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Goal: Assess and maintain the City's existing infrastructure.		1	1		1		-					
<i>Objective:</i> Ensure road improvements are done in a strategic way to efficiently improve connectivity and access for all users.		Х								outreach effort (goal to implement recommendations in	Two pavement preventive maintenance projects have been completed and a third will happen in 2021. Street reconstruction has included new sewer and water lines and where feasible non-motorized paths. Projects took place in 2019 (Wallace), 2020 (Kingsley/Orchard), 2021 Langley	reconstructed in 2022. Upton Drive from the St. Joseph River to Momany Drive is
<i>Objective</i> : Implement the results of the Storm Assessment Management and Wastewater (SAW) grant to improve road pavement quality, focusing on highest priority actions first.		x								SAW Grant CIP includes preventative maintenance for roadways. Emphasis on keeping good roads good (most cost effective)		Three pavement preventive maintenance projects were completed in 2022 and 2023. The City intends to continue these projects into the future. Lake Boulevard and Broad Street Resurfacing Project is scheduled in 2024.
Goal: Encourage biking and walking as an integral part of daily life	e in the city.	-			-		1					
<i>Objective:</i> Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and connectivity with transit, schools, parks, employment centers, shopping, and other municipalities.		x										
<i>Action</i> : Develop a plan for a non-motorized path (NMP) network that highlights opportunities for modifications to existing infrastructure as well as new infrastructure investments.					X			City, PC, MDOT, Others	Public, Grants	Wallace Ave Project incorporates a non- motorized path. Future projects (Langley, Kingsley, Morton, Orchard, etc.) expected to add non-motorized facilities. Public input (public outreach program) will be solicited.	Langley road project will include non- motorized path (NMP) similar to 2019 and 2020 projects.	Langley Avenue NMP completed, the 2024 Upton Drive Reconstruction Project includes an NMP. Began work with MDOT on a planned 2027 reconstruction of Main. Port and Ship Streets with NMP highlighted as a priority.
<i>Action:</i> Identify opportunities to encourage bicycle racks at public and private destinations.				х				City, Business Owners	Public, Grants	As part of SUP request for Honor Credit Union and McDonald's requested installation of bike racks as part of site plan.	certain conditions. City looking at providing	Sustainability Committee began exploring locations for bike racks in key public locations throughout the City. Planning Commission continues to work on "Access, Bikes, Parking and Loading" in the Zoning Ordinance to create regulations for bicycle parking.
<i>Action:</i> Install comprehensive signage to define bike routes.					Х			City, Others	Public	No action.	No action.	No action.
<i>Action:</i> Identify high pedestrian vehicular conflict locations and high traffic intersections and prioritize these for improvements.					x			City, MDOT	Public, Grants	No action.	Downtown Vision Master Plan called out	As part of MDOT reconstruction of Main, Port and Ship Streets in 2027, discussions are taking place regarding improved pedestrial crossings.
<i>Action:</i> Identify and prioritize locations for traffic calming improvements.						х		City, MDOT	Public, Grants	In Spring 2017 MDOT representative attended Planning Commission meeting to discuss options for State routes. Traffic calming occurred on Lakeshore Drive c. 2005 (4 lane to 3 lane section), and on Ship Street c. 2016 (3 lane to 2 lane + turn lane). This continues to be a discussion topic with MDOT.	Downtown Vision Master Plan provided examples along Main, Ship and Port Streets. MDOT looking at future Main Street/94 Trunkline improvements.	Lions Park Drive and Lake Blvd the roads were narrowed to calm traffic. As part of MDOT reconstruction of Main, Port and Ship Streets in 2027, discussions are taking place regarding improved pedestrial crossings and traffic calming measures are being reviewed.
<i>Action</i> : Ensure key sidewalk corridors are cleared of snow in a timely manner so residents can safely access walkable areas of the community year-round.					X			City, Home Owners, Business Owners	Public, Private	Maintain sidewalks in the downtown, parks, and public parking lots. In 2016/2017 removed snow on school routes when more than 2".	Task is completed in downtown area and school routes by Public Works Department in the morning of snow falls.	This task continues to be completed in the downtown area and school routes by Public Works Department in the morning of snow falls.
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<i>Action</i> : Identify streets and corridors where bike lanes can be immediately implemented and execute these improvements.						X		City, Others	Public, Grants	portions of Niles Avenue.		As part of MDOT reconstruction of Main, Port and Ship Streets in 2027, discussions are taking place regarding possible creation of bike lanes.
