

Appendix 8

Indicators: Community COMPASS State of the County Report

COMMUNITY COMPASS: Hamilton County's Comprehensive Master Plan and Strategies

Community Compass is a long-range plan that seeks to address mutual goals related to physical, economic, and social issues among the 49 communities within Hamilton County. Through a collective shared vision for the future based on the wishes and dreams of thousands of citizens, Hamilton County now has direction to chart its course into the 21st century.

In developing a broad vision with broad support, Community COMPASS will help ensure that trends are anticipated, challenges are addressed, priorities are focused, and our collective future is planned and achieved strategically over the next 20 to 30 years. Through an in depth analysis of all aspects of the County, the multi-year process has resulted in a comprehensive plan – the Hamilton County 2030 Plan and Implementation Framework.

The 2030 Plan is supported by the State of the County Report – a series of 12 reports that outlines conditions, findings, opportunities, and key measures related to improving and sustaining quality of life in the twelve major community systems in our county.

The 12 reports include:

1. Civic Engagement and social Capital
2. Community Services
3. Culture and Recreation
4. Economy and Labor Market
5. Education
6. Environment
7. Environmental and social Justice
8. Governance
9. Health and Human Services
10. Housing
11. Land Use and Development Framework
12. Mobility

The comprehensive research in each of the 12 community systems has been guided by the 12 elements of “The Vision for Hamilton County’s Future” – identified by citizens in 2002 and approved by your Board on November 26, 2003.

The State of the County Reports form the baseline for development of measurable action plans to achieve Hamilton County's vision. The reports are designed to assist citizens, agencies, and a multitude of stakeholders (in public, private and civic sectors) in understanding the complexities of each system and in applying the findings to develop successful implementation actions. Objective data indicators within each of the reports lay the groundwork for an overall State of the County Report Card to measure future progress, and provide direction for refining action strategies in Hamilton County's 2030 Plan.

To provide a context for studying and assessing Hamilton County's conditions and trends, a Population report provides an overview of changing demographics that impact each of the 12 community systems. Future projections of growth through 2030 have been calculated to provide direction for planning for transportation, housing, community services and other countywide systems.

Beginning in 2005, the 12 reports together with the Population Report will be used by local governments, planning commissions and other public, private and civic sector organizations as we convene key implementation partners to prioritize action strategies, refine implementation campaigns and coordinate commitments.

COMMUNITY COMPASS

State of the County Indicators

1. INDICATORS FOR ECONOMY AND LABOR MARKET

1	Total dollar value of exports annually
2	Growth trends in jobs and number of business and industry establishments
3	Trends in business start ups and deaths
4	Growth trends in selected revenue collections (e.g. sales tax, property tax, income tax)
5	Population trends
6	Number and strength of existing and emerging industry clusters
7	Average per capita payroll income by industry
8	Number of business and industry establishments
9	Number of employees of business and industry establishments by size class of industry
10	Total jobs and total labor force
11	Unemployment rates
12	Population change by age cohort
13	Level of education attainment of Hamilton County residents aged 25 years and over
14	Percent of Hamilton County population aged 18-24 years enrolled in college or graduate school
15	Percent of population 25-34 years with bachelors degree or higher
16	Levels of funding for public education

2. INDICATORS FOR MOBILITY

1	Daily vehicle miles traveled
2	Means of travel to work
3	Commute patterns
4	Daily rush hours
5	Roadway congestion index
6	Excess fuel consumed
7	Travel time index (Texas Transportation Institute for CMSA)
8	Percentage of streets and highways with congestion (Texas Transportation Institute for CMSA)
9	Percentage of land-miles with congestion (Texas Transportation Institute for CMSA)
10	Commute times (U.S. Census Bureau for County)
11	Level of service (OKI for Major Roads)
12	Number of Major Investment Studies (MIS) funded (OKI for Eight Counties OKI)

	Region)
13	Percentage of MIS recommendations implemented (OKI for Eight Counties OKI Region)
14	Percentage of streets ending in cul-de-sacs or dead-ends (CAGIS and HCRPC for county)
15	Miles of roadway without sidewalks (CAGIS and HCRPC for county)
16	Persons per square mile (HCRPC for county)
17	State and Federal expenditures on transit in Hamilton County (OKI for Eight Counties OKI Region)
18	Annual Metro ridership
19	Transit ridership per capital (SORTA)
20	Vehicle miles of transit routes (SORTA)
21	Means of commuting to work
22	Level of air quality (Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services for County)
23	Freight tonnage for goods shipped by air, rail, road, and water (U.S. Census Bureau for CMSA)
24	Number of warehousing establishments (U.S. Census Bureau for County)
25	Number of employees in interstate transportation firms
26	Number of accidents involving trucks (Ohio Department of Transportation for County)

