

Specific Suggestions for Improvements to Township
(Adapted from Appendices L, R and T)

“Government (including communication and involvement)”

Move to "Home Rule" or "City" government system	This Week, SNP to cover Genoa Improve web-site, especially speed
Sovereignty	Keep website current
Change to "city" rather than township	Improve and maintain township web-site Centralized e-mail or blog system
Stay a township not grow into a city	Open access to Township meetings via webcasts/videoconferencing
Re-evaluate/revise Township charter, minimize loopholes, add a trustee	Weekly communication Better ways of alerting residents
Geographic based representation on Board of Trustees	I would like better understanding of township government Communicate crime specs to neighborhoods better
Develop own legal department	
Needs a Parks and Recreation Department	More meetings like this one More community involvement
Consolidate governmental units to reduce costs	More public participation in public meetings Cooperation between residents & trustees
Greater accountability of township departments to their residents	Continue to involve your citizens in development & planning
Greater responsibility on issues on roads from administration	Regardless of the number of people who attend, continue gathering information from its citizens
More transparent government	More township residents to participate in planning of Genoa Township,
Definition of "senior citizen" in order to expand aid to less fortunate	
Publication of crime statistics and fire runs	Township help with City of Columbus and Delaware County Work with wildlife organizations better in community
No more dividing subdivisions without informing residents	Coordination between Westerville and Genoa
Improve newsletter (more informative, more professional, more frequent)	Improve quality of Township officials
More centralized community news source (e.g., single newspaper for Genoa)	Better training for elected and appointed officials

“Development”

No high density developments
No apartments
Fewer multi-unit housing developments

Need commercial condominium

Fewer housing developments & zero large commercial

No big box retail
A Wal-Mart free environment

No commercial development
Commercial developments are not what we like about Genoa, we like low density and unique architectural housing, there is plenty of shopping close enough – we don’t need more
No more retail

Encourage non-obtrusive businesses to widen tax base,
Commercial development to help pay for services - future ability to pay for the schools & improve roads

Develop only residential, but thoroughly investigate retail/commercial development

Add convenience store at Route 3 and Big Walnut

“Zoning and Planning”

No more sewer

Add incentives for farmers to stay
Save zoning for farm animals
Keep what few farms we have and prevent any further commercial development

Controls on road and street development (uniform width, vs. condo develop?)

Convenience store
A farm market
Larger specialty markets
Neighborhood shopping [like Grandview] 3C and Big Walnut park
Small town center along Rt. 3
Gas station/convenience store on East side (only 1)

A small strip shopping area w/a coffee/bakery shop/dry cleaners, bookstore, nice doughnut/coffee shop, a mom & pop store to blend in– not big business,
A way for growth to happen – not just residential but commercial too
Needs to not be afraid to grow and change

Density is too low

Continue fewer homes on larger lots
Limit growth by proper zoning
To stay the same
No large housing tracks
Stop over-development which would increase traffic and decrease property values and deplete natural resources,

No bars
More pubs

Zoning changes (e.g., decrease distances to back line, set backs, etc.)

Consistent zoning with neighboring communities

Zoning rules around Hoover need to be addressed [e.g., house expansion]

More open space with new developments (not just ponds)

Permit system for patios, etc.
Stop street parking
Homeowners who don't maintain property
Enforcement of law to pick up after dogs

Redevelop rundown areas

Enforcement of business township codes (no "year-long yard sales")
Control over grandfathered commercial property

Ability to fight off annexation
Threat of annexation by City of Columbus
Slow down encroachment of Westerville and Columbus into area

A plan for growth

“Roads/Traffic”

Less traffic

Keep congestion down on roadways
Increased traffic patterns (avoid increased traffic)
Difficult access to highways
Better access to Highland Lakes from Polaris

Traffic Activity around Westerville Central
Traffic engineering -- Mt. Royal and Old 3, Big Walnut and Freeway
Ability to turn right on red from Rt. 3 to Mt. Royal
Improve intersection of 3, Old 3C, and Mt. Royal
Reconfigure Northgate parking lot [traffic and zoning]