Goal: Investigate solutions to better manage transportation and <i>Objective:</i> Investigate implementing a shuttle service and/or additional transit routes connecting off-street parking in areas outside of downtown with amenities in the core of the City.	parking dem	nands.	x									
<i>Action</i> : Identify off-site parking locations that are not used to full capacity and work with property owners to secure shuttle pick-up locations.					х			City, County	Public, Others		referenced opportunites available.	Walker Consultants is reviewing options and preparing recommendations within the report to be received Spring 2024.
<i>Action</i> : Investigate the feasibility of developing seasonal public transit routes to serve the off-site parking.						X		Staff, County	Public, Others	Early investigation of options taking place.	No action.	No action.
<i>Objective</i> : Identify creative solutions for easing the summer season parking.	Х											Convened a parking subgroup and hired Walker Consultants to explore opportunities to ease parking congestion in the summer. Final report expected in Spring 2024.
<i>Action</i> : Enhance enforcement during the peak summer season and holidays.				X				Staff	Public	Added 4 reserve officers; increased day shift from 3 to 4 cars. Officer stationed at Broad/Lake St and at Lake Blvd/Park Friday thru Sunday for traffic flow. Added a bike patrol and increased foot patrol in problem areas.		Public Safety continues fine tuning traffic and parking control during summer months. During large events like the the Blossomtime Parade and the Fourth of July Fireworks, the city also relies on the Berrien County Sherrifs Office and the Michigan State Police.
<i>Action</i> : Review existing regulations and consider increasing parking fines to deter people from parking illegally.					х			Staff, PC	Public	Fines increased in July 2016.	No additional action taken.	Walker Consultants working on recommendation for parking fines. Public Safety Department also reviewing needed changes. Walker report expected in Spring 2024.
					х			Staff	Public	recommendation.	2020 PC started review of text amendment to ZO regarding Access, Bikes, Parking, Loading. Will require equipment under certain conditions. City looking at providing equipment at parks and downtown area. RRC requires amendments to ZO	on "Access, Bikes, Parking and Loading" in the Zoning Ordinance to streamline
Action:Review zoning requirements for parking.Action:Conduct a comprehensive parking study for both downtown and out-of-downtown parking.					х			Staff, County	Public, Grants	the bluff area for summer traffic along with		Walker Consultants was hired to review parking in the downtown area. Final report expected in Spring 2024.
<i>Action:</i> Work with Berrien County to add signage and improve communication on beach parking avilability.				X				Staff, County	Public	Changeable message sign installed at State/Water. Along Lake Blvd have signage directing traffic. Implented one-way		During the Summer of 2024, Berrien County will be test piloting pay when leaving Silver Beach to help elevate traffice congestion on Broad and Lake Streets.
<i>Action:</i> Review existing on-street parking regulations to ensure they are compatible with parking needs and the impact on existing neighborhoods, services, and infrastructure.					х			Staff, County, Residents, Businesses	Public	No action.		Walker Consultants working on recommendation for on-street and surface parking lot time frames in the downtown area. Public Safety Department was also reviewing. Walker report expected in Spring 2024.
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<i>Action:</i> Analyze and identify existing streets and parking lots capable of accommodating additional parking.					х			Staff	Public	Along the upper hill of Lions Park Beach added angled and parallel parking spaces. Created drop off area for Silver Beach. Designated parallel spaces along 1st, 2nd and 3rd Streets.	No additional action taken.	No additional work has taken place.
Goal: Maintain, protect and expand public access and connectivi	ty to Lake M	lichigan, the	e St. Jose	ph River	, and the	e Paw Paw	River w	aterfronts.				

Objective : Improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular	Х											
connectivity and access between the north and south sides of the												
St. Joseph River.												
Action: Encourage use of street legal low speed vehicles as a											Private business provides rental service.	Private business provides rental service.
common form of transportation north of the St. Joseph River						X		City, MDOT	N/A		State law prohibits some locations where the	-
with possible connection and expansion to										No action.	vehicle can be driven.	the vehicle can be driven.
<i>Objective:</i> Establish paths in corridors not well served by existing		X										
bicycle and pedestrian facilities.												
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										preparation assistance to begin to secure	Efforts stalled due to COVID-19	easement has been drafted for use in
										easements along St. Joseph River south of		approaching property owners. There has
Action: Establish a St. Joseph riverfront pedestrian and bicycle								City,	D 11	Ann		
trail from the Margaret Upton Arboretum to Lakeland Healthcare						X		Residents,	Public,			been some interest from outside parties to
and beyond, eventually connecting further south to the St. Joseph								Others	Grants	Street/Fisherman's Way		approach property owners to obtain them.
