



**VOICE VISIONING SESSION REPORT OUT  
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NEW TECH INSTITUTE- SOPHOMORES**



## What VOICE is About

VOICE brings together diverse members of our community in facilitator-led group discussions to draw out and capture everyone's ideas for the future. Together, we'll discuss our hopes and dreams for Evansville in a comfortable, open forum that's fun and inspiring, too. The sessions allow respectful conversations to take place, and all voices to be heard, and every opinion to be documented and shared. VOICE will ensure that everyone in our community has the opportunity to take part in creating a desired future. Absolutely everyone.

## The VOICE Process

Leadership Evansville has facilitated discussion sessions starting on August 15 at easy-to-access public locations, such as Evansville Public Library System branches and Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation schools. The sessions have been advertised in neighborhood newsletters, the newspaper, television, radio and via the initiative's website: [www.evansvillevoice.com](http://www.evansvillevoice.com).

Comments from each session will be available to the participants and the public. A summary and detailed notes will be posted on the VOICE Web site within one week of the session.

Once all comments are collected, additional community sessions will occur to verify that the information collected truly represents participants' opinions.

Then, common themes and ideas will be grouped by topic area to serve guidance for those organizations, businesses, universities, individuals, and government bodies with interest in that topic to move forward with further research and planning toward common goals.



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## VOICE SESSION SCHEDULE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

GROUND RULES

THE POSITIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

CARRY FORWARD & LEAVE BEHIND

VISION DRAWING & PRESENTATION

WRAP UP/ WHAT'S NEXT

# voice

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## **LARGE GROUP OPENING- Lead Facilitator**

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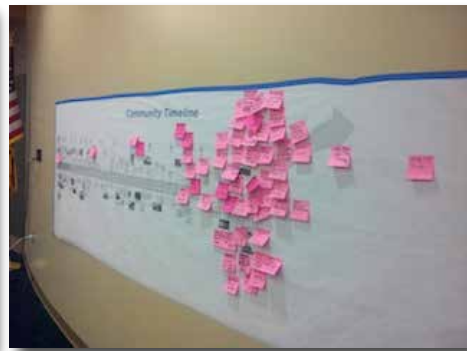
“One or two words describing why you are passionate about our community.”

Young people  
compassion  
family oriented  
diversity  
happy people  
come together- unity  
talk problems through  
nice people  
clean  
caring  
nice people  
friends  
trustworthy  
energetic  
programs/ things to do  
resources  
collaboration  
respect  
come together in time of need  
responsibility  
friends  
helpful people  
cleaner  
reliability

better understanding people  
community involvement  
outreach  
corn  
programs  
happiness  
outreach  
nice people that listen  
moving and changing  
close-knit  
new McDonald's  
friends and family that listen  
roads downtown  
acceptance of people's personalities  
not much crime  
business that support the community  
everyone knows each other  
high school sports  
icemen  
hooters  
be yourself  
small  
diversity  
always people that accept you

small organizations  
growing population  
calm tectonic plates  
endless possibilities for volunteerism  
greenery  
nice neighborhoods  
abundance of corn  
NTI  
downtown arts district  
change

west side nut club- fall festival  
wildlife  
open to change  
education  
socially diverse  
selflessness, shelters  
volunteers  
children's museum  
don't have to worry about getting  
mugged







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“In a preferred future, what would you carry forward and what would you leave behind?”

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Scribe: Julie Moore

Recorder: Meghan Seibert



## LEAVE BEHIND

child abuse  
negative attitude  
violence  
lack of participation  
bad neighborhoods  
people that don't care  
apathy  
carelessness  
animal cruelty  
poverty  
laziness  
shallowness  
social discrimination  
not caring  
apathy  
boringness  
drugs  
addictions  
stupidity  
trash  
child abuse  
lack of entertainment  
mediocrity  
water pollution  
empty buildings  
slang  
litter  
lack of value  
stereotypes  
meth  
animal cruelty  
suicide  
negativity  
drugs  
hypo criticism  
lack of work responsibility  
"nothing to do" and areas that are  
underutilized  
ignorance

## CARRY FORWARD

child safety  
open minds  
peace  
more participation  
good neighborhoods  
people willing to participate  
intentional pursuit  
being more serious- deep conversations  
being nice to animals  
helping people get what they need  
recreational facilities  
getting along and acceptance  
acceptance  
trying hard  
  
new things/ entertainment  
better choices  
resources for recovery  
no distractions  
recycling  
peaceful city  
big entertainment  
fun things to do  
clean water in river  
recycling  
building steps for a better community  
recycling  
value and hard work  
open minds and acceptance  
job opportunities  
selflessness  
happiness  
open minds  
higher education  
large corporations  
job responsibility  
use empty space/buildings for  
entertainment  
open minds



government handouts  
poverty and hunger  
boring downtown  
smelly city  
immigration from Chicago

empty buildings  
lack of music venues  
ball park over Roberts stadium  
unemployment

fast food  
negative attitude  
fast food  
sewer system  
slums  
hypocrisy  
pollution

older buildings  
violence and rape  
negative attitude  
ignorance  
fast food  
violence  
greed  
judgment  
lack of opportunity  
depression  
childish attitudes

handouts for community dialogue  
revitalization  
sports teams like icemen  
no/new smell  
Obama  
use empty space/buildings for  
entertainment  
more music venues  
skate park  
attractions for locals and tourists  
more space for animal control  
better name for Evansville  
more buildings that aren't restaurants  
consideration  
family time  
new sewer  
expand city scape  
new opportunities for music artists  
infrastructure  
put Evansville on the map  
nature  
unity  
tourism  
arts district  
healthy city  
holly's house  
attractions for high schoolers  
open mind  
drive to betterment  
happiness  
respect



