



Chapter 1 Community Services

Goal 1.1

• Prioritize implementation of programs and strategies that sustain the health, well-being, recreation and safety of residents and visitors.

- **Policy 1.1.1:** Promote City stewardship of its parks, facilities, programs and services for present and future generations
- **Policy 1.1.2:** Recognize and respond to the City's changing population demographics in order to meet the needs of Bloomington's diverse community

Goal 1.2

• Engage the community, work with regional partners, reach out to schools, collaborate with non-profits and create business partnerships in order to provide community services and programs for all age groups.

- **Policy 1.2.1:** Encourage the creation of partnerships within Monroe County and adjacent communities to seek effective solutions for shared problems and community service needs.
- **Policy 1.2.2:** Continue to foster partnerships between the City and Indiana University with the goal of enhancing the quality of life for a united Bloomington by increasing opportunities for shared use and the development of programs, facilities, and community services.
- **Policy 1.2.3:** Collaborate with the Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) and private schools to better integrate the use of school services, playing fields and facilities for public benefit, particularly for young people, families, and seniors.
- **Policy 1.2.4:** Sustain the high education values and standards of local schools as they continue to contribute to the social and economic vitality of the City.

Goal 1.3

• Recognize the intrinsic value and everyday importance of our parks and community centers/spaces, libraries and civic buildings by investing in their maintenance and improvement.

- **Policy 1.3.1:** Increase access to parks and recreation facilities.
- **Policy 1.3.2:** Avoid deferred maintenance of City infrastructure and reinvest in the maintenance of aging facilities where such investment improves their usefulness, efficiency and appearance.
- **Policy 1.3.3:** Facilitate universal access by a variety of transportation modes for our residents and visitors to parks, recreation programs, athletic fields, libraries, arts and cultural centers.

Goal 1.4

• Plan for a future in which the services we provide to our community continue to thrive and adapt to the growth and change of Bloomington.

- **Policy 1.4.1:** Ensure that our growth does not eclipse our ability to provide equitable community services.
- **Policy 1.4.2:** Encourage and partner locally to ensure quality wired and wireless connectivity availability throughout the City of Bloomington.
- **Policy 1.4.3:** Parks and open space should be included and prioritized in the planning process to preserve the natural environment and reduce the amount of carbon emissions.
- **Policy 1.4.4:** Seek opportunities to develop new parks and recreation facilities to meet the emerging needs of the multi-generational residents and visitors to the City of Bloomington.

Goal 1.5

• Commit to transparency, open government and high quality public engagement so that exemplary services are provided to our residents, businesses and visitors.

- **Policy 1.5.1:** Foster inclusive and representative engagement within all development processes.
- **Policy 1.5.2:** Maintain highly motivated, professional, engaged staff and volunteers who are valued for their integrity, commitment and contributions towards the City and community.

