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Goal A							
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1	No		Yes! And were development will benefit the entire County, not where people will be more inclined to go outside our County for groceries, schooling, community activities, etc. Should not apply to moderate agriculture development.		Only if these requirements are in the district that is changing (if "changing" from Ag to a more intense district, the setbacks or requirements should be in the more intense district to protect Ag/Rural areas). If the requirements are in the Ag district you are essentially just taking more away from Ag.		Yes!
2	No		Agree. Avoid spot zoning.	The comprehensive plan should be the framework that guides decision making.	High priority.	Standards should be locally sourced but HR 1381 would make it state dictated.	There are 2 to this: Intense factory farms do not represent the rural "charm" of a county. The rights of adjoining property owners and rights to protection for drop in property values, and a safe environment need to be equally considered.
3	No						
4	No		Remove "or in areas with existing public utilities."	Make a priority.	Modify - don't punish Ag because housing moved to Ag areas.		

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1	Yes, however farms need to be able to reasonably expand where they are already established "development standards and certainty of location" is already in place with current ordinance.			Yes, yes, yes. Utilize Ag clause.		
2	By "evolving agricultural uses" sounds like stamp of approval for CAFOs. Sustainable agriculture is important. Mega-factory farming across the County will not be good for economic development.	Agree.	Agree.	Not sure why existing agricultural ops need protecting. Again, this shows a bias for anything ag and does not address equal consideration of other zoning types.	Agree.	
3						
4	Remove "and certainty of location." Already in place in ordinances.	Would combine 1.7 and 1.8 recommendations.	Would combine 1.7 and 1.8 recommendations.		Okay but may be driven by activist mindset.	

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1			Yes. Should Larwill/TIF district be included in this?			
2		Agree.	Agree.			
3						
4	Remove "Transfer of Development Rights, Form-Based Codes, etc." as this is not known or in place yet.	No, remove all. We have this in the ordinances already.	Add Larwill TIF. How does Freeway change this?			

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1						
2		Agree.				
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4			SDI traffic is a problem. Protect farm traffic rights.		Lagging info- remove.	

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1	Have Ag representatives involved in these regulations so they are appropriate and yet not overbearing.					
2	Include provisions for natural grasses and not perennials to replace grass in ??? . This reduces maintenance costs and benefits pollinators and habitats.	Agree.	Strongly agree.		Promote walking and bike trails that connect development and reduce traffic load.	
3						
4			If you can do this without taking private property.			

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1		Again, have Ag representatives (qualified and knowledgeable) at the table.				Work with current organizations like the Soil and Water Conservation Board. May be beneficial as a program.
2	Strongly agree.	Strongly agree.	Mandate environmentally friendly designs and require % of open space/landscaping.	Agree.	Not sure if septic systems are checked regularly. They should be. County could subsidize alternative systems.	Work with DNR on this.
3				Agree- with the exception of windmills. Windmills belong "off shore" or desert areas - not rural areas.		
4		Change "countywide" to "City and subdivision." Ag has regulations so leave farm land out of this.	Remove "development credits." State does this for Ag.	Remove "negative" and replace with "real." Change word choice.	Follow state rules.	

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1		Does this include large tracts of undeveloped acreage? Like row crop fields?				Soil and Water Conservation district already does this with farmers.
2	Educate public more on recycling. How to, what to and inform public of status of recycling in County. How much is actually recycled that goes to the recycling center.	Agree.	Agree. Conservation groups to ID and conserver resources.	Agree. This also should include regulatory and enforcing environmental/pollution laws.		Monitor runoff into public waters to ID source and target offenders.
3						
4		Lakes! Follow stat and EPA and DNR.	Lakes!		Natural areas yes, not farm ground.	Remove as already stated. Again, cropland already has programs.

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1				Yes, but residential development needs to understand if it is in agricultural areas. So may be better to say "including intense uses when developed in accordance with ordinances and regulations consistent with the character type."		
2				Supporting Ag should not mean not supporting other zoning types. Good luck obtaining harmony between CAFOs and residents.	Agree.	Agree.
3						
4		Add local Farm Bureau.	Not activist groups.	Remove "residential development" and replace with "zoning."		

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1			Farm Bureau supports this.			
2	Not sure what constitutes mitigation. Businesses, industrial sites, CAFOs, large developments should all be properly zoned and located to promote a healthy living environment for all residents.		Agree.	Agree.		
3						
4				May be micro-managing a bit.		Is this a fad?

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1				Discourage out of County residents from shaping our County when they do not pay taxes here.		
2	Agree.			Communication aids decision-making and should include all players.	Don't just rely on Internet. Provide public meetings and put in newspaper, etc.	
3						
4	Include "licensed" in front of "childcare."		"quasi-public" poor choice of words.			

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2		Walking and bike trails are one of the best ways to attract young families to an area.			Agree.	Start at the township trustee level and require trustees to follow the law and restore damaged connections.
3						
4			Add 4H fair and event held there.	Make is so <u>all</u> Whitley County residences have a <u>free</u> library card - it is so sad not all Whitley County residences have this.		

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5	Yes	3/9/2021 11:47:54	It's critical to achieving balanced, healthy growth to invest in infrastructure. That means maximizing existing resources but also expanding services in advance of growth.	This plan should be the guide for development as long as it is maintained with input from all stakeholders - including the general public.	While separation is key between lands of mixed use, the concerns of water, air and noise pollution must not be ignored or discounted. Requirements must include health and safety of human and animal (wild and domestic) populations as the primary focus.	Fossil fuels must be reduced dramatically. Responsible planning must include wind, solar and water-based alternatives and standards for the facilities that generate power from them are key.	
6	Yes	3/9/2021 12:59:20	prefer smaller governments	should maintain our rural area with minimal upgrades as to preserve the land as is today	agree to separations between areas	it would be nice to have natural gas in our neighborhood - it's all around us just not our stretch	maintain rural character and ag - respect the farmer
7	Yes	3/10/2021 13:45:53				This needs further explained. Wind farms or solar farms are inefficient and take up too much agriculture acreage.	

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5	<p>The evolution has been toward factory/intensive farming which has too often proven detrimental to animal, nature and human health and safety. Smaller, family-owned farms are rapidly becoming the minority. If the intent is to maintain a strong agricultural presence in the county, advantages and incentives must be directed toward family farms. Limits must be set on the number, type and location of factory/intensive farms the county will allow and can responsibly monitor.</p>	<p>Lakefront property owners should be allowed to vote on regulations that directly impact their homes and lifestyles.</p>	<p>Lakefront property owners should be allowed to vote on regulations that directly impact their homes and lifestyles.</p>	<p>Rural residents are not the only ones who need education about sharing air, water and land. Agricultural operators have rights AND responsibilities that they must be knowledgeable about. Community education is of value to all stakeholders.</p>	<p>Evaluation on a 3-5 year basis is needed. Also communicating and gathering information between evaluation is critical. Continue to reach out multiple times per year to gather feedback, share progress and collect data for improvements to the next plan update.</p>	<p>Base this decision on the number of uses (online hits, calls) for the information. While developers may find this useful, the general public may be less interested in using these tools preferring to read about updates in newsletters, blogs, etc.</p>
6	<p>support ag!</p>	<p>the lakes only have so many resources as any of the land - don't congest it - appreciate mother nature</p>	<p>it should be reviewed to maximize the zoning ordinance at lakes - the "weekend" resident gets away with too much now!</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>more like 7-10 years</p>	<p>update the maps to what it reflects today - not the future wishes of the "chosen" until it has been brought forth to the public for votes</p>
7	<p>This is a fantastic article regarding Regenerative Agriculture and it makes sense for our community to implement it for the good of our people, land, and the environment. Makes everyone happy!</p> <p>https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2021/03/09/regenerative-food-and-farming-the-road-forward.aspx</p>					

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5	Assessment of the regulations and tools are needed to ensure they are not unnecessarily burdensome while being robust enough to maintain oversight and uphold legal restrictions.	This is critical to ensuring continued growth that is supported by a sustainable community population.	Visual impact is important as is having a healthy and safe environment. Aesthetics such as noise abatement, maintaining good air and water quality, controlling drainage, adequate traffic controls and bio-beneficial landscaping must also be considered.	Balance must be achieved among industrial, agricultural and residential land use. Like a 3-legged stool, too much growth on any one leg will impair the stability of the other 2.	The plan does need to be maintained and enhanced. The county too often doesn't have sufficient engineering resources to keep up with the existing demands and projects. The department needs to be enlarged to ensure the success of maintaining plans while developing new approaches.	More resources are likely available however the lack of staffing in the engineering department hinders our ability to adequately research and pursue them.
6	reduce the amount of variances to maintain integrity of project	agree with this	agree with this		actually do this!	well don't look to taxes or farmers for this - you have collected plenty if used correctly
7				All good ideas, but keeping costs down and not frivolously spending money on a million reports is a must.		How about the \$1.9 Trillion spending bill that just got passed in DC? Oh, that's right....we don't want to use the money on infrastructure or anything.

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5	Right-of-way opportunities that are necessary to growth must be evaluated judiciously. Maintaining the balance among the land uses (industrial, agricultural and residential).	These tools will only be useful if they are "living" documents.	Transportation will impact every project, program and policy. It will be necessary to maintain open, transparent communication with enforcement agencies.	Yes. Again, additional staff is needed in engineering.	Until alternative residential/rural roads are improved, US30 will continue to be a growing safety concern. Upgrading US30, while advantageous and the right long-term plan, can't be done safely enough to protect rural and residential traffic.	Yes. This MUST include fire hydrants in the outlying county residential areas. Expecting small residential communities to bear the full-cost of installing these is unreasonable.
6	preparation is good, have a plan not just eminent domain	*	yes you should obey the laws, not just write new ones to fit the need	sounds like a plan if implemented correctly	seems this is the goal of so many yet you build it to move traffic then buildings go near it for ease of shipment - so what is gained?	public servants should have ranked higher in this questionnaire but now that they are here - yes do all you can to protect, support and help them grow
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5	This is a practical necessity.	The transit system must be adequate to support the community size and grown accordingly.	Yes. Fort Wayne and Allen County have proven that these types of improvements are critical to a healthy, vibrant, safe and growing community.	Road improvements must be made BEFORE or in tandem with development. Impact fees must be spread among those who access the roads. Rural and residential land owners must not be unfairly burdened through taxation or fees for primarily industrial improvements.	Multiple outlets offer residents and tenants safety in emergency situations as well as better traffic flow. In residential developments connectivity fosters better community and benefit of shared services.	
6	negative - you picked on field crops, how about various signage around, disrepair railings, etc.	absolutely - we all are aging	only a better way to cross US 30	no more fees - figure a way without another "money maker- aka tax"	to reduce access points onto the main road? yes	
7				Toll roads in Whitley County? That makes zero sense. China will own that one too like in NW Indiana? Come on, folks.		

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5	All development must be environmentally sensitive and bio-beneficial whenever possible. Education of all stakeholders is needed.	A long-term (e.g. 20 year) plan is needed. Funding needs to be researched and pursued. This currently falls under the same county management as highways. Dedicated management and staff is needed that have experience, certification and training in this discipline.	Zoning restrictions need to include environmentally sensitive design without incentive. Give incentives for bio-beneficial designs instead.	The county lacks the necessary expertise to do this. Regulation must only occur by those trained and certified in alternative energy. Engage experts in the specific alternative energies to assess existing facilities, write the regulations and perform the monitoring.	This is critical to all safe development as well as existing residents, visitors and those employed in the county who live outside the county. Seek out funding to offset the costs so individuals who own the land are not overburdened.	Yes and openly communicate the results.
6	yes	necessity vs cost - really needed?	sounds like pat on back award	isn't this a living document that should be maintained anyway as life changes?	shouldn't this be happening anyway - there should always be alternatives	this isn't happening now?
7		This needs further explanation tout suite if it is a HIGH priority and super expensive.				

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5	<p>Waste Management has recently bought out one of the county's trash removal services (Advanced Disposal). WM does recycling for Allen county and across the US. Partner with Allen County, WM and/or Omnisource to increase the types of materials that can be recycled (e.g. wax cartons, electronics, batteries) by having Whitley do the collection/separation and WM/Omni/Allen take those items that Whitley can't recycle. Consider opening a Household Hazardous Waste drive-up recycling plant in Whitley like the one in Allen County operates. Explore Styrofoam and building materials recycling (done in Allen). These would eliminate significant amounts of landfill waste. Develop grade school and middle school education programs on recycling. Incentivize business recycling and use of recycled materials.</p>	<p>This would be a good start toward educating the community and developers about our county's natural resources and what endangers them.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>Yes as well as offering incentives.</p>	<p>An online directory on a site that is routinely maintained is key.</p>	<p>Education is needed on the practice. Offer free online mini-courses.</p>
6	<p>yes</p>	<p>yes</p>	<p>yes</p>	<p>sounds good</p>		<p>this should already be happening</p>
7	<p>What are "service enhancements"?</p>					

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5		Yes	Yes. Add staffing and hire expertise as needed.	Intensive farming must be reasonably segregated from other land uses in order to preserve residential aesthetics as well as for health and safety. Support and incentivize small to medium sized farms that are locally owned and operated. Limit and carefully monitor intensive and factory farming and only allow it within 8-10 miles of residential communities.	Yes. This is critical for sustaining the county.	Yes
6		yes		always support AG!		yes
7	There has to be a healthy balance on the environmental issues. Some make a lot of sense and others do not.	Is there a list of the programs and related costs for residents to view?				

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5	Balance among industrial and residential land use is critical. Employees who don't live in the community in which they work aren't as likely to stay with their employer long-term.	Yes. Especially training in technology.	Yes. Competition is needed to bring down pricing and improve service.	Yes	Seek out grants and funding from state and federal sources before increasing taxes. Invest in expertise in grant-writing and fund sourcing.	Yes. The pandemic has proven that work-from-home is not only popular but highly productive
6		does this accommodate all age groups?	oh this old topic again - enough talk let's have ACTION	see what response you get from this survey here before you branch out to do more surveys		
7				Survey a slice of residents also that represent several age groups/financial spectrum as well.		THIS is a wonderful idea.

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			5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4
5	Yes. Whitley is sorely lacking in this area.		Yes. Partnerships are necessary to gain expert guidance, knowledge sharing and foster goodwill.	Yes. Stakeholders from different areas will broaden thinking and help avoid bowing to special interests and undue financial pressure.	This is sorely needed. The websites aren't well maintained and there is no cohesion between departmental sites. Mobile apps for services would be appreciated.	Yes
6			yes	to meet about what?	why create a position absorb it into an existing position	like the one we recently had where they called a red level after MOST of the workers got to their employment places? great call!
7	You should consider options that allow parents to stay home with their children the most.			The heads of these jurisdictions and agencies need to survey their constituents regularly so that they are presenting a true picture of what the community wants not just the elected officials and business leaders.	Not everyone utilizes social media, so an app and the Whitley County website is more appropriate than JUST social media.	

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5	Proper address signage helps emergency and delivery services and customers find the property. As long as the ordinance is not overly burdensome or costly it makes good sense.	Yes	Yes	Increase access to library services by making Peabody Library free to all county residents. Seek funding from state and federal sources to offset costs.	Yes both are lacking in the county	Yes
6	don't you already have an addressing policy --- just do the sign ordinance --	are all the parks being used now to their capacity?	yes	yes	yes	yes
7			Why is this a LOW priority? Should be HIGH. Especially after this last year.			This should be a LOW priority. See 5.7!

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5	<p>Yes. Additional management and staff is needed to carry out the ADA projects identified in the recently developed plan. The plan needs to be on the county website and all supporting documentation needs to be made available, including progress reports.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
6	<p>do the best you can - not everything or everyone is adaptable</p>	<p>long over due! - especially now with big empty schools and e-learning from home</p>	
7		<p>Definite HIGH priority.</p>	<p>Keeping ordinances to a minimum and prioritizing them is a must after reading through all of this!</p>

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8	Yes	3/12/2021 22:09:00	Essentially repeat from 2011 Comp Plan	Again, essentially a repeat of 2011 Comp Plan Objective 1.2	Carryover from 2011 Comp Plan	Repeat from 2011 Comp Plan	Carry over from 2011 Comp Plan. Misuse of the term "rights to farm." All property rights should be respected and not just a segment that represents < 10% of local GDP. Exasperated by neglecting Ordinance # 2017-10 charge.
9	Yes	3/13/2021 11:02:12	No	Yes	More double talk	NO	yes
10	Yes	3/14/2021 8:37:32	This make sense, easy to implement.	Also makes sense but needs to be continuously enforced to avoid spot zoning.	Tend to agree but some of the areas on the map already appear to contradict this.		The rights of farmers to farm should also not impede on the rights of those who live here, whose families have owned and developed this land over generations, and chose to invest in Whitley County. It's a two-way street.
11	Yes	3/15/2021 18:12:19	Completely agree; however, middle class growth should be encouraged. We seem to cover both ends of the spectrum (starter and luxury homes) without regard for the middle class and average wage earner.	More than reasonable regard needs to be paid to this Plan to prevent a haphazard approach to zoning and land use.	If the intent is more gradual transition between widely divergent land uses (which should be stated), I would agree. If the intent is a landscaping barrier, e.g., between industrial sites or factory farms and residences, which predated either/both, then the recommendation falls far short. This type of quasi-separation serves no practical purpose especially as it relates to traffic load, noise/odor control and in some cases parking lot light glare.	Yes, but these standards must be vetted by nearby land owners and with input from experts (academics) and not developers.	Protecting rural character is significant for Whitley County. Intense agricultural activities, i.e., confined feeding operations of any size, however, must be limited to Rural-Traditional designated areas (Washington, Cleveland, western part of Etna-Troy townships). They should not be permitted in Rural-Conventional designated areas, or they should require special exemptions with pre-established setbacks and be subject to public hearings with ample newspaper notification.

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8	Mixed Rural should prohibit all CFOs and Rural-Conventional should only permit Class 1 CFOs. Commissioner Schrupf has gone on record stating that Class 3 7 4 CFOs are out of character in Whitley County. This recommendation is too vague and reflects carte blanche.	Another carryover from 2011.	Agree with this but the Whitley County BZA is known to never turn down any variances.	This was to be addressed as part of implementing Ordinance # 2018-09. This strikes the writer as a routine task that should have been addressed over nearly 30-months ago. Reflects poorly on implementing new ordinances.	Can't argue with this---real question is by who? The current Comp Plan Update Steering Committee is too small and not balanced. Will the Plan Commission take this on?...hope not as the Plan Commission is tilted. The incumbent Planning Director has had this responsibility for the past 6+ years yet little has been accomplished.	Agree 100%. Had the recommendations from the 2011 Comp Plan been adopted as soon as possible there would not be the current significant land use uncertainty. This aim is right out of the Indiana Citizen Planner Guide page 121.
9	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
10			No. These policies are targeted at very small portion of the community. Focus on those of us who live elsewhere in the county.	This feels like a waste of time. Enact policies that promote fair land use and stop targeting those of us who have chosen to develop and improve our lands.	This should be standard policy.	Agreed.
11	Agree although examples would be helpful.	Agree completely.	Generally agree, but again examples of the types of variances being sought would be helpful.	Agree as these provisions should alleviate conflicts after-the-fact.	Agree.	Agree completely to avoid regulatory conflicts with these goals/recommendations.

