

What exactly did the P3 Plan say?



“Perrysburg benefits from being located along the Maumee River. Currently there is access to the river; however, residents and businesses voiced strong interest in improving river access and developing additional amenities and events along the river.” Pg. 2.31

“Additions to the public open space and recreation network would add to the community’s quality of life”
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“Perrysburg has a large number of households with young families combined with an aging population.”
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“Maintaining the core as a unique destination place serving the community and the broader region, or as a compliment to other destinations in Perrysburg (e.g. Fort Meigs) is a critical element to maintaining a strong local economy.” Pg. 2.4

“The Maumee River is recognized as a significant asset with the potential for improved public access.” Pg. 2.4

“The downtown core is both physically and visually separated from the river.” Pg. 2.4

“The downtown and existing access points can be improved, and new access points created to better serve the community.” Pg. 2.4

“The community’s small town character will be encouraged as it continues to develop and redevelop.” Pg. 2.8

“Opportunities will be developed to connect people to the Maumee River through the public park and scenic open space system.” Pg. 2.12

“The Maumee River is a defining natural feature of the community and will be protected and enhanced.” Pg. 2.12

“Convenient and accessible recreational opportunities will be provided for all ages near the river.” Pg. 2.12

“Older areas will be enhanced and new areas set aside that connect people to the river.” Pg. 2.12

“Recreational opportunities to support active and healthy lifestyles will be promoted.” Pg. 2.12

“Environmentally-sensitive and sustainable practices will be integrated into newly developing areas and areas with potential for redevelopment.” Pg. 2.12

“Residents want to continue to employ creative and innovative choices to reflect the community’s commitment to sustainability and healthy living.” Pg. 2.12

“Redevelop and enhance the area near the Perrysburg boat club and water street. This area is currently underutilized and disconnected from the downtown.” Pg. 2.19

“Any development that occurs in the future should include an entertainment and/or recreation emphasis.” Pg. 2.19

“Residents indicated a desire to improve access and recreational/leisure opportunities on and around the Maumee River and the need to market

these areas as a community asset. This includes developing new recreational opportunities on/near the waterway, as well as new developments adjacent to the river and downtown that include a strong entertainment component.” Pg. 2.26

“A community’s sense of place can be greatly enhanced by identifying and celebrating areas with unique qualities.” Pg. 2.27

“Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions on creating and linking the greenway network.” Pg. 2.30

“In order to create a cohesive open space/greenway network the City should coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions to create a greenway network that is cohesive. This will help to ensure that open space corridors are extended and retained beyond the City’s boundaries.” Pg. 2.30

“Preserve and strategically develop waterfront areas.” Pg. 2.31

“Support public, recreational, and appropriate development and redevelopment, especially adjacent to the Maumee River in and around the downtown.”

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“One of the most significant comments made by members of the public that participated in the planning process was the issue of better utilizing the waterfront along the Maumee River, specifically in the downtown.” Pg. 2.31

“The area at the end of Louisiana Avenue is also limited in terms of public activities, and is visually and physically segregated from the downtown streetscape.” Pg. 2.31

“Any development that does happen in this area should be sensitive to the area’s environmental and historical significance.” Pg. 2.31

“The Riverfront should be used, where possible, for a linear pathway system linking various recreational and cultural destination points.” Pg. 2.32

“A multi-use path would provide residents with recreational and leisure opportunities along the river.” The pathway should extend from Orleans Park to Louisiana Avenue along Water Street and existing public right-of-way.” Pg. 2.32

“The Maumee River is a sensitive environmental feature that needs to be protected.” Pg. 2.32

“Improve access and riverfront development in areas where access currently exists.” Pg. 2.32

“New recreational opportunities should be explored as part of future improvements along the river.” Pg. 2.32

“Public input is essential to any planning process.” Pg. 3.9

“Build on Perrysburg’s geographic advantages by promoting the riverfront, as well as the community’s sports and recreational opportunities.” Pg. 4.5

"Perrysburg should promote existing recreation facilities, trails, parks and other amenities. The City should also consider the expansion/enhancement of existing facilities and the possibility of developing new recreation facilities that appeal to a target market." Pg. 4.5

"The riverfront should be enhanced to provide better integration with the downtown and increased recreational opportunities." Pg. 4.5

"The Maumee River should be identified as an asset in promotional efforts." Pg. 4.5

"Perrysburg's parks, trails, recreational facilities, and natural areas contribute to the overall quality of life in the community. They also make the City more attractive to potential residents, and generate economic activity by drawing users from around the region." Pg. 4.7

"Provide mobility choices that meet the diverse needs of the community-including walkways, expanded bike/walking trails, and a safe and improved public

transportation network that is efficient, attractive, connected and environmentally responsible." Pg. 6.2

"Gaps in the multi-use path system should be joined to improve connectivity and allow a variety of destinations for pedestrians and bikers." Pg. 6.8

"Providing continuity in the multi-use path system will encourage both day-to-day and recreational use of the network, and place less emphasis on vehicular travel as a sole source of transportation through the City." Pg. 6.8

