

## Smart Growth Planning Committee Hosts Mid-Course Meeting: Residents Participate in Mapping Exercise

**Thursday, July 15, 2004** –To begin the evening, Amy Emery, the City's Planning Consultant from OMNI, welcomed everyone in attendance and the Smart Growth Plan Committee Introduced themselves.

In an attempt to provide an introduction to the evening, as well as an overview the planning program activities to date, Ms. Emery reviewed the meetings that have been held so far and recapped some of the highpoints from the Elements that have been discussed. Handouts were available that offered a summary of each of the Plan Elements drafted so far. Participants were also encouraged to visit the project web page to review the complete chapters and provide feedback.

Next, with the assistance of Doug Zweizig of the Smart Growth Plan Committee, Ms. Emery reviewed the results of the community survey. Residents were particularly interested in the responses related to future growth rates, bypasses, and Lake Leota. The complete survey results are available from this project web page.

The rest of the meeting was spent in a three part mapping exercise (pictures from which illustrate this summary).





During the first portion of the exercise, each participant created a map to illustrate areas they find attractive, unattractive, important travel routes, and areas of traffic concern. These individual maps are called *Attitude Maps*. They are meant to illustrate personal attitudes, opinions, and concerns about the community. These maps will be used in the planning effort to understand local areas of importance and concern.



Next, participants had the opportunity to create their own future land use maps. These maps illustrate where individuals feel new commercial, industrial, residential, parks, trails, walkways, natural areas should appear in the community over the next 20 years.



Before concluding the meeting, participants spent some time at the tables sharing their individual future land use maps and to create a composite map at each table to illustrate common areas among the participants at each table.

All of the maps will be used in an effort to prepare the Future Land Use Plan Map for Evansville. The community survey results, natural features maps, utilities maps, transportation maps and population projections will also be important tools in the preparation of the Future Land Use Map.

The next Smart Growth Meeting with OMNNI will be on August 19<sup>th</sup>. It is anticipated that the first draft of the Future Land Use Map will be presented at that meeting.

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