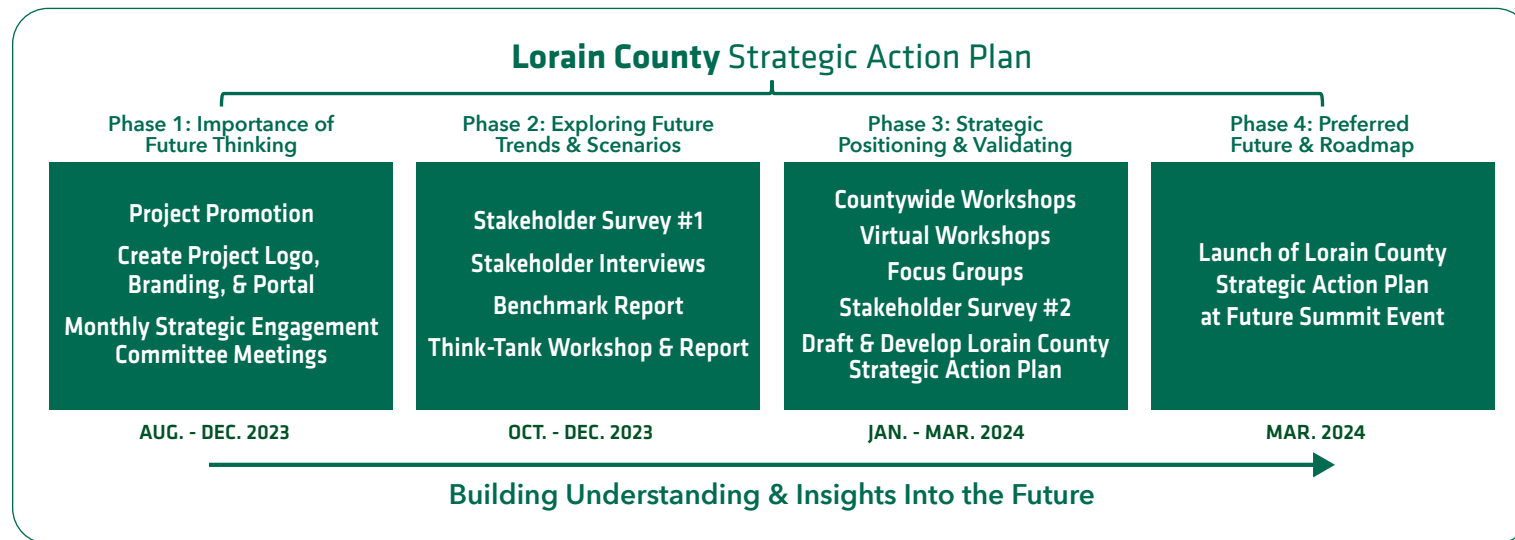


## ABOUT THE LORAIN COUNTY STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING PROCESS

The Lorain County Strategic Action Plan has been built on extensive community and stakeholder input, which was the intention of the Lorain County Board of Commissioners at the project inception. This plan offers new areas of focus and action, which complement and build on the existing role and function of the County government.

Stakeholder engagement was an integral and central design feature of the planning process. The engagement and data-driven methodology progressively focused the discussion on emerging key themes and stakeholder aspirations for the future. The purpose of the process was to arrive at a 'point of consensus' that represented the shared vision for the future, and a comprehensive strategic plan - with actions - that propels the region towards that preferred future.



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[lab2.future-iq.com/lorain-county-strategic-action-plan-project/](https://lab2.future-iq.com/lorain-county-strategic-action-plan-project/)

