



**VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT
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NEW TECH INSTITUTE- SOPHOMORES**



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 POSITIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

CARRY FORWARD & LEAVE BEHIND

VISION DRAWING & PRESENTATION

WRAP UP/ WHAT'S NEXT

voice

CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE



LARGE GROUP OPENING- Lead Facilitator

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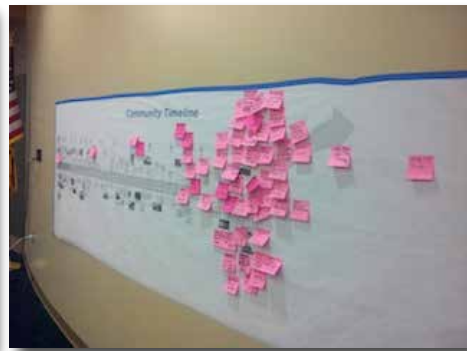
“One or two words describing why you are passionate about our community.”

Young people
compassion
family oriented
diversity
happy people
come together- unity
talk problems through
nice people
clean
caring
nice people
friends
trustworthy
energetic
programs/ things to do
resources
collaboration
respect
come together in time of need
responsibility
friends
helpful people
cleaner
reliability

better understanding people
community involvement
outreach
corn
programs
happiness
outreach
nice people that listen
moving and changing
close-knit
new McDonald's
friends and family that listen
roads downtown
acceptance of people's personalities
not much crime
business that support the community
everyone knows each other
high school sports
icemen
hooters
be yourself
small
diversity
always people that accept you

small organizations
growing population
calm tectonic plates
endless possibilities for volunteerism
greenery
nice neighborhoods
abundance of corn
NTI
downtown arts district
change

west side nut club- fall festival
wildlife
open to change
education
socially diverse
selflessness, shelters
volunteers
children's museum
don't have to worry about getting
mugged





CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE

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

Facilitator: Lynn Miller Pease

Scribe: Julie Moore

Recorder: Meghan Seibert



LEAVE BEHIND

child abuse
negative attitude
violence
lack of participation
bad neighborhoods
people that don't care
apathy
carelessness
animal cruelty
poverty
laziness
shallowness
social discrimination
not caring
apathy
boringness
drugs
addictions
stupidity
trash
child abuse
lack of entertainment
mediocrity
water pollution
empty buildings
slang
litter
lack of value
stereotypes
meth
animal cruelty
suicide
negativity
drugs
hypo criticism
lack of work responsibility
"nothing to do" and areas that are
underutilized
ignorance

CARRY FORWARD

child safety
open minds
peace
more participation
good neighborhoods
people willing to participate
intentional pursuit
being more serious- deep conversations
being nice to animals
helping people get what they need
recreational facilities
getting along and acceptance
acceptance
trying hard

new things/ entertainment
better choices
resources for recovery
no distractions
recycling
peaceful city
big entertainment
fun things to do
clean water in river
recycling
building steps for a better community
recycling
value and hard work
open minds and acceptance
job opportunities
selflessness
happiness
open minds
higher education
large corporations
job responsibility
use empty space/buildings for
entertainment
open minds

government handouts
poverty and hunger
boring downtown
smelly city
immigration from Chicago

empty buildings
lack of music venues
ball park over Roberts stadium
unemployment

fast food
negative attitude
fast food
sewer system
slums
hypocrisy
pollution

older buildings
violence and rape
negative attitude
ignorance
fast food
violence
greed
judgment
lack of opportunity
depression
childish attitudes

handouts for community dialogue
revitalization
sports teams like icemen
no/new smell
Obama
use empty space/buildings for
entertainment
more music venues
skate park
attractions for locals and tourists
more space for animal control
better name for Evansville
more buildings that aren't restaurants
consideration
family time
new sewer
expand city scape
new opportunities for music artists
infrastructure
put Evansville on the map
nature
unity
tourism
arts district
healthy city
holly's house
attractions for high schoolers
open mind
drive to betterment
happiness
respect



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LARGE GROUP CLOSING

Recap of "What elements have you drawn into your visions of Evansville's Preferred Future?"





