



Hancock County Comprehensive Plan
Virtual Steering Committee Update
January 7, 2022

AGENDA

1. Discussion of Draft Vision and Strategic Framework
2. Overview of Public Open House – January 25th
 1. Assistance Needed: Getting the word out to community networks
3. What's Next?
4. Adjournment

Future Hancock Steering Committee Members & Role

ROLE:

- Serve as a **liaison** to constituent groups to increase awareness of the planning efforts & **promote the plan process** with the community
 - **Review** content and material & provide **feedback and direction** at key milestones
 - Act in an steering capacity to the **Plan Commission and County Council**

- **MARY GIBBLE**, Co-Chair, Community Foundation Rep.

- **DR. JACK PARKER**, Co-Chair, Schools Rep.

- **BILL SPALDING**, County Commissioner Rep.

- **APRIL FISHER**, Economic Development Rep.

- **PAT HALEY**, Spring Lake Rep.

- **JONATHAN SPARKS**, Agriculture/Rural Community Rep.

- **MIKE BURROW**, NineStar Connect Rep.

- **JEANNINE GRAY**, County Council Member

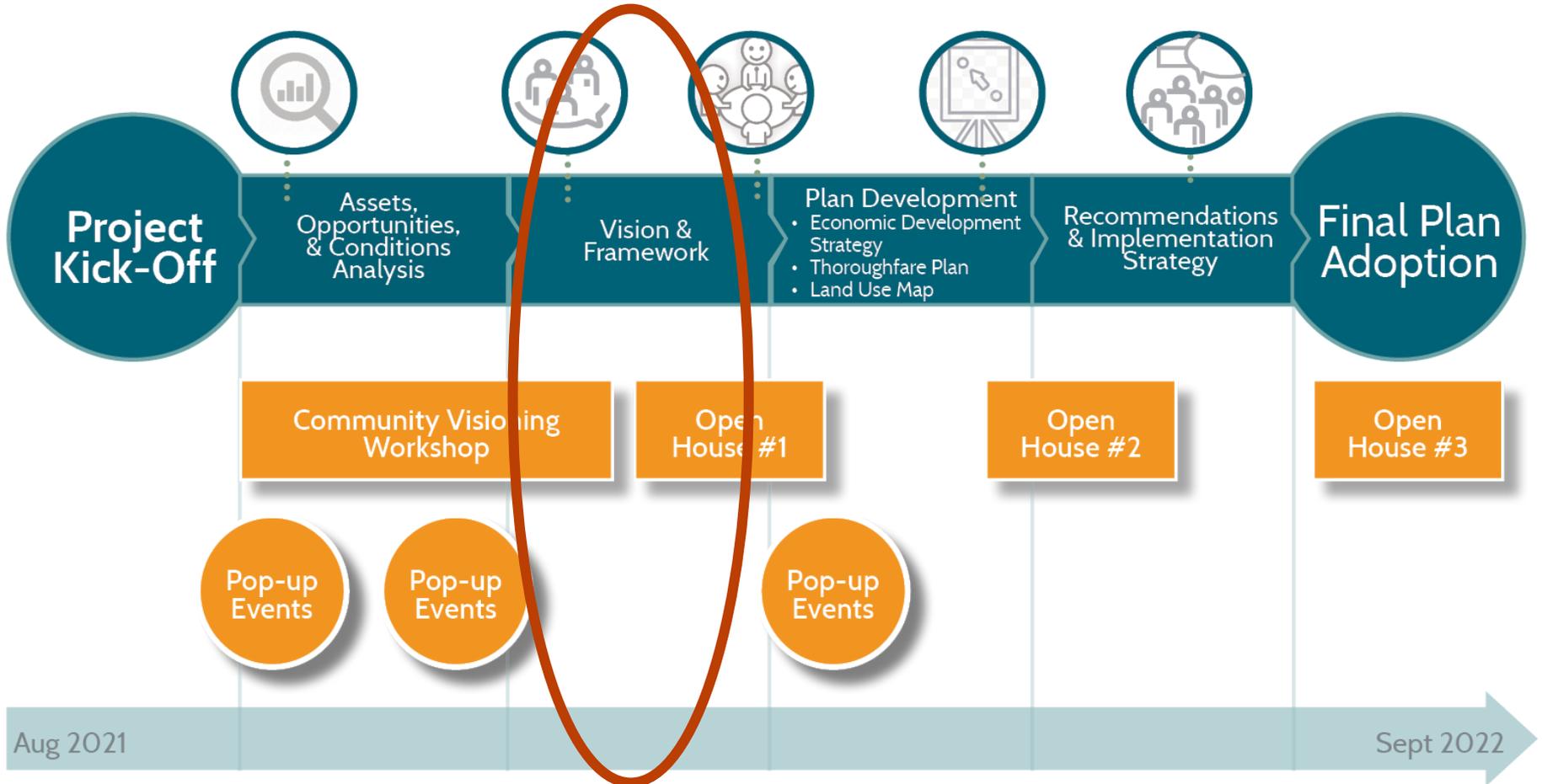
- **STEVE LONG**, Hancock Regional Health Rep.