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8	This objective warrants further explanation.	Thank you for considering this longstanding recommendation that has been called for.	Agree. Micropulse has no business being located on SR #14.		Sound routine task.	Sounds like a reasonable task.
9	No	Yes	No	Whitley County will become the disaster that Allen County has become with development that has destroyed west Allen county and East Whitley county!	No	Yes
10	Not sure what is meant by this.	Agreed. Create opportunity for responsible growth but not the overdeveloped nightmare along the Allen County side of 800 East.	Makes sense.		Makes sense.	
11	Generally agree, but needs further explanation of how each example would work.	Agree.	Agree but noise and odor impacts must be included as well.		Agree.	Agree.

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8	Agree.	Again, this is a routine task, not a project.	Agree.	Again, this is routine business.	This is underway.	Agree, but this is routine business.
9	Double Talk	No	Too much traffic already	Whose management?	U.S. 30 is already a disaster	Yes
10		Absolutely should be done.		Agreed.	This must be done. US30 will only continue to become more hazardous with traffic between Fort Wayne and Chicago.	Makes sense.
11	Explanation for "capitalize" in this context is required.	Agree.	Agree.	Unsure of the content of the asset management plan. Assume it's administered by the County Commissioners?	If this advocacy is in line with INDOT's plans and is inevitable, then I agree.	Agree (who wouldn't???)

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8	Agree 100%. Surprised that there are not more accidents.	"Continue" is not an action verb. This recommendation goes without saying.	What is the timetable for accomplishing this objective.	So when will the conceptual plan be developed?	Agree. Sad to hear from Brandon Forrester that "since they took IT away form me" that minutes of his various commissions are not publicly shared.	Most of these recommendations are basic and routine...and carryovers from 2011. More effort and focus is recommended.
9	No	No	No	No new taxes	No	This Whitley county is headed for a overpriced disaster!
10			Would be great for improving quality of life.			
11	Agree. Field crops are problematic at some rural intersections.	Agree.	Agree. I would support the option of connecting to the Allen County trail system.	If this fee (tax) keeps our county roads in better shape consistently, then I agree.	Neither agree nor disagree.	

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8	Agree. Time for new leadership in this service.	Agree 100%.	Sounds great...when and by whom? Another repeat objective.	Essentially a repeat from 2011.	This task can be accomplished in about 4 hours of work and is a "just do it."	Agree. Make pubic Drainage Board minutes along with Soil & Water. Increase transparency and expand the "select" membership.
9	Already in force	More Control of the citizenry	No- more control	No	More government control	Already in place
10	Makes sense. Be responsible stewards of the land.	Makes sense. Surprised this has not already been done.	Yes, especially anything that can be done to improve and protect waterways			Should absolutely be done.
11	Agree.	Agree.	Agree.	Agree.	Agree.	Agree.

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8	More work is needed in this section...very lite.	Agree. Repeat from a decade ago. Goes without saying.	Sounds good. Disappointingly to hear disparaging comments from Commissioners and County Council candidates lack of support for the aims of the NE Indiana Partnership. We need servant leaders that consider the County's need versus personal motivations.	Repeat. The Planning Director lead formulation of a long-over due CFO Ordinance and has deferred "intertwined" residential develop code for over three years. So when will the residential development code to drafted?	What are "appropriate" areas? Should not just be restricted to municipalities. This is repeat recommendation...when is the County going to stop avoiding addressing this uncertainty? Provide a date.	Agree.
9	You people just want more control over property rights. Read the Communist Manifesto	Government control over individual rights	NO	Yes	YES	Yes
10		Yes, this collaboration should already be happening.		Appropriate agriculture, yes. Industrial agriculture, which has done nothing but drive family farms out of business, no.	Agreed but overdevelopment in rural areas (.25 ac lots) needs to be reviewed.	Agreed. Our state highways are under utilized and are great areas for development.
11		Needs explanation of how this support will be manifested and the programs involved.	Agree.	Agree.	Agree.	Agree.

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8	This should be a collaborative with existing qualified providers.	Overall disappointed in lack of progress on these objectives over the past decade. Thankfully Whitley County has grown due in large part due to its proximity to Fort Wayne and the efforts of the Regional Partnership.	A repeat again. How is success with this objective measured?	Another repeat. Would love to hear about these meetings and the take-aways, if any.	Okay.	So you think that this aim has not been accomplished?
9	You work away from your children you pay out of your own pocket	Please let the citizens of Whitley county make their own individual decisions!	Government encroachment!	Yes	Yes	Yes
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11	Agree.	These recommendations are very general and I would assume agreeable to most respondents. The question I have is whether this Plan will act as an advocacy document, aspirational document or policing document (or all 3) regarding these recommendations.	Agree.	I would add "subject matter experts", i.e., academia, where befitting. Who coordinates?	In addition to upcoming events, public hearings should be included.	Agree.

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8	Sounds like an internal staff task, not a Comp Plan recommendation.	Sounds good. Will be interested to see when this objective is implemented	Agree.	Another 2011 Comp Plan objective. What does the verb "recognize" mean? Please draft a more specific objective.	Let's first conduct housing study..then, and only then start addressing any need for aging-in-place..	What does "evaluate" mean? How can the County support preservation? What timetable.
9	Maybe	Okay	Yes	Is it needed?	What about the cost?	More government over reach
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11	Agree.	Agree.	Agree.	Agree.	Agree.	Agree.

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Unique ID	5.11	5.12	Goal E Extra Comments
8	Isn't this a more a matter of compliance rather than "recognize?"	Appears to be a repeat of 4.8	More effort is needed in this category.
9	Already in place	Yes	Do not implement government over reach!
10		Yes, please. Many of us live within a mile of better service but can't get it due to either line-of-sight issues or it's not profitable in the eyes of the provider	
11	Agree.	Agree.	(Same as Section 4 general comments.) These recommendations are very general and I would assume agreeable to most respondents. The question I have is whether this Plan will act as an advocacy document, aspirational document or policing document (or all 3) regarding these recommendations.

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Goal A							
Unique ID	Online?	Timestamp	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
12	Yes	3/16/2021 20:34:15					
13	Yes	3/17/2021 20:20:37					
14	Yes	3/18/2021 6:51:33		very important to review land usage in zoning decisions !		always up to save the environment	i believe in Agriculture and support Farming as long as it isn't a health risk or plan that would de-value property owners land or homes.
15	Yes	3/18/2021 13:09:52	Yes, bring in new developments, which brings businesses. The county will grow & taxes will help to build a better, more prosperous environment for everyone	Zoning should be strongly enforced to PREVENT CAFOs in/near/adjacent to residential areas. Set backs need to be much much larger/broader.	YES! New parks and open spaces would be welcome addition. New Developments will also bring much needed tax revenue to this county; CAFOS will significantly DROP homeowners home values and will negate any NEW businesses/tax revenue.	Alternate energy while a good idea also brings with it the question of WHERE will these generation facilities be built.	Farmers have every right to farm; they feed us! But INDUSTRIAL farming (CAFOS) is NOT FARMING. It puts a HUGE strain on everyone; in particular those that have to put up with the additional trucking, ODORS and possible contamination of our water.
16	Yes	3/18/2021 16:15:15					

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12	If this means factory farming, slaughterhouses, CFOs etc., then it's a big no.					
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14		i don't live near the lakes but believe congestion will make the lakes at risk for environmental impact and loss of property value		need strong provisions that both can keep our rural residences and farmers protected	i think that jefferson township is the best place for possible housing growth to bring in more tax revenue. AND SHOULD BE PRESERVED FOR THAT! BUT ALL ZONING SHOULD BE REVIEWED SO THAT CURRENT PROPERTY AND HOME OWNERS AND FARMERS HAVE SOME INPUT.	
15		Yes.	Yes	Yes	Every THREE years. Five years is too long; a lot can happen in that timeframe.	YES!! Zoning is critical. It also needs to be enforced.
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12		low income housing is also important, please keep that in mind.		Mostly good, though I worry about adding industrial-type agricultural operations, due in no small part to their negative environmental impact and increased risk to public health.		
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14		ALWAYS BELIEVE THAT RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS IS KEY FOR THE FUTURE	SOUNDS GREAT			
15		Yes. Those outcomes should also be made public.	Yes. Businesses are important for the growth of the County.	I DO NOT WANT to See US-30 turned into a SUPER HIGHWAY. The truckers can use the I-80/I-90 Turnpike. Truckers SPEED along 30 and there have been way too many FATAL accidents caused by truckers. Car versus tractor trailer - cars always LOSE.		Raise the taxes, increase fines for speeding, raise the cost for registrations.
16				This section used to contain specific setbacks and buffering required for CFOs. I am not sure why they were removed. I do not agree with Steering Committee that this protection lies elsewhere in these pages.		

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12			Seems Unnecessary		Isn't US30 already a freeway? Again, this seems unnecessary.	
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14			SOUNDS GOOD	I AGREE		
15		Yes	YES!!!! Bring more Indiana State Troopers onto the roads & highways. ENFORCE fines for speeding, expired licenses, vehicles that are literally FALLING APART as they "drive" down the highway.	Yes; work inconjunction with INDOT	NO! NO! NO! Truckers already HAVE I-80/I-90. Just because US 30 is a pretty straight shot to Chicago doesn't mean that the local residents should be subjected to speeding truckers. There have been way too many FATAL accidents where a vehicle is obliterated by a tractor trailer.	Yes
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Unique ID	2.9	2.10	2.11	2.12	2.13	Goal B Extra Comments
12	YES please, many parts of this county are far too dangerous due to poor visibility around roadways.					
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14	YES!					
15	Yes	Yes. There is no real public transportation in this county...	Yes. This will definitely be a plus for everyone.	The roads here are in sad shape & need to be upgraded.	Yes	More parks would be nice/ maybe added to the open space plans
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Unique ID	Goal C					
	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
12				Is this really needed? The whole point of alternative energies is their safety and sustainability, please don't impede progress, safer greener energy is a net win for the county.	Need more information on exactly what these alternative systems entail and their impact on the surrounding environment.	
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15	Yes.	Yes	Yes		Yes. Hire MORE personnel to review septic systems on A YEARLY basis. A lot can go wrong in a year & then the damage is done.	Yes
16	Stronger language is needed regarding setbacks and buffering		Need more teeth in this recommendation regarding CFOs.		They are currently not closely monitored so 'continue' is not accurate.	There is little to no attention paid to these waterbodies now.

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14						STRONGLY AGREE
15	Yes. Offer designated areas where recyclables can be dropped off at least once a month. Bins for: batteries, small household appliances, medicine/drugs, paper & plastic, etc. ie, These types of items being dropped off at the Walmart parking lot in Columbia City. Make recycling easy & convenient		Yes. Work in conjunction with the DNR			Yes.
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Unique ID	Goal C Extra Comments	Goal D				
		4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5
12				That sounds alarming even when "developed in harmony with residential development", seems like more CFO-type agricultural development, which is very bad.		
13				We do not support CAFO's near residential areas. Specifically Southwest Jefferson Township.		
14				ONLY IF THE RESIDENCE OF SUROUNDING AREAS HAVE INPUT		
15	Offering free mulch to residents.	yes	yes	CAFOS are NOT an intense land use that is friendly to residential developments	Yes	Yes but build more transportation options, more buses, etc.
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Unique ID	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.10	4.11
12			I am strongly is support of this.			Yes, please prepare for the future, because that will only become more prominent as time goes on.
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14			YES YES YES			
15			Definitely! Work in conjunction with the providers; maybe a tax break incentive.			yes.
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Unique ID	4.12	Goal D Extra Comments	Goal E			
			5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4
12					be very careful with the mobile app, they can easily become overly expensive and extremely inefficient, and even fail completely if not properly developed and maintained, seems very risky for not much benefit.	
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15			All of these entities working together would be a win-win.	Yes	YES! The information manager should also be featured in newsletters, face to face public meetings, making presentations, a website that is constantly updated. Not everyone has a smartphone or decent internet.	Yes. A website would be a great resource. They also may want to make presentations at local schools.
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15	yes.	Yes. Work with DNR and the State of Indiana. More parks & walking/bike paths would be a huge benefit for everyone.	Yes. Events should be better advertised, with a decent timeframe for "upcoming events"	Yes. Increase taxes so that everyone can enjoy the library & not have to individually pay for it in accordance with your zipcode.		
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Unique ID	5.11	5.12	Goal E Extra Comments
12		Good, but be wary of getting too cozy with service providers, as they tend to restrict competition from smaller ISPs who help keep costs low and service quality high	
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15		Yes. Work with providers, offering tax incentives for them to build, grow & stay in the county.	
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Unique ID	Online?	Timestamp	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
17	Yes	3/19/2021 9:01:14	<p>Looking at the proposed 'Mixed Rural' land on the DRAFT Future Character and Land Use map, specifically the land just south of 14 and west of county line road. I understand there may be pressures of bringing housing developments into this area, as Allen County has recently put in many housing additions just on the other side of County Line. However, in my opinion, what makes this area desirable right now is 'living in the country' but having municipalities not too far away. You may have guessed that I live in the subject area on the map; and I'll be totally honest that it is much more convenient for me to do my shopping in Fort Wayne as it is closer than the Columbia City shopping area. You may receive property taxes from these future subdivisions, but I would hope someone would do a thorough cost analysis to determine the impact of developing enough infrastructure (sewer, electricity, gas, road paving/development, proper drainage for current flooding issues) and supporting services (police, fire, bussing, etc.) to these areas. Let's maintain our rural character where we have it, and let Columbia City be unique from Allen County! I think it is sad that the subdivision builders would put pressure on us to develop our beautiful land, and they will position it to the potential homeowners as a 'cheap' (i.e. lower taxes) place to live with the 'perks' of living in southwest Allen County. Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.</p>				<p>Looking at the proposed 'Mixed Rural' land on the DRAFT Future Character and Land Use map, specifically the land just south of 14 and west of county line road. This land is primarily agricultural at present, going against this recommendation. Also, once this land is developed, it could cause a 'slippery slope' effect whereby the neighboring/adjacent land keeps getting re-zoned to support suburban development. How do we prevent that?</p>
18	Yes	3/19/2021 9:36:36	<p>Don't encourage property development adjacent to Allen County. Already excess development along county line and roads cannot handle the additional traffic.</p>		Agree		Agree

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Goal D						
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17			Love this!			Thank you!
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17	yes!					
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Goal A							
Unique ID	Online?	Timestamp	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
19	Yes	3/19/2021 12:23:59	Makes sense.	Why make a plan and approve it if you don't then use it?	OK	Yes!	We need the farming community. They need space to farm.
20	Yes	3/20/2021 9:34:04		I do not agree with Character in zoning decisions. This should be a land use only and infringes on property owners rights.	Oppose character requirements.	We do not need a county wide policy. This should be the decision of the property owners.	
21	Yes	3/20/2021 15:17:43	Agree	Once plan is finalized, agree	In addition, to minimize land use conflicts, stick with the plan. Typically people don't like change. Currently, they can research land around them prior to purchasing (evaluate zoning concerns). If the plan or zoning changes that's when people get upset.	If it makes financial sense then agree	Completely agree. We are currently living in an area that is proposed to be "mixed rural". All of the people I've talked to in the area are against housing development and are against large-scale animal farms. We do NOT want our area to change. Please help protect the rural character of our area (East Jefferson).
22	Yes	3/20/2021 15:24:57					

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19	Farmers need to be responsible in choosing their land use and methods. Bottom line is not the only consideration.	Agree.	Counterpoint to 1.3 --- OK	OK	sensible	yes
20	I oppose the character requirement.	Lakes should be able to be funneled, this is a specific land use, lake frontage should not be a requirement.	I oppose any ordinance that limits a property owners rights. We have to have a way for property owners to pursue their interests and must not limit their ability to obtain a variance. Land planning is not a one size fits all approach.	I agree with the education approach, so that it does not limit the land use of the property owners.	I strongly oppose any character references.	I strongly oppose this amendment.
21	Agree; we should support our farmers.	No opinion	No opinion	Agree, we need to protect farmers and limit the amount of new developments in the rural areas. New developments such as housing additions should be close to existing towns within our community/county.	Most long term rural residents do not want their area to be re-characterized every three to five years. Make an informed (informed by the people who actually live in the area) decision and stick with it. We don't want to have to scramble every 3-5 years to try and protect what we view as valuable.	Certainly against this in rural areas. The current zoning ordinance will suffice for town developments.
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19	Makes sense	Realtors could probably already give a pretty accurate assessment----the need is greater than the availability of homes.	yes	Quality of life remains a guiding issue. We don't want over crowding or over manufacturing or over animal husbandry to lower the quality of life we have.	Yes, USE any plan you decide on!	always
20	I strongly oppose this process.	You need quantitative research to solve middle income housing, not qualitative. Who will fund this study?	I oppose, this is already an industrial area, with access to rail and highway. This is an area where industrial investment should be in outages and not barriers of landscape requirements put in place.		Maintenance to a comprehensive plan should be specific as needed. This wastes tax payer dollars by making large comprehensive approach every 3-5 years.	Road funding comes from fuel taxes and wheel taxes, which were just increased recently by state legislature. We need to be more efficient in the appropriation of funds. Raising taxes is not the answer.
21	I don't see an issue with the way it has always been done.	Agree to make it low priority. The real estate agents, builders and developers will have bias. Suggest removing them from the study or taking their input with a grain of salt.	Agree, like to keep it in one area.	I feel like most people in rural East Jefferson do not want to be characterized as "mixed rural". I'm interested to see the ratio of people who support this vs against it who actually live in the area. Please take care of the people who currently live in the area.	Agree	Agree, worth looking into.
22						

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Unique ID	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8
19	yes	yes	ok	keep infrastructure safe.	Go for it!	yes
20	Land owners need to be adequately compensated, not just for current value but also loss of future use. And should also have a property tax reduction as a result of the expanded right of way.		I strongly oppose.	This is already in place through a rating system on bridges.	I oppose, you need to study the economic impact a bypass will have on Columbia City. This will also cause more land to be developed for roadways.	This should be a local township level decision.
21	No opinion	Agree to refer however, most rural residents do not want flip flop of characterization. Please be mindful of people living within the area that is getting updated.	Low priority for me.	Agree	No opinion	Agree
22						