Charter Township trail system.												In 2022 the Berrien County Trails Master
												Plan was adopted.
Action: Identify potential easements on private property along								City,				No action.
the riverfront to improve connections on both sides of the river.						X		Residents	Public			
								Residents		No action.	No action.	
Action : Work with Lakeland Hospital to establish a path											Investigated use of existing utility easements.	No action.
through the hospital property by establishing an					X			City, Others	Public		Efforts stalled due to COVID-19	
easement.										No action.		
Action: Connect existing trail facilities at Harbor Shores and												In 2023 and earlier, Cornerstone Alliance
Harbor Village with downtown St. Joseph and the waterfront.											Dedectrice bridge between Uarbon Wills of	and Berrien County operated a boat taxi
Harbor vinage with downtown St. Joseph and the waterfiold.					v			City, Others	Public,		Pedestrian bridge between Harbor Village and Benton Harbor across PawPaw River	along the St. Joseph River.
					Λ			City, Others	Grants			along the St. Joseph River.
										No ostina	completed. Cornerstone and Berrien County	
				_						No action.	created boat taxi locations in several areas.	
Action: Establish a trail along the CSX right of way along Lake									Public,	Feasility/Cost concern - CSX currently	No action taken.	No action.
Michigan south of the water treatment plant.						X		City, Others	Grants	solely responsible for shoreline protection		
								City Others	Public,	Same comment above regarding starting	No action taken.	No action.
Action: Identify potential easements on private property along						X		City, Others	r uone,	Same comment above regarding starting		No action.
<i>Action:</i> Identify potential easements on private property along the lakefront to improve connections south to the city limits.						X		City, Others	Grants	process to secure easements		
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Action: Encourage creation of neighborhood associations.					X			City	Public	No action.	No action taken.	No action taken. New development in Harbor Village has several associations.
<i>Action:</i> Explore locations for pocket parks within walking distance of all residences.				X				City	Public		No action taken.	The City along with Cornerstone Alliance are working to improve the area known as Pleasant Street plaza.
<i>Action</i> : The City Commission will convene a series of focused meetings on key issue areas identified in the master plan to define existing conditions and prioritize future projects and initiatives, including but not limited to Below the Bluff neighborhoods, Niles Avenue, and the Harbor.				x				City	Public	Meetings have taken place under the direction of Public Safety Department to address concerns associated with the lakefront as it relates to parking, safety and traffic. Anticipate more meetings throughout 2017.	Public Safety continues addressing areas Below the Bluff.	Public Safety continues addressing areas Below the Bluff.
Goal: Promote a vital multi-use traditional downtown district.		1			1				I			
<i>Objective:</i> Investigate form-based overlay districts in the			×	< l								
downtown core to protect existing character.												
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Community and Place, continued	rtant	Very Important	Important	Within 2 years	2-5 years	5 plus years	Continuous	Responsible Party or Key Partners	Potential Funding Source	2016-2017 activities with proposed activity for 2017/2018		
Objective: Support and encourage residential opportunities												
above street level with varied ownership/rental qualities and many varied price points.			X									
Objective : Make St. Joseph more diverse and inviting by			X	C C								
encouraging growth of art, culture, and aesthetics.			_	_								
<i>Action:</i> Nurture art-based businesses through regular art walks and art shows.							X	C Others	Private	The existing four programs are continuing.		No action taken. Existing events continue.
Action: Maintain and promote strong cultural and civic events.							x	City, Others	Public, Private	programs/events along and marketing	St. Joseph Today has installed two murals and in the past worked with Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for temporary stair mural.	In partnership with St. Joseph Today and other nonprofits, the City continues to host and promote strong cultural and civic events.
<i>Action:</i> Identify additional public and quasi-public opportunities for outdoor eating and gathering places.							X	City, Developers, Business Owners	Public, Private	No action.	2020 City allowed temporary seasonal use of 700 block of Pleasant Street for outdoor dining on the weekends in response to COVID concerns.	The 700 block of Pleasant Street continues to use the public street during summer months for outdoor dining.
Goal: Improve the sense of community cohesion on and near main	in thoroughf	fares.	-			-		-				
<i>Objective:</i> Investigate form-based overlay districts on Niles Avenue, Main Street, and Lakeshore Drive to improve aesthetics and function and better incorporate these corridors into the community.			X	C								No action taken. An overlay district was adopted on Main Street to allow residential uses on the ground floor in commercial and office buildings.