## LORAIN COUNTY STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

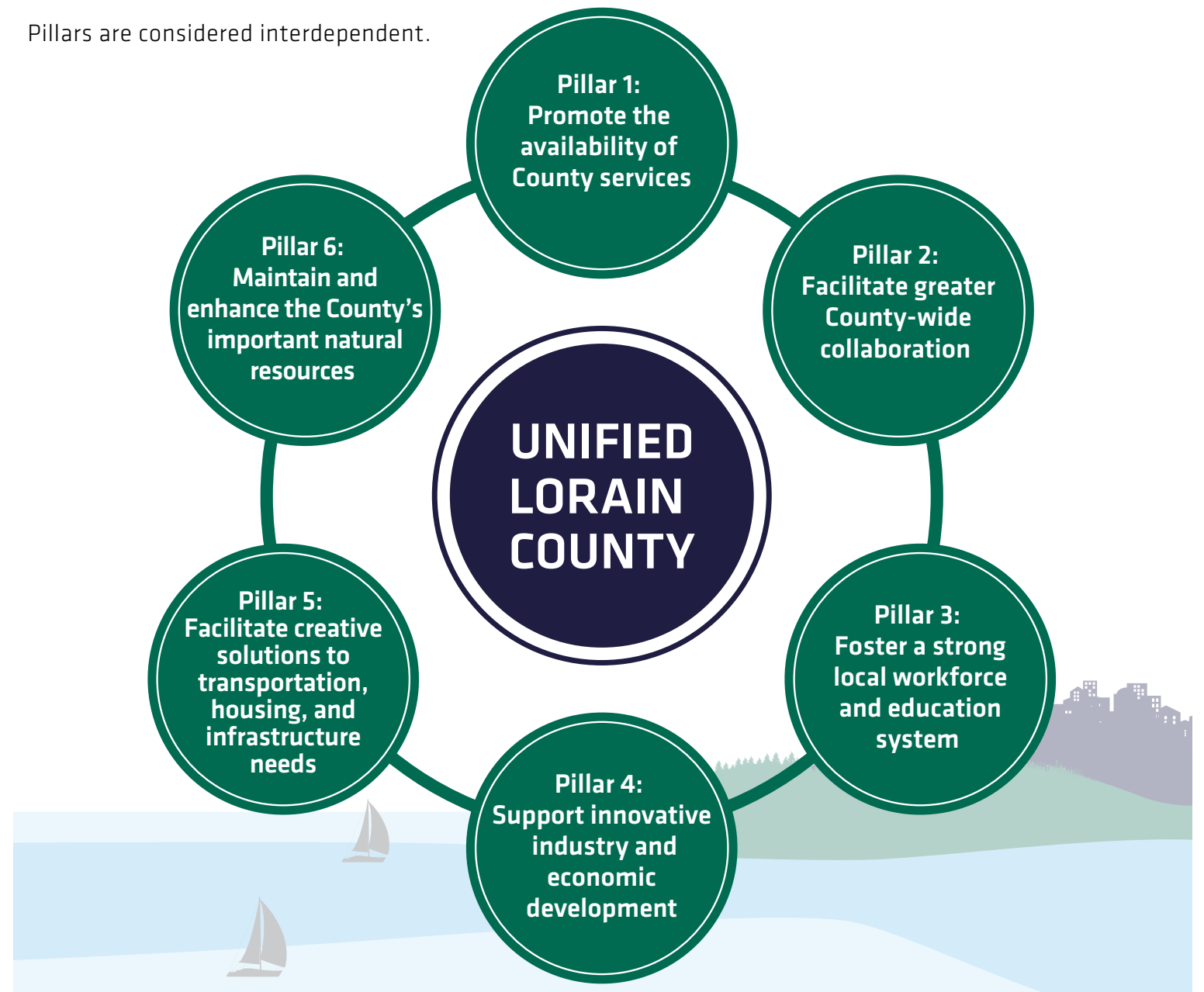


The Lorain County Strategic Action Plan project has aimed to create a high-level vision and action plan, looking out to 2035. Notably, this process has included intended extensive engagement with residents and stakeholders from across Lorain County.

### STRATEGIC ACTION PILLARS FRAMEWORK

The key organizing framework for the plan is the six Strategic Pillars. The pillars represent the major theme or topic areas that underpin the preferred future for Lorain County. The key actions are structured around these six key strategic pillars, which are the fundamental building blocks that support the vision for the region.

Pillars are considered interdependent.



# LORAIN COUNTY STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN | STRATEGIC PILLARS, OBJECTIVES, AND KEY ACTIONS

The Lorain County Strategic Action Plan presents a series of key actions that can be achieved in the short to medium term that will produce long-term results. They are intended to produce systemic and catalytic shifts that will drive the future collaboration, economic growth, community development, and overall vitality of the County. These actions are designed to build the pathway to the preferred future, termed 'Unified Lorain County'.



## OBJECTIVE

To boost the residents' awareness of the range and scope of County services and improve the accessibility to these services.

## KEY ACTIONS

- Create an inclusive County communications plan
- Host regular community meetings across the County
- Explore potential for County satellite offices and online services



Objective: Improve coordination of government services across the County, helping improve efficiency and the quality of services to residents.

## KEY ACTIONS

- Convene and host taskforces groups for each of the pillars
- Host regular cross-government collaboration meetings with key entities in the County
- Identify opportunities to provide shared services between government entities



Objective: Create a strong future-ready local workforce that has strong skills and can adapt to emerging trends and the changing needs of business.

## KEY ACTIONS

- Work with LCCC and local businesses to forecast and promote the future needs for skills and workforce in the County
- Develop a program to educate the community on key emerging trends and opportunities
- Help facilitate close collaboration between businesses and the educational system



Objective: Build on existing industries in creative ways, and invest in emerging sectors such as technology, water and energy-based, and food industries.

## KEY ACTIONS

- Help facilitate the revitalization of key downtown areas
- Encourage the attraction of emerging future-orientated industries
- Promote the County's strategic positioning in manufacturing and food industries



Objective: Create a county-wide coordinated and partnership approach to finding creative ways to provide local transportation systems, safe and affordable housing, and quality community amenities.

## KEY ACTIONS

- Establish and facilitate multi-disciplinary taskforce to tackle transportation and housing needs
- Host summits that showcase available resources and best practice solutions to building community infrastructure
- Forecast future infrastructure needs and develop long-term investment plan



Objective: Develop a long-term approach to maintain and enhance the County's natural resources, so they can continue to provide for the community and support a healthy ecosystem and environment.

## KEY ACTIONS

- Create a collaborative county-wide plan to identify and enhance important green spaces
- Develop a comprehensive county-wide sustainability plan that focuses on climate mitigation and adaptation
- Enhance and maintain important agricultural and water resources for long-term use