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Unique ID	2.9	2.10	2.11	2.12	2.13	Goal B Extra Comments
19	agree	definitely	yes			Recommendations all seem logical
20	I strongly oppose.		I strongly oppose	I strongly oppose	I strongly oppose	I strongly oppose
21	No opinion	No opinion	Would be nice if extra money is available.	Agree, low priority	Disagree, home owner associations can coordinate with each other if connectivity is desired.	
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Unique ID	Goal C					
	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
19	yes		good stewards of our earth...	yes	ok	
20	This should be up to the property owner, while education is important it should not be prohibited, so that it meets proper construction techniques, such as pilings etc.	I strongly oppose. In municipalities this should already be addressed, the rural parts of the county is handled through the drainage board. No need for the extended over reach.	I oppose	I oppose		
21	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree if cost effective	Low priority for me	No opinion
22						

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Unique ID	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.10	3.11	3.12
19		I like this	This also			
20		This is too broad, need to be more definitive on environmental features.	Too broad definition of features.	I oppose	I oppose	
21	Agree	Agree, once land is developed it will likely never be rural again.	Agree	No opinion	No opinion	No opinion
22						

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Unique ID	Goal C Extra Comments	Goal D				
		4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5
19	Trying to determine long-term impact of environmental changes can be difficult. When we make a (beneficial) change, we are inevitably forcing other changes that we may not immediately recognize. We need to be constantly monitoring.	yes	yes			
20	We have adequate rules today, this is an unnecessary over reach that will cause an unnecessary financial burden on the county.					
21		No opinion	No opinion	Agree	Agree, East Jefferson development will primarily provide Allen County with workers not Whitley Co.	Agree
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Unique ID	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.10	4.11
19			YES! YES! YES!			I think we've seen this year that this can work better than we might have expected
20						
21	Add to mitigate adverse effect on rural areas.	Agree 100%, maybe make higher priority	Agree	Agree, low priority	Agree with business, not with housing. Housing can determine if they want to take the risk. Business we have to in order to compete with other areas.	Lower priority for me.
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Unique ID	4.12	Goal D Extra Comments	Goal E			
			5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4
19	Look into childcare at times other than just 9 to 5 also.	Very good work	I think we're already making inroads in this area	yes	Good luck on this! Badly needed in our community...	yes
20		I generally support economic development activities and do not oppose those tactics in section 4.				
21	Disagree, too much government involvement.		Agree	Agree	Add mail as well for people with poor internet.	Agree
22					The community center meeting for March 13th wasn't in the Columbia city paper until March 16th! Do you really want people's input or are you just pretending to care about that???	You don't make anything easy to use to express individual views. It took me forever just to find the pages to comment on.

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Unique ID	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.10
19			yes			
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21	No opinion	Agree. Ongoing maintenance is a big concern.	Agree	No opinion	Too much government involvement, leave to private sector.	Not a high priority for me.
22						

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Unique ID	5.11	5.12	Goal E Extra Comments
19	yes	Does Whitley County have ANY adequate broadband internet?	Many of the issues mentioned here involve communication between gov't and other bodies or citizens. With our newspaper nearly defunct, and no good center of gossip for the county, we are hard-pressed to know about issues. How did others even learn about the meetings and follow-ups for this very project? Has there been a very high % of citizen participation?
20			I generally do not oppose section 5
21	Agree	Agree	
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Goal A							
Unique ID	Online?	Timestamp	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
23	Yes	3/20/2021 15:29:52	This not how America should work people must be free to live where they desire	This whole process appears to be to control the population	If farmers choose to sell small parcels government should not stand in the way of it's use	yes solar needs regulation, wind is already regulated. Living near either is not a good fit for Whitley County!	Why should farmers have more rights than others
24	Yes	3/20/2021 19:50:32	Agree with	Plan needs to be amended as is currently drafted to be fair to all residents not just the Emericks and other large completely land owners.	If someone wants to change use of the land and they bought the land after most of the development has been done around it then they should not be able to make changes to the use of the land that will impact everyone around them like Emerick is trying to do with his land (aka possible CFO's) on land he bought after most of the development around him was already in place.	I would keep these in areas that are away from homes and other populated areas. Restrict them to large tracks of land away from buildings and homes. Increase setback distances.	I agree where farms have already been established and someone who moves into the area and then wants to complain - they have no right to. But the same should be for a farmer who buys crop land after many other homes in the area are established and then wants to change it to CFO. In other words one rich prick shouldn't dictate to the rest of the people in his immediate area.
25	Yes	3/21/2021 10:16:20	High priority	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree
26	Yes	3/21/2021 12:06:37	Agreed, including municipalities such as Ft Wayne which is expanding westward.		Agreed. The 2x6 mile area in SW Jefferson township should maintain it's current size with a minimum 1 mile buffer west of this area prohibiting any industrial farming or other industry.	Interesting idea, but unless the alternatives are economically viable, most people will not participate. Farmers	Farmers "Right to Farm" does not give a farmer the right to do anything he/she wants on the land. If the "farm" or industrial animal processing facility emits toxic odors to the point it causes illness to adjoining existing neighbors, you are not protecting anything. You are destroying the environment, property values, and county tax base.

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23	see above	is this a solution in search of a problem?	see above	again you are giving farmers preference	eliminate the word desired this whole plan reeks of central planning, big brother knows best	yes the above need updating but not to support central planning
24	In the even of any CFO's that would come into existence the zoning should be changed to have the same setback requirements as the county set up for wind farms. I believe that is 1300 feet from the property line, not as it currently is.	I agree with that.	I agree with that.	I agree with this... but the opposite should be true when a farmer buys land that has existing homes around it he should not be allowed to screw things up for everyone else by adding CFO's and other "factory farm" type of farming.	Agree with	Agree with
25	High priority	High priority	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree
26	by "mitigating potentially incompatible effects", do you mean keeping industrial animal processing facilities (that emit toxic, disease causing, air pollution), in zones away from existing residential areas, yes, I support it.	agreed	agreed	Pure hypocrisy here by the county officials. In the Feb P-C meeting, 5 new residential plots were approved in Jefferson Township. In the march meeting, the county reviewed and will likely approve another 6-20 home subdivision with ~\$1M home in Jefferson Township. Residents and builders don't need educated from existing farming operations. We simply need protection from new industrial animal processing practices. Keyword in this comment is "existing". I don't know of anyone who objects to "existing" farming practices. What new "provisions in the approval and permitting process" will be required for any farm expansion?	Since the county recently approve 5 new residential plots and is considering new subdivision in Jefferson Township, what are you doing to ensure this desired growth pattern is documented and protected?	I would agree. See proposed ordinance 94 submitted to Commissioners and Plan Commission members to protect existing residential homeowners in the county.

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Unique ID	1.12	1.13	1.14	Goal A Extra Comments	Goal B 2.1	2.2
23	this needs details as to it's meaning. what is performance zoning? is transfer of development rights just a sale of property? Too much legal with no substance	will this be another attempt to discourage new single family homes?	isn't this already being done? What is the US30 upgrade impact?	sure looks like central planning	is there a five year asset management plan? again too vague	too vague
24	Agree with	agree with	Agree with. Keep most of the industrial enlargement along the US 30 corridor.		Agree with	Road funding should be done with public funds not private funds.
25	High priority	Middle priority	Agree		Agree	High priority
26	"Assess the appropriateness", OK, what does that mean?	Agreed. Why has this not been done. Many builders would like to come into the community, but won't due to the lack of protection from a couple industrial farmers.	agreed, Industrial parks (including industrial farming) should be in separate, distinct zones, not spot approvals for isolated farms.	This entire process seems to refuse to recognize existing residential areas over the desire of one farmer. WHY? Put back the statement recommending buffers between zones that can cause conflict: 1.13 "Prepare a Recommended Buffer and Setbacks Map and/or Strategy for CFO'S that would recognize both existing agriculture and residential areas and include reciprocal preferred distances between uses."		

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Unique ID	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8
23	if additional right of way is needed eminent domain will suffice	the last I am aware the transportation plan is outdated	spring weight limits need to be put in place.	what asset management plan and where can citizens vies it?	Whitley county will have minimal input on the US30 upgrade	this is a must
24	agree with	Agree with	Agree with	Agree with	Agree with	Agree with
25	Agree	Agree	High priority	Agree	Low priority	High priority
26						

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Unique ID	2.9	2.10	2.11	2.12	2.13	Goal B Extra Comments
23	good idea	yes	not without major citizen involvement	way to vague	it you allow any developments	appears too bureaucratic
24	Agree with	Agree with	Agree with	Agree with	Agree with	
25	Low priority	Agree	Agree	Middle priority	High priority	
26				Stronger language to ensure if a new business comes in, the business is responsible for road upgrades and damage due to vehicle traffic caused by the new business.		

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Unique ID	Goal C					
	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
23	must be by ordinance	our current drain system is being overloaded by farmers tiling more and more fields. We will most likely see more flooding in the future	not really governments business	this in place for wind but needs to be addressed for solar but only with citizen taxpayer input.	again citizen input is a must before undertaking any major changes.	isn't this a tad late to the game
24	Agree with	Would need to have public input about what it would be	agree with	agree with. have as large of setbacks from property lines as possible	Agree with	Agree with
25	Agree	Agree	Middle priority	Agree	Agree	High priority
26	agree	agree	agree	Regulate ANY industry, not just alternative energy facilities, including those that emit toxic odors and disease carrying microbes.	agree	agree

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Unique ID	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.10	3.11	3.12
23	are we not trying to do this now	would this infer some future type of government regulation?	see above	attract any type of business and neighborhoods but encourage LEED design but do not mandate		need detail as to how this would be accomplished
24	Agree with	Agree with	Agree with	Agree with	Agree with	Agree with
25	Agree	High priority. If not done early then resource could be lost before being identified	Middle priority	Middle priority	Middle priority	High priority
26	agree	agree	agree	agree	agree	agree

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Unique ID	Goal C Extra Comments	Goal D				
		4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5
23						
24		Agree	Agree with	This currently is not being done. One large landowner in Jefferson township is bullying to get his way regardless of what any of the surrounding property owners think.	Agree. If someone wants to build in EXISTING farm land then they should know what they could be exposed to.	Agree with
25		Lower cost	Agree	Middle priority	Middle priority	Agree
26	All really nice ideas, but ZERO teeth. What are you going to do to prevent new industrial animal processing facilities and the toxic chemicals and disease carrying microbes they bring into the county.	agree	agree	"In harmony with existing residential development". How exactly will that be done. The best way is the same way any other industry is treated. Buffers and specific zone for these AWAY from current residential zones.	agree	agree

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Unique ID	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.10	4.11
23	clarify way too broad	not only utilize but encourage	good luck	need details	not for subsidized housing sites	see broadband question above
24	Agree with	Agree with	Agree with but have a company with a proven track record - NOT Mercury Wireless!!	Agree with	Agree with	Agree with
25	Agree	Agree	Agree	Middle priority	Agree	Directly connected to 4.8 so survey maybe lower priority
26	Large Buffer zones. agreed	agreed	Look into Starlink. It is active and available in this area, without having to spend government tax money.	agree	agree	agree

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Unique ID	4.12	Goal D Extra Comments	Goal E 5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4
23	do not encourage government subsidized day care!		must be done in a very open format, not behind closed doors	what is a knowledgeable resident? just the elite? must include all residents	something is needed	
24	Agree with		agree	agree	This needs to be improved. The notice in the newspaper for the March 13th session for public comment did not come out in the post and Mail until Tuesday March 16th. What are you guys trying to hide. It seems like a few private citizens have the county officials in their back pocket and try to sneak things through before many residents find out about things.	agree
25	Agree		Agree	Agree	Agree	Middle priority
26	agree					agree

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Unique ID	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.10
23	too vague. will it require all land parcels to comply? Who will design this?	Only is the trails do not siphon money from road funds or require tax increases	does well located mean well regulated?	this needs to be done		these designations are great except they put undo bureaucratic expenses upon the owners of said properties.
24	agree	agree	agree	agree	agree	agree
25	Agree	High priority	Middle priority	Agree	Agree	Middle priority
26		include biking, and the clean (toxic chemical free) air to enjoy these outdoor activities	agree	why do Jefferson Township residents not receive library access like others?	agree	agree

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Unique ID	5.11	5.12	Goal E Extra Comments
23	should already be doing this	is this not addressed in other areas of the plan?	
24	Should not be strive for compliance. The county should be compliant.	Again agree but NOT Mercury wireless. They have a terrible track record. Possibly Elon Musks SpaceX based internet??	
25	High priority	Agree	
26	agree	Look at Starlink. It is available in this area, \$99/month	

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Goal A							
Unique ID	Online?	Timestamp	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
27	Yes	3/21/2021 12:54:22	Absolutely	Why state the obvious? Of course, the Plan is developed for this purpose, among others, and does substantially more than fill the rungs of many binders!	Transitional areas are necessary to avoid conflicts. Perhaps a numbering system could be developed and assigned to each area on the Land Character map and incorporated directly or by reference into the Zoning Ordinance. One of the ground rules would be land use by adjacent property owners should not differ by more than 1 integer.		Absolutely; however, I believe, as was suggested by Staff, Confined Feeding Operations (CFOs and CAFOs) should be treated separately. Setbacks need to follow the Purdue formula contained in the Livestock Odor Setback Model. The boundaries should be based on property lines and not location of the residences. The setbacks established for wind turbines should be considered an option as well.
28	Yes	3/21/2021 12:56:55					
29	Yes	3/21/2021 13:01:17					
30	Yes	3/21/2021 14:35:20	Suitable. Remember that Jefferson Township already has existing public utilities at various areas along the Eastern side. It's a prime area for some future development. As nice as the towns are, not everyone wants to choose to live directly in or right around South Whitley, Churubusco or Columbia City.	Yes, but keep in mind the needs of all not just vocal minorities.	Limit confined feeding operations need existing homes. This has been much concern about a lot of the land conflicts. If the homes were there limit adding Confined Feeding now.		This seems to be on who buys the land. Grain farming is one thing that is acceptable, but confined feeding operations create problems for all the neighbors around it.

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Unique ID	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.10	1.11
27	Refer to response to 1.3 above.					
28					Adopt the current plan and stick to it!!	Let property owners vote on it.
29						
30	Again, you can mitigate a lot of problems by only allowing confined feeding options in far rural areas with few houses nearby. Jefferson Township should be an area where no more confined feeding operations are granted. There are many homes already with more requests all the time for more homes.			There are two sides to this and this is a one sided statement. What about educating newer farmers to the fact that many homes are in an area and they need to be educated about where NOT to site Confined Feeding Operations. Grain farming is much different than confined animal feeding. This implies a slam to Rural Residents and many of those home owners may have owned their properties far longer than some of the farmers.	This may be acceptable if all stakeholders' needs are taken into account.	This is important, but the 2011 overlay was never adhered to and now this draft seems to be more one sided in favor of certain groups rather than truly respectful of all the residents you represent.

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Unique ID	1.12	1.13	1.14	Goal A Extra Comments	Goal B 2.1	2.2
27				Lack of response indicates agreement.		
28		Support but you need to listen to them this time!!!	support	Please do not approve any CFO's in Jefferson township.		No new taxes
29						
30		This should be done. There is desire and need for more housing in Jefferson Township and this could truly help the Tax Base for the county. This is a bedroom community of Fort Wayne and Southwest Allen County and many people would like to build homes here.		More housing studies for the whole county need to be explored...not just around Churubusco, South Whitley and Columbia City.		The highway department has done a much better job of maintenance in recent years. County road edge scraping has greatly helped road flooding issues. It's acceptable to find alternative funding if you can still maintain a quality product.

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Unique ID	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8
27						
28	support				support	
29						
30	As opportunities arise now along US 30 is this being considered in case of interchanges in the future?	This could be especially true along US 30 if it becomes an interstate type of highway.		Good to study this. Some of the County bridges are getting older.	This is a good plan to consider. The traffic flow and dangers along the way US 30 is right now are problems.	

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Unique ID	2.9	2.10	2.11	2.12	2.13	Goal B Extra Comments
27						Lack of response indicates agreement.
28	support		support			
29						
30	<p>This would be good to consider. Some of the farmers are planting closer and closer to the roadways and near intersection (especially with Corn) we have had some horrific accidents at some rural corners. Also, some intersections need to be made into 4 ways stops in the County. A traffic study of some intersections should take place.</p>	<p>Yes, this has been a great asset to add to the county for those that need it.</p>	<p>Good idea. Has any thought been given to connecting into the trail systems from Southwest Allen County into Whitley County? It isn't safe to walk along the county roadways any longer due to vegetation so close to the roadways and increased traffic traveling at high rates of speed. Trails would be a nice enhancement.</p>	<p>Good to consider as needed.</p>		

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Unique ID	Goal C					
	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
27						
28	support	support any where water crosses the road during heavy rain should be a priority.				
29				There are already negative effects to surrounding property		
30	Yes and this includes allowing runoff from confined feeding into creeks and ditches as well.		Yes, and when we talk about environmentally sensitive areas this should also include stringent requirements whenever Confined Feeding Operations are approved that the petitioners are required to provide mitigations against offensive smells, noise, and water pollutions that could affect neighboring citizens.	Yes, just like Confined Feeding make sure any alternative energy facilities are required to mitigate negative effects to surrounding properties.		

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Unique ID	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.10	3.11	3.12
27						
28	support	support	support			
29						
30	Yes, proud of our efforts on curbside recycling. Neighboring counties wish they had what we have.		Preserve the character of rural living by allowing individual housing and existing farming to coexist as they have for tens, if not hundreds, of years by limiting the expansion of Confined Feeding Operations where many homes are already in the nearby area.			

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Unique ID	Goal C Extra Comments	Goal D				
		4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5
27	Lack of response indicates agreement.			Agree provided the "intense use" of CFOs/CAFOs is treated separately with setback provisions as stated in responses to 1.3 and 1.5.		
28				Yes but you need to listen to the people that live in the affected areas. NO CFO'S unless it is already zone for one. don't go against the plan recommendation.	support	
29						
30	We need to protect the environment and not allow a lot of new developments that will cause air, noise, water and other types of pollution (and this includes alternative energy, Confined Feeding Operations, and new businesses). If allowing new approvals in these areas require mitigation to minimize or eliminate the effect on Whitley County Citizenry. Take a stand on this beyond what the state says. Often the argument has been we go by what the State of Indiana says but our standards can be higher than that for Whitley County and should be.	Yes, but make sure we are working on a balance between the needs for employment and the needs of those that live here.		This has NOT been the practice, but it should be. It's all about location, location, location. You should not be allowing any additional intense agricultural development (like Confined Feeding Operations) in Jefferson Township nor around the Municipalities. There are too many homes already approved with more being approved each month in these areas and the two entities can't work feasibly in a harmonious way. Where is the statement about supporting the needs of the citizens who live here as well? Remember taxes are paid by all and at a higher rate for home owners.	It's interesting that you mark this as a low priority but the intense Agriculture as a high priority. Who decides that? It appears there is interest in housing developers coming to Whitley County but our County Officials don't seem to want to work with them in areas beyond Columbia City proper.	

