



Public Participation Plan for the City of Evansville 2022 Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan Update

What is a Public Participation Plan?

The City of Evansville Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan is a legal document that guides the future development and policies of the City of Evansville. Public participation is an important part of the planning process, allowing residents to voice their desires and concerns with the many aspects of their city. This public participation plan is designed to meet the public participation requirements of Wisconsin's "Smart Growth" Law (Wis. Stat. § 66.1001(4)(a)).

The public participation plan for the City of Evansville Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan is intended to serve two purposes. First, it will help answer the most basic planning questions, such as "What do the residents, business owners, and industries of the City of Evansville want their city to look like?" An important and effective way to identify public values within the city is to provide opportunities for public involvement throughout the planning process.

Second, this public participation plan is intended to engage those within the City of Evansville in shaping the future of development and city services. Active participation in the planning process allows you to help shape the community you live in for years to come. This plan is intended to engage Evansville residents, business owners, and industries. It is important to have meaningful participation to create a plan that is for the people of Evansville. The results of participation activities will be documented and included in the final version of the Evansville Smart Growth Plan.

How to Participate

- Planning Materials at Evansville City Hall at 31 South Madison St
- Citywide Public Input Survey
- Monthly Plan Commission Meetings
- Public Comments through phone calls, emails, events, or mail
- City of Evansville Website
- Meeting dates and times will be widely distributed through media releases and the City of Evansville Website, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 985.02
- Information distributed through the Evansville Review and Evansville Today

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Public Involvement Opportunities

Citywide Public Input Survey – Winter/Spring 2022

A public input survey will be made available in January 2022. The results of this survey will be used to guide the planning process. The survey results will be presented at the March XX Plan Commission meeting.

Business Survey – Winter/Spring 2022

This will be a survey provided to business owners in the City of Evansville, asking general questions about the city, economic development and the business climate. This survey will be used to guide the planning process, especially the economic development chapter.

Public Informational Meeting & Public Hearing – Tentatively June/July 2022

This will be an opportunity for the public to view and comment on a draft version City of Evansville Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan before its final approval in August of 2022. This is an important opportunity for any final input or changes before the plan is officially adopted into law.

Plan Commission Meetings – Monthly

The monthly Plan Commission Meetings will be where much of the discussion between decision makers and city staff takes place. These public meetings provide an opportunity for the public to weigh in on items being considered by the Plan Commission and offer input to Plan Commissioners about the City of Evansville. Each month the Plan Commission and city staff will have discussions about the Smart Growth Plan update.

City of Evansville Website Updates – Ongoing

The website will be updated as the planning process progresses. Public can use the website to stay in touch with the planning process.

Public Comments – Ongoing

Public comments regarding the City of Evansville Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan will be accepted throughout the planning process by e-mail and standard mail. Send comments to smartgrowth@ci.evansville.wi.gov or use the contact information below if you'd like to use standard mail or would like to ask questions or request more information about the Smart Growth Plan.

Adopted by the Plan Commission at its regular meeting on January 4th, 2022.

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