- **JASON FAUCETT**, Shirley Rep.

- **RYAN MAXFIELD**, Airport Rep.

PLANNING PROCESS

HANCOCK COUNTY, IN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PLANNING PROCESS



PLAN STRUCTURE

VISION



Broadest aspiration for Hancock County in 2042

**STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK**



- Key issues and principles addressed in Plan to achieve the Vision
- Major themes throughout the plan and drivers for content development

GOALS

RECOMMENDATIONS

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

INPUTS TO VISION & FRAMEWORK

1. Steering Committee Meeting #1
2. Staff & Elected Official Conversations
3. Targeted Topic Based Focus Groups
4. Small Community Tours
5. Pop-up Events
6. Online Input
7. Public Visioning Workshop
8. Steering Committee Meeting #2
9. Online Visioning Workshop

GROUP DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION PARAMETERS

To be as efficient with our time as possible...

- Let's focus on the bigger ideas and not the specific wording
- Minimize repetition of ideas/points
 - Utilize the chat and reaction functions in Zoom to express basic agreement
- Provide the opportunity for everyone to participate
- This is still a work in progress draft – opportunities for additional discussion and refinement
- Encouraged to provide follow up thoughts by email

VISION 2042 DISCUSSION

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2. Which terms, phrases, concepts resonate with you the most?
3. Which resonate with you the least?
4. What terms, phrases, concepts are missing that should be included?
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VISION 2042

Hancock County is Central Indiana's community of choice, proactively planned and well-managed to balance and preserve its agricultural heritage with targeted economic growth.

Strengthened by their friendly and caring residents, Hancock County's vibrant and inviting communities, towns, and city offer a range of living and employment opportunities and are united by their outstanding public schools, quality development, high-value amenities, and excellent public infrastructure and services.

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2. Is the issue well-defined and succinct or overly is it overly broad?
3. Are there other issues that should be included as Strategic Objective

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- A. Enhance Intergovernmental Coordination Mechanisms to the Benefit of all County Residents

- B. Strengthen the Sense of Community and Identity while Diversifying Lifestyle Choices

- C. Diversify Employment and Housing Options to Improve the Live-Work Balance

- D. Invest in a Robust and Efficient Transportation System Concurrent with Development

- E. Leverage Broadband Infrastructure to Advance Smart Communities and Attract Internet-Dependent Businesses

- F. Prioritize Growth Areas and Investments in Supporting Infrastructure and Services

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INITIATIVES DISCUSSION

1. Are each of the initiatives/actions associated with each objective appropriate?
2. Are there other initiatives that should be added?

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

B. Strengthen the Sense of Community and Identity while Diversifying Lifestyle Choices

- Providing a greater range of amenities including public (open space, recreation, and events) and private (shopping, food/drink, and entertainment)
- Coordinating with the school districts to ensure their long-term quality and fiscal health as growth continues
- Working with Greenfield and the Towns to offer a diversity of rural, suburban, and urban lifestyle options
- Ensuring quality development with high design standards to create a recognizable sense of place
- Protecting and building on Hancock's rural heritage by promoting compact expansion of developed areas and creating additional agriculture-related tourism and value-added processing opportunities
- Developing a brand identity as a community of choice in the Indy region to attract families, amenities, services, and employers

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

C. Diversify Employment and Housing Options to Improve the Live-Work Balance

- Creating programs to make new employment opportunities known to County residents and encourage employers to hire local
- Attracting and expanding employment opportunities that align with resident skills in areas such as healthcare, education, and professional/scientific/technical services, and agbioscience, among others
- Establishing programs to introduce local junior and senior high school students to local employers and the career opportunities they offer
- Providing local opportunities for job training, continuing education, and career advancement
- Work with a variety of partners, including incorporated communities, to ensure the availability of a variety of housing options

