

Lanesville Public Engagement Event #1

Engagement Summary

December 13, 2021

Meeting Overview

The project team hosted the first public engagement opportunity for the Town of Lanesville on December 10th during the Lanesville High School basketball game. Nearly 50 people shared their ideas and input with about 20 percent of participants being students. Students offer a unique perspective as they are the future of the community. The project team handed out countless postcards to advertise the online survey and provided an incentive for providing input by awarding one person a \$25 gift card to Amazon as a token of appreciation for participating.

What did we hear?

In addition to the project overview materials and online survey, there was 4 activities for participants to complete. Each activity station was designed for quick, meaningful engagement that could be completed in a timely fashion. The following sections provides an overview of the ideas that were shared with the project team.

1. *Preserve / Change Mapping Station*

Participants were asked to identify places or things that they would like to preserve or change on the map.

- Within Town Limits
 - i. Opportunity for a new directional signage to school at the corner of Crestview Avenue and Main Street.
 - ii. Redevelopment opportunity at the Mill with local restaurant, barber shop, microbrewery, and event space.
 - iii. Heritage Park could benefit from new playground equipment and splash pad area for children.
 - iv. Opportunity for an indoor sports facility just north of the tennis courts along Meadowlark Drive.
 - v. Desire for the school facilities to expand westward but limited by current property owner.
 - vi. Desire for a walking trail through Town.
 - vii. Desire for more trees in the public spaces throughout Town.
- I-64 Interchange
 - i. Expressed need for streetlights, signage, and convenient services at I-64 interchange to draw people to the exit.
 - ii. New Amazon facility was identified as a community asset and vacant industrial building near I-64 interchange as an opportunity.
 - iii. Identification of a 3-way stop in industrial area near I-64 interchange as being an area of concern or unnecessary at this time.

2. **Big Ideas Station**

Participants were asked to share their big ideas for the future by answering 4 fill-in-the-blank prompts on a postcard.

- In the future, Lanesville will be:
 - A place people can live from cradle to grave.
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- In the future, Lanesville will have:
 - Progressive ideas without losing traditional values.
 - A small candy store (x3)
 - Places to eat like Chick-fil-a and Smoothie King
 - Water Park
 - Target
 - Nail Salon
 - More Christmas decoration
 - An auditorium for school programs
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- In the future, Lanesville will continue to:
 - Value community and nature
 - Be small
 - Expand Heritage Park to include more amenities
- In the future, Lanesville will prioritize:
 - Education and healthcare
 - Our school (x3)
 - Expanding our school facilities and programs – desire for a home economics and woodshop class.
 - Redevelopment of the Mill

3. **Vision Word Wall Station**

Participants were asked to place a dot sticker next to the words or phrases that seemed desirable or relatable to their vision of the future for Lanesville. The phrases were grouped into three categories including community character, people, and development. The phrases that received the most stickers included:

- Community Character
 - Small town charm
 - Welcoming Change
 - Growing Community
- People
 - Family-friendly
- Development
 - Limit development

4. *Priorities Word Wall Station*

Participants were asked to identify what they were like to see more of by placing a dot sticker next to words or phrases. The phases that received the most stickers – indicating the community would like to see more- included:

- Trails and Greenways
- Early Education and Daycare Services
- Local Healthcare Options
- Sidewalk Connectivity
- Preserve Nature Areas
- Creative Spaces

PROJECT OVERVIEW



WHAT IS THE HARRISON COUNTY TOWN PLANNING INITIATIVE?

The Harrison County Planning Initiative is a grassroots effort that aims to help each town in the county identify a strategic direction for their future. It was identified through the Harrison County Leadership Planning Initiative in 2018. This process starts at the local level and is driven by residents and businesses in each town – basically the people who know their town best!

This initiative, funded by both HCCF and Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) VII Implementation Grant, will assist each of the County's ten incorporated towns to complete a Comprehensive Plan and an Asset Management Plan, as required by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A comprehensive plan, in simplest terms, defines a community's goals and aspirations for the future. For this initiative, each town's comprehensive plan will identify their goals for the future – from the types of growth desired to new parks or amenities to new road or utility improvements. The process will start by identifying big ideas each town has for their future and issues that need to be solved. The result will be a plan that provides clear direction on what should be done in the short, mid, and long-range timeframes.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

There will be multiple ways to participate during each of the 10 planning processes. Visit the project website www.harrisoncountytownplanning.com to subscribe to project updates!





What do you want to **PRESERVE**?

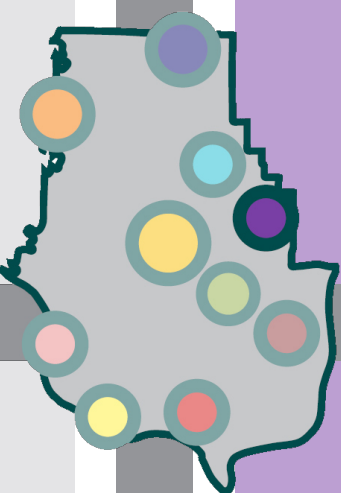
Mark it with a **GREEN** dot sticker on the map or write it on a post-it note!



What do you want to **CHANGE**?

Mark it with a **RED** dot sticker on the map or write it on a post-it note!

