

# Owen County Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Steering Committee Meeting 6 • Oct. 6, 2022 • Owen County Family YMCA

## Note

More information on this meeting – including the PowerPoint presentation - and other components of this planning process can be found at <https://owencountycompplan.com/>.

## Attendees

**Steering Committee Members:** Cassie Abrell, Corbin Abrell, Steve Fox, Sean Huss, Marce King, Aaron LaGrange, Kristen Portteus, Kurt Rosenberger, Mary Skinner, Colin Sturgeon and Norm Warner.

The meeting was facilitated by Scott Burgins, of SB Planning & Research. Matt Sward, the grant administrator from the Southern Indiana Development Commission, also attended.

## Review of the Planning Process

As this is the last scheduled steering committee meeting, members were thanked for taking part in the process. Earlier, Marce sent them an email that read, in part: “In the last month great strides have been made to communicate to our fellow neighbors what the comprehensive plan is and what it isn't. The meetings at the courthouse and the school have resulted in good conversations and great questions! Owen County is engaged and that is a good thing!”

The committee also reviewed the second version of the plan, which was sent out on Sept. 15. At that time:

- The plan was posted at the on-line project website with a new notice.
- Included on-line was a 9-page guide to changes from Version 1.
- The changes included suggestions from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, which is funding the project.
- The plan commission was notified of the new version.
- New hard copy versions were put in the library and at the extension office.
- Notice was sent to the 100-plus emails gathered from members of the public at the various meetings.

## Discussion of Key Changes

The committee reviewed the major changes to the plan. Details, including maps and definitions, can be found at <https://owencountycompplan.com/>, however the main topics were:

- The Future Land Use Map, which was heavily revised after public comment.
- The Mid-States Corridor, which is not scheduled to come through Owen County.
- Mobile Homes, which residents made clear they want the flexibility to add a quality mobile on an individual lot.

- Accessory Dwelling Units, which can provide more housing options for a greater range of residents.

## Next Steps

- October 18th: Appear before the plan commission at high school gym to review the changes and prepare for using the new comprehensive plan. The plan commission will not be asked to vote on the plan that night.
- Nov. 15th: A public hearing at the plan commission and a vote on adopting the comprehensive plan. They will pass their recommendation on the county commissioners. We need you there!
- December: Appearance before the county commissioners to vote on adopting the plan.