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Unique ID	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.10	4.11
27						
28			support			
29						
30		Yes, and to encourage people to want to be here (with our newer schools) we need appropriate housing in various areas of the county....not just around Columbia City.	This is very important as we have all learned during the Pandemic.		Yes, again, don't let a very vocal minority prohibit a look at Jefferson Township for housing sites. We have water and sewer options within the township and many people from the Fort Wayne area would like to live here.	Yes, and please look at affordable internet options.

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Unique ID	4.12	Goal D Extra Comments	Goal E			
			5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4
27		Lack of response indicates agreement.		Academic experts should be included.	BZA and PC public hearings should be included.	
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29						
30	Childcare and Preschool should both be considered. A wider offering of Preschool would be very helpful as well.					

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Unique ID	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.10
27						
28		support	support			
29						
30		It would be great to expand trails throughout the county. Tie into Fort Wayne's trails if possible as they are close by.		This should happen and we need county wide, free access to the library. In 2021 it's embarrassing that we still don't have county-wide support of a public library. This has gone on too long already.	Great idea; Look into appropriate Preschool opportunities as well.	

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Unique ID	5.11	5.12	Goal E Extra Comments
27			Lack of response indicates agreement.
28		support	
29			
30		We need to expand Broadband everywhere in Whitley County. Even where we have it available now the service is quite poor and often unreliable.	Lots of good suggestions in this area to look at. Trails and broadband should be high priorities as well as additional parks.

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Goal A							
Unique ID	Online?	Timestamp	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
31	Yes	3/21/2021 14:55:30	More housing growth should be encouraged in Jefferson Township. There is sewer and natural gas in the area. AquaSource and NIPSCO already service residents in the area, and those adjacent to the area would also be interested in using their services.	Zoning ordinances need to be followed. In the past the Planning Commission recommended zoning changes that did not fit with the Comprehensive Plan or Zoning Ordinances.	Zoning ordinances need to be followed to minimize conflicts. Zoning in the past has been approved that creates conflicts between landowners. Landscaping and open space between land uses doesn't mitigate conflicts.	What alternative energy facilities are being considered? Whitley County would not be an appropriate location for wind farms. Wind turbines create undesirable quality of life for those that live near them.	While farmers certain have the "right to farm", they should not be allowed the "right to harm" their neighbor with the farming practices. Established residents do not want to live next to a CAFO, for example, just because an area farmer wants to erect a hog barn. Consideration of all constitutes needs to be listened to when making decisions about rural character verses agricultural land use.
32	Yes	3/21/2021 15:26:34			Totally agree with this		Their right to farm I totally agree with. I do not agree when what they want to do, for example build a CAFO, infringes on the rights of neighbors near and sometimes a mile or more away. Plus the drinking water that I believe gets contaminated.

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Unique ID	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.10	1.11
31	<p>In Jefferson Township, one landowner should not have the right to decide the land uses in the area. The purpose of zoning is to mitigate incompatible uses. For example, AGP and Rural Residential zoning are no compatible neighbors. The Planning Commission has allowed incompatible land uses. If Zoning Ordinances and the Comprehensive Plan were followed in the past, there would not be conflicting land uses in Jefferson Township now. Agricultural land uses should not have any more rights over existing housing and new housing homeowners rights.</p>			<p>Farmer's should not have any more protection of their land than homeowners should. What about the protection of quality of life for residents who have lived on their land longer than a newer farmer? Many of my neighbors have lived on their property, which was once our families' farms, for decades prior to newer farmers beginning their agricultural operations. Some area farmers have only owned their ground for a few years, and the housing in the area has been established for decades.</p>	<p>Every 7-10 years would probably be more desirable to establish trends and patterns in the county's growth.</p>	<p>Again, prior to amending the Zoning Map, data needs to be collect to insure it's accuracy on future growth. This is especially true for housing in Jefferson Township. Zoning Map changes needs to be based on data and growth trends rather than Plan Commission Board Member's opinions.</p>
32				<p>There also needs to be provisions that protect the environment and are necessary for wildlife habitat.</p>		

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Unique ID	1.12	1.13	1.14	Goal A Extra Comments	Goal B 2.1	2.2
31	What does this recommendation mean?	<p>This should be a high priority, not a low priority. How can you possibly know where to target new housing growth in the county without this data? This needs to be done prior to changes in the proposed Zoning Map. Just a year or so back, a developer wanted to develop land in Jefferson Township on the County Line. The proposed development fit the zoning ordinances and criteria for future housing, but the Planning Commission did not recommend a change in zoning. Jefferson Township is the perfect area for new housing, but one landowner is being allowed to monopolize the zoning in the area and is discouraging future housing development. The Fort Wayne city limits is within approximately 1.5 miles of Whitley County now, and southwest Allen county is nearly saturated with housing.</p>	<p>This is already an industrial area, and industrial growth should be encouraged to expand in this area. It is basically in the center of the county, and it has easy access to major highways.</p>		<p>A schedule and maintenance plan for repairs and upgrades on roads should be implemented.</p>	
32						

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Unique ID	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8
31					This is would make US30 safer. Cloverleafs off of a major highway would make travel safer and less congested.	
32						

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Unique ID	2.9	2.10	2.11	2.12	2.13	Goal B Extra Comments
31	<p>It is difficult to see safely at county intersections when there is tall grass and crops. This needs to be regulated better, and intersections need to be better maintained to ensure safer travel.</p>		<p>It would be nice to have some paths in the county. Many country roads are not safe, due to heavy traffic, for pedestrians, bikers, etc.</p>			
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Unique ID	Goal C					
	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
31				<p>In section 1, there is a reference to developing a plan for alternative energy. This recommendation makes reference to amending the ordinance. Does it need to be developed or amended?</p>	<p>Expansion of sewer utility companies should be encourage where it is available. This is available in Jefferson Township, and future growth of AquaSource should be researched to eliminate septic systems where applicable.</p>	<p>The State of Indiana identifies impaired waterways. Collect data from the State of Indiana, and research the causes. Indiana likely has the data and cause of polluted waterways already.</p>
32	Yes!!!!		<p>We need to protect what we have left of our natural environment for generations to enjoy</p>			

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Unique ID	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.10	3.11	3.12
31	The recycling program in Whitley County is great.	The natural lakes need to be preserved. They are irreplaceable and contain a rich diversity of species.	Again, the natural lakes need to be conserved and preserved.			Regulations should be made for manure spreading on farm ground. This creates drainage runoff that pollutes waterways. If sewer systems are being regulated, then manure runoff also needs to be regulated because that has much bigger of an impact on drainage runoff and polluting waterways.
32	I think more specific information on what EXACTLY can be recycled and what condition it needs to be in or how clean it needs to be		YES!!!!!!		This would be fantastic	We need this to protect our water, both drinking and to swim in

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Unique ID	Goal C Extra Comments	Goal D				
		4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5
31				<p>Intense agricultural use will not be in harmony with residential development. Intense agricultural uses and rural residential zoning is not compatible neighbors, and they likely never will be. Homeowners do not want not live near industrial farming, specifically CAFOs. Just because you want it to be harmonious, doesn't mean it can be. Why would this be a high priority?</p>	<p>Why is this a low priority? Homeowners pay more accordingly in taxes than just landowners such as farmers. We need to encourage residential development to attract and maintain a strong workforce.</p>	
32				<p>Developing agriculture in harmony with residential development!!!!</p>		

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Unique ID	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.10	4.11
31			<p>We need several choices for faster speed internet in the county. Incentives for Century Link to improve their equipment would also help. Competition should be encouraged to keep prices lower and give residents more choices.</p>			<p>How would the county benefit from this? Most people working from home need high speed internet. The county needs to support them, but encouraging more Internet choices in the county.</p>
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Unique ID	4.12	Goal D Extra Comments	Goal E			
			5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4
31				<p>The county leaders need to listen to all constituents, not just the agricultural community when making decisions for the future of the county.</p>	<p>The county website is not updated in a timely manner. Opportunities for public input on various items, such as this survey, are not communicated to all constituents. Countywide mailings for such involved processes as these recommendations in this plan need to be communicated to all constituents.</p>	
32					<p>This would be greatly appreciated</p>	

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Unique ID	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.10
31				All county residents should be able to get a library card without additional fees.		
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Unique ID	5.11	5.12	Goal E Extra Comments
31		The entire county isn't really adequate in broadband internet. Some areas have higher speed, but it has poor reliability.	
32		This is now a necessity	

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Goal A							
Unique ID	Online?	Timestamp	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
33	Yes	3/21/2021 16:28:29	<p>Specific data collecting needs to be collected/mapped out in Jefferson Township. There have been opportunities for housing growth in that area, and there continues to be housing growth in Jefferson Township. There is sewer capacity through Aqua Source right now, and there is also natural gas lines in this area with NIPSCO. One land owner seems to be deciding the growth for the area, and hundreds of homeowners are being overlooked on their rights even though they continue to voice their concerns. At many planning meetings, there is inaccurate information shared about the Jefferson Township area as far as its public utilities already in the area.</p>	<p>The zoning decisions need to be fair for all citizens of the county. Zoning ordinances should also be followed, but in the past, zoning ordinances have been overlooked and decisions were made based on opinions rather than facts. The purpose of zoning is to not allow one land owner to dictate what is allowed in an area.</p>	<p>Please look at your proposed zoning map. There are land use conflicts now that were created by the Plan Commission Committee in recent years where there was no conflict in the past. Adding landscaping to an open field isn't going to really help mitigate the conflict.</p>	<p>Alternative energy can mean so many things. There are appropriate places for wind farms for example, but Whitley County is not the place. There is research to back up that wind turbines are detrimental to people's quality of life and health. Please do unbiased research on this before standards are written or recommended. The county, in general, seems to make decisions without really doing the research necessary to make informed decisions. In some cases, there is research, but it is biased in nature and those on the Planning Commission are not open minded to hear all of the research if it does not support their opinion.</p>	<p>Everyone who chooses to live in the country wants to live in an area with rural character, but there is a difference between rural character and living in an industrial farming community. Most residents do not want to live next to a CAFO or Industrial farming operation. While farmers should have farming rights, these rights should not harm their neighbors and become more of a "Right to Harm" rather than a "Right to Farm." All county residences also have rights, and the purpose of zoning changes and ordinances is to support the rights of all constituents, not just those who farm.</p>
34	Yes	3/21/2021 19:06:39	<p>I read lots of limits on Residential growth, and protection for all types of farming, but no protection for the rural homestead of non-ag. How do we protect the existing home with 2+ acres that is not ag. Problem currently most land/homes are zoned ag, probably because it was easy. I don't see any protection for these areas from Industrial farming (ie CFO's/ Solar, wind)</p>	<p>Yes we should play reasonable regard to future character of the land. But the land map does not reflect such. Look at the Allen Whitley County Line. The Allen side has intense residential. But builders are intimidated to come to Whitley County. Now Whitley County may not want such an intense residential development. People come to Whitley County to stretch out. Have the room for an out building for hobbies, have a large garden, room to hit some balls (baseball, softball, golf), ride ATV's. Not all larger homestead have to be farms.</p>	<p>Yes, guarantee encroachment for residential development to intense Ag areas. But also guaranteeing Intense AG to limited areas, or set backs from non-participating land owners.</p>	<p>No, this currently most alternative energy is a take. It takes land from farming, it divides a community, another way to limit residential growth.</p>	<p>Tricky question. Yes protecting rural character is important but Industrial farming is not rural character. The intensity of CFO/CAFO, Wind, and Solar, changes the scope to an industrial business. The amount of traffic, the effect on the land, and neighboring homes. Smells, light pollution.</p>

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Unique ID	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.10	1.11
33	<p>Supporting agriculture uses is important, but it should not be at the expense of established neighbors who lived in the county prior to newer farmers becoming farmers. Many established residents live on land that was part of their family farm, and their property rights and quality of life should not be ignored because the new farmer next door wants to locate industrial farming in the neighborhood.</p>			<p>Realtors and builders are interested in the Jefferson Township area for future housing growth, but allowing Industrial Agriculture is not compatible with current housing or future housing trends. This recommendation actually needs to go both directions. Newer farmers should be considerate of existing neighbors when they want to change their farms to industrial operations.</p>	<p>The process for updating a plan is lengthy. A more reasonable time frame might be 8-10 years. With this process, data needs to be kept or collected on changes in the county, so trends and growth can help inform future decisions.</p>	<p>Amendments likely need to be made to the Zoning Ordinances and Map, but data should be used to make the goals and recommendations, not individual opinions or what a few people in the county desire for land uses. The purpose of Zoning Ordinances are so one individual or landowner doesn't have a monopoly of the area.</p>
34	<p>Just because it is related to Ag, doesn't mean it has the same effect on neighboring land owners. There needs to be different classes of AG due to the intensity. Just like commercial zoning. A retail store front is way different than a steel mill. But wait they are both business. I agree current zone has 2 classes, but as written does not have the same protections as commercial zoning to protect neighboring landowners</p>	<p>The lakefront is mostly built up, and currently the owners are purchasing multiple lots for one home. But still keep an anti funneling clause.</p>	<p>Addressing lake issue yes, up dating zoning, yes</p>	<p>Yes, tricky how do you protect both from increasing intensity on either side. Or has something changes, such as utilities being available?</p>	<p>Yes, also how public utilities are changing and are available.</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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33		<p>Shouldn't a housing study be done prior to approving the zoning map? This seems a backwards in the process. Why is this a low priority? How can you make zoning recommendations for housing without this data? At the very least, county records should be studied to see where housing growth has been in the last 5 years or so, and see what kind of municipalities are readily available for expansion. This is especially true for Jefferson Township. Homeowners pay more, accordingly, in taxes, so future development to the tax base in the county is important.</p>	<p>Industrial growth should be in an industrial area including industrial farming. Industrial areas create air pollution, impact waterways, and quality of life in our county.</p>	<p>While I appreciate all of the hours and hard work that has gone into the plan to this point, please consider collecting more data, especially in the Jefferson Township area. It also seems as if your plan is more directed at the needs of the farming community. I am in support of agriculture, but all constituents in the county should have a voice, be heard and listened to, and have input. The zoning ordinances are supposed to prevent a monopoly in one area, so every constituent is treated fairly in the land uses within the county both now and in the future.</p>	<p>A plan for the road and their improvement are very much necessary.</p>	
34	<p>Non-participating and participating landowners, We have it in the wind ordinance. we just need to expand in sub-division, AG, and all codes</p>	<p>Why limit the scope to middle-income? Rich or poor not welcome?</p>	<p>Yes, also in the intense AG zones also</p>	<p>Clear plan, consistency, meet the goals of the county, not just the families with money. Welcome people from outside Whitley County for development and growth.</p>	<p>Yes high priority.</p>	<p>Yes but keeping taxes low</p>

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Unique ID	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8
33					US30 would be safer if it were a freeway with exits at different points in the highway.	
34	Only following if meeting goals	Yes high priority	Yes	yes	Torn between safety and protecting local business	Absolutely

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Unique ID	2.9	2.10	2.11	2.12	2.13	Goal B Extra Comments
33	This needs to be addressed at the county intersections when the grass is high as well as the crops. Some intersections are very dangerous when the weeds, grass, and crops are high.		Trails would be a nice benefit in the county. Some rural roads are highly traveled, and it would be nice to have a safer pedestrian/bike path for county residents.			
34	Yes top priority	Yes	Nope, most people live in the county because they don't like people walking through there property.	For AG also	That should be on the developer, not the County	Anything commercial business has to do, Ag should also. As far maintaining buffer area. Trees

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Unique ID	Goal C					
	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
33			<p>The lakes need to be preserved, and farming around the lakes creates runoff that makes it difficult to preserve and protect the natural lakes. This recommendation is in conflict with others recommendations in the plan.</p>	<p>There is a recommendation earlier in this plan that refers to alternative energy uses. Does a plan need to be made or amended? This is unclear in the plan as in section 1 it makes reference to making a plan, but this section talks about amending the ordinance to regulate it.</p>	<p>Where sewer lines are close to county residences, the utility company should be encourage to expand. AquaSource could easily expand in Jefferson Township, and they likely would be willing to expand.</p>	<p>The county would not need to monitor this. The State of Indiana monitors waterways. Request the data from the state. They probably already know the causes and changes in the waterways that could be used to improve our waterways.</p>
34	Yes	Start in problem matic areas	No	<p>Yes protect, the surrounding land owners. But also looking at the larger scope of what all landowner does this effect.</p>	<p>Look at such affordable alternatives ie the Sledge Hammer system.</p>	Yes

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Unique ID	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.10	3.11	3.12
33	We have a great recycling program.	The lakes needs to be preserved. They are irreplaceable natural lakes.	Conserve and preserve our natural lakes. Farm runoff can pollute the lakes, especially large farming operations near the lakes such as CAFOs.			
34	not at tax payer expense	extremely low on priority	yes	But not making it unaffordable to do business.	Is the done federally? Why duplicate	Yes

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Unique ID	Goal C Extra Comments	Goal D				
		4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5
33				Intense agricultural uses are not going to be compatible with residential development. People don't want to live next to Industrial farming such as CFOs or CAFOs. I don't think you can just say the development will be harmonious because it likely will not be. Why is this a high priority?	On the plan map, more areas needed to be zoned to attract new housing. Jefferson Township is the ideal area to attract new housing development. It has municipalities already in place to accommodate new housing, and it is an appropriate location as southwest Allen has very little room to expand their housing more.	
34		yes	yes	impossible, designate areas for intense AG, that is not traditional farming. Intense is now Industrial, and should be zoned as such	YES	YES

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Unique ID	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.10	4.11
33			<p>Internet stability is a big issue in the county. Why not give Century Link and other Internet companies incentives to expand and update their equipment? We need more than 2 choices in the county.</p>			<p>At-home workers likely need good Internet connections. I'm not sure how people working from home will benefit the county or could benefit the county except for paying taxes. Why would this be a high priority?</p>
34	also Intense AG areas	Yes	Work that way, not top	Assisting business to do so, not telling business what they can do.	maybe	YES

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Unique ID	4.12	Goal D Extra Comments	Goal E			
			5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4
33				<p>Regular meetings are helpful to get public input, but leaders also need to be willing to listen to knowledgeable residents.</p>	<p>The county website needs to be addressed. Sometimes the information is not on the website in a timely manner. Even this survey didn't work right some of the time as I was filling it out. At one point, I had to completely start over because it didn't work. It would be helpful if meeting agendas were posted a week or so before the meetings when possible. Some of the public is not aware of this survey or the planning that is going on in the county right now due to poor communication. Some constituents don't have good internet as you know in the county, so other ways of communication need to be implemented such as information in the local newspapers, county mailings on significant plans, etc.</p>	
34	maybe		YES	Local fire department also	yes	yes

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Unique ID	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.10
33		<p>Outdoor trails would be nice in the county. Many county roads, due to traffic, are not necessarily safe to walk on. Could some type of grant be written and used to help fund more outdoor recreational opportunities?</p>		<p>All residents should be able to get a library card without having to purchase one.</p>		<p>Again, every effort needs to be made to preserve our natural lakes from pollution and runoff.</p>
34	maybe	<p>Yes, but not taking land from County land owners to do so.</p>	Yes	That will change with technology	maybe	yes

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Unique ID	5.11	5.12	Goal E Extra Comments
33		Really, all areas of the county need more choices in fast speed Internet. More companies would provide competition to also bring the costs down.	
34	yes	Only if the amount of need (people) are there. May should follow public utilities such as water and sewer.	