<i>Objective:</i> Bury power lines and other utilities when possible in conjunction with planned roadwork.		2	K							Feasibilty/Cost Concern: 2004 Lions Park Drive Project. Burying Electrical lines alone estimated at \$500,000		No action taken, the feasibility and cost associated with project is very expensive.
<i>Objective</i> : Improve visual character of main thoroughfares to foster business retention and attract new businesses.		2	K									
<i>Action:</i> Conduct a design charrette focused on main thoroughfares to identify key node(s) and opportunities for a more welcoming streetscape.							X	City	Public		No action take. The Downtown Vision Master Plan discussed improvements to Main Street.	MDOT is planning to conduct public input sessions on the 2027 Main Street Reconstruction Project in Spring 2024. The DDA kicked off a streetscape engagement with consulting firm Jones Petrie Rafinski in Summer 2023. The engagement developed streetscape improvements for the main areas of downtown, focusing primarily on Broad and State Streets. In addition, the City is working closely with MDOT on designs for the 2027 Main, Ship and Port Streets reconstruction project.

<i>Action:</i> Review parking standards and appropriate sized parcels to attract desired commercial types of businesses.							X	City	Public	Staff gathering data to provide to Planning Commission for discussion and recommendation. Key roads are predominately controlled by	Loading. Will require equipment under certain conditions. City looking at providing equipment at parks and downtown area. RRC requires amendments to ZO MDOT reviewing options as part of Main	Bikes, Parking and Loading" in the Zoning Ordinance current draft has consolidated and decreased required on-site parking requirements while including lanugage for exemptions, landbanking and shared use. MDOT reviewing options as part of Main
<i>Action:</i> Facilitate Access Management by reducing driveways on main thorough fares to improve safety.							X	City, Developers	Public, Private	MDOT representative. Honor Credit Union decreased the number of curb cuts.	Street reconstruction later in 2020's.	Street reconstruction later in 2020's. Residential properties modifying garages or parking are required to eliminate driveways from the street when alleys are present.
Goal: Work to provide recreational activities and community serv	vices that er	nhance qual	ity of life	for resi	dents an	d attract i	new visit	ors.	1			
<i>Objective</i> : Improve collaboration and cooperation with local and regional entities to maximize existing parks and recreational offerings and amenities.	Х											
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<i>Action</i> : Establish a clearinghouse to serve as a single point of contact for organized recreational opportunities.						x		City, County	Public	No action.	Entered into an agreement with St Joseph Baseball Association and North Lincoln Baseball & Softball Association to administer youth baseball and softball.	No Action
<i>Action</i> : Use the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to evaluate existing conditions and prioritize replacements and upgrades					х			City	Public	Removed and replaced equipment at Lions Park Beach. Removed out of compliance equipment at Riverview and TinyTots. Replaced swing seats at most parks to bring into compliance.	Replaced swings and slide at Tiny Tots Park. Renovating amphitheater in Milton park. Updated landscaping in Lake Bluff Park.	Replaced playground at Riverview Park, Renovated restrooms at Kiwanis Park to improve ADA
<i>Action:</i> Evaluate whether existing facilities meet the diverse needs of the entire community.					Х			City	Public	Master Plans for Riverview, Dickinson, Whirlpool Centennial parks anticipated to approved in early 2018.	Applying for grants to improve Whirlpool Centennial Park	Received grant for restroom at Whirlpool Centennial Park construction in fall of 2024, received grant to construct a restroom at Dickinson Park
<i>Action</i> : Keep the Parks and Recreation Master Plan current within the 5 year cycle.							X	City	Public	Adopted Master Plan in February 2016.	Adopted Master Plan in January 2021	Update coming in winter of 2026
<i>Action</i> : Periodically review the use and amenities at city parks to keep up with visitor demand, resident demand, and the market.							x	City	Public	Master Plans for Riverview, Dickinson, Whirlpool Centennial parks anticipated to be approved in early 2018.	Completed Master Plan update in 2021.	Staff and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board review the plan annually
<i>Objective</i> : Maximize the enjoyment and use of Riverview			X									
Park. <i>Action:</i> Evaluate the feasibility of additional recreational amenities, for example disc golf and a campground, at Riverview Park.					X			City, Others	Public, Private, grants	Park specific Master Plan draft completed, expect final approval in early 2018.	Completed Master Plan update in 2021.	Replaced playground, new window and paint at Woodbine
<i>Action</i> : Maintain and expand trail system within park and add connectivity to city and other municipalities through implementation of a non-motorized path or bike lanes along M63 in conjunction with MDOT.					X			City, Others	Public, Grants	Park specific Master Plan in process. Anticipate completion of plan in early 2018.	Completed Master Plan update in 2021.	The Upton Drive Reconstruction Project will add a NMP that connects to the Momany Drive NMP and eventually Harbor Village trail. Began work with MDOT to redesign Main Street, highlighting nonmotorized path options as a priority
Goal: Continue strong communications between city government	and local a	nd regional	governm	nental ei	ntities as	well as no	on-gover	nmental organ	izations to er			
<i>Action:</i> Hold regular joint meetings with community leaders,							x	City, Others	N/A	 City involved with CEO meetings and the Michigan Great Southwest Strategic Leaderhsip Council. Collabrative meeting held with Berrien County to discuss Silver Beach area. WSJOB, JWWTP serve to foster better relations with our neighbors. Attend quarterly planning/zoning meetings with 	Work continues as previously stated.	In july 2023, held a housing workship by Michigan Association of Planning with attendees from the City Commission and representatives from multiple appointed boards and committees. Space was available to allow elected and appointed officials from the neighboring communities to attend.
