

Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan

Positively Altoona, the City of Altoona's Comprehensive Plan

City of Altoona

Positively Altoona was born from uniquely critical circumstances – decades of decline that called for new planning solutions and fiscal recovery under Pennsylvania's Act 47. City planners ensured both were intertwined. Planning goals considered the cost to the average homeowner, and comparisons of finances with similar cities. The plan engaged and energized the community when it was most needed. It has the city moving forward to revitalize itself, reuse blighted properties, make needed investments, and showcase its unique character and assets. It gave a renewed vision of hope for a distressed city.

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