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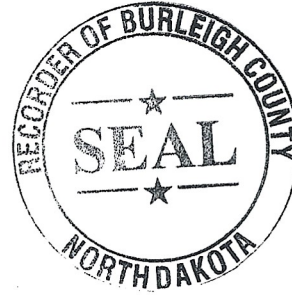
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Morton Township

Morton Township 137, Range 77, Sections 1-36

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North Dakota

2025 Comprehensive Plan



INTRODUCTION

The purpose of a comprehensive plan is to provide information and policies that will guide future planning and community decisions. This plan examines the physical and social characteristics of Morton Township. The plan is designed to help guide responsible land use planning and control.

SETTING

Morton Township is a township located in Burleigh County, North Dakota. Morton Township has a land area of 36 square miles (data.census.gov). At the latest 2020 U. S. Census, the size of the population reflects the rural nature of the area, with a population of 55 people.

The size of the population of Morton Township reflects the rural nature of the area. The township's major employer is the ranching and farming industry and other small businesses.

Morton Township is located in the Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock and Menoken school districts. The township is served by the Sterling Fire Department, located in the town of Sterling, ND. Law enforcement is provided by the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Morton Township Comprehensive Plan is to be used as a guide on which development policies and regulations will be based. The plan will be used to help develop goals, objectives and policies. As conditions change, so should the plan. Being a flexible document, this plan will reflect the changing goals of the citizens of Morton Township. For clarification a "goal" is a broad, general concept Morton Township wishes to attain in the future. An "objective" is a more specific measurable step to be taken toward achieving a goal. A "policy" is a general principle that guides the actions taken to meet the goals and objectives.

Four goals have been established. Each addresses a particular subject. They all work together towards providing guidelines to ensure desired land use in Morton Township. The goals, objectives and policies are:

Goal #1

Preserve Morton Township's agricultural heritage.

Objectives:

1. Preserve agricultural land in an organized transition by using the land use controls provided in this comprehensive plan and its corresponding zoning ordinance when making all land use decisions.
2. Support ranching and farming by being active in legislation affecting agriculture and industrial usage.

Policies:

1. Support agriculture and appropriate ranch and farm programs.
2. Support an equitable agricultural land taxation system.
3. Encourage siting public facilities and utility easements in locations which would minimize interference with ranching and farming.
4. Discourage and control industrial developments which interfere with ranching and farming and would have negative effects on adjoining properties and the township.

Goal #2

Protect public health, safety, and welfare by deterring incompatible land uses from harming conforming land uses.

Objective:

1. Refer to this plan to determine if land use requests are consistent with the natural resources.
2. Adopt a zoning ordinance consistent with this plan.
3. Use the zoning ordinance provisions to prevent incompatible land uses.

Policies:

1. Discourage nonagricultural development on fertile soils.
2. Prevent undesirable, incompatible land uses from locating in Morton Township unless they meet appropriate conditions.
3. Deter offensive and incompatible land uses from locating near dwellings and communities.
4. Enforce ordinances that affect health and safety within the township.

Goal #3

Provide an adequate, safe, and efficient system for transportation of people, goods and services.



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Objectives:

1. Maintain road repair as fiscally possible to protect the integrity of the township roads.
2. Appoint a road supervisor who periodically inspects and evaluates the conditions of the townships roads, culverts, and signs.

Policies:

1. Discourage developments which would create congestion and/or road hazards, or damage township roads without compensation.
2. Encourage development to locate in areas served by adequate transportation facilities.
3. Downgrade priority, abandon, or close township roads when appropriate.

Goal #4

Ensure and maintain the public participation in land use affecting Morton Township.

Objectives:

1. Maintain dialogue between citizens and elected officials by posting notices and by publishing public notices for all public hearings.
2. Create public awareness of planning goals and objectives by making this documents available to the public upon request.

Policies:

1. Give notice of all meetings and hearings in accordance with the North Dakota Century Code
2. Consider using citizen input when making public decisions.
3. Inform citizens of decisions and actions taken by officials.
4. Make public documents available for review.

Sworn before me, Daymon Mills and Trina Schweitzer on this 14th day of July, 2025.

A public hearing was held on 7/14/25 in Morton Township to consider this Comprehensive Plan for Morton Township.

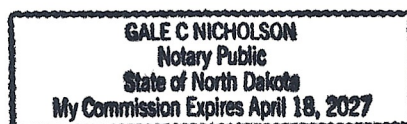
This Comprehensive Plan was presented and approved at the public hearing and was officially adopted on 7/14/25.

Daymon Mills
Chairman

Trina Schweitzer
Clerk

State of North Dakota County of Burleigh

Daymon Mills & Trina Schweitzer appeared and acknowledged before me this July 14 day of 2025



Gale C Nicholson
Notary Signature