

## Neighborhood Preservation & Improvement

### Introduction

Wyoming is a physically compact City of nearly three square miles with housing suitable for a wide variety of lifestyles and budgets. It is a green community with great neighborhoods, schools, parks, natural areas, diverse religious institutions and is very walkable. Preservation and improvement of neighborhood assets are essential to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in the City.

**Neighborhood Preservation & Improvement Goal:**  
 Improve local quality of life through neighborhood preservation and improvement.

**Objective 1: Housing.** Wyoming will continue to be a first choice for homeowners in the Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Area.

Wyoming has long been recognized as one of the most livable communities in Ohio. The City consists primarily of single-family, owner-occupied housing, but also provides additional housing opportunities with multi-family rental units. Two-family housing options are concentrated between Burns Avenue and the railroad tracks in the eastern portion of the City. Much of the rental properties consists of single-family houses which have been converted into apartments. Many of these properties are older and would benefit from reinvestment. Higher density multi-family residential units are located in the northern portion of the City along Springfield Pike.

#### Strategies

- Provide incentives to encourage reinvestment in aging housing stock and protect property values.
- Strengthen enforcement of property maintenance codes.
- Review the zoning in the area bounded by Burns Avenue, the eastern corporation line, Chestnut Avenue to the southern corporation line to promote single-family uses.



Figure 30. Wyoming Branch Public Library

**Objective 2: Quality of Life.** Wyoming will provide a variety of programs and services that enhance the quality of life of its residents.

Wyoming provides a unique lifestyle for its residents, due in part to the number of excellent programs and services provided by the City. It is a walkable community with outstanding schools, neighborhood scaled business districts, religious institutions, a fine arts center, public library and a variety of community events. It is imperative that the City continue to work with the various entities, especially the schools, to preserve their value to the community through the enrichment of the services and programs offered.

#### Strategies

- Work with appropriate authorities and neighboring jurisdictions to reduce train noise.
- Establish Wi-Fi throughout the City.
- Maintain and improve senior leisure opportunities and programs.
- Expand youth leisure opportunities and programs.

**Objective 3: Parks and Recreational Facilities.** Wyoming will develop, maintain, and manage parks and recreation facilities that enhance the residents' quality of life.

The City operates many parks throughout the community. The parks are neighborhood in scale and provide playgrounds, tennis and basketball courts, and baseball and soccer fields. The City has implemented several projects to expand parks and recreational offerings, including playgrounds and a skate park. A number of properties were acquired and Worthington Avenue was closed at Crescent Avenue to allow for the closure of the train crossing and expansion of Crescent Park. In order to provide additional field space, the City is working with the Hamilton County Parks District and Springfield Township to jointly develop trails and land for soccer and other outdoor recreational activities.

The City converted the neighboring YMCA into its municipal Recreation Center and has just created an Aquatic Center at this location.

#### Strategies

- Improve existing parks, trails and recreation facilities and expand where appropriate, including cooperative ventures with neighboring jurisdictions.
- Ensure that parks, trails and recreational facilities provide appropriate and desirable opportunities for all segments of the population.
- Provide ADA access to parks, trails and recreation areas to ensure that all residents have access to appropriate facilities.



Figure 31. Wyoming High School

**Objective 4: Access and Pedestrian Accessibility.** Wyoming will provide a transportation system that is an integrated, multi-modal network of automobile, bicycle, pedestrian and transit facilities.

Springfield Pike (Ohio State Route 4) runs north/south through Wyoming, serving as a major arterial street, connecting the City to its neighbors. The street is heavily traveled and posts a 35 mph speed limit, which is strongly enforced by the Wyoming Police Department. Crossing improvements could be made along Springfield Pike in an effort to increase pedestrian safety to further promote pedestrian use.

An extensive sidewalk system provides pedestrian access throughout most of the City. In order to improve accessibility, the Greenways Committee has prepared a plan for a network of pedestrian and bicycle trails. This plan utilizes low-traffic streets in order to accommodate pedestrians and bicycles on the existing roadways. The plan has not yet been fully implemented. In addition, Wyoming Avenue has undergone an extensive streetscape and infrastructure upgrade, at which time crosswalks were marked with brick pavers. Several streets are without sidewalks and need to be evaluated.

#### Strategies

- Improve pedestrian safety on collector and arterial roads.
- Provide, where feasible, a network of sidewalks and bicycle paths between schools, parks, Recreation Center, Civic Center, the City Center, neighborhoods, etc.
- Conduct a feasibility study for a potential intra-city Wyoming shuttle.



Figure 32. Pedestrian Friendly Streetscape