

**What follows are DRAFT Vision Statements -- based on initial resident input during the planning effort. These statements are considered DRAFTS. They may change as planning efforts continue. If these statements are revised, updates will be posted to this web site. When completed, these visions will appear at the beginning of each supporting Chapter of the Village of Slinger Plan.**

## **HOUSING VISION**

In 2025, high quality housing choices are abundant in Slinger. Options include well-built and maintained single-family homes, apartments, condos, senior housing and town homes. Village codes and ordinances promote attractive neighborhoods, safe developments with abundant green spaces, and walkable amenities. Housing meets the lifestyle, demographic and economic needs and desires of residents.

## **TRANSPORTATION VISION**

In 2025, the Village of Slinger provides a well-connected system of local streets, highways, and railroads that provide for the safe and efficient mobility of people and goods. Local trails and sidewalks are an integral part of the transportation network - providing connections between neighborhoods and to nearby lakes, neighboring communities, schools, parks, and other facilities.

## **UTILITIES & COMMUNITY FACILITIES VISION**

Slinger's commitment to its services and facilities has allowed the Village to offer a superior quality of living to residents. As has been the tradition, the school district is the showcase feature of the community - attracting growth and development opportunities. Residents of all ages enjoy year-round access to abundant recreational opportunities, diverse library resources and quality health care.

In 2025, the Village has demonstrated that property taxes can be minimized, without jeopardizing public health and safety. By constantly striving to improve efficiencies in service delivery, pursuing shared services with neighboring communities, and collecting user fees, the Village has been able to stabilize overall community costs.

## **AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES VISION**

By accommodating residential and commercial growth, the Village has helped to protect the woodlands, wetlands and agricultural areas in surrounding towns. Within the Village natural features are preserved through effective ordinances. Trees, undeveloped green space, and creative landscaping are important ingredients that contribute to community character.

As has been the tradition, in 2025 most cultural and entertainment venues are easily accessible in nearby cities. Local restaurants, taverns, school plays and activities, a community center and the Slinger Advancement Association offer additional cultural and entertainment choices to residents. Every year, Slinger Fest brings residents together to celebrate the community.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VISION**

In 2025, the Village of Slinger has effectively capitalized on its location and highway access to establish several diverse business environments, including: Historic Downtown Slinger, the STH 60 /USH 41 Interchange and an industrial park. Slinger's businesses support the local tax base, generate quality jobs, and draw new residents to the community. All economic development is in harmony with the Village' natural environment and residential areas.

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION VISION**

By 2025, intergovernmental coordination efforts have enabled the Village to establish partnerships with neighboring communities, the county, and the school district to provide coordinated, cost-effective services. Annexations are planned, based on service demands, in a fashion to sustain the growth needs of the Village and protect the rural character of surrounding towns.

### **LAND USE VISION**

In 2025, the Village of Slinger takes pride in its hometown atmosphere, quality housing, and first-class services. Village development patterns encourage residents to walk to places of interest (i.e. stores, schools, parks, downtown, etc.). The Village has an established industrial development sector that takes advantage of the Village's proximity to important rail and highway corridors. Quality industrial park space continues to attract new development to the Village at a steady pace. Commercial areas have expanded to provide a choice of goods and services for residents. Beyond the Village, the landscape presents a balance of farming, scenic natural areas, and low-density rural residential development.

### **IMPLEMENTATION VISION**

By 2025, the Village of Slinger continues to recognize the value and importance of the comprehensive plan as a tool to guide development. Plan success relies on zoning to prevent incompatible land uses, creative design solutions, and financial planning for capital improvements. Development decisions and provision of public services are determined based on their impact on Village resources.