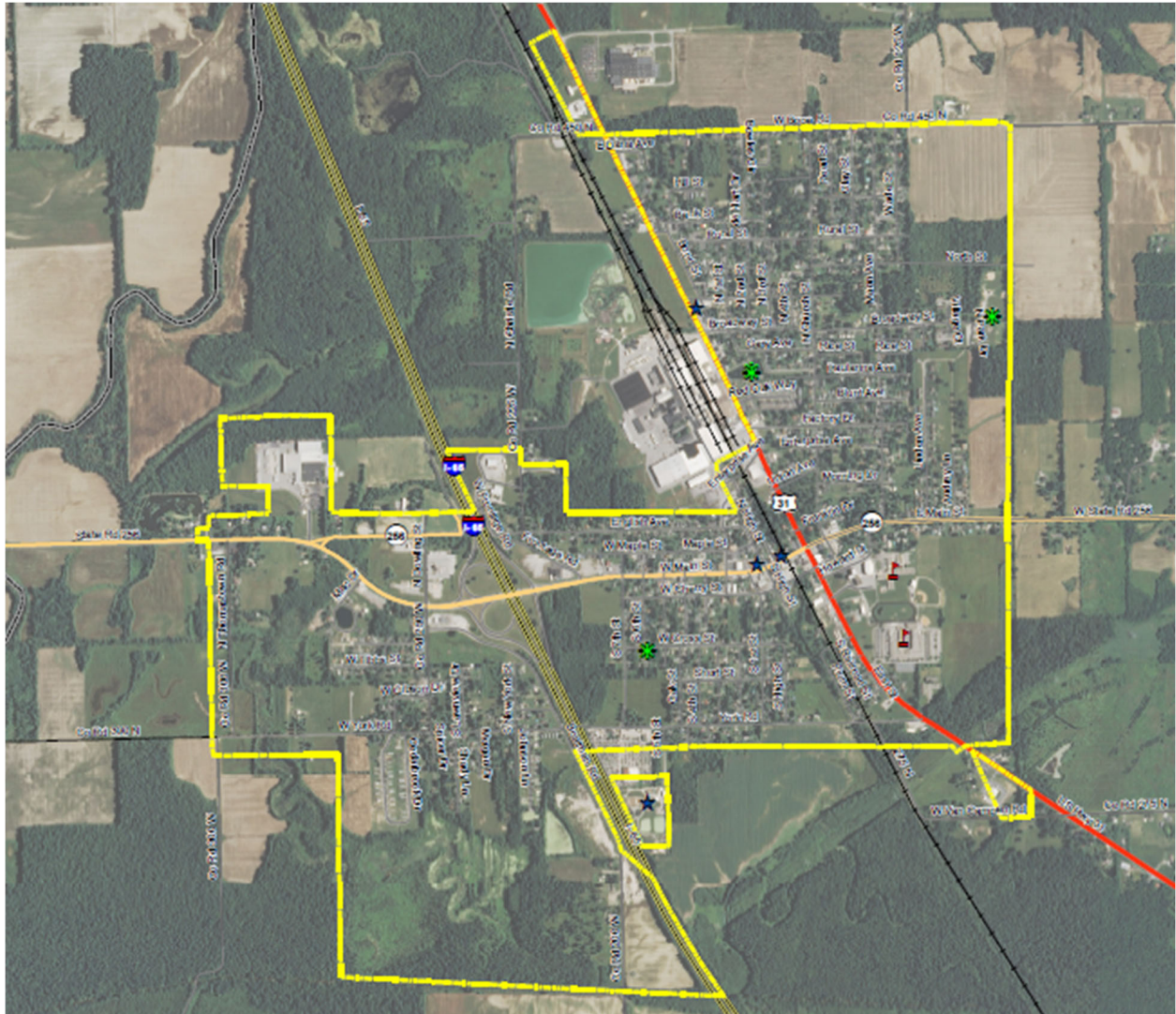
Specific actions items:

- Review and adoption of the “2022 update” through Plan Commission resolution and City Council resolution.
- Recording of this “2022 update” at the Scott County Recorder’s Office.
- Review the “overall plan” and this “2022 update” again at about the years 2026 to 2027.