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Goal A							
Unique ID	Online?	Timestamp	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
35	Yes	3/21/2021 20:11:51				The county needs to stay out of the energy Business. Most of the county buys power from REMC. Which we do not have an control over. The system work. Leve it alone.	
36	Yes	3/21/2021 22:17:01	Yes. Utilities, however, should not be limited to residential only.	Define reasonable regard? While these tools may be helpful in guiding growth, ultimately proposed projects should not be hindered purely by a document that lacks the ability of a crystal ball.	This seems like a slippery slope of more regulation.	Strongly oppose any premature alternative energy policy. We need to a take a conservative and science based approach which allows these energies to be developed to the extent that we know their benefits and/or long-term consequences.	Yes.
37	Yes	3/21/2021 22:56:42					

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Unique ID	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.10	1.11
35						
36	<p>Character types - especially those with emphasis on residential development which invaded the space of agriculture over the last few decades - should also be respectful and supportive of their agriculture residents. These ag facilities may no longer fit the "character type", but no long time resident of Whitley county should be made to feel like they need to move simply because others planned their lifestyle and livelihood out of the place in which they have always lived.</p>	<p>No expertise on funneling, but we should absolutely be protecting our lakes from overdevelopment and pollution.</p>	<p>Lake variances should be treated like all other requests and be rare. OR revise their rules to what makes sense to their communities while making sure that the rules reflect the protection of our valuable natural resources and wildlife which call the lake areas home.</p>	<p>Yes! Let's find solutions to make sure everyone is on the same page and can live in community as we always have....at least before a few came along and tried to stir up discourse.</p>	<p>3 years seems excessive. 5 years minimum. This is a 20 year plan and a review at 5 years should be able to access whether it is on the right track.</p>	<p>All zoning ordinance changes should be approached cautiously and consider detailed and tedious work that has already recently taken place to outline ordinances. Map changes should allow for ample public input for the residents who will face the most changes to the county planning their properties away.</p>
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Unique ID	1.12	1.13	1.14	Goal A Extra Comments	Goal B 2.1	2.2
35						
36	<p>While these fancy planning tools may keep our planning department excited about their jobs and add feathers in their caps among their planning colleagues, it seems needlessly complicated and will likely add to the limited understanding most have when it comes to planning procedures. Let's get better at using our current tools first.</p>	<p>Proceed with caution. While housing appears to be something certain areas in our county could benefit from, it needs to be carefully placed in locations that will draw ultimate benefit for the county. We also need to be careful not to flood our market being low on "supply" is not an altogether bad quality when appearing desirable.</p>	<p>This seems like a natural location as long as an already large traffic issue on US 30 is not amplified by more growth in this area.</p>			
37				<p>Please don't allow any new (or any more) CFO' s or CAFO's in Jefferson township. We worry about our home value, our land value, quality of our water table, etc.</p>		

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Unique ID	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8
35						
36					<p>A freeway-level highway seems like a great idea, IF it can be done in a way that still gives county residents movability to cross at multiple locations without entering the freeway. If residents and community members can no longer navigate around it conveniently, it will add a different kind of burden than the one that the current road presents.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
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Unique ID	2.9	2.10	2.11	2.12	2.13	Goal B Extra Comments
35						
36			<p>The county must secure land for these purposes without making a land grab or impeding the privacy of the properties adjacent to these trails and paths. Security and safety of property owners who would now live next to public trails should be considered.</p>	<p>If a road upgrades need to be made due to new development, it should absolutely be paid for on the backs of those that live in these developments and not those who live in rural areas of the county. Those types of properties already cost the county more money that they bring in terms of property taxes.</p>	<p>Yes, especially where it is necessary for safety reasons.</p>	
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Goal C						
Unique ID	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
35				We have a good Wind energy ordinance in place now. And from the time of its draft about 10 years ago, has been used in part or in whole by some 30 other counties in the sate of Indiana. We now need to drafty a strong industrial solar ordinance to protect our home owners from being surrounded by industrial solar farms.		
36	Yes	More regulation? Are most not already practicing proper erosion control? Seems like a costly project to pursue if it does not show a high need.		Again, the county should be approaching anything regarding alternative energy sources with caution. Also, what happened to property rights?	Curious as to why this is only a medium priority when this is the main source of water pollution in our county. Seems like we need more emphasis on agriculture - who has a known POSITIVE track record?	yes
37						

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35						
36				<p>Not sure about this one...seems a little slippery to single out what we only think to be today as a "environmentally conscious business"?</p>	<p>Make sure you include agricultural organizations on that list. Farmers are environmentalists first. Without a healthy environment, agriculture will fail.</p>	
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Unique ID	Goal C Extra Comments	Goal D				
		4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5
35						
36		Why just the Whitley EDC? Should we not be supporting multiple agencies that act as support systems to the many valuable industries which do business in Whitley county?	As long as the long term goals of WHITLEY county are considered over those developed by planners of other areas.		AND as a reciprocal to 4.3 - develop them in harmony with agricultural surroundings in mind.	
37	Please don't allow wind farms. Also, I feel that you are allowing the sewer hookup to be pushed on those who don't want or need it. If septic is fine, stop letting this be pushed. Example. A few in a neighborhood need fixed, but it gets pushed on a whole neighborhood. Even those who just updated septic.			Please, no new (or any more) CAFO's or CAFO's allowed in Jefferson twp. We worry about our home and land value, our water, the smell, and quality of air, etc.		

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Unique ID	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.10	4.11
35						
36			<p>This is truly needed. We HAVE to keep costs down though.</p>	<p>Maybe start by identifying why new residents have chosen Whitley county as home or why existing residents stay before you embark on quality of life improvement projects. Let's not design our current community right out of existence.</p>		
37		<p>How about using an existing building for a bigger post office. The one we have is too small for the package volume and population growth we have. Now</p>	<p>Yes, we need better internet options. More choices.</p>			<p>Yes!!!</p>

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Unique ID	4.12	Goal D Extra Comments	Goal E			
			5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4
35						
36	<p>This is not the business of the government. Childcare is not the business of the government. Keep cost of living low so that families don't feel pigeon-holed into a two parent working household. This gives every family the freedom of CHOICE to do what works best for them.</p>					
37					<p>Yes! You need a better way to get the word out on things, and give more notice for people to reply</p>	

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Unique ID	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.10
35						
36	Please pay extreme regard to aesthetics in any such signage ordinance.	Love the idea in theory, in practice being ultra careful to not cause degradation of our valuable natural resources.			Support aging-in-place initiatives, yes. Assessments and encouragements for new facilities should not be on taxpayer dime. These are personal decisions and should be guided by personal responsibility.	Preservation is good, but not to the extent that it completely ties the hands of current owners for the future.
37			Yes	I have been a Whitley County resident for 23 years, but I have never been able to check out a book at my own library without paying a large fee for a library card. RIDICULOUS!!!!		

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Unique ID	5.11	5.12	Goal E Extra Comments
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36		Again, truly needed. But in a cost effective manner!	
37		Yes! We seem to be going backwards in some areas on this!	

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Goal A							
Unique ID	Online?	Timestamp	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
38	Yes	3/21/2021 23:47:52	AGREE	This shouldn't be the only document used. Things could really change in 5-10 years		Seems early to be adopting this	AGREE
39	Yes	3/22/2021 0:16:35	Encourage - yes. Limit to - no.	Yes - this is already required by state statute.	definitely	This needs a lot more definition. We already have a strong wind ordinance. Not sure what is meant by energy "policy". What kind of "alternative energy generation facilities?" This is way too vague.	
40	No	Drop-off	To develop, these utilities need to be there. However, just because they are there should <u>not</u> imply a "go ahead" status.	The term 'reasonable regard' is vague. Who defines what is reasonable? How is regard defined? "Considered" is better. A statement that staff will include applicable and conflicting points for the Commission or Board to consider would be stronger.	This sounds good in theory, but if you begin to make private lands essentially useless to the owner it will seem like a taking over and set our County into lawsuits. Planning is about land <u>use</u> not destroying use to a landowner.	This is needed instead of 20 pages of code on each type. That arises. However, we must be careful to stay up on recent developments, as well. For instance, windmill blades are not recyclable and it costs more in fossil fuels to produce, transport, and run that one can produce in its lifetime. New discovery in fossil fuels is that they seem to be renewable contrary to decades of claims. Underground oil fields are refilling. Fossil fuels are natural and not as harmful as thought.	I agree. A bigger challenge is how much density do we allow in different areas? Looking at our County for the last 30 years, two things have created problems: major subdivisions in areas not typical to suburban living, and allowing individual residents to compound one by one changing the area's character.

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38	Agriculture is always changing and we need to keep up with that	we need to protect our natural resources		people moving in need to know what they are moving into	5 years seems better than 3	we don't need to redo what we just did
39	This is pretty vague. "Evolving agricultural uses could mean anything from even larger CAFOs to calling wind turbines & solar panels "farming". Needs more definition.	yes	This seems like a good idea on the surface. But, I've never lived around a lake, so I'm not sure what all this really involves.	A key word here seems to be "existing" operations. I think a reciprocal would also be appropriate - if a development project is permitted, then no new CFOs can be built within a certain distance -- 1/2 mile?	yes - 5 years	If we don't amend the zoning ordinance, then we're wasting money re-doing the comp plan.
40	Generally agree. What is of concern to me is beyond agriculture but includes it also. We need to allow all industries to move forward and modernize.	This was accomplished in current plan and in the past decade. Zoning has followed it regarding frontage needed. Two things that still seem outlaying: 1) Zoning has approved several secondary living units on lake properties in past 8 years. There is no way these are monitored for non-rental compliances. That does not yield to anti-funneling. 2) Campgrounds that are state controlled are not going by these and they should.	This is very good. Current setbacks are reasonable as are coverage guidelines. Need to define that setbacks are for entire structures. Too many requests regarding decks, sheds, overhangs. Garages too close to Row and parking moves to narrow streets. I pity our road crews!! I also think we need to think 'down the road' more. Will the variance infringe on neighbor use and view of lake?	Absolutely. Materials are already drafted as a start, we just need to coordinate implementation.	Thank you for making this measurable. Caution is to not waste County resources by jumping on fads rather than waiting for trends.	Of course. Suggestions: 1) a clear statement regarding intent of soft edges of Character Types. Draw harder lines in the actual zoning districts, since we will have the 3-5 yr. reviews now. 2) a strong statement in zoning ordinance regarding legal non-conferring properties. Is the County's goal to allow continuance by general use expansion or is the County going to be nit-picky that any change eliminates the status? Is you change the zoning, burden on you not to infringe.

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Unique ID	1.12	1.13	1.14	Goal A Extra Comments	Goal B 2.1	2.2
38	as long as things don't get to complicated	still need to make sure it is planned in the right areas near utilities	seems like the natural place for it		seem reasonable	reducing maintenance expenses is always good
39	Transfer of Development Rights - no. Form based codes are interesting -- would need to understand more about where they might be considered.	On the surface, this seems like a good idea, although it is fairly costly.	yes			
40	How can anyone comment to these profession-specific themes that have not been defined adequately? This objective builds distrust for an average citizen. Feels VERY top down and ask us to agree to buy before we've read the document. Eliminate this objective for now and use the next decade to educate <u>then</u> ask people. First step is just include definition in glossary of Zoning Ordinance, within Ordinance body, not Appendix.	Reword this. It's like the decision of what is wanted has already been made rather than a true study to see what is needed. Much of a study is speculative. Let market drive this.	This looks good but consider this ... Who really has the problem? The property building or the person who doesn't like the view? The problem holder is the person who is bothered or upset. Perhaps the solution falls to them to eliminate their problem.		Much needed. Why not the 3-5 years, like you put on Future Character? Maintenance and upgrades take time so as things change so much this plan. Make them match (the reviews).	No tax or fee increases.

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Unique ID	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8
38					As someone who moves farm equipment across 30 where there are no stop lights I would agree with this. J-turns seem like a bad idea for farm equipment	yes
39	The purpose for acquiring additional right-of-way would need to be defined.	yes				yes
40	Specify the character types. Have seen ROW designations "to the public" which is like a taking from private land owners. OK if they are changing zoning districts but not OK if they are just improving their properties.	Good notion.	Not enough information.	Agree.	Agree. IF Columbia City is willing to develop side roads and it doesn't hurt local businesses.	Agree. Especially around lakes and in some of the smaller communities.

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Unique ID	2.9	2.10	2.11	2.12	2.13	Goal B Extra Comments
38				if the new addition needs better roads they should pay for it		
39	yes - crops right out to the corners can be a real problem at country road intersections.	yes	IMO - not a high priority	Do we already have a road impact fee in the form of a wheel tax?		
40	Why include or make field crops stand out? That's divisive and skews bias. Either add examples and list as one of several or know it is covered in vegetation. In Ordinance be sure to spell out dimensions of vision triangles and state property owner removes. Avoid vigilantes going around taking out too many crops or neighbors shrubbery. Gives property owner some defense.	Education is needed regarding particulars of use.	Possibly in residential character types. Generally, people use the County roadways. Along major roads such as 205 or 109 would be useful. Advocate for broader berms. Never put these through private lands.	No more fees. Whitley County is permitted and fees to death. If you maintain rural character and protect agricultural land you won't need this.	Only within same ownership subdivisions/development. Do not think this crosses others' private lands is OK.	

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Goal C						
Unique ID	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
38		erosion control is already being done by farmers.		personal property rights need to be considered	Septic systems need to be brought up to date	
39				We already have a strong wind ordinance. Since it was written, industrial turbines have only gotten taller (by about 200') and increased in MW (louder). Our wind ordinance is protective of surrounding properties. If we were to entertain commercial solar, it should be on brownfields, factory rooftops, or on top of covered parking structures in factory parking lots. Commercial solar should not be placed on farmland. The "emerging importance" of these alternatives is almost completely driven by government subsidy, not the need for cleaner energy.	Explore alternative on-site systems - yes. I believe our state statute would have to be amended before alternative types of on-site systems would be legal.	
40	Thank you! There needs to be more required disclosures at initial contacts by realtors. People need to be told ... lowest floor levels needed and how much just getting their foundation will cost in floodplains. They also need to be told what sewer hook-ups are available and costs.	Agree. I do know most Agriculture properties already seek out ways to minimize erosion through USDA NRCS or IDEM. Perhaps this is more for businesses and residential development. It would be nice if Drainage Board and Department were held to better responsiveness to residents.	Not sure about using taxpayer monies for this. Afraid it benefits some and omits others. Personally would likely benefit but not sure this is where we go as a County. There are already an abundance of federal, state, and private grants, programs, etc. for this at all levels from large farms, businesses, down to individual homes.	Unsure. Again, I think we are placing the County where its authority cannot or does not need to supersede federal and state authorities.	Seems reasonable. I believe if a system becomes inoperable AND irreparable we need to offer people at least 2 options along with ways to fund the changes such as loans, work with local banks by BOH.	First of all, we need big changes in responsiveness and attitude of the Drainage Department. Second, we need to NOT be tolerant of finger point and blaming. This absolutely must be a change of direction to positive solutions that do no hurt anyone. Example: we have requested for 3 years now to have a drainage board visit to look at concerns that have developed so we can present an experiment on our property backed by 2 county NRCS people to help naturally clear waterways. No first visit even.

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Unique ID	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.10	3.11	3.12
38	yes					
39						
40	<p>Yes. Not a big fan of recycling because the back end of where most ends up out to sea/oceans, etc. So the encouraging companies that use recycled materials is good!</p>	<p>This is asking for government interference and needs to be left alone. The property owners know what they have, what groups are available, and don't need County noses sticking into their business.</p>	<p>No, see previous comment. Really tired of people thinking they have a right to tell others what to do with their assets. Busybodies!</p>		<p>Voluntary programs are fine but I am against intrusiveness.</p>	<p>Already done through state and federal programs.</p>

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Unique ID	Goal C Extra Comments	Goal D				
		4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5
38		we need to support all economic development groups that would help Whitley county			4.4 and 4.3 need to work together	
39				This is way too vague -- need more definition for "intense" uses? Is this code for huge CAFOs? What other "intense" uses?	Need explanation of "appropriate" -- appropriate according to whom?	yes
40		Good program/resource.	Good idea.	Reasonable. We travel around A LOT! Not sure why Whitley County has so much push against agriculture. We see CFOs within blocks of corporate areas, next to residential developments, businesses complexes across the road from very nice new homes. We do not see housing developments placed in the middle of fields, except here. Some folks need to be told they just bought the wrong property.	Agree. Again, latest trends are needed. Our parents generally wanted to live close to work. Our kids are like that also. WC seems to be 'stuck' there. High urbanites want proximity. The youngest now are seeking rural and moderately close to work. Just like our 40 - 50 years think the young want residences with no grounds to keep up. They are NOT talking to the young families. These trends have flown by.	Excellent.

