

## Municipal Building/Complex

### Goal

Construct a new municipal building or complex to meet the needs of the community by providing operational space for a variety of city and township services.

### Project Description

The new municipal complex will house services for the City of Elmwood including but not limited to police, fire, township office, other city staff and officials. Relocating governmental services into one location would minimize annual operation and maintenance costs. The combination of services will significantly increase chances for grant opportunities. The Neptune Fire House building will be restored regardless of the outcome of the complex.

## Save the Historical Landmarks

### Goal

Identify and restore buildings of significant historical value to preserve the character of downtown Elmwood.

### Project Description

Many existing commercial buildings were built in the late 1800s and carry memories passed down from generation to generation. Damage as a result of the tornado has jeopardized the survival of several of these iconic structures. A list of targeted buildings should be created and prioritized to ensure strong community support continues for maintenance and rebuilding of the historic downtown.

## Explore Brick Repurposing Opportunities

### Goal

Identify options to reuse historical bricks from damaged structures.

### Project Description

Many of the original commercial buildings were constructed with brick and have been damaged as a result of the tornado. These bricks have become a symbol of the community's past and present. Now the community should determine potential projects or programs that will ensure these bricks are retained for the future of Elmwood.

## Explore Transportation Improvements

### Goal

Enhance vehicular mobility and improve downtown connectivity.

### Project Description

The intersection of Magnolia and Main presents difficulty in maneuvering for semi-trailer traffic. As the need for reconstruction at this intersection is evident, design should be considered to improve the safety and visibility for all traffic. By enhancing pedestrian crosswalks, the potential exists for increased accessibility to downtown.

### Improve City Parking Lots

#### Goal

Provide a sufficient supply of accessible parking to support downtown businesses and nearby destinations.

#### Project Description

Create a mix of new parking options by redeveloping existing off-street parking lots. Expanded parking is needed to accommodate the revitalization of the downtown business district, to respond to growing traffic volumes, and to meet the needs for overflow parking during community special events.

### Revitalize Downtown Business District

#### Goal

Rebuild damaged structures and reopen local businesses to support the sustainability of Elmwood for generations to come.

#### Project Description

Downtown Elmwood has always been identified as a historical center and source of community pride. 33 of 41 businesses located within the downtown area were adversely impacted as a result of the tornado. These businesses play an integral role in support of the local economy as well as providing jobs to residents.

### Explore Community Activities

#### Goal

Provide increased opportunities for community participation.

#### Project Description

Community activities provide recreation and gathering places which enhance the quality of life. Existing activities such as band concerts and local festivals have been successful and serve as a source of tourism. The creation of additional activities would promote citizen involvement and stimulate the local economy.

### Medical Complex

#### Goal

Construct or locate a building to house essential medical services.

#### Project Description

As the population ages, demand for health care increases and response time becomes critical. A new medical complex could provide offices for a local doctor and dentist, as well as rehabilitation programs or prompt care services.