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FAYETTE 'COMP' PLAN MEETINGS TO CONCLUDE THIS MONTH

Uniontown, PA – Fayette County residents are invited to help shape the county's future at one of three upcoming comprehensive planning meetings.

Hosted by Mackin Engineering, the free open-house style meetings will take place from 4 to 6 p.m.:

- Nov. 7, Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department, 206 Liberty St., Perryopolis.
- Nov. 13, Ohiopyle-Stewart Community Center, 15 Sherman St., Ohiopyle.
- Nov. 20, Public Service Building, 22 East Main St., Uniontown.

Fayette County is required to update its comprehensive plan every 10 years, with each update process requiring approximately one year to complete.

Mackin Engineering Planning Services Manager Brandi Rosselli said the comprehensive plan outlines Fayette County's priorities and goals.

"It is important to hear from residents in terms of what they feel the county should be focusing on moving forward," Rosselli said. "The open-house style meetings are meant to be flexible, to accommodate different schedules, and people can stop in anytime during the posted hours and stay as little or as long as they like."

The planning meetings, which are the final for this year, are also very informal, Rosselli added.

"Participants will be able to talk to county staff and consultants one on one in a very relaxed atmosphere," she said. "The benefit is that they will be involved in planning for their county's future."

Fayette County Commissioner Chairman Vince Vicites said input from citizens is a "vital part" of any plan in development.

"We want their ideas," Vicites said. "We want their comments on things that pertain to our plan to make it as good a plan as possible."



Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink said she “cannot stress enough” the importance of residents’ involvement with the comprehensive plan process.

“Communities make our county and, without the input of the residents, decisions will be left to a few, so please become engaged,” Zimmerlink said.

Following the final meeting, a draft of the plan will be created and made available for public review for 45 days, beginning at the end of December.

Residents will be able to submit written comments and a public hearing will be held early next year, prior to commissioners’ final approval.

“The planning process is going very well,” Rosselli said. “People will be able to submit written comments, and there will also be a public hearing prior to commissioners adopting the plan.”

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