# Strategic Elements and Goals from Our Future: A Vision for Champaign County

## Strategic Element Goals

### A Collaborative County

In 2030 we envision Champaign County as a collaborative county where:

1. All government bodies in the county work cooperatively, efficiently and with a high level of citizen participation to provide excellent public services.

### A Prosperous County

In 2030, we envision Champaign County as a prosperous county where:

2. A vibrant, diverse economy ensures the competitive position of the University of Illinois; trains, attracts, and retains a quality workforce; fosters an array of environmentally responsible businesses; provides well-paid jobs; creates a variety of shopping opportunities; and contributes to the quality of life in all communities.

3. Agriculture is a thriving segment of the community that is maintained through the preservation and protection of farmland and is supported by the use of locally grown crops, strong family farms, and a public informed about the importance of an agricultural sector that fosters ecologically sound, socially responsible and economically viable practices.

### A Sustainable County

In 2030, we envision Champaign County as a sustainable county where:

4. The community is a nationally recognized leader in environmental conservation, recreation, and education that successfully integrates people and their activities with the natural world in ways that create high quality, sustainable human and natural communities.

5. Land is used to create well planned, compact, and contiguous communities that minimize sprawl, provide sustainable infrastructure, promote infill development, protect natural and green areas, preserve farmland, encourage accessible mixed use neighborhoods, provide affordable housing, and offer an array of transportation choices.

6. Attractive and vibrant communities - old and new, rural, urban, and suburban - are pedestrian-friendly, include diverse activities and people, incorporate natural areas and landscaping, and highlight the distinctive qualities of the area.

7. A variety of countywide transportation options, including accessible public transportation and attractive well-maintained roadways, bike paths, and pedestrian ways allow people and goods to move safely and efficiently within and between communities, to the larger region, and beyond.

### A Supportive County

In 2030, we envision Champaign County as a supportive county where…

8. A caring, tolerant community that values diversity provides all people access to comprehensive services that contribute to health, welfare, safety, and quality of life throughout the county.

9. All communities provide people of all ages, abilities, and incomes with safe, affordable, well-maintained and energy efficient housing choices for both renters and owners.

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<td>(10) A countywide array of arts, cultural activities, community events, and entertainment options contributes to an exceptional quality of life and community spirit and is promoted to people of all ages and incomes, residents and visitors alike, at educational institutions, community centers, museums, performance venues, and exhibition spaces.</td>
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<td>(11) An excellent life-long education system provides a safe, healthy, diverse, innovative learning environment and job training opportunities through equitable funding, community involvement, and supportive relationships with the University of Illinois, Parkland College, and the business community.</td>
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