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Group 1

- CLEANER WATER FRONT
- BETTER VIEW, BIGGER BUILDINGS
- RECYCLING, NO TRASH, SWINGSET
- CLEANER WATER, NO SMELLS
- SOLAR PANELS
- BIG, STRONG TREES
- FLYING CARS
- INFRASTRUCTURE WILL STAY THE SAME, BUT REVITALIZED

GROUP 2

- CLEAN, NEW ENERGY
- SPARKLING CLEAN OHIO RIVER
- FARM, CROPS
- HARD ROCK CAFÉ, ENTERTAINMENT
- NECESSARY THINGS- WALMART, YMCA
- HOUSES, MORE THAN ONE FARM, MORE SKATE PARKS
- ART MUSEUM, UPSIDE DOWN WINDMILL

Group 3

- LIVE TOGETHER AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER, MUSIC, NO USE FOR UNNEEDED ELECTRONICS, SOLAR PANELS, GARDENS
- FUN HOUSE WITH LOVE AND JOY
- NO JUDGEMENTS TO ANYONE, DIVERSITY
- ANIMALS
- CLEAN WATER, FLOWERS, PLANTS, TREES, ORCHARD, FOOD SUPPLY
- FISH, UNICORN

Group 4

- BATMAN
- BLUE WATER, CLEAN WATER, LITTLE FISH
- RESTAURANTS, MUSEUMS, FLOWER SHOPS
- ENTERTAINMENT: FARRIS WHEEL, WINDMILLS
- STAGES FOR MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
- NATURE AREA, FOUNTAINS

Group 5

- PARK, HEALTHY, TREES, HIGHWAY OVER THE PARK FOR NO LITTERING, FISH BECAUSE WE HAVE CLEAN WATER AND DUCKS CAN LIVE NEAR IT
- PLAYGROUND, YMCA, SIDEWALKS, PLENT OF WALK WAYS, NO MC DONALDS, BASKETBALL
- NO VIOLENCE, BEACHES, AMUSEMENT RIDES, ALWAYS SUNNY
- JUSTIN BIEBER STORE, JOE'S CRABSHACK, TEEN CLUBS
- RECYCLE, WINDMILLS, NO VIOLENCE

Group 6

- FAMILY
- ACCEPTANCE, RESOURCES, RECYCLE, PEACE, HAPPINESS, MORE THAN ONE HOLLY'S HOUSE
- CORN
- BROUGHT SPORTS TEAMS TO TOWN, IU/ UK, COLTS, NBA, MLB
- SUNNY, BEACH, PARKS WITH FAMILIES HAVING FUN
- FLOWERS, NO MC DONALDS

Group 7

- ANIMAL SHELTERS, MR. ALLEN WITH THE MEADOW HE ENVISIONED, NTI, IHOP, THEATRE, STARBUCKS BY NEW TECH, NO POLLUTION, RUE 21, WALMART, GHETTO, HOGWARTS,
- SOLAR POWER, ARTS AND THEATRE
- HOPE, END OF POVERTY, MUSIC VENUES IN THE CITY
- SCHOOL
- CLEANER WATER, PLACES TO WALK
- CLEAN CREEK

Group 8

- BIG DOWNTOWN CENTER, BRINGING PEOPLE TO DOWNTOWN, STARBUCKS, ARTS DISTRICT, VECTREN, BANKS, MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGINEERS, MEDICAL ADVANCEMENTS
- MORE COLLEGES, UNIQUE COURSES, BIG ARTS DISTRICT/EXPANSION, CLEAN RIVER
- PARK WITH SWINGS AND A DRUM CIRCLE, GRASS, SUN, NEIGHBORHOOD, SCHOOLS, BRICK ROADS DOWNTOWN
- BRICK ROADS SIGNIFIES NICE ROADS WE HAVE DOWNTOWN, RIVER
- CLEAN ENERGY AND RIVER, WELFARE AND UNEMPLOYMENT CLINIC, HUMANE SOCIETY THAT IS FUNDED BY MORE THAN EVANSVILLE

Group 9

- BEFORE VIEW: FARMS, POLLUTION IN THE AIR, PLAIN AND BORING
- FUTURE:
- WARM, INVITING, LIMOS WITH FAMOUS PEOPLE COMING TO TOWN, PLACE FOR TEENS TO HANG OUT, PARKS
- RAINBOW FOR HAPPINESS, BIKE/WALK TRAIL, GAY CLUBS FOR TEENS
- CLEAN RIVER, PEOPLE DOWNTOWN, SALAD WORLD, SUN ENERGY,
- PARK FOR LOCAL KIDS, POOL FOR KIDS AND TEENAGERS

Group 10

- TOTALLY NOT CREEPY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES, WIND TURBINES ALONG THE CLEAN RIVER, WALKWAY ON RIVER, PARKS, BEAUTIFUL POLLUTION FREE AIRPLANE
- DRUG FREE PLACES, BIGGER TRASHCANS IN THE PARKS
- LOTS OF CARDINAL BIRDS FLYING AROUND
- PLANE HIGHLIGHTS MORE COMMERCE COMING INTO TOWN