city boards and commissions, and with adjacent jurisdictions. Goal: Maintain consistent, efficient, and transparent government	t processes.									Berrien County staff.		

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<i>Objective:</i> Continue frequent and diverse city communications and maximize the use of all forms of												Increased Facebook followers, launched an
communication, including social media, city newsletters, and												Instagram account, relaunched the city newsletter on a bimonthly cycle. Continue
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relevant stakeholders and spearheading conversations to share information, ideas, and concerns with regards to the future of the Harbor area.		X	C									
										We have some counts taken north of the SJ	No additional action taken.	MDOT will be completing traffic counts as
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Action: Conduct additional traffic counts on streets throughout								City,	Public,	Department purchased a traffic counter and		Main, Port and Ship Streets reconstruction
the harbor area to identify key traffic patterns and potential					Х			SWMPC	Private	is taking counts for projects listed in the CIP. Could be deployed for this, need		project. Results will be available in late 2024.
conflicts between residential and industrial users.										direction.		2024.
<i>Action:</i> Determine the potential impacts of different					x			City,	Public			No action taken.
future uses for the existing commercial harbor.					2			SWMPC, Others		No action.	No action taken.	
<i>Objective:</i> Support and protect the Federal commercial harbor designation.		X	<u> </u>									
<i>Action</i> : Investigate long term, sustainable locations and options for inner harbor dredging spoils, looking for potential						Х		City, County, Business Owners	Public, Private	Berrien County disbanned the St. Joseph River Harbor Authority Jan 2017. Cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph along with St. Joseph Charter Township exploring new multi- jurisdiction harbor authority options.	Harbor Study completed in Jan 2020. Three communities working on creating a committee which would draft rules/regulations for a future board. COVID has delayed work.	Berrien County is working to hire consultant to create grant application for dredging of Recreational Harbor in 2024. City will participate in some of the cost.
collaborations with other communities.												
Action: Take a leadership role in encouraging and securing								City, County,				City continues to work with Army Corps of
Army Corps of Engineering dredging activities of both the inner and outer harbors.							X	Business Owners	Public	City working with Army Corps of Engineering.	Action continues as previously stated.	Engineers for necessary work.
<i>Action</i> : Encourage appropriate placement of dredging spoils on City beaches and waterfront.							X	City, County	Public	Summer 2017 spoils were placed on the south end of beach area.	Action continues as previously stated.	City continues to work with Army Corps of Engineers for necessary work.
Goal: Seek a balanced approach to tourism, recognizing its contril	bution to the	e local econ	omy whi	ile minir	nizing im	pacts on r	esidents	' quality of life	•			
Goal: Support workforce needs of local employers.												
<i>Objective:</i> Support efforts by Whirlpool, Lakeland Healthcare, LECO, Berrien County, Lake Michigan College, AEP, and other existing employers to attract and retain high quality employees.	X											Continued to work toward RRC certification to help support commercial and residential redevelopment opportunities.
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<i>Action:</i> Research the needs and wishes of 25-30 year-olds and create an action plan to address these needs.					X			City, Business Owners	Public, Private	No action.	Public Works - Parks Division looking at possible opportunities.	No action taken.
