

Places2040: Thinking Beyond Boundaries
The Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, 2018

Summary of Goals, Policies, and Tools & Strategies Most Relevant to CDBG Applicants

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Places2040 is summed up in its 5 big ideas, 26 policies, and 7 catalytic tools & strategies. The 5 big ideas are the goals of this plan. The 26 policies are the statements included for each big idea under “What We Need to Do Differently”.

The 7 catalytic tools and strategies are those that have the greatest potential to move our community toward the future we all want to see. If we concentrate our limited resources on these seven items, they will spur a range of additional actions that will boost the success of this plan. Each of the 7 tools and strategies have specific actions associated with it.

Big Ideas

- **Creating Great Places**
 - that are safe and attractive
 - that improve the quality of life
 - that ensure the sustainability of the economy
 - where people want to live, work, learn, play, and visit
- **Connecting People, Place, & Opportunity**
 - by maximizing connections to make it easier and more efficient for people to get around
 - to create more occasions for social interaction
 - to enhance job prospects, housing choice, and education options
- **Taking Care of What We Have**
 - through stewardship of the county’s heritage and resources
- **Growing Responsibly**
 - by Improving the pattern of growth
 - by developing in a more compact, efficient, and fiscally responsible way
- **Thinking Beyond Boundaries**
 - by approaching challenges more collaboratively
 - in the cultivation of leadership
 - by taking partnerships to the next level.

Policies Associated with the Big Ideas (most relevant to CDBG)

- **Creating Great Places**
 - Design communities that put people first
 - Create a mix of uses in our communities and corridors
 - Provide a greater supply and diversity of housing types to own and rent
- **Connecting People, Place, & Opportunity**
 - Make it easier for residents and visitors to get around without a car
 - Connect housing, jobs, schools, transportation, and other destinations
- **Taking Care of What We Have**
 - Improve water quality and work together on stormwater management
 - Use existing buildings and maintain public infrastructure

- **Growing Responsibly**
 - Grow where we're already growing
 - Prioritize redevelopment and infill in Urban Growth Areas
 - Build more compactly and efficiently
- **Thinking Beyond Boundaries**
 - Integrate place-based thinking into all future planning initiatives
 - Break down the traditional silos that limit our effectiveness

Catalytic Tools & Strategies (with actions most relevant to CDBG)

- **Practice place-based planning and analysis**
 - Align countywide, regional, and local visions.
- **Simplify zoning**
 - Incentivize land assembly for infill and redevelopment.
- **Utilize official maps**
 - Identify transportation, community facilities, and environmentally critical areas on a regional basis and align funding with these needs.
 - Ensure that official maps identify all motorized – and especially non-motorized – connections that need to be made at the local, regional, and county levels.
- **Implement complete streets**
 - Align regulations and funding sources with the goals of complete streets.
 - Create networks of complete streets at the regional level to relieve congestion and improve air quality.
 - Integrate green infrastructure (methods to reduce and treat stormwater at its source) into transportation planning and design to help address water quality and stormwater issues.
- **Invest in sufficient infrastructure and public services**
 - Align public sewer and water service areas with UGAs and local zoning. Ensure sufficient system capacity, and phase service with municipal planning and zoning to meet projected development needs.
 - Maintain and ensure the long-term sustainability of on-lot sewage disposal systems and private wells through the implementation of rural wastewater management programs and strategies to protect private water supplies.
 - Recognize stormwater management facilities as public infrastructure and address the planning, design, maintenance, and oversight of these facilities on a regional basis.
- **Collaborate to implement places2040 policies**
 - Pursue regional partnerships for the provision and maintenance of a variety of public and community services.
 - To achieve maximum benefits and impact, include the public, private, and nonprofit sectors when creating these partnerships.
- **Align community resources with these policies**
 - Prioritize the distribution of public, private, and nonprofit funding and technical resources to applicants and projects that are consistent with places2040 big ideas and policies – and to partnerships that are doing place-based planning.
 - Identify opportunities to leverage public, private, and nonprofit resources to benefit these places.

See the complete plan and list of Big Ideas, Policies, and Tools and Strategies at places2040.com.