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PLANNING COMMUNITIES & TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

Featured Planning Project

**CITY OF ADRIAN
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**



The City of Adrian's Comprehensive Plan provides recommendations for future land use, housing, transportation, and community development in a coordinated fashion. It portrays a clear statement of community goals and objectives, establishes a vision for the future, and includes plans to achieve the vision.

The Plan introduces numerous creative planning concepts to the City. Live-work units and upper-story residential units are recommended Downtown; infill housing guidelines ensure new development is contextually appropriate; Downtown façade improvement grant and loan programs are promoted; a Flexible Development area is planned to accommodate a large-scale, mixed use development; and bioretention and other low impact development techniques are encouraged to manage storm water runoff.

Smart growth principles are incorporated throughout the Plan. Recommendations are provided for increasing density, infill development, adaptive re-use, and redevelopment; encouraging reinvestment in the Downtown; brownfield redevelopment and re-use of existing industrial sites; promoting mixed-use development with diverse housing options; encouraging innovative storm water management techniques; and protecting the community's distinctive character.

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"On behalf of the City government, Birchler Arroyo Associates, and most of all the citizens of Adrian, we are extremely pleased and honored to receive this recognition from the American Planning Association. A tremendous amount of time and effort was invested by the community in creating what we consider to be an exemplary form of citizen-based planning."

Mayor Gary McDowell
City of Adrian

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