3. INDICATORS FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL CAPITAL

1	Voter turnout in presidential Elections
2	Metro rank of per capita giving to United Way
3	Per capita giving by total population and employment category
4	Average charitable donation by county
5	Level of Education (U.S. Census Bureau)
6	Rate of violent and property crime (U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation)
7	Community stress levels (Sperling's Best Places)
8	Number of Hamilton County high schools with community service prerequisites (public and private schools)

4. INDICATORS FOR ENVIRONMENT

1	Acres of protected environmentally critical and sensitive areas in Hamilton County
2	Connectivity of green areas
3	Percent of new buildings on hillsides of 20% or greater
4	Acres in hillside protection zoning overlay districts
5	Number of landslides per year
6	1-hour number of days worse than "moderate air quality levels in Hamilton County

7	8-hour number of days worse than “moderate” air quality levels in Hamilton County
8	Air Quality Index (AQI) days worse than “moderate”
9	Pounds of toxic chemical releases to air, water, and land
10	Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for watersheds
11	Water quality of watersheds
12	Watershed scores
13	Number of redeveloped Industrial acres

5. INDICATORS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

1	Number of miles of sewer construction annually
2	MSD treatment plant capacity
3	Number of mechanical on-site sewage disposal failures per year
4	Number of non-mechanical sewage disposal failures per year
5	Number of homes on private sewage systems that convert to public sewer
6	Number of measurable goals implemented by the HCSWD per year
7	Number of combined sewer overflows (CSO) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) per year
8	Number of reports of water in basements
9	Tons of total waste recycled annually
10	Number of years of capacity for Rumpke Sanitary Landfill (Hamilton County Solid Waste District)
11	City of Cincinnati violent crime incidents per 100,000 residents
12	City of Cincinnati property crime incidents per 100,000 residents
13	Violent crime incidents per 100,000 residents in the Cincinnati metropolitan region
14	Property crime incidents per 100,000 residents in the Cincinnati metropolitan region
15	Percent of required funds allocated in Hamilton County to meet federal DHS guidelines
16	Percent of homes with broadband internet access (30% in Hamilton County in 2003)
17	Number of wireless access locations (45 in May 2004)
18	Grant dollars from Third Frontier Network (27.4 million in 2003)
19	Number of high-tech jobs
20	Number of start-up technology based companies in the Digital Rhine (200 as of May 2004)

6. INDICATORS FOR LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

1	Increase in housing units in Hamilton County
2	Increase in businesses and industries in Hamilton county (County Business Patterns and U.S. Census Bureau)
3	Housing vacancy rates

4	Percent growth in taxable value of real property
5	Percent of population in transit supportive densities
6	Residential land use in acres per 100 persons
7	Vehicle miles traveled and vehicle hours traveled (Texas Transportation Institute for the CMSA)
8	Vacancy rates of retail, office, and industrial spaces (realtor websites for the CMSA)
9	Retail and industrial land uses in acres per 100 persons
10	Total taxable value of real property per capita (Ohio Department of Development, 2001 - \$17,241 per capita)
11	Percent change in assessed value of property (Hamilton County Auditor for county jurisdictions, 1992-2002, 66 percent increase)
12	Number of at-risk developed and at-risk developing communities in Hamilton county
13	Land cover change
14	Land use distribution

7. INDICATORS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

1	Poverty and minority population impacted by toxic releasing facilities (TRI)
2	Number of implemented CAN recommendations (City of Cincinnati)
3	Number of individuals who sign "the Cincinnati Commitment" (Inter-Group Relations Action Team, Cincinnati Association)
4	Racial isolation in social areas (The Social Areas of Cincinnati: An Analysis of Social Needs, 2004)
5	Socioeconomic segregation in social areas ((The Social Areas of Cincinnati: An Analysis of Social Needs, 2004)
6	Transit access from low income neighborhoods to job centers
7	Academic achievement test scores in low income neighborhood public schools (Ohio Department of Education)

8. INDICATORS FOR CULTURE AND RECREATION

1	Annual attendance at festivals (e.g., Mid Point Music Festival in 2002 had 10,000; in 2003 had 25,000 and in 2004 had 40,000; Taste of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Flower Show, Oktoberfest-Zinzinnati, Summerfair, etc.)
2	Annual attendance at museums (e.g., Cincinnati Art Museum, Taft Museum of Art, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, CAC. Etc.)
3	Annual attendance at Cincinnati Reds and Cincinnati Bengal games
4	Annual fine arts funds donations
5	Library annual circulation figures
6	Number of hotel room nights generated from convention/trade shows (179,524 in 2002 ; source: Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau)
7	Development of new market-rate housing units in central city (51 in 1999, 118 in 2000, 353 in 2001, 451 in 2002, and 235 in 2003; source: Downtown Cincinnati Inc.)
8	Number of Businesses in OTR (907 in 2003; source: Neighborhood Indicator

