

**EVANSVILLE AREA
INTERACTIVE STRATEGIC PLANNING CONFERENCE
AUGUST 2000**

Element	Issues & Concerns (real and perceived)
Issues and Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too many people are viewed as “outsiders.” • Social division between new and long-time residents. • Newer residents in the City are frowned on for offices and/or board positions. • There is a high teen pregnancy rate in Evansville.
Housing Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lack of housing for the elderly like condominiums. • No subsidization options for historic home renovations. • Evansville lacks new upscale housing. • We lack celebration of Evansville. • People lack pride of ownership.
Transportation Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The intersection of HWY 14 and CTH M is uncontrolled. • Lack of sidewalks on HWY 14 going to & from Piggly Wiggly, McDonalds & Stoughton Trailers. • DOT plans to convert HWY 14 into a truck route. • We need sidewalks and street repair on Main Street. • Narrow rights of way on streets – especially in the winter. • The Union Street and Main Street intersection is a bottleneck. • There is a lack of sidewalks on the southeast side of the City.
Utilities & Community Facilities Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lack of activities for youth (and adults) in Evansville. • There is no pool (or place) for adult fun/exercise in Evansville. • The City lacks services, recreation choices, and gathering places for youth (i.e. after school). • Skateboards/roller blades have no place to ride off the streets. • Lack of a Senior Citizen Center or place for seniors to meet on their own, enjoy social activities & senior lunches. • It is hard to find weekend activities in Evansville – especially during the winter months. • Lake Leota Park lacks a focused maintenance program. • Lack of curb and gutters.
Agricultural, Natural & Cultural Resources Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a community, we do not honor our history. • Unique farm buildings in the area are collapsing. • Lake Leota needs to be dredged. • Lack of activities on Lake Leota.
Land Use Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lack of consistency in the “look” of historical buildings on Main Street. • There is a lack of funding for downtown individual building renovation. • Lack of simplified building codes & ordinances creates barriers to growth and regular living. • Lack of “permitted by right” businesses in City. • No long-term or inadequate planning. • DOT Plan to turn HWY 14 into a truck route may ruin development & residential life on the East Side. • East Main Street is ripe for renovation. • Industrial area by the VFW & Baker Manufacturing is gravel – unattractive, unsafe and uncontrolled. • Weeds and trash in downtown streets and sidewalks. • Older residents can’t walk to basic services. • Downtown alleys lack appeal. • Lack of strength in historic preservation ordinance. Committee has no power.
Intergovernmental Cooperation Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to work better with the School District. • As a community we do not have enough kids completing college. • Lack of cooperation between City Government & town residents over issues of sprawl & development.
Economic Development Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a lack of stores of meet people’s everyday needs – such as clothes, shoes, etc. • Stores have limited hours. • There seems to be a lack of effort to attract new businesses. • There is a lack of good working relationship between the city and local businesses. • The business district has inadequate parking – a problem that has existed since 1920s. This is particularly true for employees. • Local development is oriented more toward low technology (i.e. manufacturing vs. research). • Lack of retail and too many services downtown. • There are too many vacant commercial buildings.

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VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

ELEMENT	VISION
Housing Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A great mix of housing choices.
Transportation Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railroad transformed to a 300 mph train from Madison to Chicago.
Utilities & Community Facilities Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is thriving with people coming and going. • A community center has been established to meet the unique needs of seniors and youth. • Nature paths have been installed around Lake Leota.
Agricultural, Natural & Cultural Resources Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Leota is clean community asset with abundant fish and wildlife. • Cold, clear water is coming and going out of the lake. • Swimmers and paddlers enjoy the lake.
Land Use Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has achieved contained, coherent growth through development of existing infrastructure instead of "sprawling"
Intergovernmental Cooperation Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Hall listens respectfully to citizens. • Evansville has good communication between Main Street, Council, Schools and Citizens.
Economic Development Element	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All major industry is located on the East Side of the City. • A new business park has been established north of the City. • New businesses are supported by the City's growing population. • Business owners plan confidently for the future. • Main street is hustling and bustling. • Industrial base has matched residential development. • Lake Leota supports a Bash Fishing Tournament.