

**Warsaw Livable Community Transportation Improvement Project
Warsaw, Missouri**

Attachment H

Economic Competitiveness

H-3 Waterfront

The project creates several additional Ladders of Opportunity that are transformative for the entire community.

- 1. Main Street Main Street Development and Redevelopment area.**
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- 3. Commerce and Community Connectors**
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Main Street Main Street Development and Redevelopment area

As outlined in the new comprehensive Plan, there are key areas development and redevelopment opportunities along Main Street. These opportunities will be enhanced with a multimodal Main Street that links Highway 65 to the downtown. Along this route between the two points is valuable and underused property. Much of this property is in a state of blight along a waterfront.

All together there is approximately 118 acres of redevelopment area. **Figure 1**



Figure 1

Supplementing Downtown and Drake Harbor with a Marina

The downtown of Warsaw is a major access point to USACE property leased by the City of Warsaw. Called the Drake Harbor Recreation Area is directly adjacent to the downtown. Over 18 years the city has developed the area to include much more than just boat access to the water. It now has a multiuse area for, walking, bicycling, family events, music and wedding events in an amphitheater, plus, many trail related events. The area has become a visitor's destination point and a sense of pride for the community. The Access Road to this major park goes directly through the downtown from Main Street and according to USACE traffic counts, in FY16, the Corps recorded 133,493 vehicles enter and leave the Drake Harbor Recreation Area. Almost all these vehicles have to use Main Street through the downtown.

We are also experiencing the creation of another transportation corridor, the Warsaw "Blueway." Boaters from nearby resorts and communities are coming to Warsaw from the Lake of the Ozarks shorelines via water access otherwise known as our Warsaw Blueway. They are utilizing the recently renovated Drake Harbor as a place to "park", then shop, exercise and tour the many amenities around downtown. For many, using this mode of transportation (versus their automobile) they are reducing their travel time to downtown by as much as 50%. **Figure 2**



Figure 2

Main Street and the Blueway combined, provide the incentive for the development of a downtown marina. **Figure 3.**



Figure 3

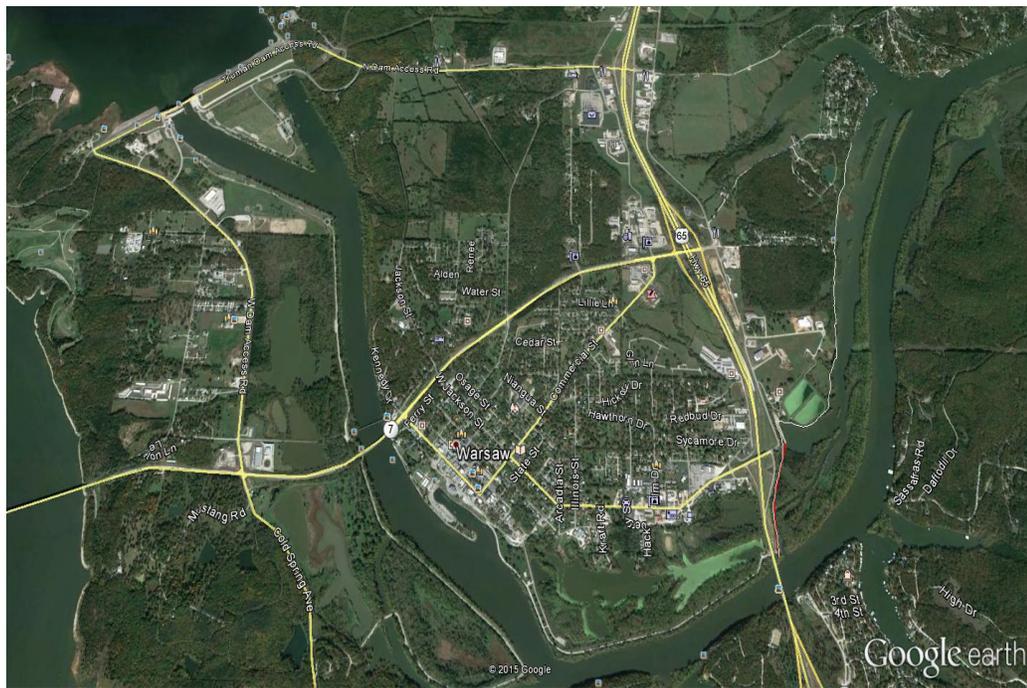
Commerce and Community Connectors

A multi-modal Main Street will ignite a transportation transformation to connect the entire community to the waterfront and every day needs. This is possible due to the unique geographic feature of the route.

As Main Street horseshoes through the community and the waterfront, it will provide important connectivity to other streets that are proposed as Complete, Livable Streets. These streets are not only critical connectors for residents living near downtown today, but will connect through the current city limits, and eventually, to future annexed areas of town. **Figure 4**

Figure 4

Below is an aerial of the overall community. All the property adjoining the waterfront is accessible by Main Street. Commercial and Jackson intersect Main Street and continue to the waterfront.



Waterfront Connectors

Late 2016 the Harrison Street project was completed. In Spring of 2016 the Waterfront Connectors to Harrison Street project were completed. By completing this project, the city made a major step forward by reconstructing the four-blocks of the street between the back of the Main Street Downtown buildings and the waterfront trail and boat improvements. By connecting the existing Drake Harbor Recreation Area with the rest of the community through Downtown Main Street, access will be created with improved “complete” transportation routes for motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and watercraft that use the “Blueway”. The Harrison Street project was funded by Transportation Enhancement funds and Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Recreational Trails Program grant. This is the fifth federally funded downtown or waterfront project administered by the Missouri Department of Transportation and fifth funded by the MDNR. The project consists of new bicycle and pedestrian connections from improved parking lots to Steamboat Landing Boardwalk. Improvements to the lots will increase parking spaces, and also create, walking and bicycle connections to the back of the downtown buildings. Decorative lights the same as in the downtown were placed. This element completed the Downtown Revitalization Plan created in 1997. The Warsaw Community Building is the hub to the downtown and waterfront.

Figure 5



Figure 5

The following pictures are of the recently completed Harrison Street Project. The street improvements make a connection to both the downtown and waterfront. This is the final phase of the 1997 Master Plan.

Before



After



Access to the Community Building has been greatly enhanced.



The sidewalk and parking lot above connect to a switch back that leads to the waterfront from the Community Building.

In both pictures below, is the switchback connecting to the Community Building. Previous page showed the Community Building facing Harrison Street. With the completion of this project, the waterfront through Harrison Street Improvements connects to the downtown.

During construction



After



Harrison Street Improvements



After



Before



After

