

Dream Big Tiffin!

Project Ideas

New Ideas for 2022 and Ideas Carried Forward from 2021
November 2, 2021

Background

This is the second year for the Dream Big Tiffin! process. The Dream Big Tiffin! process asks for both project ideas and project proposals. Project ideas are thoughts residents and others have on how to make the community a better place. Project proposals are those ideas fleshed out with details about the project description, budget, funding, expenses, impact, and support. One overarching goal of the process is to identify project ideas, solicit feedback from the public on their importance, and work to help develop the more important and practical ones into project proposals, which then can be considered for funding and implementation. The community development process is slow, but it yields great results for improvements in quality of life.

Here is a list of the new ideas (16) as well as the ideas carried forward from 2021 (28), giving a current total of 44 different ideas on how to improve Tiffin. The intention is to refer these ideas to the appropriate strategic lead organizations to evaluate and potentially develop. Our intention is to inventory these ideas and also work with the strategic lead organization to identify those with future potential to become reality in the short- and medium-term.

Goal 1. Prosperous & Resilient Economy

Ensure we are prepared to and successfully capitalize on opportunities in the local, regional, national and global economy, with an emphasis on jobs and tax revenue (MCJP Chapter 5.3, p. 3).



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- ***Small Business Trainer:** A local trainer should be hired to provide training for small- to medium-sized business who cannot afford it (1.2.5 Training & Assistance).
- ***More Entertainment:** Attract bowling alleys, roller skating rinks, and/or more arcades for entertainment and social interaction (1.4 Retention, etc.).
- ***Community Garden:** Create community spaces where individuals can grow their own garden (1.5 Agribusiness).
- **Remodeling Incentive:** Provide incentives to renovate commercial and residential property (1.3 Suitable Locations).
- **Westgate & Mall Support:** Assist as has been done downtown with these areas (1.3 Suitable Locations).
- **Chain Restaurants & Big Box Retail:** Recruit new restaurants and retail (1.4 Retention, Expansion & Attraction).
- **1960s-Type Stores:** Recruit diners, budget-minded stores, meat markets, candy shops, etc. (1.4 Retention, etc.).

Goal 2. Attractive, Desirable & Livable Places

Ensure we have sustainable quality places for living and socializing, with a sense of place that embraces our cultural heritage (MJCP Chapter 5.3, p. 3).



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- ***Wall/Hudson St. Sidewalks:** Develop sidewalks on Wall Street between W. Adams and Miami Streets, as well as on Hudson St. between Washington and Sandusky (2.2.1 Sidewalks/Lighting).
- ***Sidewalk Maintenance:** Level and even-out residential sidewalks and remove weeds (2.2.1 Sidewalks/Lighting).
- ***Bridge Lighting:** Install rope lighting under the three bridges on Washington, Perry, and Market Streets (2.3.1 Downtown Tiffin).
- **City Alley Improvements:** Repair potholes, pick up trash, and require property maintenance (2.2.2 Alleys). Refer to Tiffin City Engineer's Office.
- **Zoning Advisory Council:** Create a group of stakeholders to advise on zoning updates (2.5.2 Updating Zoning Req's). Refer to Tiffin City Engineer's Office.
- **Downtown Recycling & Cigarette Butt Containers:** install throughout downtown (2.3.1 Downtown Tiffin). Refer to TSEP.

Goal 3. Quality Community Facilities & Services

Create/foster a strong sense of community & ensure social needs are met with equitable programs & access to a wide range of community and public facilities and services (MJCP Chapter 5.3, p. 3).



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- ***White Water Park:** Develop a white water park in the Huss Street Bridge area (near the Junior Home Park) similar to the one at Snyder Park in Springfield, Ohio (3.3.3 City Parks).
- ***Kernan Park Improvements:** Renovate the girls' softball park so that it has shade, playground equipment, and volleyball nets (3.3.3 City Parks).
- ***Safety City:** Add a "small town" with paved streets, storefronts, and community buildings to a park without playground equipment; could be used during safety week teach children (3.3.3 City Parks).
- ***Downtown Bike Trail:** Use downtown alleys to create a safe way for people to bike through the downtown (3.3.4 City Trails).
- ***Mental Health Education:** Implement more mental health and prevention education in the schools and community (3.4.1 Mental Health).
- ***Supportive Services for Parents:** Increase supportive services for new parents and parents involved in family court (3.4 Health & Wellness).
- ***West Side Skate Park:** Develop a skate park on the site of the former West Junior High (3.3.3 City Parks).
- **Math and Science Center:** STEM school for area high school students (3.2.1 Graduation Rates). Refer to Tiffin City Schools, Calvert Catholic Schools, North Central Academy.
- **Skill Trades Education:** Develop program for high schoolers to be able to learn skilled trades (3.2.2 Skilled Trades). Refer to Vanguard-Sentinel.
- **Christmas Lights:** Continue to develop an annual Christmas Lights display (3.3.3 City Parks). Refer to Christmas Lights Committee, Tiffin City Parks
- **Apple Jack Park Improvements:** Add more useable playground equipment (3.3.3 City Parks). Refer to Tiffin City Parks.
- **Nature Trails Park Improvements:** Develop a stony or dirt path parallel to other paths (3.3.3 City Parks).

