



Palmyra Public Engagement Event #2

Engagement Summary

September 23, 2021

Meeting Overview

The project team hosted the second public engagement opportunity for the Town of Palmyra on September 23, 2022, at the Pal Wow Festival at Buffalo Trace Park. Approximately 15 people participate in the feedback exercises or talked with a member of the project team. Participants were asked to provide feedback on the draft vision and big ideas for the future. For those unable to attend the in-person meeting, an online survey was made available and advertised through the project website, social media, and handouts.

What did we hear?

There were five presentation boards with draft material for participants to review and provide input. This engagement session was designed for quick, meaningful engagement that could be completed in a timely fashion. All of the input gathered has been summarized on the following pages.



DRAFT VISION STATEMENT

A vision statement is not about what the community is today, it is a statement about what the community wants to do or become in the future!

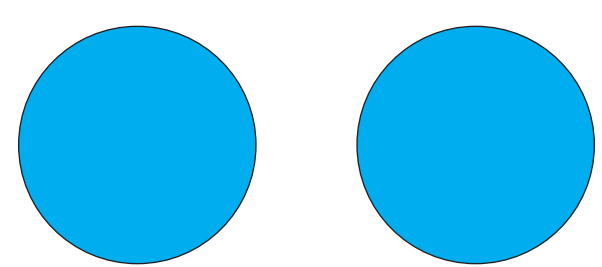
Our Vision for the Future

Once hailed as the crossroads of Indiana, Palmyra is dedicated to maintaining its long-lasting identity of **small-town living**. The close-knit community will work together to **bring new growth** to Palmyra by providing **high-quality recreational opportunities, supporting local business establishments, and enhancing streets and buildings.**

Simplified Version: Palmyra is dedicated to maintaining its long-lasting identity of small-town living while developing new opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

USING THE DOT STICKERS, TELL US HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THE STATEMENT ABOVE.

AGREE



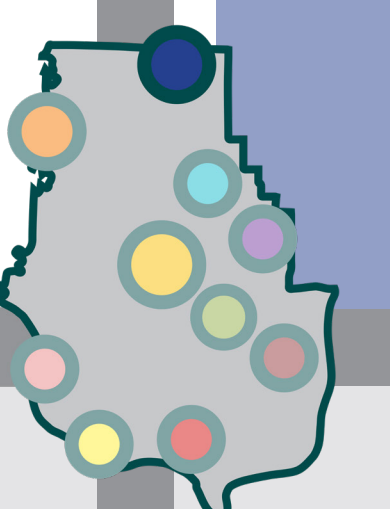
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DISAGREE



COMMENTS? TELL US HERE!

No comments provided by the public.





THEME #1 - CELEBRATE OUR ASSETS
DRAFT GOALS AND BIG IDEAS

Goal #1: Support new programming to enhance Palmyra’s identity and expand recreational opportunities.

BIG IDEAS	AGREE	DISAGREE	COMMENTS
Big Idea #1: Community Events Build upon the success of the Pal Wow Festival by developing small, local events and programming for residents throughout the year.			
Big Idea #2: Beautification Improve the visual appearance of Palmyra through physical improvements including signs, street lights, plantings, and decorative crosswalks.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would love to see decorative light poles with flags
Big Idea #3: Town Gathering Space Identify locations within the town that could be developed into a community gathering space with public amenities.			
Big Idea #4: Protecting Assets Protect Palmyra’s historic and natural assets through smart land use decisions and linking property owners with local and statewide historic preservation resources.			
Big Idea #5: Buffalo Trace Park Work with the County Parks Board to encourage facility improvements at Buffalo Trace Park that expand available programming and attract new visitors.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a facebook group dedicated to improving the park. • Could use a permanent stage.
Big Idea #6: Recreational Activities Develop new programming at the Palmyra Community Center and other local sites for residents and visitors of all ages.			

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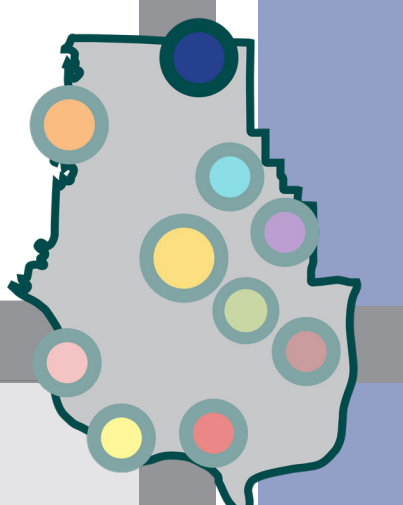


THEME #2 - BUILD QUALITY PLACES
DRAFT GOALS AND BIG IDEAS

Goal #2: Develop a built environment that responds to the land use, transportation, utility, and public service needs of those living and within in Palmyra.