Focus on township future – (nearly built out) where do we go from here
To do forward thinking, planning to ensure Genoa retains its appeal – rural roots, planned community like Hilton Head,

Focused planning
A responsible growth plan based on family & community areas not commercial development
A clear vision and game plan for the future of our township
A workable Master Plan,

Higher density zoning procedures are too slow, costly to developers, confusing

To preserve and reconstruct its commitment to being a “Nice place to live”

Make developers responsible for improving roads before building, fix the dangerous intersection at Mount Royal & 3C
Traffic light at Lewis Center and Route. 3
Red light at Big Walnut and Worthington Road
4 way stop at Worthington and Lewis Center
Improve Freeman Road/Rt. 3 intersection
Traffic light at Rt. 3 and Freeman Rd
Traffic signal at St. Rt. 3 and Freeman Road
Traffic light at Rt. 3 and Plumb
Stop signs at Highland Hills and Tralee
More proactive to ticket school zone speeders
Traffic lights on Tussic (timing)
Tussic Road/Mt. Royal traffic signal should be more on demand

Flashing lights after certain hours
(instead of stop lights)

Don't make N. Worthington Rd 4 lanes
(between Lewis Center and Plumb)

Widen Big Walnut
Fix berm on Meadowbrook Lane
Add curbs on Old 3C
Need curbs on main streets so drivers
don't drive on grass

Better enforcement of speed limits
Increase speed on main roads
Speed limits are too high
Slow down and reduce traffic
Lower speed limit on Old 3C
Get control of Rt. 3's speed limit
Adjust speed limits (Harlem between
Sunbury and Woodtown, "as we
grow")
More standard speed limits

Improve drainage on Maxtown

School buses pull over after pick-up

Consistency of pavement

Sound barriers on I-71

Tussic Road "improvements" (didn't
consider environment)
Tussic Road "race track" (should have
remained 2 lanes)

Better flashing 20 mph school lights

“Community Center, Recreation Center, Pool”

Community center for recreation, with a
pool, based on a partnership with
Westerville or Orange

Add private fitness facility

Community Center
Community Center, with classes

When issues come up, need more room
so people can attend meetings

Community Center/Pool
Community center, pool, rifle range
Add community center with indoor pool

Some kind of town center or community
center to pull divisions together
Community center with large park
centrally located in township
A park/community center at the
American Legion property,
Some pedestrian friendly development
perhaps combined with a library or
civic building with a mix of
commercial and restaurant/café

Community center – Recreational
facility
Community recreation center
Recreation center

[A] downtown area

Pool
Add community pool

Westerville rates for Genoa residents at
Westerville Community Center

Outdoor swimming pool, like Powell
Community pool (outdoor)
They do not need an outdoor pool

Add park and pool (especially for kids)
Water park, splash pads

Senior center

“Parks/Recreation”

Nicer entrance to McNamara Park
More parks in neighborhoods

Allow fishing at community ponds

Improvements to parks

Coin operated gas barbecues in parks
(McNamara park?)

Children's sports program

Improve outdoor recreation, tennis
courts

Add basketball hoops/skate park

Baseball diamonds [and tennis courts]
(need some)

Soccer fields

Set aside land for future parks

“Bike Paths/Walking Trails”

Safe walkways to bike trails

Sidewalks connecting to bike trails
(Freeman, Highland Lakes)

I would love to have the bike path run
along Freeman Rd

Connect to Westerville bike path, better
access to bike path

“Green Space”

Keep open spaces and rural feel

Keep wooded areas,

Keep as much open space viewable to
public

Maintain its basic rural, residential
character in order to preserve the
natural beauty of its lake

Slow down and take care of what is here
–peaceful, quiet, safe, careful

Water fountain parks like Powell
(MacNamara)

Make parks more accessible (e.g.,
poured rubber surfaces for
wheelchairs)

Require reservations for park shelter
house

More shaded areas at parks (McNamara)

Paintball course

Indoor shooting facility, rifle range,

Pay for recreation by corporate
sponsorship

A great sledding area

Pedestrian/bike bridge or tunnel over Rt.
3 at Highlands to bike path

More connections on already existing
trails

More lighting on bike path

Provide sidewalks and bike paths on
main roads

stewardship to protect all the
qualities that have made it “a nice
place to live”

Plant hardwood trees to replace those
taken, more landscape along Tussic

Preserve/increase green space

Tree ordinance (protect key features of township)
No mature tree cutting allowed

Community gardens (more, formal garden, etc.)

