



## WHAT IS VOICE?

The Mayor's Office and Leadership Evansville launched VOICE in 2012 as a community-wide process to engage citizens in sharing their hopes and visions for Evansville's preferred future.

Some 3,000 people took part in 32 visioning sessions that led VOICE volunteers to launch, organize and support collaborative projects in the three focus areas that emerged from the VOICE visioning results, called "Flower Pots": Healthy Green Space, Experiences and City Core.

During the past year, VOICE engaged another 1,000 people at 15 "Flower Pot" meetings on these three focus areas to transition from vision to change-making action. Participants identified: 1) projects in these focus areas that were underway or pending, 2) resources that participants could contribute to VOICE projects, and 3) stakeholders to include to ensure their success.

## BEE THE CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Participate! Get engaged! Make a difference!

If you would like to participate in an active VOICE project, begin one of your own, or just share an idea, please join Leadership Evansville and the VOICE volunteers at one of the following "Flower Pot" meetings.

### EXPERIENCES

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 4:30 p.m.  
City Taco  
2403 Washington Avenue

VOICE respondents continuously repeated their desire to be outside and active in their communities. The importance they placed on our community's health and wellbeing was both tremendous and encouraging.

### CITY CORE

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 4:30 p.m.  
Reitz Home Carriage House  
224 Southeast First Street

Evansville consists of many great neighborhoods and cultural hotspots such as Franklin Street, Downtown, Haynie's Corner, the Historic District and the universities. It is our hope to further support, connect and promote these treasures.

### HEALTHY GREEN SPACE

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 4:30 p.m.  
The Pagoda  
401 Southeast Riverside Drive

Evansville residents recognize that there are a variety of opportunities to engage with their city and want to highlight, showcase, and celebrate them in a more organized and collective way! Also bring fresh, new opportunities for citizens to intensively experience with the goal of creating a demand for these experiences to remain in our community.

For more information go to  
[evansvillevoice.com](http://evansvillevoice.com)

Or, send us an email at [voice@evansvillevoice.com](mailto:voice@evansvillevoice.com)

Or, call us at 812.425.3828

# These are just a few of the projects that have been inspired by VOICE!

## **CELEBRATE!**

*Fall In Love on Main*

*Pop-Up on Main*

*Creation of the Downtown Alliance*

*Shared Space at Innovation Pointe*

*Streets Alive*

*Haynie's Corner work-day*

*Jacobsville Community Collaboration*

## **What's happening NOW!**

### **Murals at Lamasco and in Jacobsville**

**See EVV Outdoor Trivia Hunt** - Saturday, Sept. 6, 9 a.m. to noon; Start/end at the Franklin Street Bazaar  
Fun for all ages – free and open to the public;

For more information:

Twitter: @SeeEVWin

facebook.com/SeeEVWin

**ParksFest** - Saturday, September 13, 11am-11pm at Garvin Park

For more information:

parksfest.com

twitter: @ParksFest

facebook.com/ParksFest

**Franklin Street Bazaar** - Saturdays June 21<sup>st</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm at the West Library Lawn

For more information:

facebook.com/FranklinStreetEventsAssociation

**Franklin Street Grows Community Garden** - 2524 W. Franklin Street

Over half of the beds belong to different community non-for profits, as well as beds for the children of the neighborhood. The community beds are there to harvest for anyone in the neighborhood.

For more information:

facebook.com/FranklinStreetEventsAssociation

**Evansville's Main Course Challenge** - We've selected an excellent Main Street location and lined up a host of key investors to make it happen. To enter your idea go to [www.maincoursechallenge.com](http://www.maincoursechallenge.com)

## **What's coming up:**

**The Learning Garden at the CK Newsome Center** - A community garden that will stress recycling and up-cycling, accessibility for everyone and rainwater retention and diversion.

**The Hoop House at Culver Family Learning Center** - A revitalization project of the community garden for the school and surrounding neighborhood

## **Haynie's Corner Roundabout**

### **Haynie's Corner Apartment Revitalization**

## **Long-term planning:**

*The data from VOICE has been, or is being, used:*

- To complete the Sustainable Evansville Area Coalition "The Millennial Plan 2040"
- In the Annual Report for Vectren
- To complete the Comprehensive Plan for the Area Plan Commission in Vanderburgh County
- By the Welborn Foundation for the CDC's *Partnerships to Improve Community Health* grant
- By the Arts Councils of Southwestern Indiana for grant applications
- By the Commission on Homelessness
- In the TIGER Grant for the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County
- Southwest Indiana Chamber has used data for branding and the newly formed Downtown Alliance
- In conjunction with the YPA *Bringing the Heart Back "Greater Evansville: The Place for Young Professionals"* report
- For the METS Comprehensive Operations Analysis
- In the Mayor's State of the City speech in 2014
- For the I-69 Corridor



**Following are just a few of the projects  
that have been inspired by VOICE...**

**...that could use talented passionate citizens  
to move forward!**

Bird House Libraries  
Access to Quality Food  
Teen Fun  
Special Use Zoning  
Dinner en Blanc  
Mesker Amphitheater  
Multi-lingual Signage  
Bike Racks Near Farmers Market  
Skinny Street Pilot  
Community Kiosks  
Promoting Bikes  
Main Street Improvements  
Food Trucks – Help Succeed  
Sunset at Sunset - Event at Sunset Park  
Vibrant Riverfront



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