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Unique ID	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.10	4.11
38			yes			
39	yes	yes			only if the TIF rules are strictly followed -	
40	Isn't this a given? Common sense.	Absolutely. Push college for required professions licenses but elevate trades and blue collar jobs to rightful positions of respect.	Needed. I think federal grants opened up last year for rural areas. Continue to pursue.	Surveys need to happen within the companies and they bring results. Researching their plans is intrusion.	Only if the TIF defines a length of remaining as a business once the TIF dissolves. We need long-term guarantees of their continuance in WC to offer these deals.	This is a poor objective. No measurable terms. At-home work is as diversified as are the people. Nice thought but doesn't seem like a goal.

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Unique ID	4.12	Goal D Extra Comments	Goal E			
			5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4
38	this should be the parents problem not the government					
39					social media and a mobile app would be very interesting -- and a great way to communicate with residents as less and less people read a newspaper	yes
40	Likely a forever on-going need.		Sounds more like a job description than a planning objective. Common sense is keep networks open and positive.	Too many meetings results in lower on-the-line availability to residents.	No more positions that are tax funded. Information dissemination is part of each Department's responsibilities. We are an aging County. You <u>did not</u> include newspapers.	Very good job.

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Unique ID	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.10
38						
39			yes			yes
40	<p>No. Some people do not want to be found. There are fairly accurate map apps. We don't need more rules! Geez. Example: My life was threatened by a person broken from reality. I could not and still cannot put out address numbers. Not until that person dies. (My eyes are green and I am the Devil and must be shot).</p>	<p>Supporting what is there is fine. Expanding by choice is fine. Requiring or pressuring private property owners violates property rights.</p>	<p>Good goal. Maybe go light on permits. Also, encourage these groups to lighten up their rules. CC Farmers market has been ruined by over-control. County people are choosing to go to other counties and towns.</p>	<p>So needed, for so long.</p>	<p>Aging-in-place has returned to rural areas. Senior care facilities are waning.</p>	<p>"Prehistoric"? Come on. Ridiculous.</p>

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Unique ID	5.11	5.12	Goal E Extra Comments
38		This last year with covid had shown us all the importance of reliable internet	
39	yes		
40	Why is this a goal? It is a federal mandate by law!	Duplicate!	

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Goal A							
Unique ID	Online?	Timestamp	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
41	No	Drop-off	Quit shoving the sewer down stable acres throat after we said what is the (???) for that acres is giving you!	Over 2/3 of stable acres said no! Not feasible and not wanted nor acceptable.			
42	No	Drop-off	Her husband in hospice. She gave me permission to tell you to look at my recommendations because we are VERY similar in thinking about things, especially about environment and sewer!				

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Unique ID	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.10	1.11
41				In the country with septic systems and wells not sewer and city water.		
42						

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Unique ID	1.12	1.13	1.14	Goal A Extra Comments	Goal B 2.1	2.2
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Unique ID	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.8
41				Good idea.		
42						

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Unique ID	2.9	2.10	2.11	2.12	2.13	Goal B Extra Comments
41		Yes.	Yes. Do this RATHER than shove sewers down people's throats that don't want them and stated so!!!			
42						

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Unique ID	Goal C					
	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6
41			Absolutely!		Really - instead you made false statements. Chad Nix and RSD board say there was not enough objection to sewers being put into stable acres! We have the written recorded petitions and you do too!	
42						

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Unique ID	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.10	3.11	3.12
41	Absolutely.	Leave the wetlands alone! They really do help the environment and the water tables. Do you research!	Wetlands.		Yes.	
42						

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Unique ID	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.10	4.11
41			Would be nice instead of shoving sewers all terrible costs to residents down your throats!			Good idea.
42						

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Unique ID	4.12	Goal D Extra Comments	Goal E 5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4
41			That is a laugh! Whitley County Government only cares about the money! Not what their <u>unwanted</u> projects are doing to residents!	We have done this - time and time again!! Stable acres has said NO - NO NO. Every time by LARGE margins and still you want to put a sewer system in our awesome addition of <u>COUNTRY</u> living. It is all about the money!!		Awesome!
42						

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Unique ID	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.10
41		Good idea.	The fire and ice sculpting festival was awesome and you got rid of it! Lots of people came to this!	Awesome!		Yes.
42						

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Unique ID	5.11	5.12	Goal E Extra Comments
41	Yes.	Yes.	
42			

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1	No	3/13/2021	I was born here. I stayed because of the rural character, community support, and quality of life. Our family is also located in this County for the same reasons. My in-laws operate a generational farm, so land availability for Ag uses is also important.	Rural character means large tracts of land, mostly used for agriculture (where suitable) and minimal residential and industrial development. Trees, fields, yards, and farmsteads. Suburban character is more intense residential development especially in subdivisions, or where houses are on smaller tracts and located closer to the road.	Single family, low-moderate income homes on small lots located close to existing municipalities (in County).	US 30 interstate...	
2	No		Rural character and lakes.	Traditional ag, "hardy" ag (e.g.) vineyards, organic farmers; woods and lakes; open space; low density housing.	Clustered housing that includes open space and conservation areas.	Design roadways around lakes to reduce speeding.	
3	No						
4	No		For the rural landscape and Ag.	Rural character = farms and few homes. Suburban = too many homes in the country that don't work in the country. They belong in the cities.	Few to no homes that are not related to the landowners for Ag uses.	Some upgrades on busy roadways. Keep as many gravel roads as possible.	No.

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1	Yes, since they will be part of a sewer district.	Not much if the energy produced benefited our community and there weren't adverse effects.	Existing areas so appropriate utilities are available.	Maybe some traffic concerns and possibly noise depending on the business.	Everyone could benefit from broadband expansion. Young people and families could benefit from more affordable and available childcare.	
2	Yes.	Require that ground around and under solar installations be seeded and nature grasses and nature plants. Less mowing required and provides benefit to pollinators and habitat. Do not allow wooded areas or wetland areas be destroyed.	Cluster industry into parks. Use existing area.	Lake residences: Too easy to get to variance for building. No regard for how a new mega-home impacts views or runoff onto adjoining properties.	To draw in families: good jobs, bike and walking trails, vibrant downtown, public transport for those who need it.	Distance to businesses, resources. Important on environmental quality from industry and intense farming practice.
3		I would not like to see any type of windmill -- solar panels, farms are ok if properly maintained.				
4	Yes.	None.	Development and expansion of existing.	None.	Free library access to all residents! The ability to check out resources not just visit!	None.

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Goal B: Foster Safe and Convenient Circulation

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5	Yes	3/9/2021 11:47:54	I enjoy the rural residential area I chose in Jefferson Township. I stay because I'm encouraged and excited by the improvements being discussed and the potential the county has for well-planned growth.	Rural includes many open spaces along with residential living. Suburban to me is more residential homes than open spaces along with convenient shopping and services nearby.	Mid-range single-family homes, villas (1-4 units in a park-like setting), senior communities with multi-stage units (independent, assisted, nursing)	Resurface/rebuild paved roads and curbs in existing residential communities (chip & seal is no longer adequate). Pave more gravel roads to save money over the long term.	This needs to be evaluated to ensure safe, easy accessibility given the need to upgrade US30 to a major highway. Local traffic traveling from the county boundaries to the towns must be able to avoid traveling US30 where possible.
6	Yes	3/9/2021 12:59:20	was told it's paradise, met my husband, he's from here, has a nice home, friends, we stay	rural character - i have the space to be me, without worries of suburban characters in my biz watching my every moves, telling me how, when things should be completed like lawn mowing, what i can or can't have sitting around my property etc.	i prefer to see farm houses, and wide open spaces	wider berm, better fog line markings	

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5	Yes. Soil erosion and stormwater runoff impacts not only the property where it originates but the surrounding land as well.	I would have no problem with it. Alternative energy is not only necessary it is the only choice we have to protect the planet. Responsible building practices do exist for alternative energy - we must seek them out across the globe and engage with experts in the fields.	Both improvements to existing areas and new development are needed. Planning of these projects must consider which is the best fit for the industry. I would oppose industries that are primarily fossil fuel providers or suppliers.	The largest conflict I've encountered is between intensive/factory farming and residential. The county must safeguard the health of humans and animals (wild and domestic) by limiting the number and location of AGP zones. If it does not, I will not remain in the county.	Senior facilities, childcare, parks, interactive play areas, apartments and low-cost housing near towns and public transport	Senior services such as housing, nursing care, transportation
6	probably not	those are the most unattractive things, not sure the cost of making/installing offset the benefit received from them	fill what you have before you move on, just like strip mall - fill one before building another	none that I'm aware of		will it grow too fast, only be about the new and exciting and forget the old - can it have balance

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7	Yes	3/10/2021 13:45:53	Grew up here, love the school, family here, I can see the potential of good growth if done right. That's why I want to contribute to ideas and questions.	Rural Character is keeping farmland to good, responsible use without harmful chemicals while allowing for home building by individual acreage lots. I don't think realtors should only be allowed to sell 100+ acre sections of farmland when an owner decides to sell. Why can you not take 10 or 20 acres and have them available in 4 or 5 acre lots for new home building? You spoke about energy efficient incentives? Why can't those be available to individuals instead of builders like Granite Ridge and Lancia? "Suburban Character" is building in town with the community needs in mind while making it aesthetically pleasing and easily accessible. It can include outdoor facilities or gathering/walking areas as well.	In town--in conjunction with more community minded businesses/shopping/restaurants between CC and Fort Wayne there can be a couple more subdivisions. In rural areas--as I explained before, allowing for more 5-10 acre lots when acreage is being sold. 200, 300, 400 + acreage sales equates to the same farmer(s) buying up all of the land or gigantic home builders like Lancia or Granite Ridge buying them all up. It's not appropriate! Give middle american families a chance to live the country life if they so choose.	If there are any dirt or gravel roads that need paved, please do so. Keeping main roadways paved and in good condition is a given.	
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8	Yes	3/12/2021 22:09:00	Relocated due to job. Stay due to the low cost of living and quality of life on northern lakes.	Very concerned over subjective terms like "rural heritage and character." Whitley County is a rural edge county to Allen County and needs to plan accordingly. A small affluent group of farmers are responsible for spreading misinformation, leveraging county leaders, leading to divisiveness.	Would like to see more rural estate developments across the entire county.	Overall road condition is very good. US 30 is a hazard and should be addressed ASAP with INDOT.	
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7	It should be encouraged, promoted, and incentivized but not ordinated and governed. That's going too far.	<p>I think that is a total waste of money and valuable organic farming resources. Plus, it takes fossil fuels to transfer and use the energy. There are many more environmentally friendly natural resources that can be sourced. Why are we not discussing using the farms for ORGANIC FARMING?</p> <p>https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2021/03/09/regenerative-food-and-farming-the-road-forward.aspx</p>	I have explained that by Parkview Hospital on into Fort Wayne via Highway 30. Also, more restaurants throughout town especially by the new high school. Why not out by 9&14 as well. That area is successful. Buy Mr. Simmons out (who is close to retirement) and use those resources that are already established.		Family centered/friendly amenities is a MUST. Other adults and young people could use them as well though. Keep seniors in mind with places that don't remind them of death. Not all old people are decrepit. Restaurants, shopping, gaming places, outdoor activities. Keep the rural community involved with more options like Apple Farms/Fall festival places, other amenities that attract people to the rural areas. I would have to do more research online, but they need attractions there as well, and it keeps the WHOLE community involved with each other.	I don't want it to be boring here! I don't want to go to Fort Wayne for everything anymore. Let's make our own town and community fun and entertaining for all. Get more community involvement and savvy minds involved to figure out what that means exactly. Don't just keep getting the same ideas from the same people. Give us more of these opportunities and abilities to help in the planning process.
8	Yes. Our waterways are accumulating harmful nutrients due in large part to farm runoff. County should step up and become a leading in no-till, grass filter strips.	Not to crazy about this idea...economics of solar have yet to be proven.	Whitley County is a manufacturing hub. Expand this base along with service industries. Would be great to hear the 5-year plan of the EDC.	Other than Micropulse being located in mixed rural area I am not aware of other inappropriate zoning's.	Young and middle age people. We will likely soon loose both golf courses.	Lack of jobs.

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9	Yes	3/13/2021 11:02:12			Residential	Repave existing lousy roads	The roads are dangerous
10	Yes	3/14/2021 8:37:32	We were given the opportunity to keep family lands within the family. Once we had the opportunity, we built a new home on an existing foundation and moved here. We love the ability to stretch out and enjoy our rural life while still being close to our jobs in Huntington County and activities in Columbia City and Fort Wayne.	Rural character is a combination of fields and homesteads with appropriate development. Suburban character is heavier developed with more emphasis on density and less concern for maintaining the existing environment.	When development is done in unincorporated portions of the county, it should be single family homes on larger lots. Heavier development/more intense subdivisions should be done towards incorporated parts of the county.		
11	Yes	3/15/2021 18:12:19	The rural charm and peaceful surroundings, yet close enough to Ft. Wayne.	Rural character means pastoral beauty, various crops, animals openly grazing (not confined). Suburban character means large lot (2 acres +) subdivisions with sidewalks, well-kept properties and kid-friendly with room to grow.	Single family middle class and estate homes. No manufactured housing or trailer parks.	Eliminate gravel/dirt roads.	Unknown.
12	Yes	3/16/2021 20:34:15	Great balance between urban and rural living.	they both mean very little	more low to middle income housing, with special importance placed on promoting home ownership as opposed to renting. Let people buy houses to live in, instead of selling them all to landlords and renters!	better visibility on and around roadways	not personally

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9	Yes	Ugly-Ugly-Ugly and not economically feasible	Enough here already	Too many housing and businesses crammed together like the mess in West Allen County.	Less expensive housing, taxes and utilities	The rising cost of everything
10	Yes.	I have no issues with large-scale solar projects. Have larger issues with wind farms.	The county should always be looking increase industrial areas. "If you build it, they will come." This should be a diverse mix of industry to avoid becoming too dependent upon Tier-1 Automotive businesses. Continue development along US-30 and look at developing State Roads 9 and 14.		Target families and younger populations. They are the ones who will continue to foster growth in Whitley County. Continue developing parks and trail systems that improve quality of life.	
11	Yes.	Unsure. Need the weigh in of subject matter experts.	Focus on existing areas.	To rectify, do not allow haphazard industrial zoning, e.g., Micropulse. Enforce size limitations. For growth opportunities, a relocation to an industrial park may be necessary.	More parks for young people and families.	Maintaining the quality of this bucolic setting without threat of factory farming and low income residential rural development.
12	yes	sounds great! Wind power would also be great!	definitely the former.	unknown	please cater more to families and young adults, doing so is always good for the future.	My biggest worry is that we as a county will get left behind as technology and society advances, leading to economic stagnation and collapse.

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13	Yes	3/17/2021 20:20:37	We bought family acreage and moved out to the 5th generation homestead. We stay because we love living in the country. It is quiet and there is plenty of room for our 4 kids to roam. I love hanging my clothes out on the clothesline and fresh, country air. We are hoping that there will continue to be no CAFO's near us.		None	Our road is very well taken care of. It was chip & sealed a few years ago and they recently filled a few potholes. We have been thrilled with the quality of the roads in Southwest Whitley County.	None
14	Yes	3/18/2021 6:51:33					
15	Yes	3/18/2021 13:09:52	To NOT be in ALLEN COUNTY.	Rural character to me means farms living PEACEFULLY near a development & vice versa. Farms meaning agriculture NOT CAFOs!	More developments which are well thought out; offering free spaces/parks. Homes not built one on top of the other/spaces between homes. A neighborhood that offers all the amenities: local water, sewer, decent & dependable internet. Schools close by.	Real paving NOT chip & seal! If a road is maintained on a regular basis and not ABUSED by overweight tractor trailers, the road should last....	
16	Yes	3/18/2021 16:15:15	Lovely natural lakes.	Rural is environmental not just agricultural. Suburban is compacted residential	Diverse is fine with me.	Widen 30. Too crowded and dangerous	

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13	No, not residential.	I would need to hear the pros/cons of the project. I would want the county counsel to take a vote among the neighbors and vote accordingly.	None	Specifically regarding confined feeding operations, the traffic of semi's on the roads, the smell, and the lack of discussion between neighbors is always a concern. The voting of the neighbors should be the first thing considered by the voting county council. We moved to the country to enjoy the small rural agriculture, lack of housing additions, and no commercial properties. That is the best benefit of living in the country.	Game preserves might be a good addition to Whitley County	Losing our quality of life in the country, rules against hobby farming, increased taxes on land ownership
14						
15	YES. Absolutely	I honestly don't know. I would have to investigate it.	Work on improving, growing & building up existing areas & then investigate growth.	Placement & easy access. Not having a McDonalds next to a housing development.	I think parks, playgrounds & walking paths would be a wonderful addition.	CAFOS. I seriously worry about the air quality, odors & possible water contamination. PLUS the distinct possibility that my home value will PLUMMET. Then what?!
16	Yes	Fine	Yes, near 30.	None I know of	Need more for our young people to do in WC.	I fear the pollution of our lakes by large scale farming

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17	Yes	3/19/2021 9:01:14	We wanted to have land/privacy/pond/barns. Got them all :) We have family in Fort Wayne, and work in Warsaw, so this is a great middle-ground. It's quiet here, we love it!	Rural Character - 'living in the country', you have privacy, acreage, beautiful views from all of our windows. quiet. Suburban - housing developments, cement, sidewalks, 0.25 acre lots. look out your windows & see other houses, people walking by/ in their yards. noisy.	I think we need to provide housing to all levels of income. I am not sure what is overproduced or lacking, as I have not been in the market for a while!	I haven't had many issues with the roads. Seems like we are lacking with snow removal with respect to Allen County, though. I think this may be an issue to how open our land is and all the drifting - kind of hard to mitigate.	no
18	Yes	3/19/2021 9:36:36					
19	Yes	3/19/2021 12:23:59	This was where we found the house we wanted. I was fortunate to become a part of the active community and felt like a valued community member.	Rural character - driving down country roads to see a diversity of crops and animals on the farmlands; being able to enjoy the farm atmosphere without encountering strip malls or subdivisions cutting into the farmland. Suburban character - seeing mixes of single and multi- family dwellings interspersed with shopping, parks, playgrounds, schools, and entertainment.	We are needing more senior housing areas that include walkways and green spaces and even some shopping and entertainment places included.	Too many of our county roads get chip and sealed right over humps and bumps that just become smoother for a short time. Some serious road re-work needs to be done on many of our highly used county roads.	There are probably roads in Whitley County that I still have never been on. I don't know about "missing" connections, but I know that following some roads (i.e. Whitley Road) is a process of DISconnection.
20	Yes	3/20/2021 9:34:04	I moved my family to whitley county to expand my farming business, as well as gain better access to broadband.	I disagree with the characterization types put on property. It is subjective and will inhibit future growth and land use.	No restrictions, land owners should be able to respond to changing market demands.		