“Taxes”

Reduce property taxes

Impact fee for all new building
Financial responsibility to residential developers

Broadening the tax base
"More non-residential tax-based growth, ex. commercial"

“Trash/Recycling”

Be able to choose own waste hauler
Uniform trash removal and recycling

More recycle/hazardous waste days

More recycling bins by fire station

“Safety”

Overall better safety precautions for children and pedestrians

Safer crossover at Rt. 3
Need pedestrian overpass on Route 3 to access schools

Safer roadways/crosswalks by Genoa Middle School and Fouse Elementary

Overall better safety precautions for children and pedestrians

Need more sidewalks
Road safety (ditches and turn lanes)
More sidewalks on Maxtown Road and 3C
Add sidewalks -- Highland Lakes North

Add nature preserve(s)

More wetlands preservation

Better landscaping in public areas

Awareness of light pollution

Slow down tax increase to equal house value
Benefits/considerations to long-time homeowners/residents

Define budgetary needs/management/cost-benefit analysis

Provide leaf removal at homes

Pay waste removal fee directly to Genoa, Genoa pays Rumpke

Longer leaf pickup

Zoning should include sidewalks in all developments
Sidewalks in the Condo communities (building codes)

Lack of sidewalks/shoulders on roads

Increased safety around ponds

Utilize lighting in neighborhoods
More street lights in Highland Lakes

Awareness of light pollution

Fishing and non-fishing areas more clearly marked

Fix sidewalks

“Other”

Eliminate/Kill the Canadian Geese
Get rid of turkey vultures

More understanding from longtime residents to newer residents and changes

Reduce the number of school districts serving the township

Add tornado warning system

Better snow removal

Freeway noises in developments -- need sound barriers

Widen berms and ditches

Merge Westerville and Blendon and Genoa fire departments

Better fire protection/hydrants

Township Landmark

Too much salt and spray on roads

Improve postal services (closer, local post office)

Continuing Education classes at night in schools

Trespassing of hunters

Develop a sense of community on neighborhood level

More community communication

Amphitheatre/summer concerts (like Powell)

More gas lines

Better parking at Walnut Grove Elementary

Additional wildlife preservation

Aeration sewer systems

Better cable service/phone service (availability of digital service East of Hoover)

Wireless network for residents

Cable on West shore

High speed internet on East side of reservoir

Limit large trucks on residential roads

Animal control (deer, ground hogs, raccoons)

Add private fitness facility

Quicker removal of road kill

Restrictions on pet noise

Streets without signs and update Township map

Standing water in drainage (determine who is responsible)

Improved drainage issues -- cul-de-sacs

Area YMCA paid for by everyone except users [concern about the proposed Big Walnut Recreation District and Sunbury YMCA – defeated at polls in May]

Sewage issue; parts of the Township without sewers

More environmentally friendly policy

Improve access of utilities for older homes (Maxtown area & Old 3C)

Cover ditches

Add additional fire stations

Welcome-wagon type information packets for new residents

Add parent groups

Sanitary sewer on Maxtown Road

More connectivity between developments

Less hanging bags from mailboxes

Turn off commercial lighting at night on Maxtown and 3C

Collective bargaining for gas

Eco-friendly buildings

More concrete sidewalks [fewer asphalt sidewalks]

Need [more timely?] snow removal in cul-de-sacs

Signage entryways into developments lifted

Improve emergency services on East side

No trash cans around Hoover (like to have some)

Litter along road and in lake

More reliable electric -- goes more frequently

More community events

Don't change police car color

Take care of/clean up Reserves/commons

Westerville rates for Genoa residents at Westerville Community Center

Participation in Westerville Summer program

Activities for youth recreation and continuing education at the schools
Community recreation
Family oriented activities
Activities for teens,
The township should embrace more activities on the reservoir, fishing, biking, nature preserves, a community effort to use it even more

More cemeteries

Post office