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Riverfront Vision Plan | Wilmington, IL

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Location Wilmington, IL

Client City of Wilmington, IL

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The Wilmington Vision Plan is intended to create a clear and strong vision and regional identity for the City with a focus on its historic downtown and the island on the Kankakee River.

A charming community on Historic Route 66, Wilmington is envisioned to be a destination for riverfront recreation, fishing, kayaking, boating and canoeing. The plan also identifies opportunities for small hotels, bed and breakfasts and restaurants, and revitalization of the Historic Main Street and Riverfront Neighborhoods.



A VISION FOR WILMINGTON, ILLINOIS
WILL COUNTY'S ISLAND CITY

Wilmington, the Island City, will be known as a great Chicagoland destination offering a unique riverfront experience to visitors and the community. Highlights of the vision plan include:

- A CHARMING DOWNTOWN AND RIVERFRONT MAIN STREET
- A MAJOR DESTINATION ON HISTORIC ROUTE 66
- A UNIQUE GREEN ISLAND AT THE KANKAKEE RIVER
- UNIQUE RIVERFRONT RECREATION: KAYAKING, CANOEING, BOATING AND FISHING
- MAJOR DESTINATION IN THE REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM
- CONNECTIONS TO THE MIDWEST TALLGRASS PRAIRIE
- RIVERFRONT LODGING, HOMES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES, AND
- A HISTORIC DAM

1. Relocation of historic train depot to the Island as a Route 66 stop and Welcome Center

2. Major Redevelopment Opportunity at end of Water St.

3. Kayaking Destination for Chicagoland

4. New Pedestrian Bridge and parking

5. Carillon or vertical sculptural element at end of North Island

6. Outdoor Music Venue

7. Redevelopment of properties along the river and Route 66

8. Redevelopment of corner site into hotel and marina

9. Alignment of access to north and south islands

10. Riverwalk loop with potential pedestrian bridge

11. Community and Recreation Center

12. An improved boat launch and canoe portage, with pond as a focal point

13. Improved car access and consolidated parking

14. Shoreline Restoration for safer pedestrian access and fishing

15. Overlook at Dam

16. Reconstruction of dam

17. Creation of small beach area

18. Cemetery as key element of the riverfront

Connect With Baltimore St Trail At Launching Pad

Connect With River Trail At Launching Pad

A Vision for a Regional Identity