



**VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT
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What VOICE is About

VOICE brings together diverse members of our community in facilitator-led group discussions to draw out and capture everyone's ideas for the future. Together, we'll discuss our hopes and dreams for Evansville in a comfortable, open forum that's fun and inspiring, too. The sessions allow respectful conversations to take place, and all voices to be heard, and every opinion to be documented and shared. VOICE will ensure that everyone in our community has the opportunity to take part in creating a desired future. Absolutely everyone.

The VOICE Process

Leadership Evansville has facilitated discussion sessions starting on August 15 at easy-to-access public locations, such as Evansville Public Library System branches and Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation schools. The sessions have been advertised in neighborhood newsletters, the newspaper, television, radio and via the initiative's website: www.evansvillevoice.com.

Comments from each session will be available to the participants and the public. A summary and detailed notes will be posted on the VOICE Web site within one week of the session.

Once all comments are collected, additional community sessions will occur to verify that the information collected truly represents participants' opinions.

Then, common themes and ideas will be grouped by topic area to serve guidance for those organizations, businesses, universities, individuals, and government bodies with interest in that topic to move forward with further research and planning toward common goals.



VOICE SESSION SCHEDULE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

GROUND RULES

THE FLOWER MAN BOOK

CARRY FORWARD & LEAVE BEHIND

VISION DRAWING & PRESENTATION

WRAP UP/ WHAT'S NEXT



CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE



LARGE GROUP OPENING- Lead Facilitator

The Flower Man book



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"One or two words describing why you are passionate about our community."

Positive Statements

riverfront
opportunity
hometown
home
beautiful
comfortable
UE
close-knit
greenway
family
potential
family
4 seasons
safe
parks
riverfront

passion
family values
growth
walking trails
raise family
libraries
home
small town feel
media
main street
no traffic
safety
values
golf courses
personable
talented



"In a preferred future, what would you carry forward and what would you leave behind?"

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Leave Behind

homelessness
alcoholism
racism
littering
ignorance
hunger for children
status quo
negative school stereotypes
crime
obesity
complaining
small/ shallow thinking
negative self image
limited thinking
unemployment
meth
drug abuse
drug abuse
close-mindedness
bullying
unhealthy city in US
negativity
sedentary
social classes
parent neglect
sprawl
2009 recession
abandoned buildings
unhealthy lifestyles
crime and gangs

unemployment
less homework

boredom

Carry Forward

opportunities for growth
healthy families
libraries
beautiful Evansville
courage
meals for all children
new ideas
growth
charities
healthy families
positive feedback
open-mindedness
positive self image
abundance mentality
prosperity
family rebuild
inclusiveness
tolerance
open-mindedness
positive reinforcement
healthy city in US
growth
active
equality
parent involvement
engaging young professionals
sustainable real estate growth
things that bring community together
healthy lifestyles
outlets for troubled youth
mentality of renovation instead of
replacement
more playtime
safe home
more things to do
more parental involvement

hunger
bullies

parent un-involvement

educational mediocrity
abusive parents

safe community
friends
safe homes
nice people
activities in parks
parent involvement
teen centers
more swimming opportunities
involved parents
sidewalks
accessibility
transportation
elderly years being good
tolerance
understanding
wider parking spaces
activities





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Group 1

- clear skies, no pollution, clean water, new power generation, taking advantage of solar power, sustainable city
- farmers markets, keep money local, support local economy
- outdoor activities, golf, river activities, outdoor amphitheater, bike paths, family time
- trees, keep Evansville clean
- working on ways to keep our students in the area, extracurricular activities, teen club with various opportunities, under construction: renovate old buildings downtown, locally owned businesses, small businesses

Group 2

- Downtown Evansville-trees everywhere, Cmoie is a regional attraction, schools downtown with personalized learning, apartments with people, flower boxes, gardens, public transit stations, greenways and sidewalks connecting, centralized place where you can discover Evansville events, history about Evansville and our different/diverse neighborhoods
- bike paths to go where you want to go
- bike paths, health, wellness, healthy community, nature, more companies coming to Evansville, growth alliance, more jobs, top rate school, talent staying here, retainment, charitable giving,
- bringing rural into town, using green space, find ways to utilize river, new types of aircraft flying in and out, education
- big buildings with people are hiring, growing economy, attracting businesses, nice airport
- sun- for sunny outlook, no crime, lots of books, high test scores, trails, colorful community.

Group 3

- river, manufacturing companies coming to town, retirement community downtown, things people need downtown (food market, trader joes)
- refurbish old buildings for parents and kids, rock climbing walls, more theater, live bands, shakesphere in the park, movies downtown, more job opportunities, more stability with the airport, bringing people in, getting talented students to come here which will drive businesses to come here.

Group 4

- recreational aspects, greenway paths connected and encompassing community, fishing with the waterways, clean river, new Evansville high tech center that is hiring local graduates, housing communities
- schools get centered back into neighborhoods, kids stay in the community, baseball field, sports complex- fitness lifestyle, kids want to be active, grandparents will want to watch kids play sports which brings people together
- clean river, greenery by river, I69 bridge, tech centers, central hub in I69

Group 5

- promenade area at Cross Pointe area- lake setting with several shops, restaurants, PF Changs, Docs for people to eat while on the water, people can eat outside, diversity, busy community setting, bringing people together outside
- outdoor community, river walk areas connected, families out together, biking/cycling, people enjoying the Ohio River, clean environment
- Main Street- more people down there, more youth friendly activities
- doing things with families, family values, strong foundations, simple minded