"The downtown, neighborhoods, recreational amenities including Orleans Park and Fort Meigs Memorial State Park, and commercial activity centers should all be linked via the multi-use path system." Pg. 6.8

"The public strongly voiced an interest in creating better access to the Maumee River. One of the primary ideas contributed by the public and the Steering Committee is for a multi-use path that would provide residents with recreational and leisure opportunities along the river." Pg. 6.12

"The City should develop a plan for the creation of new parks and the expansion of existing park and recreational facilities. Park space should be conveniently located and within walking distance of residents throughout the City. Perrysburg should consider the creation and/or improvement of park and recreational facilities in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)." Pg. 7.4

"Perrysburg should evaluate whether it can and should provide recreational opportunities at park facilities throughout the year. Winter programming could be increased to offer more recreational activities and events during winter months. A diverse set of programs could be available to offer recreational opportunities for residents of all ages." Pg. 7.4

"The Maumee River is accessible to residents in a limited number of locations throughout the community. The City should work to increase access to the riverfront and provide more recreational opportunities along the river. The possibility of entertainment venues along the river should also be considered." Pg. 7.5

"The City should establish a linear multi-use path system along the River that links existing recreational and scenic locations. The multi-use path will provide opportunities for bicycling, running, skating, and walking and will enhance accessibility and visibility of the River." Pg. 7.5

"Orleans Park currently offers access to the river which is used by residents throughout the year. The park has a much greater potential to connect residents to the waterfront, and should serve as a node for a waterfront pathway system. The City should explore options for expanding the facilities at this location to provide a wider variety of recreational opportunities, and improved waterfront access." Pg. 7.5

"Historic and cultural resources aid in generating a strong sense of community pride and place among residents, and attract new residents and visitors to the area. Protection and celebration of these resources will ensure the community's heritage and unique character are preserved and passed on to future generations." Pg. 8.3

“A way-finding system can be useful for tourists and visitors, and increase the overall public awareness of Perrysburg’s historic resources. The City should consider working with local organizations such as Historic Perrysburg to develop the system.” Pg. 8.3

“Historic and cultural tourism can help preserve the City’s character while strengthening and diversifying the local economy. The City should continue to work with the Perrysburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Perrysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, and other organizations to develop a visitor’s guide that provides a variety of information about local historic and cultural attractions. The community should continue to create better economic, cultural and civic linkages between Fort Meigs Memorial State Park, Way Public Library, Perrysburg Schools, Historic Perrysburg, City of Perrysburg and other civic organizations to promote the local history and culture enhancing the City’s competitive edge. The City should also work with neighboring jurisdictions and regional organizations on historic and cultural tourism.” Pg 8.3 – Pg. 8.4

“Create a unique physical environment which preserves the historic character and small town feel; supported by a mix of uses that encompasses a variety of design styles, well detailed streetscape and inviting public gathering areas.” Pg. 9.2

“Public buildings and facilities are ideal places for public art. The artwork could be both indoors and outdoors. Outdoor public art can serve a variety of functions such as benches, lighting, and landscaping.” Pg. 9.6

“Local and regional artist should be encouraged to collaborate with builders and developers to create public art. The City should also identify publicly owned sites that would benefit from the inclusion of public art, and work with local artists to create art pieces for those targeted sites.” Pg. 9.6

"The downtown is served by a variety of public spaces such as the library, the streetscape and Hood Park. These are important features which define the public realm. The City should continue to maintain these features in a high-quality manner and create new public spaces that serve to attract residents to the downtown and promote community activity." Pg. 9.6

"Hood Park, the Perrysburg Boat Club and Water Street are currently serving as locations that connect residents to the River. These locations, and others, should be enhanced to better connect residents to the River. The City should consider additional public gathering space at Hood Park, creating a seamless transition from the downtown to the waterfront." Pg. 9.6

"Public recreation should be encouraged near the downtown. Fishing, boating, and bird watching are all activities that could enhance the downtown as a destination with a variety of community activities. Partnerships could also be formed with local and regional non-profits with an emphasis on environmental education to create new learning activities along the waterfront." Pg. 9.7

"Preserve and strategically develop waterfront areas." Pg. 10.7

"The Riverfront should be used, where possible, for a linear pathway system linking various recreational and cultural destination points." Pg. 2.32

"Provide infrastructure and amenities that attract high-income professional residents." Pg. 4.7

"Enhance and expand natural areas and recreational facilities." Pg. 4.7

The administration is asking City Council for future action on the following:

1. Acknowledgement that the items, as listed, are in the P3 and that Council and Administration have been tasked with implementing.
2. Administration has extracted goals from the P3 Plan that pertain riverfront/downtown area in anticipation of working with Council members, through the Recreation Committee, to review and add to this list of goals for the riverfront/downtown area.
3. Ask that the Recreation Committee work with the Administration to bring back to Council a set of final parameters that would define the scope of a downtown riverfront project.
4. Administration would then ask that Recreation Committee recommend approval of Administration's proposed legislation for the engagement of an architect/engineering firm to take the final parameters and provide a design that encompasses them.
5. Council passes ordinance to engage architect/engineering services.