

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Nathan Bilger, (260) 248-3112 or wclanning@whitleygov.com

PUBLIC INPUT WELCOMED FOR WHITLEY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Whitley County Plan Commission is seeking the public's ideas for the future of the County. Starting on October 26, Whitley County community members will have the opportunity to provide their insight for *Form Whitley County*, an update to the County's comprehensive plan, via an in-person drop-in event (10/26), or through an online survey, which will be launched on the same day as the event. Anyone who cares about Whitley County is encouraged to participate in this process.

Focus on the Future Drop-in Event

Monday, October 26, 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Community Center, 680 W. Squawbuck Rd., Columbia City, Indiana.

"This is a unique opportunity to hear from the public early on in this planning process," said Doug Wright, president of the County Plan Commission. "*Form Whitley County* will set the stage for the next decade in Whitley County in terms of land use, new development, agricultural preservation, and more."

Members of the public can attend the event by dropping in at their convenience any time during the specified hours of 3:00-7:00 p.m. Information about the plan will be available on large visual display boards and visitors can provide written comments. The input gathered will influence specific, implementable action items for the update.

Project staff will be available at the community center to answer any questions throughout the duration of the event. Masks and social distancing will be required, as stipulated by the Stage 5 rules for large public events.

For those unable to attend the in-person event on the 26th, additional smaller sessions are scheduled at different times and places, and an online input survey will be available. Visit FormWhitleyCounty.com for more information on these input opportunities.

Form Whitley County will update the County's current comprehensive plan, which is nearly ten years old. The update will be completed by Spring 2021. More information can be found at FormWhitleyCounty.com or by contacting the Columbia City/Whitley County Joint Planning & Building Department at (260) 248-3112 or via email at wclanning@whitleygov.com.

###