St. Joseph Action Plan - Table 3.1 - 2016 Master Plan Priority (Objectives **Time Frame** only) (Actions only) Actions only unding Source lost Important ery Important Responsible Party or Key Partners /ithin 2 years Potential plus years ontinuous -5 years 2016-2017 activities Goal: Assess and maintain the City's existing infrastructure. Objective: Ensure road improvements are done in a Χ strategic way to efficiently improve connectivity and access for all users Objective: Implement the results of the Storm Assessment Management and Wastewater (SAW) grant to improve road Х pavement quality, focusing on highest priority actions first. Goal: Encourage biking and walking as an integral part of daily life in the city Objective: Improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and connectivity with transit, schools, parks, employment centers, shopping, and other municipalities. Action: Develop a plan for a non-motorized network that City, PC, MDOT, Х Public, Grants Others highlights opportunities for modifications to existing infrastructure as well as new infrastructure investments. No action. As part of SUP request for Honor Credit Union and City, Business Public, Grants Х McDonald's requested Owners Action: Identify opportunities to encourage bicycle racks installation of bike racks as part at public and private destinations. of site plan. Action: Install comprehensive signage to define bike Х City, Others Public No action. routes. Action: Identify high pedestrian vehicular conflict locations and high traffic intersections and prioritize these Χ City, MDOT Public, Grants for improvements. No action. No action. MDOT representative attended Х City, MDOT Public, Grants Planning Commission meeting Action: Identify and prioritize locations for traffic calming to discuss options for State improvements. routes. Maintain sidewalks in the City, Home downtown, parks, and public Χ Owners, Business Public, Private Action: Ensure key sidewalk corridors are cleared of snow parking lots. In 2016/2017 in a timely manner so residents can safely access walkable Owners removed snow on school routes areas of the community year-round. when more than 2". No action. Planning Commission Χ Action: Identify streets and corridors where bike lanes City, Others Public, Grants discussed if opportunities can be immediately implemented and execute these existed with MDOT along portions of Niles Avenue. improvements. Goal: Investigate solutions to better manage transportation and parking demands Objective: Investigate implementing a shuttle service and/or additional transit routes connecting off-street parking in Х areas outside of downtown with amenities in the core of the City. Action: Identify off-site parking locations that are not used to full capacity and work with property owners to Χ City, County Public, Others No action. Off-site parking used secure shuttle pick-up locations. for Krasl Art Fair. Action: Investigate the feasibility of developing seasonal Х Early investigation of options Staff, County Public, Others public transit routes to serve the off-site parking. taking place.

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Transportation and Infrastructure, 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	
Action: Work with Lakeland Hospital to establish a path through the hospital property by establishing an easement.					х			City, Others	Public	No action.	
Action: Connect existing trail facilities at Harbor Shores and Harbor Village with downtown St. Joseph and the waterfront.					Х			City, Others	Public, Grants	No action.	
Action: Establish a trail along the CSX right of way along Lake Michigan south of the water treatment plant.						х		City, Others	Public, Grants	No action.	
Action: Identify potential easements on private property along the lakefront to improve connections south to the city limits.						х		City, Others	Public, Grants	No action.	
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Community and Place	Most Important	ery Important	mportant	Vithin 2 years	-5 years	plus years	Continuous	Responsible Party or Key Partners	Potential Funding Source	2016-2017 activities	
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Goal: Preserve the traditional neighborhood feeling of safety Objective: Maintain high quality, well staffed, rapid	, neig	gnbor	lines	s and	vait	le in	resia	lential districts.			
response police and fire services. Objective: Respect existing neighborhoods and improve transitions between commercial, residential, and other		Х									
action: Explore height restrictions, landscaping standards, and regulations on hours of operation to ensure commercial developments are well-buffered from residences.					×			City	Public	Planning Commission is working agressively to draft a new Sign Ordinance. Planning Commission started investigating improvement options along Niles Avenue south of Napier Road. Staff has been working on possible changes to Zoning Ordinance in the area of parking and landscaping.	
Action: Improve street lighting in residential districts, considering LED or street light covers, to shield the brightness of the halogen lights.							х	City, Developers, Others	Public, Private	No action in residential areas, need to work with I & M. Studied and purchasing LED lights in the downtown area.	
Objective: Define the unique elements of each neighborhood.			Х								
Action: Inventory and document unique characteristics of each neighborhood.						х		City	Public	No action.	
Action: Ensure definitions in the zoning ordinance are consistent with conditions in neighborhoods and are appropriate to the desired characteristics of the community.				х				City	Public	As part of Sign Ordinance update, definitions being reviewed and updated.	
Action: Encourage creation of neighborhood associations.					Х			City	Public	No action.	
Action: Explore locations for pocket parks within walking distance of all residences.				Х				City	Public	No action.	

