

# STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #2

## OCTOBER 26, 2022

### SUMMARY



## MEETING OVERVIEW

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The project team led the second steering committee meeting on October 26, 2022 at the Hardin County Government Office building. Approximately 27 members attended the meeting, including four staff members. The committee members include an official with the county government, health department, ECTC, and Fort Knox. The meeting started with a brief review of the first steering committee meeting from August 31, 2022, and a recap of the public workshop held on September 20, 2022 at the State Theater in Elizabethtown, as well as an overview of the survey that is still being conducted. At least 102 people attended the public workshop and provided feedback. Close to 350 people have taken the survey online. The main agenda item for the meeting was to review the draft goals and objectives for the plan. The project team reviewed each of the nine goals and associated objectives with the steering committee and there was input and discussion on each. The group was given a homework assignment to think about the future land use map and how and where it should be revised to reflect changes the county will be seeing in the future. The future land use map will be emailed to the group by county staff, and large format hard copies were provided to those that wanted them. Group members were to submit their thoughts over the next couple of weeks, and be ready for a discussion on the future land uses in the county for the third steering committee meeting to be held on November 30, 2022.

## WHAT DID WE HEAR?

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There was a good discussion on the goals and objectives. Feedback was provided on each of the goals and their associated objectives. Hard copies of the goals and objectives were provided to them members, and each page of goals and objectives had comment boxes to provide feedback. During the meeting, county staff provided context for some of the goals and objectives when members had questions about why certain objectives were drafted. Some of the comments included:

- Affordable housing was going to be an issue going forward with the growth that is expected.
- Houselessness may seem like a city issue, but people are living illegally in RV's across the county. Poverty is not strictly an urban problem, and how to address houselessness may need further elaboration.
- Revisions to Goal #1 may be needed to reinforce the goal is about housing instead of Hardin County simply being a good place.
- Parks at the county level have usually been a "want to have" and not a "need to have".
- Look to development patterns that can link areas with open/green space. How can we connect, bike, and walk these areas?
- Workforce development should be stronger in the goals and objectives. All industries in the county are going to expand due to Blue Oval, and we need to be ready.
- We need to adequately define prime farmland.
- We need to preserve farmland, not just "prime" farmland. Smaller lot developments and infill development is a better way to preserve farmland.
- Branch out into the high schools with workforce readiness programs to those about to start looking at career paths.
- It is very important to encourage development compatible with the historic character of the rural villages.
- We say we want to protect the rural character, but Ford is coming. Glendale is not going to be Glendale today in 20 years.
- We need to have language about embracing diversity. There are going to be at least 2,500 Korean workers coming in the next few years, many with families. We need to make sure we are welcoming to this. We also need to help the service industry employees be ready for this influx as well.