Refer to Tiffin City Parks.

- **Tiffin Bike Path Connections:** cf. City of Tiffin Trail Connection Project (above) (3.3.4 City Trails). Idea is contained in City of Tiffin Trail Connection Project.
- **Urban Hiking Loop Trail:** cf. City of Tiffin Trail Connection Project (above) (3.3.4 City Trails). Refer to Active Transportation Committee, Tiffin City Parks.
- **Tiffin to Bloomville Biking & Walking Trail:** Acquire railroad bed and develop trail (3.3.4 City Trails). Refer to Active Transportation Committee, Tiffin City Parks, Seneca Parks.

Goal 4. Environmental Stewardship – Valued Natural Resources

Be good stewards of our natural resources as they contribute to human and economic well-being, provide recreation and educational opportunities for locals and tourists, and significantly enhance the character of our community (MJCP Chapter 5.3, p. 3).



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- ***Brush Clean-Up:** Implement a program to get rid of fallen or cut tree branches, bushes, grass clippings or other organic landscaping material (4.6.2 Waste Removal).
- **Sandusky River Viewscape & Access:** Develop more access to the waterways (river and creeks) (4.2.2 River Access). Refer to Tiffin City Parks, Seneca Parks, Seneca Conservation District.
- **Sandusky River Water Trail & Biking Options:** Develop a water trail and safer biking (4.2.3 State Water Trail). Refer to Tiffin City Parks, Seneca Parks, Seneca Conservation District.
- **Recycling Campaign:** Promote recycling through brochures, tote bags, trash burning (4.6.1 Recycling). Refer to Tiffin City Administration, OSS Solid Waste District.

Goal 5. Enhanced Mobility, Accessibility, & Public Transportation

Provide modern, well-maintained infrastructure and utilities (roads, water, sewer, telecommunication, etc.) to serve current and future residents and businesses (MJCP Chapter 5.3, p. 3).



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- **Transit System:** Develop a bus system that connects Heidelberg, WalMart, and JFS (5.2.4 Transportation Networks). Refer to SCAT.
- **Outdoor Offices:** Set up public outdoor desks along riverfront and in parking lots with free Wi-Fi (5.5.2 WiFi). Refer to Tiffin City Administration.
- **Clay St. Yellow Stripes:** Paint yellow stripes down the center of Clay Street (5.1.1 Systematic Maintenance). Refer to Tiffin City Engineer.
- **E. Market & Hunter St. Update:** Update/clarify this intersection (5.1.1 Systematic Maintenance). Refer to Tiffin City Engineer.
- **Fair Lane Extension:** Continue Fair Lane from the Cancer Center to US 224 (5.2.1 Fair Lane Extension). Refer to Tiffin City Engineer.
- **College Campus Safety:** Additional signage and speed bumps should be added to campuses. Refer to Tiffin City Engineer.

Goal 6. Strong Community Character & Image

Enhance and strengthen our community character and brand to: establish a reputation as a great place to live, work, study and visit; to instill community pride; and attract new residents, businesses and visitors (MJCP Chapter 5.3, p. 3).



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- ***Bicentennial Celebration:** Expand current plans to become a much larger event, more akin to the 1967 Sesquicentennial (6.1.1 Celebrate Tiffin).
- ***City Murals:** Develop more exterior (and perhaps even interior) murals in our community (6.3.3 Public Art).
- ***Outdoor Community Theatre:** Create a “Shakespeare in the Park” style outdoor community theatre at the Frost-Kalnow Amphitheatre (6.3.6 Festivals & Events).
- **Tiffin Art Mile:** an art walk path with sculpture and murals for locals and visitors (6.3.3 Public Art). Develop Tiffin Arts Council. Refer to Tiffin Community Foundation, TSEP.
- **East Tower Mural:** contract with an artist to paint a mural on the south face of the building (6.3.3 Public Art). Refer to property owner.
- **Tiffin Cruise Night:** a classic car cruise-in on the streets of Tiffin (6.3.6 Festivals). Refer to TSEP.
- **Google My Business Initiative:** Help local businesses stand out on Google through reviews and photos. Refer to Chamber.