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***ACTION PLAN***

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Every planning program, no matter the level at which it is completed, establishes a goal, or goals, to which the program will strive to achieve. These goals are established after detailed review, and are created with the resident's health, safety, morals and general welfare in mind.

Based on the research of existing conditions and trends, the review of existing plans, documents and policies, the collection of data from a variety of sources, and the input of Township officials, boards, commissions and residents, on future developmental activities and limitations on those activities, the goals were formulated with a realistic view of what recommended actions are achievable.

The development of goals provides a basis, a 'blue-print', from which Township officials can establish an **Action Plan**. This **Action Plan** identifies recommendations on a priority basis, and sets them in four-year increments. Township officials realize that some of those recommendations will only be able to be accomplished over time, as resources and/or personnel, become available, and that other recommendations may be accomplished on an annual basis. The breakdown into four-year increments is used more as a guide than a rule.

Several of the recommendations include language pertaining to funding levels, other resources, etc., especially in reference to the creation of a **Capital Improvement Program**, and recommend specific actions, such as "complete an analysis of Township roadways," or "complete a parks and recreation study." Quite often, financial assistance is available from a variety of sources outside the Township. As such, **Appendix B**, has been included which identifies various funding programs for several types of activities, a general description of the program and the administering agency/internet address (if available).

The basic goal of this **Action Plan** is to provide Center Township officials with a guide to use in the on-going development process in the Township. This **Action Plan** is not "etched in stone" – it can, and should be revised, as necessary. It is recommended that the Plan be reviewed periodically to assure that it remains current and continues to address the needs of the Township.

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This **Action Plan** is intended as a reference guide to local officials in establishing planning and development policies for the Township. Some of the activities identified can be accomplished on a yearly basis; others can be shifted from one 'phase' to another. Again, it is a guide for local action, and can be amended at any point in time.

### **YEAR 1998 – 2002**

- Create a Capital Improvement Program
- Review Zoning Ordinance to determine need for possible revisions
- Review building codes
- Inventory municipal buildings, furnishings and equipment
- Complete analysis of Township roadway network
- Research and develop regulations aimed at preserving existing farms and farmlands
- Create an Environmental Advisory Council
- Create a Township newsletter
- Develop a street lighting program

### **YEAR 2003 – 2007**

- Review and update land use regulations (zoning ordinance, subdivision and land development ordinance)
- Review and update growth areas as necessary
- Update Capital Improvement Program
- Create a parks and recreation plan

- Create a housing assistance plan
- Review Comprehensive Plan
- Complete agreement with the BATA to provide service to additional Township neighborhoods
- Purchase land for new municipal building
- Purchase land for a Township Park
- Research creation of a joint municipal services program

**YEAR 2008 – 2012**

- Update Capital Improvement Program
- Review and update land use ordinances
- Complete a traffic deficiencies study
- Expand joint municipal services program
- Construct new municipal building
- Develop Township Park facilities
- Update housing program