***** While this update serves as a supplement to the original document, it has not been developed as a stand-alone document. Continued access to the “overall plan” is necessary for a cohesive approach. ****

Section 5: Appendix

Austin City Limits Map As Of 2022



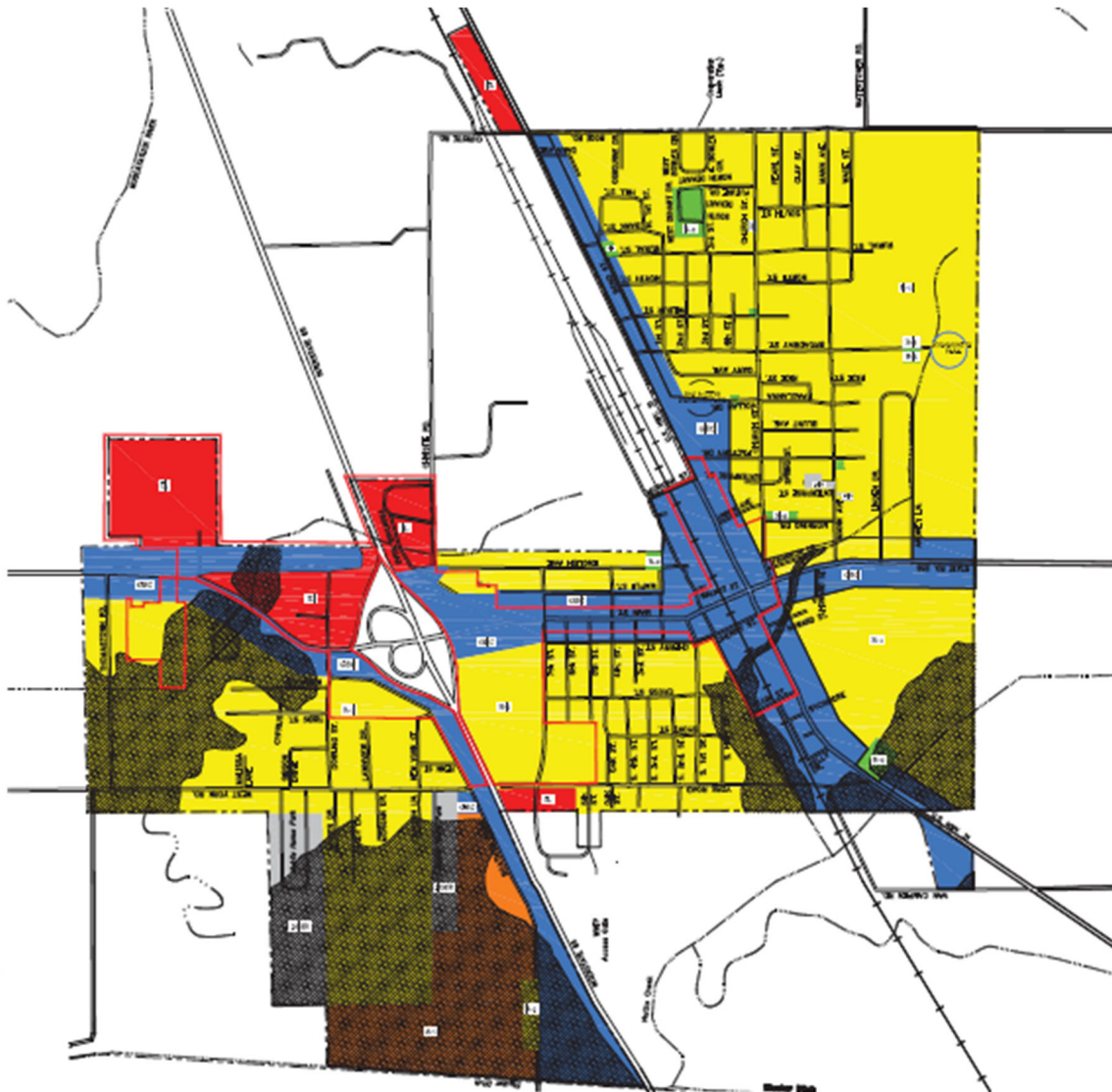
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Legend