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Community and Place, 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
Action: 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.				х				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.
Goal: Promote a vital multi-use traditional downtown district Objective: Investigate form-based overlay districts in the downtown core to protect existing character.	•		Х							
Objective: Support and encourage residential opportunities above street level with varied ownership/rental qualities and many varied price points. Objective: Make St. Joseph more diverse and inviting by			х							
encouraging growth of art, culture, and aesthetics.			Х							
Action: Nurture art-based businesses through regular art walks and art shows.							Х	Others	Private	The existing four programs are continuing.
Action: Maintain and promote strong cultural and civic events.							х	City, Others	Public, Private	Are continuing with established programs/events along and marketing programs.
Action: Identify additional public and quasi-public opportunities for outdoor eating and gathering places.							Х	City, Developers, Business Owners	Public, Private	No action.
Goal: Improve the sense of community cohesion on and near	mai	n tho	rough	fare	c					
Objective: 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.			Х		5.					
Objective: Bury power lines and other utilities when		Х								
possible in conjunction with planned roadwork. Objective: Improve visual character of main thoroughfares to foster business retention and attract new businesses.		х								
Action: Conduct a design charrette focused on main thoroughfares to identify key node(s) and opportunities for a more welcoming streetscape.							х	City	Public	No action. During a meeting, the Planning Commission heard comments from MDOT regarding state route streetscape opportunities.
Action: Review parking standards and appropriate sized parcels to attract desired commercial types of businesses.							х	City	Public	Staff gathering data to provide to Planning Commission for discussion and recommendation.
Action: Facilitate Access Management by reducing driveways on main thoroughfares to improve safety.							Х	City, Developers	Public, Private	Key roads are predominately controlled by MDOT representative. Honor Credit Union decreased the number of curb cuts.

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communication, including social media, city newsletters, and

neighborhood groups.

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						Х	City, Others	Public, Private	Continued with established programs. Worked to decrease impacts on residents and businesses. New director hired in Feb 2017.
						Х	City, Others	Public, Private	Attended workshops regarding Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) through MEDC.
				Х			City, Others	Public, Private	No action.
				х			City, School District	Public	No action.
trep	reneu	ırs.							
						х	City, Others	Public, Grants	Started process to create a Commercial Rehabilitation District.
						х	City, Others	Public, Private, Grants	No action.
eside	ntial	devel	opm	ent v	vithii	n the	St. Joseph city limit	s.	
				х			City, Others	Public, Other	No action.
				X			City	Public	No action.
				Х			City, Others	Public, Private	No action.
					х		City, State, County	Private, Grants	No action.
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Goal: Provide a transparent, supportive, welcoming environment for development or redevelopment of property when supported by the master plan and ordinances.

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Natural Areas and Resilience, continued	Most Important	Very Important	ant	Within 2 years	<u>ج</u>	ears	snor	Responsible Party or Key Partners	Potential Funding Source	
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Action: 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.
Action: 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.
Action: Complete the combined sewer overflow disconnection.						х		City	Public	In compliance with CSO-NPDES permit. 2017 CSO project underway along Pearl, Langely and Broad. Next project in 2019.
Action: Preserve existing wetland functions and consider adopting a local wetland ordinance for added protection.						х		City	Public	No action. The treatment of Japanese Knotweed will help to protect wetlands.
Action: Evaluate strategies to control invasive species. Goal: Explore policy making and management options for loc	al altitud	ernat	cive e	nerg	y use	X	cons	City servation of resource	Public, Private, Grants	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 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.
Court Explore policy making and management options for for	ar are	Cilia			y use	una		- Container of resource		
Objective: Consider adopting ordinances that detail permissible use alternative energy sources; as well as conservation measures.			х							
Objective: Identify energy efficiency cost saving opportunities for residents and business owners.			Х							
Action: Create measureable goals to incentivize businesses and residents, identifying appropriate non-regulatory benchmarks.						Х		City, Others	Public, Grants	No action.
Objective: Improve infrastructure for electric vehicles. Action: Explore a comprehensive electric vehicle infrastructure ordinance to encourage provision of electric car charging stations.			X			х		City	Public	No action.
Objective: Improve stormwater management on public and private properties.			Х							INO OCTION.
Goal: Improve access to local food.										
Objective: Expand the City of St. Joseph Farmer's Market			Χ							

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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
Action: 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.					Х			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.
Action: Address delivery logistics to reduce congestion.					Х			City, Others	Private, Others	Discussions have occurred. Issuing one parking permit per farmstand.
Objective: Promote and expand small scale food entrepreneurism			Χ							
Action: Explore locations for community gardens.						Х		City, Others	Private, Grants, Others	No action.
Action: Encourage and support regional food entrepreneurs by providing a hub for advertising and shuttles to farms, vineyards, and breweries.						х		City, Business Owners, Others	Private, Others	No action. Some restaurants sponsor tours. Not a city activity.