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17	unsure	that would not be ideal	expand current municipalities, and keep the rural areas as they are	not sure	I do not have experience myself, but hear childcare services are lacking (i.e. not enough supply)	none at this time
18						
19	I don't know what that would look like on an individual basis, but it seems the issue is important no matter the size...	I have no overwhelming opposition to such a thing. My concern would be, how long will the solar "farm" last? Will it really save more energy in that time that it takes to produce the panels and install and maintain them?	I don't have an answer for this.	Additional business/industry brings increased traffic. It is the traffic that interferes most with residences.	We've done a much better job in the last 15 years or so in providing local entertainments and activities to people of all ages. I regret losing the Mishikinikwa (sp?) PowWow, but we have many other things going on that we didn't in the past. We can always use more though---for all ages.	I'm concerned about the redneck qualities that creep in to too many conversations, prejudiced comments. I want to live in a diverse community where we all get along.
20	No	No issue, it should be up to the landowner.	Generally support economic development activities.			I am concerned that there will be too many ordinances and rules that deter investment and infringe on landowner rights.

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21	Yes	3/20/2021 15:17:43	We moved to get away from the subdivisions in Allen Co. We stay because we like the Rural landscape.	Rural character is fields and woods. Not a lot of houses if any. Suburban character is a lot of houses (not our cup of tea). In our opinion character is lost with the subdivisions. Subdivisions are beneficial and serve a great purpose but do not belong in a rural setting.	Additional development close to towns within our Co. could be subdivisions. I would NOT like to see additional subdivisions in East Jefferson. Keep the subdivisions close to towns in our county.	Mainly chip and seal of existing dirt roads. Evaluate problem areas (high accident) for potential improvement. Keep on the existing path.	None that I'm aware of.
22	Yes	3/20/2021 15:24:57	We wanted to live in a rural setting. We live in Jefferson township	country vs city			
23	Yes	3/20/2021 15:29:52	Moved to Whitley County to get away from the iron fist rules of Allen County	rural is not being able to yell across a fence to you neighbor, and not having fences between properties. Suburban is subdivision	Single family only in unincorporated areas. No apartments	chip & seal gravel roads	
24	Yes	3/20/2021 19:50:32	Love living where I have land and neighbors not on top of each other. I did not expect thought that some asshole would buy land much later after I bought mine and would threaten to erect CFO's by using bought and paid county officials to get his way. Small town government corruption at it's best.	Rural character - large tracks of crop land. Animals outdoors grazing not kept in inhumane buildings - NOT FACTORY FARMS. Suburban Character - subdivisions	Higher end estate homes in the country.	Eliminate dirt roads in the county where housing access is used.	

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21	No opinion	ROI on residential solar is ~1.5%. With inflation ~2% I'm not sure if it's worth the investment for the Co. I would rather have a solar installation then a housing addition.	Yes try to keep in same area. Larwill could benefit from additional industry.	None that I'm aware of.	No opinion.	My wife and I moved to Whitley County to raise our family in a rural setting away from housing additions. Housing additions are our main concern and could force us to relocate. We enjoy the rural character.
22		Solar is preferable vs wind turbines				
23	NO! If not regulation farming operations a one acre lot is not that big of an issue	That would depend of the solar ordinance at the time of the project. If we do not get thrown under the bus by or state reps and senators. Do NOT implement this plan with a bias in favor of wind and solar neither of which are truly environmentally friendly	yes to all. Where that will depend on the type of industry. Wind and or solar NOWHERE	treat farmers and other land / homeowners as equals	as stated multiple times in the plan document broadband must be a priority	5.9 puts child care and senior care in the same basket which should not be done
24	Yes	Would not have an issue with it if there were barriers so I could not see it. Half mile minimum distance.	Focus in existing areas.	Micro pulse keeps expanding on US 14 and should have been moved to an Industrial park setting off of US 30 years ago. But again Emerick has the county government in his back pocket.		Someone putting a CFO near me and upwind.

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25	Yes	3/21/2021 10:16:20	Smaller schools lower taxes	Rural character is lacking industrial businesses mostly farms and dispersed single family houses barns and outbuildings It would not include medium to large animal confinement businesses. Suburban character would reflect concentrated housing typically on larger lots, mostly single family or duplex homes, with sidewalks	More middle to lower income housing	Required connection between developments to allow better access of emergency vehicles A review of county road 800 and the rail crossing south of Steele dynamics. Signage from highway 24 indicates City Rd 800 is a truck route to steel dynamics, so the road should be maintained as such.	Not at this time
26	Yes	3/21/2021 12:06:37	Open area, friendly people, clean fresh air.	More wide open spaces devoid of large industrial development, noise, and pollution	1-5 acre lots without industrial interference.	Larger berms and visibility for bikes and pedestrians. Better visibility at intersections	no
27	Yes	3/21/2021 12:54:22	Proximity to Fort Wayne and rural setting.		Middle class and high-end options.	Eliminate gravel roads. Also, if US 30 becomes a freeway, understand and prepare for the effects, i.e., increased traffic, upon SR 14. Lobbying State officials for proper funding for a more durable surface material may be necessary. Some of the east/west county roads will feel similar impacts; typical chip and seal applications will not hold up.	

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25	Erosion control should always be considered as its impact is not limited to the land the erosion occurs on. It is in the public's interest to manage erosion from any source	Half mile over would not be an issue for me	It makes sense to have industry closer together as infrastructures should be available and road systems can be designed to handle the weight and volume	Amount of space between existing use and the projected use The impact on the individual owner as far as property value is too often outweighed by the county's objectives	Teenagers have nothing to attract them or keep them in the area	Healthcare and county support
26	Also: Control air pollution from industrial farms.	Control of truck traffic during construction and potential road damage. Ensure there is no glare or reflection into existing facilities. (can be very easily sited to prevent this. Other than that, great idea.	Still lots of area available in Park 30 and Rail Connect. New areas of industrial growth should be sited away from existing residential areas and have immediate access to US 30 to limit congestion.	Air pollution from new proposed industrial farms must be regulated and kept in separate zone areas with minimal population density and conflict.		Breath clean air without the risk of toxic fumes and disease carrying microbes.
27	Yes	I need a better understanding from academic experts on the safety and health effects, if any, and appraised property devaluation, if any.	Focus on expansion of existing areas.	Micropulse probably should have relocated to an industrial park when expansion moved beyond a "garage shop" type of operation.	Trail system connecting minimally to Allen County trails.	Designating Confined Feeding Operations as a separate land use and enforcing more stringent setback requirements to prevent conflict with surrounding areas where even light (large lot) residential uses exist.

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28	Yes	3/21/2021 12:56:55	To get away from the city.				
29	Yes	3/21/2021 13:01:17					
30	Yes	3/21/2021 14:35:20	I've always lived in Whitley County and I choose to live here because of the pride I have on what we offer and how we have coexisted for many years. In more recent years it's been disappointing to see the selfishness of some individual landowners who only want what they want and don't consider the needs of others in what they are asking. Confined Feeding should never be placed in areas that are already populated with a number of homes it has happened.	Rural characters means living in areas where there is land to spread out. Grain Farmers and individual home owners can easily coexist. Confined Feeding Operations, though, are industrial farming and there isn't any place for that in a traditional rural character setting where many homes are nearby.	Continue to allow individual homes throughout the county on appropriately sized parcels of land. Housing additions with larger lots (around a half-acre or more) would be appropriate throughout the county (including areas where water and sewage are already available like Jefferson Township). Agreed that the tiny lot sizes aren't as appealing.	US 30 needs to be an Freeway/Interstate; County Roads need to continue to be serviced and maintained. Limit the use of Semi trucks on the rural roads. Some are traveling at 55 mph down the county roads and not only are the roads not holding up but the trucks have no business using those roads when State Highways are nearby.	

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28	no	Large scale should not be allowed in areas that have significant residential. At least 2miles away from rural residential areas.		CFO's being allowed in Jefferson township.		I have a pool and a pond that I built for my kids and grandkids to enjoy outdoors. many days we can go outside because of the current stench from the veal CFO. I feel like I will have to move.
29		Negative impact to the surrounding properties				
30	If this has been determined to be an issue it should be looked into. Otherwise is it necessary?	The way REMC is doing it near their Substation seems to make sense, but it's not an ideal thing to have near other homes. Location is important for such a citing.	Stick with where you have already started along US 30. Be careful that new industries don't produce lots of pollutants or have discharges unacceptable to the environment and citizenry of Whitley County.	The approval of Confined Feeding should be very limited to the far Rural areas of the county with extremely few houses nearby. Jefferson Township should be off limits for any further Confined Feeding requests. This could be said for any additional Industrial Farming or other Industrial Business requests. Look to see what houses you have already approved. With so many dwellings and residences eliminate the conflict by NOT grading such requests near houses.	Everyone should have free access to the library; Trail expansion and park expansions would be great. Connecting into nearby trails would be great.	The rural quality of life could change due to the approval of industrial operations (new businesses, alternative energy productions, confined feeding operations) that advantage that owner but interfere with the way of life for our existing citizens. It's not always about making it easy for someone else to make a buck...what about the rest of the people who live here as well? Their needs need to be taken into account. We need more/better elder care options and facilities. We are very limited in those offerings.

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31	Yes	3/21/2021 14:55:30	I've been here over 80+ years. I was born in the county, and I've always lived on the same farm.	Rural character means houses that are not as close together where there are more open fields. Suburban character means houses are together more in a housing addition, and the houses are closer together.	Jefferson Township already has many multi-million dollar homes. I would like to see more growth in higher priced houses in this area of the county.	Improvements to US30 with an improved highway system would help with safety and improve traffic.	
32	Yes	3/21/2021 15:26:34					

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31			The focus of the county should be where there is already existing industrial areas.	In Jefferson Township there is an AGP zoning conflict with residents that was created by approval of rezoning.		It appears in Jefferson Township that the zoning is being changed to support industrial farming. There are significant concerns in this part of the county that lifelong residents will be forced to live next to a CAFO. Having lived in this area for 80+ years, the majority of the residents in this area prefer to live next to farmers, not industrial agricultural operators.
32	Yes	I would have not problem with solar				

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33	Yes	3/21/2021 16:28:29	I am a life-long resident. My house is built on property that was once owned by my grandparents. I stay because I like the location. I have lived here 50+ years.	Rural character means peaceful living with open fields. It also means neighbors helping neighbors. Industrial farming, for example, would not be part of rural character because industry refers to manufacturing of some nature. Suburban character means houses are closer together with smaller yards.	Middle income to upper income housing needs to be encourage to expand in Jefferson Township. This area could also support more expensive housing because there are already multi-million dollar homes in Whitley County in this area. This would help the tax base for the county, and it is an ideal area in which to live due to its location to Fort Wayne and Columbia City.	Some of the county intersections are very dangerous in the summer time when the grass gets tall. A schedule for keeping the grass at the intersections mowed would also make it safer on our roads.	
34	Yes	3/21/2021 19:06:39	Enough land to ride ATV's, large garden, swim in a pond, wood to heat the house. Low taxes, friendly people	Rural Character to me is Traditional farming (not intense CFO/CAFO, solar), house on a couple acres (3+)to ride ATV's, fish, swim. Suburban, out in the county, housing addition with large lots such as 1-5 acres	All types just in different areas, close to Allen County \$300 and up, lower closer to town	some roads and bridges need to be wider	not that I see
35	Yes	3/21/2021 20:11:51					

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33	I don't think a home on a one acre lot is likely going to cause a lot of stormwater/erosion issues. Houses in the county have tile the helps with stormwater runoff.	I would not be interested in living near a solar farm. Solar farms need to be placed in an industrial area since it is an industrial business. Just like our utility companies are in an industrial area, solar farms should also be located in an industrial park since they likely would be utility resources.	The county should expand on existing industrial areas. They are already located near major road ways.	There are conflicts with homeowners and industrial farms now in several places in the county. These conflicts were create because the Plan Commission did not follow their current Comprehensive Plan or their current Zoning Ordinances. Industrial farming is a business, and established residents don't want to live near a hog farm. I don't think homeowners necessarily want to live near a factory that is just situated wherever in the county either.	I think in the city limits of Columbia City, they have done a nice job of making pocket parks in the alleyways. It would be nice in the county if trails were planned. This would benefit all age groups.	I am concerned that the county officials don't listen to all constitutes in the county, and they are not open to views that don't align with their opinions. The Plan Commission is also not willing to look at unbiased data and follow their zoning ordinances at times. They have allowed in the past one landowner to monopolize the area in which I live in the county. Even when 300+ homeowners spoke out against the proposed zoning changes, the changes were still allowed because one landowner wanted what they wanted. Zoning Ordinances are supposed to prevent conflict, not create it, but the county allowed this zoning change to create conflict that was not there previously.
34		Too many un-know effects at this time. The tax payers should not be responsible for any maintenance, or removal. All cost should be between the landowner and the solar field owner	Build on the areas we currently have	Biggest conflicts are residential and intense Ag	not that I can think of	AG limiting what the smaller land owners can do. The taking of land due to set back being not from the property line but from structures. This is an easement for AG, that the smaller land owner is not compensated for.
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36	Yes	3/21/2021 22:17:01	We stay in Whitley county because of the small town, rural community feel that allows us to live a slow paced life while also giving us access to nearby communities which provide a unique variety of opportunities.	rural character is not only constrained to types of buildings such as those familiar to agriculture, but also an overall value system that is comprised of a family-first atmosphere. When suburban character comes to mind it drums up thoughts of homes close together amongst more hustle and bustle. Neighbors who live side by side, but may not know each others names.	I keep hearing that we need housing, but I don't know for whom. Whoever needs it, needs to find it located close to our established communities encouraging new residents to spend their dollars and time at Whitley county businesses and establishments.		
37	Yes	3/21/2021 22:56:42	Family lives here. Love the area. Good school environment.	Unsure of my answer on that	Unsure. I like the idea that each house has to have so many acres, so homes are not so close.	Snow plowing on weekends would be nice. Don't always see that.	
38	Yes	3/21/2021 23:47:52	I like the rural small town feel and we still are close to a larger city	Rural character means a more family community where you know your neighbors	single family homes near utilities		

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36	Again, seems expensive unless this is an environmental emergency that I'm not aware of.	Not crazy about their looks. A roof installation is more appealing than a field, but property rights need to find a high value in this conversation. More concerned with the lack of long term research showing their benefits.				I'm concerned that the heritage of our county will be lost in favor of the new and shiny. If that happens, dozens of generationally deep families will no longer have a reason to stay and our children won't have a reason to return.
37		Would not want it to extensively obstruct our open view. Also, would like any company to plant around edges, if it was visually "ugly". I would rather have solar than wind.		They are wanting to put in CAFO's CAFO's in Jefferson twp. We don't want anymore!!!! No one wants to live next to that. Our housing and land values would plummet.	We need some Places for older kids and young adults to hang out	
38		i think it should be up to the area residences. not a blank county exemption		there is a very small group trying to cause problems for agriculture		

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39	Yes	3/22/2021 0:16:35	I was born and raised here. I stay here because this is where my family is.	Rural character is room to breathe -- wide open spaces -- privacy. Suburban character is too many people packed together in small spaces -- suffocating -- no privacy -- being able to see into the next house.	I'd like to see a villaminium development in SE Jefferson Twp. I'm not aware of any other condos/villas in the county except in Eagle Glen.	widening of 800E/County Line Road (Allen/Whitley Co)	

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39		<p>I believe solar to be a terrible use of farmland and an environmentally harmful use of farmland. Solar is a very inefficient and dilute source of energy -- only producing approximately 19% of nameplate capacity in this area. It is intermittent, and undispachable, and therefore requires an equal MW amount of natural gas capacity somewhere to be utilized during the night and when the sun is not shining. It is an industry driven by government subsidy (in other words, subsidized by ratepayers and taxpayers) to the tune of 26% of capital cost of a project given to the developer in tax credits. Solar is more heavily subsidized than any other form of energy. I would want to make sure there are no PFAS chemicals on the panels. I would want to know what the recycling plan is for thousands of solar panels consisting of glass & heavy metals. If they're broken, the metals can leach out and get into groundwater. I'm concerned about panels coming from China as there is evidence coming out that they're manufactured by forced labor of the Uighur people. In terms of aesthetics, I would be concerned about glare. I'd also be concerned about loss of property value.</p>	<p>I would love to see some sort of industry/manufacturing go into South Whitley and help revive the town.</p>			<p>I would like to see a condo/villa development somewhere in SE Jefferson Twp. I think there would be a market for it, and many people are more connected to SW Fort Wayne than to Columbia City. I don't believe there are currently any condos in Whitley County other than in Eagle Glen.</p>

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40	No	Drop-off	We came to live in a rural county that was not too busy on roads or over populated but within 60 minute drive to work. We wanted a lifestyle that was relaxed, simple, not too busy, and neighbors who are there for you but respect privacy. We wanted a view so we bought it and positioned our house for it and a great sacrifice. Choices.	Rural- farms of all sizes. No houses within 1/4 mile. Quiet. Respect of privacy. Suburban- city folk. Housing developments with sidewalks. Busyness, traffic. Noisy. People who live on a small plot but want to use and have a say about others' property. Lack of respect.	Farmsteads- places with acreage where the land is cared for as the asset. Small towns for these individual homes. Space between houses, lots of it. Stick built homes, not modulars or mobile homes.	Paved roads throughout with paved berms no gravel and stone. Then bike and walking paths are solved. 2-3 foot berms.	No.
41	No	Drop-off	Because I love the country. Stable acres is so peaceful and beautiful! Got away from city living and expenses! Don't shove the sewer systems down our throats! <u>We do not want it!!</u>	Country- peaceful, quiet! Wildlife, birds.	Maybe more senior living. Take care of what we have! Woods, birds, wildlife environment!	Doing a good job.	

