



The Scio Township Master Plan was adopted in 1996 and updated in 2009, with a strong emphasis on public participation throughout its development. A survey to households was conducted, a visioning workshop was held, and a formal public hearing was used in the process.

In addition, the development of the Open Space Agricultural and Residential (OAR) land use category further distinguishes this plan. The OAR category is indented to protect existing agricultural land uses, maintain rural character, minimize population density, and promote open space preservation. It is designed to allow low density residential development only when it promotes open space preservation and is compatible with and encourages the maintenance of existing agricultural operations.

The plan also provides for “Special Planning Areas” to promote mixed-use development and a focal point for the community. The Special Planning Areas are centrally located and intended to be the most identifiable aspect of the Township, providing an activity center which unifies the community and which would become the image of the community as a whole.