PLACE ALL COMMENTS HERE!

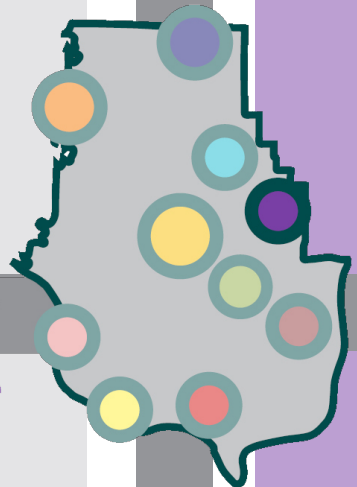




BIG Ideas! How do you envision the future of Lanesville?

Share your ideas with us on the postcard. Then a project team member will place it on the board for you!

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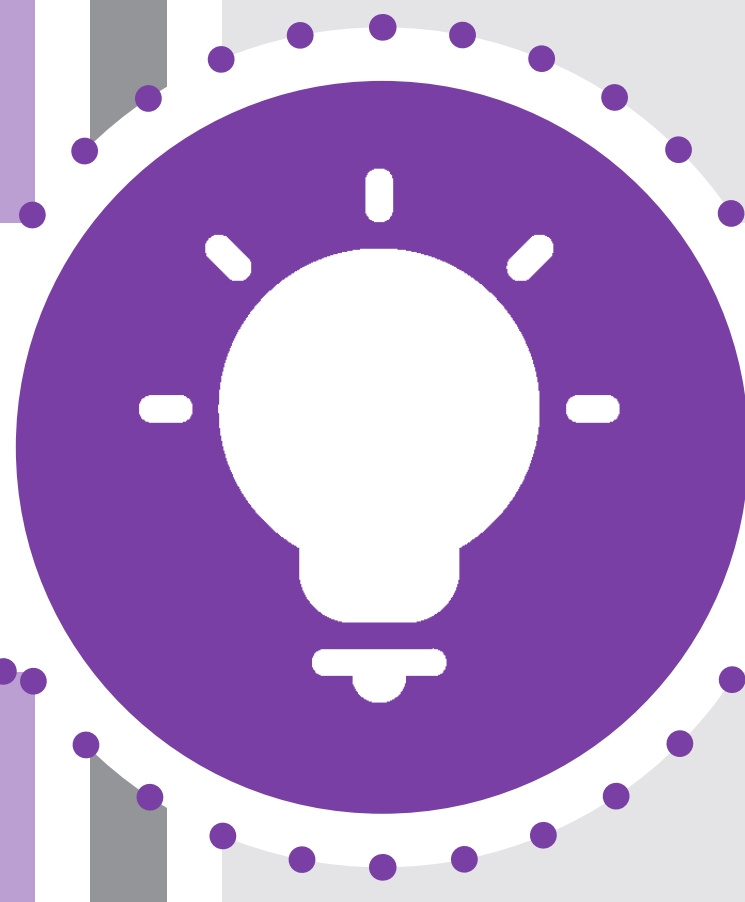
LANESVILLE WILL **PRIORTIZE** _____



What do you want to see MORE of?

INSTRUCTIONS:
The words below could be used to describe priorities for the future. Place a sticker next to the words that you feel Lanesville should prioritize expanding or improving existing offerings. Mark all that apply! Don't see something that should be on here? Write it on a post-it note!

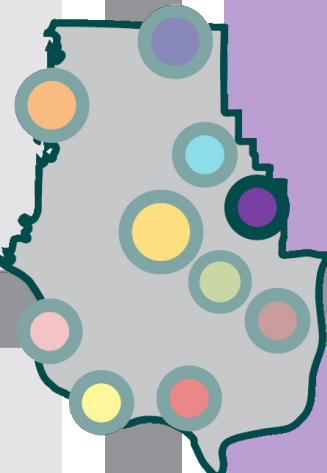
PARKS AND RECREATION	Public Gathering Spaces
	Trails and Greenways
	Sidewalk Connectivity
	Picnic Shelters and Playgrounds
	Recreational Programs
	Preserve Nature Areas
WORKFORCE & EDUCATION	Early Education and Daycare Services
	Lifelong Learning Opportunities
	Workforce Training Opportunities
	Business Attraction / Retention Efforts
HEALTH & WELLNESS	Substance Abuse Education and Awareness
	Local Healthcare Options
	Programs and facilities to support healthy, active living
PLACEMAKING	Public Art
	Arts and Cultural Programs
	Creative Spaces
	Alley Activation



Word Wall - Let’s describe the future!

INSTRUCTIONS:
The words below could be used to describe desirable character and development priorities.
Place a sticker next to the words that you feel relate to Lanesville in the future.
Mark all that apply!

COMMUNITY CHARACTER	Small town Charm
	Rural Character
	Welcoming Change
	Growing Community
	Bedroom Community
PEOPLE	Family-friendly
	Retirement-friendly
	Attractive to young adults
DEVELOPMENT	More single-family housing
	More multi-family housing
	More retail and dinning
	More commercial uses
	More manufacturing and light industrial
	More parks and recreation
	Limit development



**TOWN PLANNING
INITIATIVE**

HARRISON COUNTY

The Town of Lanesville



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

Enter to win a \$25 Amazon giftcard!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____