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

D. Invest in a Robust and Efficient Transportation System Concurrent with Development

- Working with the state to make improvements to I-70 and interchanges and state roads as needed to retain, expand and attract desirable businesses and improve workforce mobility
- Working with IndyGo to implement the Blue Line Bus Rapid Transit to/through Cumberland and potentially to a park and ride lot in the vicinity of Mt Comfort Road
- Working with IndyGo to extend existing bus lines into Hancock County
- Working with Hancock County Public Transportation System to evaluate ridership needs and potential system improvements
- Planning for the electrification of all transportation modes by working with public and private entities to strategically locate charging stations and incorporating them into new development projects
- Leveraging the Indianapolis Regional Airport by attracting airfreight and multimodal transshipment facilities
- Implement the Hancock County Trails Plan and develop policies for the addition of bike lanes and sidewalks with new development to improve walkability

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

A. Enhance Intergovernmental Coordination Mechanisms to the Benefit of all County Residents

- Identifying future annexation areas for Greenfield and the Towns
- Ensuring compatibility of land uses at jurisdictional boundaries
- Ensuring adequate public safety facilities and staffing are available to serve new development
- Understanding the fiscal impacts of development incentives on other units of government
- Identifying sites for new and expanded public facilities, schools, and rights-of-way
- Determining the type and location of new recreation facilities

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

E. Leverage Broadband Infrastructure to Advance Smart Communities and Attract Internet-Dependent Businesses

- Beginning the deployment of new, integrated technologies to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of services to residents in areas such as:
 - Transportation
 - Public safety
 - Water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater utilities
- Attracting and expanding businesses such as:
 - Data and call centers
 - Financial services
 - Web hosting
 - Logistics
 - Research and development

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

F. Prioritize Growth Areas and Investments in Supporting Infrastructure and Services

- Implementing the Mt Comfort Corridor Plan land use and infrastructure recommendations
- Using the Comprehensive Plan to identify the location and timing of other growth areas and those areas to remain mostly rural/agricultural
- Using the Thoroughfare Plan and Capital Improvement Plan to direct infrastructure investments to growth areas and away from areas where development is not expected or desired, including in rural areas where agriculture is actively practiced
- Using the Economic Development Strategy and its implementing policies to direct new businesses into identified growth areas and utilize robust funding strategies for the supporting infrastructure and services
- Evaluating the potential use of development impact fees, development agreements, and similar mechanisms to ensure new development pays its fair share of infrastructure and service cost

FUTURE HANCOCK OPEN HOUSE - JANUARY 25TH

Purpose: receive feedback from the public on the Vision & Strategic Framework

When: Tuesday, January 25th 5pm-6:30pm
(drop-in anytime)

Where: Hancock County Annex Chambers

*Followed by a presentation to the **Plan Commission @ 6:30pm***

OPEN HOUSE FORMAT:

- Drop in setting
- Stations
 - Summary of Input
 - Vision
 - Strategic Framework
 - County & Regional Asset Maps
- Input Materials at each Station
- Comment Form

