BOONE COUNTY AREA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The existing mineral extraction operations that are located to the northwest of Thorntown plantocontinue. Low-, medium-, and high-density residential development should be located adjacent to Thorntown where existing infrastructure and safety services exist. The opport unity for mixed residential and commercial uses exists out heast of Thorntown because of its proximity to SR 47, as well as having direct access to the Farm Heritage Trail and connection to the Kewasakee Trail.

The scenic wooded corridors of Sugar Creek and Wolf Creek bisect the township. These wooded floodplains should be protected to ensure continued ground water recharge, maintain flood control capacity, and protect high-quality wildlife habitat. An Indian cemetery is located on SR 47 just east of Thorntown.

Development adjacent to Thorntown is anticipated to its west, and it is expected these areas will eventually be annexed into the town. As discussed in the Goals and Objectives section of the Comprehensive Plan, the coordination between Town and County officials for establishing a policy and guidelines for annexation is encouraged. Public officials from Thorntown should work together with Boone County officials to ensure that when the town is ready to expand, the Boone County Comprehensive Plan will be taken into consideration as part of the decision-making process.

Sustained agricultural productions hould be encouraged to continue throughout the township. Soilerosion practices should be implemented in accordance with guidelines established by the Department of Natural Resources.