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### Group 1

- CLEANER WATER FRONT
- BETTER VIEW, BIGGER BUILDINGS
- RECYCLING, NO TRASH, SWINGSET
- CLEANER WATER, NO SMELLS
- SOLAR PANELS
- BIG, STRONG TREES
- FLYING CARS
- INFRASTRUCTURE WILL STAY THE SAME, BUT REVITALIZED

### GROUP 2

- CLEAN, NEW ENERGY
- SPARKLING CLEAN OHIO RIVER
- FARM, CROPS
- HARD ROCK CAFÉ, ENTERTAINMENT
- NECESSARY THINGS- WALMART, YMCA
- HOUSES, MORE THAN ONE FARM, MORE SKATE PARKS
- ART MUSEUM, UPSIDE DOWN WINDMILL

### Group 3

- LIVE TOGETHER AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER, MUSIC, NO USE FOR UNNEEDED ELECTRONICS, SOLAR PANELS, GARDENS
- FUN HOUSE WITH LOVE AND JOY
- NO JUDGEMENTS TO ANYONE, DIVERSITY
- ANIMALS
- CLEAN WATER, FLOWERS, PLANTS, TREES, ORCHARD, FOOD SUPPLY
- FISH, UNICORN

#### Group 4

- BATMAN
- BLUE WATER, CLEAN WATER, LITTLE FISH
- RESTAURANTS, MUSEUMS, FLOWER SHOPS
- ENTERTAINMENT: FARRIS WHEEL, WINDMILLS
- STAGES FOR MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
- NATURE AREA, FOUNTAINS

#### Group 5

- PARK, HEALTHY, TREES, HIGHWAY OVER THE PARK FOR NO LITTERING, FISH BECAUSE WE HAVE CLEAN WATER AND DUCKS CAN LIVE NEAR IT
- PLAYGROUND, YMCA, SIDEWALKS, PLENT OF WALK WAYS, NO MC DONALDS, BASKETBALL
- NO VIOLENCE, BEACHES, AMUSEMENT RIDES, ALWAYS SUNNY
- JUSTIN BIEBER STORE, JOE'S CRABSHACK, TEEN CLUBS
- RECYCLE, WINDMILLS, NO VIOLENCE

#### Group 6

- FAMILY
- ACCEPTANCE, RESOURCES, RECYCLE, PEACE, HAPPINESS, MORE THAN ONE HOLLY'S HOUSE
- CORN
- BROUGHT SPORTS TEAMS TO TOWN, IU/ UK, COLTS, NBA, MLB
- SUNNY, BEACH, PARKS WITH FAMILIES HAVING FUN
- FLOWERS, NO MC DONALDS

## Group 7

- ANIMAL SHELTERS, MR. ALLEN WITH THE MEADOW HE ENVISIONED, NTI, IHOP, THEATRE, STARBUCKS BY NEW TECH, NO POLLUTION, RUE 21, WALMART, GHETTO, HOGWARTS,
- SOLAR POWER, ARTS AND THEATRE
- HOPE, END OF POVERTY, MUSIC VENUES IN THE CITY
- SCHOOL
- CLEANER WATER, PLACES TO WALK
- CLEAN CREEK

## Group 8

- BIG DOWNTOWN CENTER, BRINGING PEOPLE TO DOWNTOWN, STARBUCKS, ARTS DISTRICT, VECTREN, BANKS, MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGINEERS, MEDICAL ADVANCEMENTS
- MORE COLLEGES, UNIQUE COURSES, BIG ARTS DISTRICT/EXPANSION, CLEAN RIVER
- PARK WITH SWINGS AND A DRUM CIRCLE, GRASS, SUN, NEIGHBORHOOD, SCHOOLS, BRICK ROADS DOWNTOWN
- BRICK ROADS SIGNIFIES NICE ROADS WE HAVE DOWNTOWN, RIVER
- CLEAN ENERGY AND RIVER, WELFARE AND UNEMPLOYMENT CLINIC, HUMANE SOCIETY THAT IS FUNDED BY MORE THAN EVANSVILLE

## Group 9

- BEFORE VIEW: FARMS, POLLUTION IN THE AIR, PLAIN AND BORING
- FUTURE:
- WARM, INVITING, LIMOS WITH FAMOUS PEOPLE COMING TO TOWN, PLACE FOR TEENS TO HANG OUT, PARKS
- RAINBOW FOR HAPPINESS, BIKE/WALK TRAIL, GAY CLUBS FOR TEENS
- CLEAN RIVER, PEOPLE DOWNTOWN, SALAD WORLD, SUN ENERGY,
- PARK FOR LOCAL KIDS, POOL FOR KIDS AND TEENAGERS

## Group 10

- TOTALLY NOT CREEPY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES, WIND TURBINES ALONG THE CLEAN RIVER, WALKWAY ON RIVER, PARKS, BEAUTIFUL POLLUTION FREE AIRPLANE
- DRUG FREE PLACES, BIGGER TRASHCANS IN THE PARKS
- LOTS OF CARDINAL BIRDS FLYING AROUND
- PLANE HIGHLIGHTS MORE COMMERCE COMING INTO TOWN





