



Elizabeth Public Meeting #1
August 30, 2023

Meeting Summary

The project team facilitated the first public meeting for the Elizabeth Comprehensive Plan, part of the Harrison County Town Planning Initiative, on August 30, 2023. The meeting occurred at Wilson's General Store at 8249 Beech Street in Elizabeth, Indiana. The meeting was attended by two TSWDG members. The purpose of the meeting was to gather input from community members for the Elizabeth Comprehensive Plan.

Attendees –

- Willard – Town of Elizabeth
- Hailey Roark – TSWDG
- Matt Pytel – TSWDG

Overview and Discussion

The project team prepared two boards to present to the Elizabeth Community shopping at the General Store. The first board asked residents to complete nine sentences regarding ideas, concerns, potential development in Elizabeth. The second board presented a map of the town and asked residents to place stickers where they would like to see certain development, improvements, or changes. The following is an outline of the input received at the meeting.

Board #1: Join the Conversation!

- My favorite thing about Elizabeth is ...
 - Community togetherness
 - The history
- My biggest concern is ...
 - Broadband – it is difficult to get a computer set up to access my kid's homework
- In order to grow as a community, we must ...
- We are facing housing challenges related to ...
 - Vacant/abandoned housing
- I have an idea ...
 - Bury the utilities underground – looks nicer and less likely to be damaged
 - Electricity – Harrison County REMC, Gas – Indiana Utilities
 - Improve the water system
 - Water is town-owned
 - Rates are increasing to pay for new improvements

- Aging water lines
 - Wastewater treatment plant improvements
 - There is a line to the casino
- We can support business owners by ...
- New development and redevelopment should occur at or along ...
- We could improve our transportation network by ...
- Our parks and recreational facilities could benefit from ...
 - More connectivity with sidewalks
 - Multi use trails

Board #2: Areas of Opportunity

- Blue Sticker – would like to see new businesses or redevelopment at the intersection of Hwy 11 and Beech Street.
- Green Sticker – would like to see new recreational park at Beams Lake, just south of town on Sandy Branch Road.
 - Other comments: the recreation area should include a hiking trail and opportunities for fishing.
 - The town needs a parks board to obtain funding.
 - DNR may provide \$140,000