	Project for Redevelopment)
9	Crime Statistics for central city (source: City Manager's Quality of Life Index-reported quarterly)
10	Total convention attendance (218,665 in 2002; source: Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau)
11	Economic impact generated by convention attendance (source: Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau)
12	Acres and percent of parkland in the City (and other County jurisdictions)
13	Acres of parkland per 1,000 residents of City (and other County jurisdictions)
14	Miles of bike/hike trail developed on the Ohio River
15	Miles of bike/hike trail developed on other rivers/creeks
16	New skate park facilities developed

9. INDICATORS FOR EDUCATION

1	Percent change in enrollment by district
2	Average per pupil revenue generated by source
3	Average percentage of Black students by school district
4	Average median income by school district
5	Average number of state academic standards achieved by school district
6	Number of Hamilton County students attending charter schools
7	Amount of funding for charter schools
8	Academic performance of charter schools
9	Number of Community Learning Centers in operation
10	Number of new or renovated schools completed under Cincinnati Public Schools Facilities Master Plan
11	Number of Hamilton County high school graduates attending college in Ohio
12	State budget allocated for higher education spending
13	Growth in knowledge-based jobs in Hamilton County

10. INDICATORS FOR GOVERNANCE

1	Number and size (number of participating jurisdictions) of intergovernmental agreements.
2	Number of communities classified as "at risk"
3	Percent of regional population living in communities classified as "at risk"
4	Number of Hamilton County jurisdictions with current, adopted comprehensive plans (i.e., updated within the past five years; nine jurisdictions in November 2004)
5	Number of local Non Government Organizations involved in planning efforts
6	Civic sector expenditures on community planning initiatives
7	Percent and number of jurisdictional and organization voting members that attend OKI Board of Trustees and Planning Partnership meetings
8	Percent of Hamilton County residents represented by voting members of the Planning Partnership (80% in 2004)

11. INDICATORS FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	NIH grant funding levels
2	Number of jobs created by BIO/START tenant companies (100 jobs have been generated as of 2004)
3	Revenues generated by BIO/START tenant companies (\$30 million generated in equity investments, small business innovation research grants, sales revenue, and other grants and research contracts as of 2004)
4	New hospital beds in suburban areas (Greater Cincinnati Health Council)
5	Loss of hospital beds on "Pill Hill" (Greater Cincinnati Health Council)
6	New health facilities in suburban areas (Greater Cincinnati Health Council)
7	New specialty hospitals built (Greater Cincinnati Health Council)
8	Vacancy rate for nurses at hospitals compared to national average (Greater Cincinnati Health Council)
9	Number of general physicians per capita compared to Tri-State and Midwest comparable regions
10	Number of specialty physicians per capita compared to Tri-State and Midwest comparable regions
11	Hospital emergency room shifts on diversion
12	Number of uninsured Hamilton County residents (9.1% - Indicators of Healthy Communities 2003 for Greater Cincinnati)
13	Hamilton County unemployment rate
14	Hamilton County poverty rate
15	Deaths by major disease category
16	Non-fatal injuries requiring hospitalizations
17	Injury death rates for persons over 65 years of age (from 1997 to 2001, the injury rate was 71 per 100,000 persons, source: Hamilton County General Health District)
18	Overweight and obese population
19	Tobacco users
20	Infant mortality
21	Low birth weight
22	Number of welfare recipients
23	Number of children receiving subsidized child care
24	Number of families served by Accountability & Credibility Together (ACT) 1,400 families served in 2003 – source: Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services
25	Number of indigent male population requesting service from Free Store (11,600 male service requests in 2001)
26	Student attendance levels per school
27	Education attainment rates
28	Violent crime rates

12. INDICATORS FOR HOUSING

1	Prime interest rates
2	Average household size
3	Number of housing units by rooms
4	Percent change in household categories
5	Household income (U.S. Census Bureau)
6	Headship rate by age group (U.S. Census Bureau)
7	Housing unit change
8	Expansion of critical infrastructure (Cincinnati Water Works; Metropolitan Sewer District; City of Harrison Utilities Department; Hamilton County Engineer)
9	Monetary deficits due to CRA Programs (Hamilton County Auditor)
10	Total tax credit amount for historic preservation (U.S. Internal Revenue Service)
11	Number of subsidized units by agency and location
12	Percent change in subsidized housing units by jurisdiction
13	Vacancy rate changes
14	Estimated number of homeless person (Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless)
15	Regional housing affordability
16	Housing affordability threshold price
17	Single family housing under \$80,000
18	Median value of single-family homes
19	Segregation Index
20	Suburbanization rate by race