Action : Add WiFi hotspots to downtown St. Joseph.					Х			City, Others	Public, Private	No action.	No action taken.	No action taken.
<i>Action:</i> Provide broadband as an essential city infrastructure.					X			Others	Public	No action.	No action taken. Berrien County is working on survey.	Berrien County is working to address the needs of the county.
<i>Objective:</i> Increase support of existing companies and employers in order to retain them in the city.	Х											

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relevant stakeholders and spearheading conversations to share information, ideas, and concerns with regards to the future of the Harbor area.		x										
<i>Action:</i> Conduct additional traffic counts on streets throughout the harbor area to identify key traffic patterns and potential conflicts between residential and industrial users.					х			City, SWMPC	Public, Private	We have some counts taken north of the SJ River by SWMPC. The City Engineering Department purchased a traffic counter and is taking counts for projects listed in the CIP. Could be deployed for this, need direction.		MDOT will be completing traffic counts as part of the design process for the 2027 Main, Port and Ship Streets reconstruction project. Results will be available in late 2024.
<i>Action:</i> Determine the potential impacts of different future uses for the existing commercial harbor.					Х			City, SWMPC, Others	Public	No action.	No action taken.	No action taken.
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Action: Provide broadband as an essential city infrastructure.	V				Х			Others	Public	No action.	No action taken. Berrien County is working on survey.	Berrien County is working to address the needs of the county.
<i>Objective:</i> Increase support of existing companies and employers in order to retain them in the city.	X											

<i>Action:</i> Work with St. Joseph Today to support business collaboration with events and networking opportunities. <i>Action:</i> Collaborate with Cornerstone Alliance, Cornerstone Chamber Services, and Southwest Michigan Tourist Council to							X	City, Others	Public, Private	Continued with established programs. Worked to decrease impacts on residents and businesses. New director hired in Feb 2017. Attended workshops regarding Redevelopment Ready Communities	DDA approved contract with Holt Bosse to provide technical support to businesses during COVID. City Commission approved contract with Southwest MI Regional Chamber to create a virtual downtown experience as part of response to COVID. Two city staff are member of MI Economic Development Assocation and attend	The City continues to support activities sponsored by St. Joseph Today and attends monthly meetings. The City regularly attends the different board meetings and directs private
recruit new, desirable employers to the St. Joseph community.							X	City, Others	Public, Private	(RRC) through MEDC.	workshops. Requests for information/funding are forwarded to Cornerstone Alliance.	developers to Cornerstone Alliance when appropriate for possibly funding options.
<i>Action:</i> Support access to and awareness of high quality pre- school, daycare, and out of school activities.					X			City, Others	Public, Private	No action.	Parks Division provides summer programs in coordination with other agencies.	Parks Division provides summer programs in coordination with other agencies.
<i>Action:</i> Enhance after-school programs through partnerships between schools and PTA collaboration.					Х			City, School District	Public	No action.	No action taken.	No Action taken.
Goal: Attract and encourage new businesses and cultivate entrep	oreneurs.	•	•	•	I	1	•					
<i>Action:</i> Explore incentives to attract new businesses.							X	City, Others	Public, Grants	Approved State of Michigan incentive for Whirlpool Tech Center	Two staff have completed Basic Course in Economic Development. Incentives approved for LECO and United Federal Credit Union both on Hilltop Road.	As part of RRC requirements, the City has hired Place + Main to develop an economic plan which will highlight incentives that can be used to attract new businesess.
Action: Work with Cornerstone Alliance to explore business									Public,			No action taken.
incubator or shared workspace opportunities for start-up companies.							X	City, Others	Private, Grants	No action.	No action.	
Goal: Identify strategies to incentivize diverse and desirable reside	l ential develo	l onment wit	l hin the S	l t losent	l n city lim	l nits	<u> </u>		Orunts			
Action: Utilize the 2016 Kinexus Housing Market Analysis to											Planning Commission studying options to	
inform identification of affordable housing locations and multifamily developments.					х			City, Others	Public, Other	No action.	provide additional housing options on Main Street ground floor buildings.	
<i>Action:</i> Consider modifying the zoning code where appropriate to maximize housing options.					Х			City	Public	No action.	Planning Commission studying options to provide additional housing options on Main Street ground floor buildings.	In June 2023, the city hosted "HousingSupply, Choice and Affordability" training for elected and appointed officials through the Michigan Planning Association.
<i>Action</i> : Foster public-private partnerships to promote increased housing options.					Х			City, Others	Public, Private	No action.	No action taken.	No action taken.
