



Public Involvement Opportunities & Information

To develop an effective comprehensive plan, public participation is needed throughout the planning process. For this reason, OMNNI Associates (the City's planning consultant) will work closely with the City of Evansville Smart Growth Planning Committee to facilitate opportunities for public input. Specifically, the following public activities will be included as part of the planning program:

- **Kick-Off Meeting:** This meeting represents the official start of the plan development process. At this meeting, OMNNI will make a presentation about the Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Law and its impact on the City. During the presentation, OMNNI will explain what a plan is and does for the City. OMNNI will also present demographic, housing and economic information provided by the 2000 U.S. Census and other sources. Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to identify City strengths and weaknesses that should be addressed in the plan. **The Kick-Off Meeting was held on Thursday, August 21, 2003 at 6:30 pm.**
- **Intergovernmental Meeting:** The City will host a special meeting during the planning process specifically dedicated to the topic of intergovernmental cooperation. At the meeting, representatives of neighboring communities, the school districts and other public agencies will be given the opportunity for mutual exchange of ideas and recommendations. Participants will discuss the 20-year vision for the City and greater area. Ideas discussed will serve as direction for the planning. They will be used to guide the planning effort -- including the development of goals and objectives. **The Intergovernmental Meeting was held on Thursday, October 9, 2003 at 6:30 pm.**
- **Element Workshops:** Near the mid-point of the planning program, a series of workshops will be held throughout a single day dedicated to the Housing, Transportation, Economic Development and Utilities and Community Facilities Elements. Interested residents will have the opportunity to participate in one or all of the meetings to discuss their particular concerns and ideas with respect to these important elements of the City's plan. **These meetings are scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2004.**
- **Map Forum:** At this event, the Smart Growth Planning Committee will share the work that has been completed by that point and ask for resident feedback. It is anticipated that the vision for 2025 will be presented at this meeting, as well as, the community survey results. In addition, residents will have the opportunity to

participate in a special mapping exercise. **This meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2004.**

- **Open House and Public Hearing:** In addition to the required public hearing, the Planning Commission will host an “Open House” to give interested residents the opportunity to review the recommended plan and plan maps. The “Open House” provides an informal setting for residents to get their individual questions about the plan and plan maps answered by members of the Smart Growth Planning Committee.

For more information about upcoming meetings and other activities, please visit this website regularly!!!!