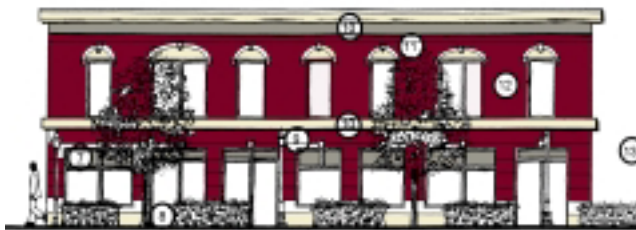


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VILLAGE OF NEW HAVEN MASTER PLAN
MACOMB COUNTY

The Village of New Haven is a small town located in northern Macomb County. It has a traditional downtown, which includes an active foundry. It also has access to Gratiot Avenue and 26 Mile Road - two growing corridors. Its diverse population and history add to the community.

The Village initiated the Master Plan process by working with its planning consultant to prepare an inventory and analysis of existing conditions - an environmental scan. The Planning Commission reviewed its regional setting, development history, existing land use, natural features, population, and community facilities. Problems, opportunities, and community assets were identified.



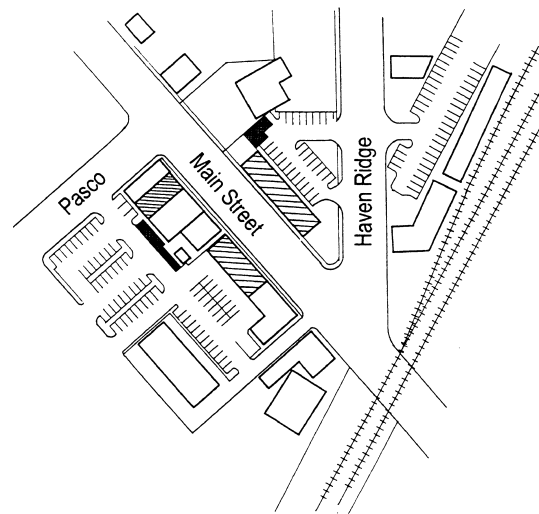
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| 6. Access to parking | 10. Retain curbs |
| 7. Signage in window frames | 11. Street trees (deciduous) |
| 8. Fieldstone planter boxes | 12. Building facade materials (retain brick) |
| 9. Pedestrian scale lighting | 13. Potential infill site |

After conducting the existing conditions review, the Village Planning Commission reached out to the public for input through the Visioning process. Representatives from a variety of interests within the community came together to discuss the future of New Haven and assist in preparing a Vision Statement.

The next step in the process was for the Planning Commission to develop its goals and objectives. Using the valuable input from the

Visioning process, a series of goals and objectives were formulated for the “Plan” elements of the Master Plan.

The final task was to prepare a Land Use Plan and Thoroughfare Plan to guide future development and to hold a public hearing on the Plan. The final “Plan” chapters were prepared with direct references to the Village’s goals and objectives. In addition, intergovernmental coordination with adjacent Lenox Township was accomplished through two joint Planning Commission meetings, during which common boundaries and issues were discussed.



The Plan contains illustrations of many “action items” to better communicate the policies and goals of the community. It is recognized that implementation of the Plan will take many years to achieve. This is why the Village Planning Commission has structured the Plan so that it can be both a reference of existing resources and guide for future action by the Village.