



**VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT
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NEW TECH INSTITUTE- JUNIOR CLASS**



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



CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE



LARGE GROUP OPENING- Lead Facilitator

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school system
numerous organizations to help
people
neighborhoods
project-based learning
small
Christian life center
riverfront
NTI
strong community
nice mix of city/ country
NTI
creative people
students
nice people
good sports programs
downtown
caring people
neighborhoods
diversity
law enforcement
involved
homeless shelters
diversity
malls

dream center
inspirational people at church
opportunities
library system
NTI
NTI
willingness to help
young sports
NTI
Uptown
nice community
animal shelters
donators and volunteers
church communities
school system
fire dept.
aurora
impact ministries
coming together for natural disasters
job opportunities
4H
community's networking
people get along
children's museum
commitment to Evansville

diversity
shelters
impact ministries
small businesses
bright history
tourism

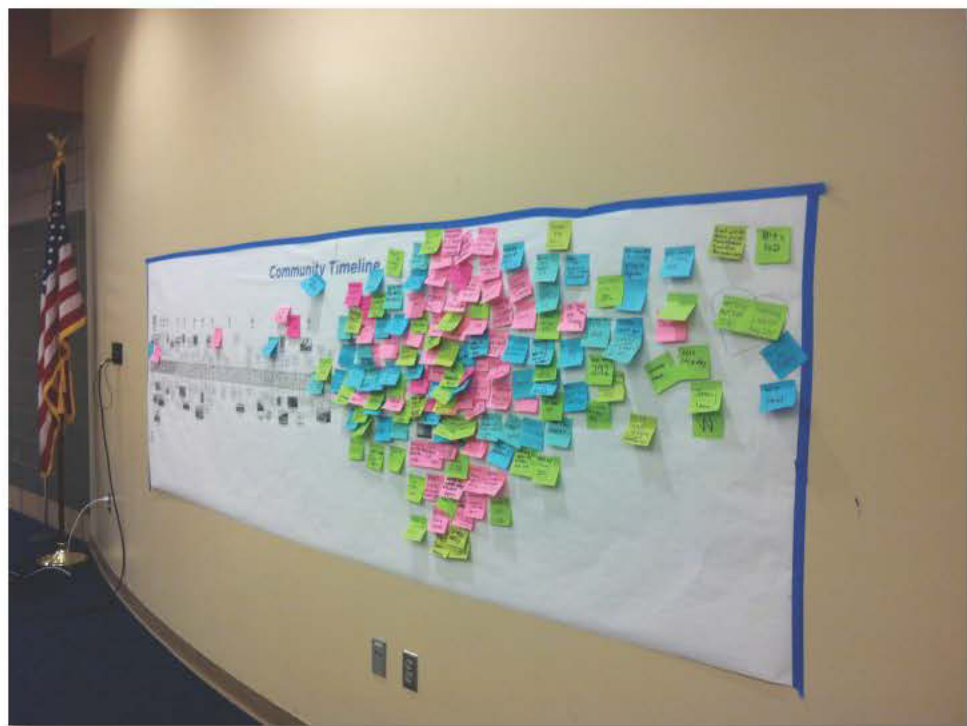
youth resources
youth ministry
acceptance
less crime
not obese city
change





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

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LEAVE BEHIND

meth
bullying
only being like your family
city divide "east/west"
crime
money-wasting projects
Urban sprawl
laziness
meth
obesity
bullying
past
closed minds
drug abuse
drugs
hatred
struggling communities
poverty
pollution
child hunger
drugs
violent gangs
drug abuse
all abuse
crime
trash
critics
judgment
unemployment
prejudice
hate
discrimination
sadness
poverty
homelessness
crime
hunger
abortion
drugs
abuse
poverty

CARRY FORWARD

pride
acceptance
everyone has a chance
teen activities
more schools like NTI
crackdown on meth
project-based learning
open-mindedness
small businesses
healthy community
understanding
future
open-mindedness
networking
leadership
compassion
reconstruction
improved infrastructure
going green
upgrade downtown
healthy programs for kids
peaceful folks-hippies
recovery centers
peace
communication
new businesses
open-mindedness
acceptance
good jobs
compromise
new businesses
acceptance
happiness
trust
higher education
good
love
adoption
higher education

afterschool activities

"everyone owes me something"

bath salts

darkness

bullying

vandalism

discrimination

child neglect

selfishness

bars/liquor stores

abuse

arguments

rudeness

crime

segregation

racism

work ethic

acceptance

color

acceptance

sense of community

compassion

justice

selflessness

new economy

safe places for kids

leaders

more places to bring community

together

job creation

fun teen activities

economic growth

acceptance





CREATING EVANSVILLE'S FUTURE

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

Group 1

- skyscrapers, everything is located in a central location so people can walk/bike to work, teen center, coffee shops with concerts
- pool, churches, lots of neighborhoods, no urban sprawl

GROUP 2

- no more pollution, more ecofriendly businesses, girl saying "I'm happy here," old house= new business- teardown/rebuild and fixing the historical value of the homes
- save money, peace, more adoptions, more water less soda
- little girl that is happy in Evansville and she will stick around, enforce happiness, welcome people to Evansville
- adoption, NTI
- Above the Influence- no drugs/alcohol, peaceful city, originality
- more businesses in Evansville, more metropolitan, trees- stay green and as much grass and trees as we expand.

Group 3

- community-oriented, everyone is together and loves each other, everything is close together, no more urban sprawl, parks, community events center in the middle of Evansville
- parks
- lake with people swimming in it and recreations, hospital, food banks, center for healthy living, daycare and a community preschool for everyone to bring their kids, amusement park with go-carts

Group 4

- turning whirlpool factory into a history museum
- more student-led groups/clubs
- more understanding/ less judgment
- small businesses, no meth/drugs
- no more littering, recycle bins all over
- more successful businesses and collaboration

Group 5

- Lloyd expressway, vault cars that are energy efficient, redesigned roads downtown, new main street, fountains and more greenery, flowers and flowers in windows, clean river, birds and ducks, planes coming into town, clean roads, nice view of the river downtown, New Hope School- like New Tech, but bigger

Group 6

- churches, clean river, neighborhoods with people talking and coming together socializing, schools, kids, home for the elderly, diversity, teen center, shelter for the homeless- clothes, leadership classes, small businesses, equality, hope, respect, giving

Group 7

- sun, clouds with birds- clean air, clean river with a beach, giant park, houses, hospitals, giant school, big swimming pool, stadium, car lots, sports fields, gyms, big job center, teen/kid center, lots of grass

Group 8

- skyscrapers which represent more jobs, houses, fun park, fall festival year round, flying car, mall, worldwide museum, clean river, lots of grass

Group 9

- sky with no pollution, clean river that you can fish in, farms are local with huge flowers and milking parlors to produce milk locally
- more people out in the public and being nice, no construction, drug free, playground with a skate park, soccer complex, YMCA, school of music
- amusement park that will bring people together that is always there, recreation center for kids to stay off the streets
- affordable houses
- schools that are project based learning, school of music, school of art, school of technology

Group 10

- blue sky, no pollution, recycling bins all over, flying hybrid cars, NTI is a huge school with multiple stories, birds flying happily, sports complex, outdoor mall, breast cancer awareness driven, peace, stop pollution, no drugs, no violence
- amphitheater down on the riverfront
- natural museum