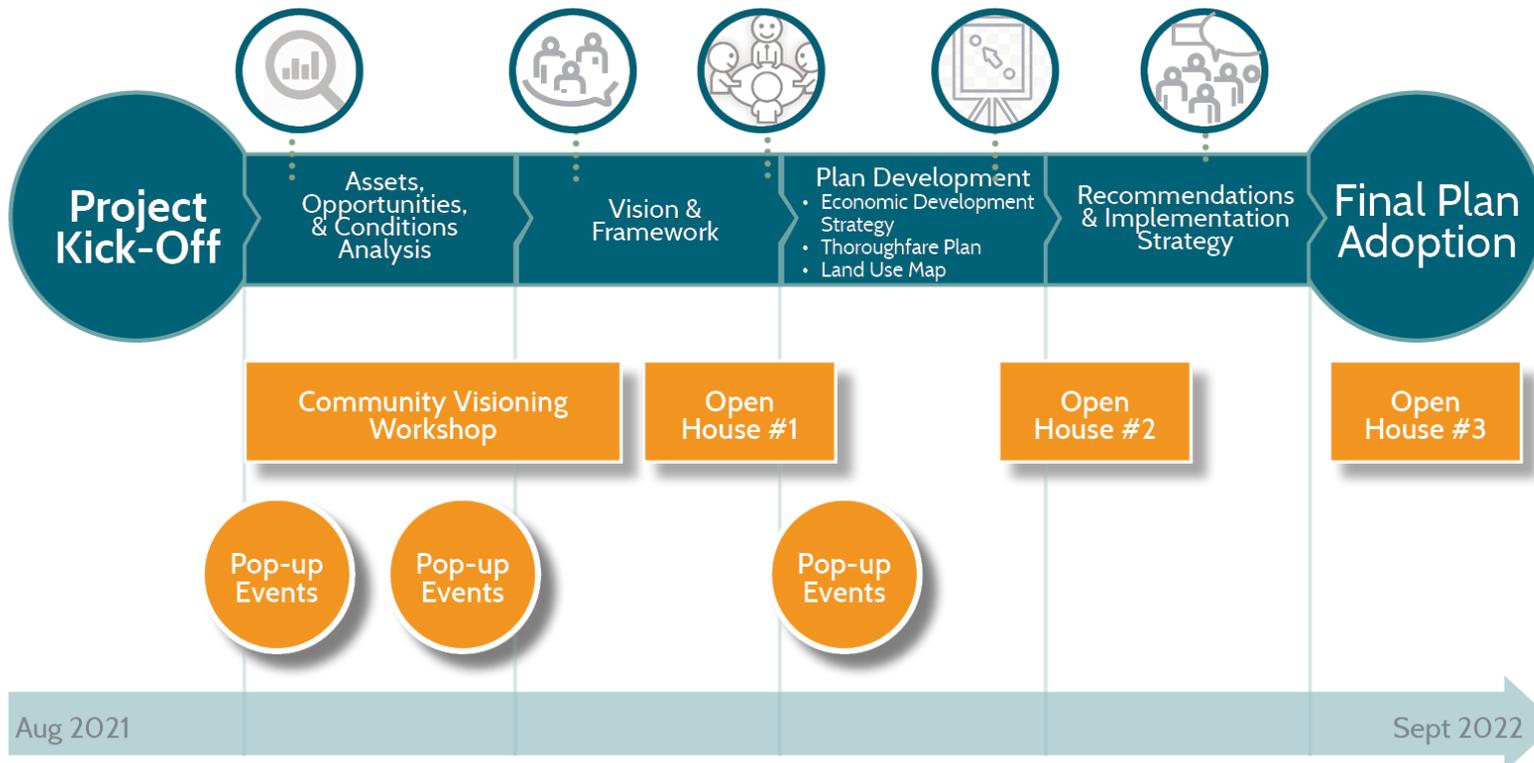
STEERING COMMITTEE

ROLE:

- Attend & Engage at the Open House
- Bring people with you
- Help get the word out!
 - Share w/your network

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Open House to Review Vision & Framework – January 25th
- Finalize Vision & Strategic Framework – February/March 2022
- Develop Initial Economic Development Strategy & Land Use Plan – Feb/March 2022
- Steering Committee #3 – March 4th, 2022



STEERING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

MEETINGS		DATE
1	Steering Committee Meeting #1	Friday, Aug 13th, 2021
2	Virtual Zoom Updates	Tuesday, Oct 5th, 2021
3	Focus Group Meetings	October 2021
4	Pop-up Events & Community Visits/Tours	October 15th-17th, 2021
5	Community Visioning Workshop	Tuesday, November 9 th
6	Steering Committee Meeting #2	Friday, Dec 3rd, 2021
7	Virtual Zoom Updates	Friday, Jan 7th, 2021
8	Plan Commission Meeting #1 / Open House #1 (Date TBD)	Tuesday, Jan 25th, 2022
9	Steering Committee #3	Friday, March 4th, 2022
10	Open House #2	Late April 2022
11	Virtual Zoom Updates	Friday, May 6th, 2022
12	Steering Committee #4	Friday, June 24th, 2022
13	Plan Commission Meeting #2 & Public Hearing	Tuesday, August 9th, 2022
14	Open House #3	Tuesday, August 9th, 2022
15	County Board of Commissioners Meeting	Tuesday, Sept 6th, 2021

End of PPT