-  Schools
-  Public Facilities
-  Parks
-  Incorporated Place
-  County



Austin City Zoning Map As Of 2022

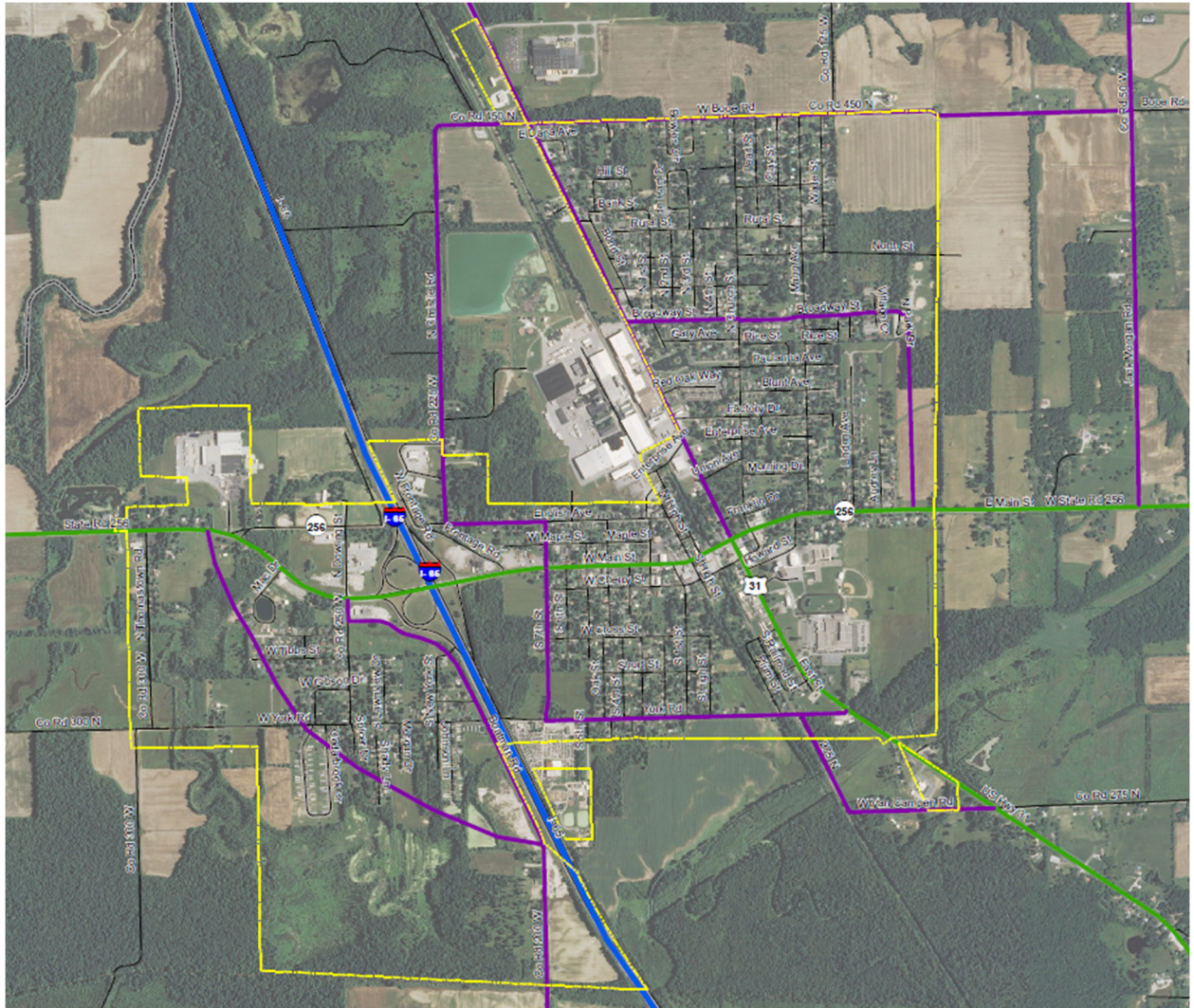


ZONING DISTRICT LEGEND

A—Agriculture.....	
R-1 Residential.....	
R-2 Residential.....	
LBP—Local Business & Professional Office Zone.....	
GBC—General Community Business	
IL—Limited Industrial	
IM—Intense Industrial/Manufacturing.....	
FA Flood Area Zone..... (As shown of FIRM Panel Nos. 180474A & 180233B)	
MHR Mobile Home Residential.....	
Existing Non-Conforming Use	
Economic Development District	



INDOT Roadway Classification Map As Of 2022



Legend

- Incorporated Place
- County

Class

- Interstate
- Major Collector
- Minor Arterial