<i>Action</i> : Study options for pursuing affordable housing funds through programs like the MSHDA HOME program, downtown						Х		City, State, County	Private, Grants			No action taken.
rental rehab, and low income tax credits.	fordovelop	mont or ro	dovelopr		roportu		 norted b	with a master i		No action.	No action taken.	
Goal: Provide a transparent, supportive, welcoming environment St. Joseph Action Plan - Table 3.1 - 2016 Master Plan		oment or re	developr	nent of p	property	when sup	ported b	ly the master	pian and			
		Objectives	onlv)	Time Fr	ame (Ad	ctions only	·)	Actio	ns only			
Natural Areas and Resilience	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Within 2 years	2-5 years	5 plus years	Continuous	Responsible Party or Key Partners	Potential Funding Source	2016-2017 activities with proposed activity for 2017/2018		
Goal: Maintain, preserve and protect St. Joseph's shorelines, nate	ural areas ar	nd natural r	esources									
<i>Objective:</i> Protect public trust property along the Lake Michigan shoreline, and existing homes near the shore.	X											
<i>Action</i> : Revisit appropriate coastal measures south of the St. Joseph River as discussed in the 2012 Coastal Study.						x		City	Public	allow for an update to the 2012 study. Final draft document presented in late 2017.	Document completed	No action taken.
<i>Action:</i> Update the 2012 Coastal Study north of the St. Joseph River at appropriate time intervals or water level change benchmarks, as described in the study.						X		City	Public	Contract awarded March 2017 which will allow for an update to the 2012 study. Anticipated completion in 2017.	Document completed	Current document was finalized on December 21, 2017.
<i>Action:</i> Enforce appropriate regulations to ensure there is no improper construction in at-risk areas along the coast as identified by FEMA.							х	City	Public	Building permits are reviewed accordingly.	Building permits reviewed accordingly. FEMA in process of updated floodmaps creating VE zone along lake. Processed appeal request onbehalf of several residents. Awaiting response from FEMA.	As required the City adopted new FEMA maps with effective date of April 25, 2024 and modified the Zoning Ordinance as needed.
<i>Objective:</i> Increase the tree canopy cover city-wide.			X									

use alternative energy sources; as well as conservation measures.												
<i>Objective:</i> Consider adopting ordinances that detail permissible			x									Planning Commission reviewing draft lanugage pertaining to Solar Panels.
Goal: Explore policy making and management options for local al	ternative er	nergy use a	nd conse	rvation o	of resour	ces.						
<i>Action:</i> Evaluate strategies to control invasive species.						Х		City	Public, Private, Grants	private service. City staff certified to treat on various City properties. Hosted and attended symposium. Monitored existing invasive species map. Prepare newsletter articles and provide information on website.		
										2017 is third summer contractor has been hired to treat the central ravine area along the sewer easment for Japenese Knotweed, also reach out to adjacent properties for	Continued work as previously outlined.	No action taken. Japanese Knotweek continues to be treated.
Action:Complete the combined sewer overflow disconnection.Action :Preserve existing wetland functions and consider adopting a local wetland ordinance for added protection.						X		City	Public	No action. The treatment of Japanese Knotweed will help to protect wetlands.	Continued work as previously outlined.	No action taken. Japanese Knotweek continues to be treated.
Actions. Complete the combined communications is						х		City	Public	In compliance with CSO-NPDES permit. 2017 CSO project complete. Flow monitoring currently underway in order to determine storage size for 2019/2020 Project.	In process of permit renewal this year.	In compliance with CSO NPDES permit. Design has commenced on phase 1 of the CSO storage tank. The CSO storage tank is expected to be the final corrective measure of the CSO control program.
<i>Action:</i> Work with upstream jurisdictions to reduce nutrient loading in the St. Joseph River from agriculture run-off and lawn care products.						X		City, Others	Public	No action. Some discussion with Berrien and Cass County MSR Group meeting.		Recommendations for outreach will be included in updated SWIPP document.
<i>Action:</i> Conduct business education and outreach to home owners.						Х		City	Public	Hosted Southwest Michigan Planning Commission informational table in lobby of City Hall information included water resource activities.		Recommendations for outreach will be included in updated SWIPP document.
<i>Action:</i> Collaborate with local and regional entities and the State of Michigan to monitor water quality regularly, sharing data with surrounding jurisdictions.							Х	City, State, County, Others	Public	Attend the Berrien and Cass County MS4 Group regurley to discuss concerns and share information.	Continued work as previously outlined.	Committee created to work on updating th Source Water Protection Plan (SWIPP).