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Unique ID	Should erosion control / stormwater management be required for small scale (e.g. home on a one acre lot) projects? (See Recommendation 3.2)	What opinions would you have about a large-scale solar installation if one were to be constructed about a half mile from your home? (See Recommendation 3.4)	Should the County focus on development and expansion of the existing industrial areas, or are new, different, or additional areas needed? Where? What kind? (See Recommendation 4.5)	What, if any, conflicts are there currently between industrial/business uses and residences, or other uses? (See Recommendation 4.6)	Are there any segments of the population (e.g. young people, families, older adults) that would benefit from additional amenities in the County and what kinds of amenities are most needed? (See Recommendations 5.7 and 5.12)	What concerns do you have about being able to live in Whitley County as you (or your children) get older? (See Recommendation 5.9)
40	We shouldn't be building 1 acre lots in rural or ag districts, period. You can't let houses cause we spots for neighbors no matter if a yard, field, or woods.	Would not bother me.	First, utilize existing areas to the maximum. If expand, go to the edges of current. We already put in a couple 2-3 new Industrial TIF areas. That should cover the next 20 years.	Residences who build or live in agriculture areas need to stop bitching. A farm is a farm. If they don't like it, they need to move. In reverse, if a residence is near a noisy populace, they need to move if they want quiet. And as is happening where County failed to protect rural, they are moving the farms.	Benches in towns and parks. Not enough places for older people to sit. A dog park. Senior gathering spots to visit and play games or cards, maybe exercise that are free, where meals-on-wheels could drop lunches. Mobile clinics to small villages that include basic medical checks, eye exams, podiatrist every month.	Intrusion by local government. Taxes, fees, referendums from schools. We are past being able to increase incomes. Property fees and taxables are <u>not</u> fair. The home and ground may be all a widow has. Don't tax them to lose that also.
41	Stable Acres we went to Scott Wagner- also drainage board- to no avail!	Check out migrating birds and animals so it would not affect them - <u>they</u> live here too!	NO!		Senior affordable places to live!	More senior places to live that are affordable.

Form Whitley County, Community Choices Engagement -- Character Type and Draft Future Land Use Map Comments

Location Description (if applicable)	Comment
	Avoid intense farming within 1 mile of lakes
Richmond rural conventional	I think the rural traditional district should further extend North. There are very large fields and minimal residential development in this area. Where there is residential, it is rural in character. Consider this in other rural conventional areas, too.
Larwill (WCA)	Especially east of WCA, it is not appropriate for development. (Around Larwill Lake) consider floodways and plains when marking areas for development. Also the landowners intentions and current use.
East Jefferson	I support the description of the mixed rural character type for this area, however I do not believe it should be developed like suburban living. It should maintain its rural character and promote residential development closer to municipalities in the county.
Rural-conventional	Should continue to include large/moderate farms
Blue Lake South	Housing development needs to be mixed rural, possibly suburban.
650 E --> 550 E westward	Need to be rural conventional.
Peabody + Tunker + Etna + Collamer?	Loraine needs some designation like other villages.
	I understand the map and descriptions. Not sure I would refer to it except occasionally.
	<p>Future Character and Land Use definitions remain too vague. Would like to see a cross-walk between current 10-Land Classifications and 10-Character Types. Unlike current plan which delineates land classification adjacency there is no effort to do the same with Character Types. Recommend that Mixed Rural specifically rule out any new CFOs. Agree with most areas marked Rural-Traditional.</p> <p>Comparing the Future Land Use Map with the current Land Classification Map I am pleased to see an expanded Mixed Rural area starting a 600N extending south to 250N. However, Rural-Conventional is expanded from 500N to 300N along SR #9. This does not make sense as the areas between SR. # 9 & 109 have utility infrastructure in place. You should not accommodate the Hinen;s and Barnett's by this expansion of Rural-Conventional. Also don't understand way the area north of Northern Heights Grade School remains Rural-Conventional up to 600n. There should be a one-mile setback/buffer around schools in the county from CFOs which is based on science.</p> <p>Looking at the Land Use Map compared to the 2017 Overlay Map there should be a 1,320 ft. setback from both SR # 9 & 109.</p> <p>It will be interested to see how the Future Land Use Map is reflected on a new County Zoning Map.</p>
	Do not encroach upon individual property rights. Individual property rights take precedence. Watch for government over reach! What is the definition of too many chiefs and no indians. Will be watching you people closely!
	To allow for well-planned but controlled growth, Mixed Rural needs to be expanded around some of the lake areas and further westward in Jefferson Twp. Why not split the township in half at the 500 E mark? Also the area around S. Whitley seems to need more of a transitional (Rural-Conventional) buffer zone. It appears to be the only location in the county where this more gradual land use transition does not exist. I would alter the definition of Rural-Conventional somewhat. Larger scale farming is acceptable except where confined feeding operations are concerned. They either should not be allowed or permitted only as exemptions with special setbacks and approval subject to public hearings. Discouraging non-farm residences will be difficult to enforce with many landowners subdividing for construction of family residences.

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	<p>It appears Mixed Rural on the map and in the definitions allows for 'small scale commercial farming' and that is too unclear. What small means to everyone cannot be agreed upon. It should say NO CFO in mixed as it seems it is land set aside for rural and urban development and CFO's are not conducive to that mixed used.</p>
	<p>Looking at the proposed 'Mixed Rural' land on the DRAFT Future Character and Land Use map, specifically the land just south of 14 and west of county line road (in Jefferson County). I provided comments on this earlier in the survey, but I do not want this land re-zoned for fear of future development of subdivisions (which I know has already been proposed by builders such as Granite Ridge). Builders will position this area as a cheap (i.e. taxes) place to live with the benefits of 'being in southwest Allen County'. I live in this area, and it is easier/more desirable to do ALL of my shopping/dining/etc. in Fort Wayne. Especially as they are continuing development along 14. I am not sure the cost to the city/county to provide infrastructure & supporting services to this area are the potential property taxes to be collected worth it? I think the subdivisions should stay closer to the current Columbia City municipalities, and leave our rural areas as they are.</p>
	<p>I'm sorry. I really don't know what I am to say here. I see nothing disagreeable on the maps.</p>
	<p>I strongly oppose any character references as it relates to land use. This is an infringement of land owner rights.</p>
	<p>The East Jefferson section that's marked as "mixed rural" should be "rural-conventional". We moved to this area expecting it to maintain its rural landscape. Most people in this area are against developments such as housing additions. Please listen to the people who live in this area. If East Jefferson maintains its "mixed rural" characterization I would like to see the intent to "allow the division of land for subdivisions" to be removed. I prefer no new developments in my area (East Jefferson).</p>
	<p>My response is regarding Jefferson township specifically, but could easily pertain to other areas in Whitley county. I do not want to see additional CAFO's in this area. Aside from my concerns with what it does to our groundwater, if the wind is from the right direction it can ruin an outdoor event and make having your windows open out of the question. We have no problem with traditional agriculture mixed with residential living. Having additional CFO's in this area will destroy future growth. I can't imagine what it would do to the resale value of our home. I believe that if in fact a CAFO is approved it needs to have the same setbacks as a wind turbine would require. I would also reference the Purdue study in this regard. The easiest solution would be to follow the spirit of the current comp plan and reiterate that in this updated comp plan "NO CFO's in this area!!!" We would like to see the the high quality rural residential and traditional agricultural environment maintained.</p>
	<p>There are multiple locations in the county that have been ignored by the map as an example in the east 700 south area around 500 east the home grouping would better be described as mixed rural as opposed to rural conventional this seems to be yet another example of the plans support of farming over all other homeowners. rural conventional should be abolished and replaced with mixed rural</p>

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	<p>Why was transitional agricultural eliminated from this draft when it was in the 2011 plan. Also I object to the addition of non-farm residences being discouraged in the rural conventional definition. Why was the mixed rural boundaries moved farther to the east from 600 S in Jefferson township. In the 2011 plan the extended all the way to 600 S. I know why... Emerick bought the land that borders the west side of 600. He then petitioned to have the zoning changed to AGP claiming he wanted to preserve the land for farming even though there were other ways to do it. There are numerous homes on the east side of 600 that were there prior to him buying his property on the west side. He should never have been allowed to change the zoning to AGP. This map at least in Jefferson township looks like it was bought and paid for by Brian Emerick. I almost wonder why I even bothered with doing this feedback since no one in the county government listed to</p>
	<p>Possible to have buffer zones around zones that would allow a transition from one designated purpose to another when it may be an extreme change in use.</p>
	<p>The mixed residential area in SW Jefferson must be returned to it's original size and be protected with a buffer of a minimum of 1 mile from any new industrial animal processing facilities. The facilities have been show to promote disease and illness for several miles from the facility and local residents need protection from these diseases.Documentation has been presented to the commissioners, and the the Plan Commission showing the clear danger of mixing residential and animal processing facilities.</p>
	<p>Rural-Conventional description may be somewhat problematic. Large scale farming should be separated from confined feeding operations, which then can be regulated specifically (as indicated in previous responses). Discouraging non-farm residences may be problematic given the relatively frequent establishment of subdivisions for construction of housing for family members.</p>
	<p>I bought property in Jefferson Township. My home is my biggest asset and when I purchased it the plan recommendation didn't allow foe CFO's. The recommendation to change didn't pass and the lame duck commissioners ignored the plea of hundreds of Jefferson township residents and voted with their friend to change the zoning. Stick to the original plan reverse the zoning change.</p>

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A few months ago we did an on-line survey for the future of Whitley County. And now, along comes another survey. I believe the prior survey and the many meetings with the planning commission should have been enough to let local officials know how those of us who reside in Southeast Jefferson township really feel.

I look at your current Future Character and Land Use Map and see that the land classification for our area has changed from Rural Residential to Rural Conventional, which we are certain is the result of the nearby rezoning from AG to AGP. Rather than listen to the concerns of those of us in the Southeast, the Planning Commission has chosen to ignore us.

30 years ago when we built our home, we chose to build a home rather than build an investment. We decided this area of Whitley County was a great place to live, even into our retirement years. We no longer consider this a possibility. We are not multi-millionaires, and like all middle-class citizens, we want our property values to increase. Given the future outlook for our area, (AGP rezoning, the possibility of mid-sized CFO's, commercial or retail space, institutional, 2 family dwellings), the hopes of our property values going up is no longer a possibility.

Because of your words, "Non-farm residences are generally discouraged," we regret choosing this area to build our home. Again, large rural residential houses help raise surrounding property values, and provide much needed tax revenue.

According to the Intent section of your Character Type Definition, you wish to "Protect and enhance natural scenic areas." Why then, may we ask, when farmland was purchased along East County Line Rd, the wooded area that had been there for years was immediately razed to make way for more farmland? If flat farmland is the County's idea of enhancing a natural scenic area, something is wrong with their future thinking.

We feel we are wasting our time with this survey. It seems as if the County has a plan already and is just trying to make concerned citizens feel as if our input really matters, when in fact, it doesn't.

You need to change the colors on these maps so there are more contrast between the areas. Everything looks so pale/pastel that you can't distinguish which color some sections even area.

Jefferson Township should be predominantly Mixed Rural and not Rural - Conventional. We have far more houses in this Township than Rural Conventional allows for. Specifically on County Road 600 East and 500 East four new houses have been approved in the past couple of months and another 3 on County Road 700 East, yet we see that the East Side of 600 East in Jefferson Township is listed as Rural Conventional. At a minimum Jefferson Township should be listed as Mixed Rural as far West as 400 East and include the area of Stable Acres. There are approximately 54 homes on County Road 600 East in Jefferson Township alone yet this Map indicates it as Rural Conventional. That isn't true. City Water and/or Sewer are within 3/4 of a mile of County Road 600 East alone and this is on adjacent areas of State Road 14, County Road 800 South and County Road 900 South. If the proposed Map line in Jefferson Township between Rural Conventional and Mixed Rural were to be moved to at least to County Road 500 East (with County Road 500 South as a Northern Boundary and State Road 114 as a Southern Boundary) as the dividing line this would add include another 65 homes. The whole Eastern half of Jefferson Township is Mixed Rural not Rural Conventional. Even the 2011 Comprehensive Plan took that into account. Why did you move the line further to the East of County Road 600 East with the 2021 draft? If anything you have built far more homes in these areas since 2011. You just approved another 3 more home sites on County Road 500 East in February 2021. The Mixed Rural line should be drawn at least along County Road 500 East and include all the Township Sections on the Eastern Half of Jefferson Township plus including Stable Acres.

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	<p>In Jefferson Township, on 600 E there are approximately 50+ houses between SR 114 and 500S. These houses, on the proposed plan, are zoned as Rural-Conventional. Many of these houses have municipalities close (less than a mile), and some already utilize sewer and natural gas services. These are established houses, and they better fit the category of Mixed Rural based on your land use descriptions. The dividing line from Rural-Conventional and Mixed Rural should be moved closer to the middle of the township near 400E. On the current Comprehensive Plan, these houses were classified as Rural Residential. The dividing line needs to be located at a more defined location such as a road way. It's arbitrarily marked on the map, and the line needs to move farther west not east. Established houses are not likely to change, so the zoning map needs to reflect that there is already Mixed Rural housing in those land areas. There is also approved growth for future houses being built within that area which should be reflected on the future zoning map.</p>
	<p>While I have no problem with traditional agriculture, most of the people that live by me in rural Jefferson township do not want to see a CAFO built. I do not believe the wants of one should override the wants of the majority. Regardless of how much money he has!!!</p>
	<p>In the Jefferson Township area, specifically on 600E, 800 S, and 500 E. There is already established housing. From SR 114 to the north at Bass Road (500E), just on 600E there are approximately 50 houses. The zoning on this Map has these houses classified as Rural-Conventional (I think). The colors on the map are hard to tell exactly if it's Rural-Conventional or Open Space and Conservation. All of these houses fit more in the classification of Mixed Rural. The dividing line needs to move farther to the west, not the east. Rural-Conventional is what it appears to be classified, but there is already municipalities in the general area. New housing should be encourage in the area, not discouraged. There is natural gas on 600E and 800S. There are also sewer lines within a 1/2 mile of some of these houses, and some houses already have sewer and natural gas utilities. Extensive housing is already established in that area, and the Planning Commissioners even recently approved more single houses in that general area. Mixed Rural needs to be divided at a road way, not some arbitrary line down a section. The Mixed Rural needs to move a few miles over to 400E to encompass more homeowners because the new housing that was recently approved supports that. Why was this lined moved arbitrarily to the east in the middle of the section when the current Comprehensive plan it is farther to the west? The houses in my neighborhood didn't move, and most residence in the area would support the line being moved farther to the west. It might be helpful to plot out all of the housing in Jefferson Township already established as well as newly approved zoning for new house. Utilities should also be marked on the map. Much information that Nathan Bilger shares at Planning Commission meetings is inaccurate about the Jefferson Township area when he presents information, and sometimes it is biased towards farmers in the area. The colors on the map are confusing for Open Space and Conservation as compared to Rural-Convention.</p>
	<p>The Suburban and Rural convention need a larger area in East Jefferson TWP. Currently public/private sewer are already available in some of these ares, that will only grow in the near future. Need to have a way to specify Intense AG areas.</p>

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	General Map Comment - My location makes sense on this map. Please pay regard to those residents giving feedback on where they live. We need to plan for the future with current residents front of mind. Ag Traditional and Conventional Comment - Careful with forbidding those who have chosen to keep their agricultural land for agricultural purpose from ANY new residence. This type of property owner is unlikely to stray from an occasional new family home because of their commitment to the preservation of agriculture. It does become necessary on occasion to provide additional housing close in proximity to agricultural facilities for those taking care of the farm especially when new generations are given the opportunity to join in a family business.
	No more CAFO's or CFOs in Jefferson twp.

What's on your mind? General Comments

This should not be used to further "push out" agriculture and potential ag development. As the character types are described, I mostly support them. We also need to keep in mind those families with generational farms, and their potential needs for growth, despite their location. Residential development probably moved towards them. Residential residents need to understand when they move into rural areas, it can mean ag development.

This was a good process overall. Too many goals- duplicates could be eliminated. Several goals really seems like oversteps and be intrusive on property rights. Several seemed to have too broad of focus. Simplify with a few objectives for each goal like 2-4 would be much more public friendly. Soft edges on Character Types is a nightmare! It offers the same problem we have had from previous comp plan... uncertainty. What is the intent more development or preservation of rural? Positions change so who knows how next people will interpret these. We learned from all our troubles a few things about Whitley County: 1) Property rights are sacred. 2) People need to know what Rural means. 3) People want certainty- but it can't be had unless you own it! They need to know this.

Please help support Team Henry and our local downtown business "Running Around" screen printing. THANK YOU!

Realize this an update but fail to see hardly any new recommendations/objectives. Many recommendations are routine and not either problem or project oriented, nor measurable. The lack of real progress on many of the repeat recommendations/objectives over the past decade is most concerning.

Statement 1D from the October FORM public forum read "The County would benefit from clearer direction regarding the location of CFOs" and yielded a score of 3.7 marking agreement. Yet this issue is not addressed in the draft materials. Why?

On March 2, 2021 the Planning Director circulated drafts prior to the second round of public engagement and completely deleted the original 1.13 which stated "Prepare a Recommended Buffer and Setbacks and/or Strategy for CFOs that would recognize both existing ag and residential areas and include reciprocal preferred distances between uses." Why was this recommendation deleted and by whom? The current CFO ordinance falls short on cogent setbacks for schools, churches, public use and recreational areas, businesses, and water wells. For countless months there have been misrepresentations to the Plan Commission about IDEM minimum setbacks.

The process of planning is just as important if not more important than the outcome. Hopefully all residents and constituents will be heard and input considered worthy during the second round of engagement and not just the select elites or restricted task forces.

Compliments to planningNEXT for providing their leadership. Thank you.

Some ideas have merit but other policies if implemented will encroach on the constitutional rights of landowners in Whitley County

Overall, appreciate the time and effort that has gone into developing this.

Seems good

I believe the plan is quite well thought out. I believe communication of it to the citizens of Whitley County will be a stumbling block because we just do not have a good method of communication. If we are going to rely on internet, we needed better broadband!

I strongly oppose any character references as it relates to land use. This is an infringement of land owner rights.

Please do not allow subdivisions in my area (East Jefferson).

What's on your mind? General Comments

This plan strikes me as something I would expect from a central planning agency in Russia. Attempts to include multifamily structures in the majority of situations is wrong what is multi family in your context? apartments, duplexes? The wording and feeling one derives from this document is one of heavy handed control.

The county has done a fine job in this draft. The only changes I saw reflected on the priorities. Thank for the opportunity to comment on the draft

There appears to be a clear bias against residential growth in Jefferson Township.

WHY?

The best way to grow the county, pay for the new school, and keep people healthy and happy is to allow and promote residential growth from SW Fort Wayne to continue its growth into SE Whitley.

The current plan was fine. Just get the new commissioners to follow it!

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More research needs to be done on different areas of the county prior to approving this proposal and zoning map changes. One person's opinion on an area should not be interpreted as facts about that area. Data needs to be used to make informed decisions about future land uses.

It is important to base your plan and future decisions on accurate data and current trends in the county. Some of the recommendations appear to be more farm community friendly, but the purpose of a Comprehensive Plan is to provide fairness to all constituents, and it should not show favoritism to those who own farmland versus those who are homeowners. While we are a farming community, some recommendations are biased in nature to the farming community. Some effort should be made to collect accurate data and research on growth trends should be made prior to finalizing decisions on this plan.