



Milltown Public Meeting #2
January 8, 2024

Meeting Summary

The project team facilitated the second public meeting for the Milltown Comprehensive Plan, part of the Harrison County Town Planning Initiative, on January 8, 2024. The meeting occurred at Milltown Town Hall at 215 West Main Street in Milltown, Indiana. The meeting was attended by two TSWDG members, the Milltown Town Council, and several other residents of Milltown. The purpose of the meeting was to present a draft of the vision, goal statements, and big ideas from the Milltown Comprehensive Plan to the community. The project team also gathered feedback on those items for review.

Attendees –

- Six members of the Milltown Town Council
- 11 community members
- Amy Williams – TSWDG
- Matt Pytel – TSWDG

Overview and Discussion

The project team prepared a vision, three goal statements, 15 big ideas, a future land use map, and a future transportation map for the Milltown Comprehensive plan. These items were presented on nine boards at the January 2024 Milltown Town Council meeting. Each board was used to gather input for the Milltown Comprehensive Plan. The following is a summary of the community comments and feedback heard at the meeting.

Board #1: Draft Vision Statement

- Our Vision for the Future
 - Ten community members agreed with the vision statement.
 - Three said they prefer the full version of the vision statement over the alternate shortened version.

Board #2: Draft Goal Statements

- Theme #1: Celebrate Our Assets
 - Nine community members agreed with our statement for Theme #1.
- Theme #2: Build Quality Places
 - Eight community members agreed with our statement for Theme #2.

- Theme #3: Collaborate to Expand Our Offerings
 - Eight community members agreed with our statement for Theme #3.

Board #3: Draft Big Ideas

- Placemaking Big Idea #1
 - Eight community members agreed with this big idea.
- Placemaking Big Idea #2
 - Nine community members agreed with this big idea.
- Placemaking Big Idea #3
 - Six community members agreed with this big idea.
 - Two community members liked the idea but did not agree with how it was stated.
 - One community member felt that this idea targets low-income property owners. Another felt that individual residents should not have access to municipal resources for property repairs.
 - Another suggested offering low-income housing options in the area.

Board #4: Draft Big Ideas

- Parks, Recreation, & Trails Big Idea #1
 - Nine community members agreed with this big idea.
 - Another considered this idea to be high priority.
 - One resident suggested that a new park should include a splash pad.
- Parks, Recreation, & Trails Big Idea #2
 - Seven community members agreed with this big idea.
- Parks, Recreation, & Trails Big Idea #3
 - Eight community members agreed with this big idea.
 - Develop a “history trail” that connects to important, historic locations in the town.

Board #5: Draft Big Ideas

- Land Use Big Idea #1
 - Two community members agreed with this big idea.
- Land Use Big Idea #2
 - Three community members agreed with this big idea.
 - One considered this idea to be high priority.
- Land Use Big Idea #3
 - Three community members agreed with this big idea.
- Utilities Big Idea #1
 - Two community members agreed with this big idea.
 - Another two considered this idea to be high priority.

Board #6: Draft Big Ideas

- Transportation Big Idea #1
 - Six community members agreed with this big idea.
 - One resident said to add more sidewalks around town.

- Transportation Big Idea #2
 - Six community members agreed with this big idea.
 - Three considered this idea to be high priority.

Board #7: Draft Big Ideas

- Economic Development Big Idea #1
 - Four community members agreed with this big idea.
 - One resident considered this idea to be high priority.
- Economic Development Big Idea #2
 - Two community members agreed with this big idea.
 - Gas stations cannot be built in the floodplain.
 - The old bank building could be converted into a gas station.
- Economic Development Big Idea #3
 - Three community members agreed with this big idea.
 - Another resident noted that this idea may be very difficult to implement.

Board #8: Future Land Use

- Want to see more single-family housing in town.

Board #9: Future Transportation

- The Town would like to resurface/widen
 - Main St from the railroad tracks to Church St.
 - Church St from Main St to Speed Rd.
 - Main St from Spencer St to Summer St.
- The Town would like to add sidewalks along
 - Main St from the railroad tracks to Church St.
 - Church St from Main St to Speed Rd.
 - Main St from Spencer St to Summer St.
 - Legion Wy from Main St to Mill St.