<i>Objective:</i> Preserve water quality.	∑ X	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	∧ v	2-	5	Ŭ	<u> </u>	<u> </u>			
Natural Areas and Resilience, continued	ost nportant	Very Important	Important	ithin 2 ars	5 years	plus years	Continuous	ev ev	Potential Funding Source	2016-2017 activities with proposed activity for 2017/2018		
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<i>Action:</i> Create a list of appropriate tree species to plant and educate private property owners on proper maintenance and upkeep.						Х		City	Public	List of Street trees has been prepared and is shared.	Stree tree list has been shared and used.	Stree tree list has been shared and used. Draft Tree Ordinance provides information.
<i>Action:</i> Research projected shifts in tree species and transition street tree-planting programs to trees that will thrive in hotter summers and wetter winters.						X		City	Public	tolerate the weather.	planting program	Continue to use and update list of street trees for planting program. Information provided in draft Tree Ordinance with anticipated 2024 adoption.
<i>Action:</i> Adopt a tree maintenance, tree planting, and tree- cutting policy for public properties.						X		City	Public	Beginning in 2015/2016 hired tree consultant for the removal and triming of trees. Studying options for yearly maintenance based on geographic areas.	Since 2016 have been performing a regular trimming program by identifying one section a year to be trimmed.	Since 2016 have been performing regular trimming program by geoghraphic area. Language included in draft Tree Ordinance with anticipated 2024 adoption.
<i>Action</i> : Consider instituting tree planting or maintenance requirements as a part of the zoning ordinance.						Х		City	Public	stages of discussion regarding landscaping requirements.	No action taken	No action taken.
<i>Action:</i> Use the tree canopy inventory conducted as a part of the vulnerability assessment to prioritize public street tree plantings.						х		City	Public, Grants	Money in 2017/2018 budget for street tree planting. \$15,000 budget allows for approximately 50 trees. Will continue with tree planting program.	Have continued budgeting \$15,000 for tree planting to allow for 40-50 trees each year. Planted over 140 new trees in 2020.	Completed a tree inventory in 2023, continue planting 40-50 trees per year.
<i>Action:</i> Investigate becoming a nationally recognized 'Tree City'.						Х		City	Public, Grants	No action.	No action taken.	Draft Tree Ordinance has been completed and expect adoption in 2024.

<i>Action:</i> Create measureable goals to incentivize businesses and residents, identifying appropriate non- regulatory benchmarks.						X		City, Others	Public, Grants	No action.	No action taken.	No action taken.
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Natural Areas and Resilience, continued	Most Important	Very Important	Important	Within 2 years	2-5 years	5 plus years	Continuous	Responsible Party or Key Partners	Potential Funding Source	2016-2017 activities with proposed activity for 2017/2018		
Objective: Improve infrastructure for electric vehicles.			X									
<i>Action</i> : Explore a comprehensive electric vehicle infrastructure ordinance to encourage provision of electric car charging stations.						x		City	Public	No action.	No action taken. City purchases hybrid vehicles when possible.	All City owned street lights have been converted to LED.
<i>Objective:</i> Improve stormwater management on public and private properties.			X									MS4 NPDES Permit Stormwater Post Construction Control Guidelines were recently approved by EGLE.
Goal: Improve access to local food.	· 	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-			· 						
Objective: Expand the City of St. Joseph Farmer's Market			X									
<i>Action:</i> Review the location and operating hours of the farmers market. Consider operating it near local employment base during business hours to offer workers the opportunity to purchase fresh foods.					X			City, Others	Private, Others	Discussions were had with organizers to relocate to new location or expand hours. No changes from past years occuring in summer 2017.	No action taken.	In Summer 2023, St. Joseph Today launched a Wednesday night farmers market in Court Place Plaza.
Action: Address delivery logistics to reduce congestion.					Х			City, Others	Private, Others	Discussions have occurred. Issuing one parking permit per farmstand.	No additional action taken.	No action taken.
<i>Objective:</i> Promote and expand small scale food entrepreneurism			X									
Action: Explore locations for community gardens.						X		City, Others	Private, Grants, Others	No action.	No action taken.	No action taken.
<i>Action</i> : Encourage and support regional food entrepreneurs by providing a hub for advertising and shuttles to farms, vineyards, and breweries.						X		City, Business Owners, Others	Private, Others	No action. Some restaurants sponsor tours. Not a city activity.	No additional action taken.	No action taken.