BIG IDEAS	AGREE	DISAGREE	COMMENTS
Big Idea #7: Growth and Adaptive Re-Use Focus new residential, commercial, and public-use development in areas within Palmyra best suited to new growth or redevelopment.	● ● ●		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficult to grow because of surrounding farms. Bring back Alan's grocery store. Many vacant properties that are underutilized.
Big Idea #8: Broadband Work alongside the county and local broadband providers to expand broadband access in Palmyra.	● ● ● ●		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A local is working to expand broadband to the area - Outer Net.
Big Idea #9: Utilities Continue to monitor and update the town's water, sewer, and wastewater facilities to continue providing adequate levels of service.	● ●		
Big Idea #10: Sidewalks Expand Palmyra's sidewalk network from downtown to the neighborhoods and community destinations to create safe pedestrian connections.	● ● ●		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would love sidewalks from the community center into town but INDOT says no because of the drop off drainage area along roadway.
Big Idea #11: State Route Enhancements Work with INDOT to facilitate improvements along SR 135 and US 150.	● ●		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INDOT is supposed to be resurfacing 135 in the near future.
Big Idea #12: Housing Diversification Support the construction of diverse housing types to address the needs of families, recent graduates, and senior citizens in Palmyra.	● ● ●		

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THEME #3 - COLLABORATE TO EXPAND OUR OFFERINGS
DRAFT GOALS AND BIG IDEAS

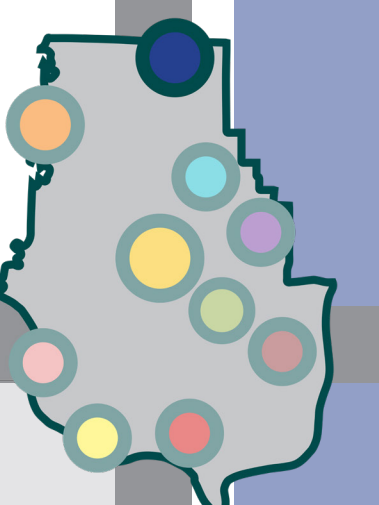
Goal #3: Broaden local and regional partnerships to provide high-quality services for residents, such as healthcare, education, and workforce development.

BIG IDEAS	AGREE	DISAGREE	COMMENTS
<p>Big Idea #13: Active Lifestyles Develop new programming that focuses on the physical and social health of Palmyra residents.</p>			
<p>Big Idea #14: Healthy Food Collaborate with North Harrison Schools, local farmer's, and community organizations to increase the availability of fresh produce.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would love a good seafood restaurant. • Need to maintain the existing produce stand in town.
<p>Big Idea #15: Childcare & Early Childhood Education Coordinate with local childcare and early childhood education providers to help expand services in Palmyra</p>			
<p>Big Idea #16: Development Incentives Consider the use of development incentives to attract additional retail, dining, and entertainment neighborhood-scale businesses.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New restaurant coming - new management is renovating an existing building. • New Dollar Store is coming.

WHAT DID WE MISS? TELL US HERE!

- New firehouse is being planned - need additional funds though.
- Town is applying for T-Mobile Grant for \$50,000 to create shelter space in the basement of the community center.
- Would love a new playground and kids basketball area.

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TOP PRIORITIES

INSTRUCTIONS: PLACE A DOT STICKER NEXT TO THE TOP 5 ITEMS!

BIG IDEA #1: Community Events	
BIG IDEA #2: Beautification	
BIG IDEA #3: Town Gathering Space	● ●
BIG IDEA #4: Protecting Natural & Historic Assets	
BIG IDEA #5: Buffalo Trace Park Improvements	
BIG IDEA #6: Recreational Activities	
BIG IDEA #7: Growth & Adaptive Re-Use	
BIG IDEA #8: Broadband Expansion	●
BIG IDEA #9: Utilities Improvements	
BIG IDEA #10: Sidewalk Connectivity	●
BIG IDEA #11: State Route Enhancements	●
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