



Hancock County Comprehensive Plan  
Steering Committee #2  
December 3, 2021

# AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order (Jack Parker)**
- 2. Approve Meeting #1 Summary (Jack Parker)**
- 3. Welcome Discussion (Mary Gible)**
- 4. Overview of Key Findings (Vandewalle)**
- 5. Committee Discussion**
- 6. What's Next?**
- 7. Adjournment**

# Future Hancock Steering Committee Members & Role

## ROLE:

- Serve as a **liaison** to constituent groups to increase awareness of the planning efforts & **promote the plan process** with the community
  - **Review** content and material & provide **feedback and direction** at key milestones
    - Act in an steering capacity to the **Plan Commission and County Council**

- **MARY GIBBLE**, Co-Chair, Community Foundation Rep.

- **DR. JACK PARKER**, Co-Chair, Schools Rep.

- **BILL SPALDING**, County Commissioner Rep.

- **APRIL FISHER**, Economic Development Rep.

- **PAT HALEY**, Spring Lake Rep.

- **JONATHAN SPARKS**, Agriculture/Rural Community Rep.

- **MIKE BURROW**, NineStar Connect Rep.

- **JEANNINE GRAY**, County Council Member

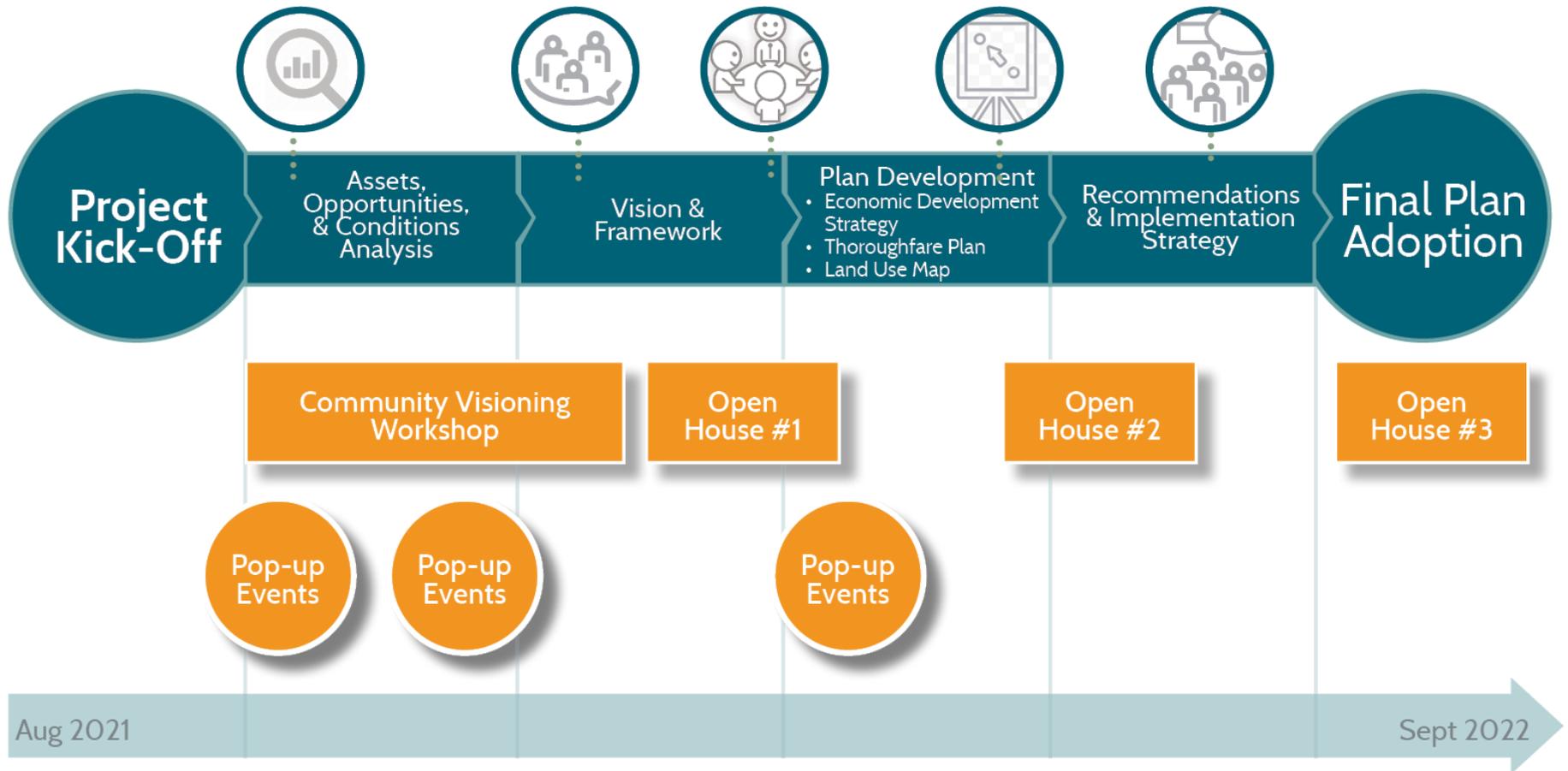
- **STEVE LONG**, Hancock Regional Health Rep.

- **JASON FAUCETT**, Shirley Rep.

- **RYAN MAXFIELD**, Airport Rep.

# PLANNING PROCESS

## HANCOCK COUNTY, IN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PLANNING PROCESS



# What has been completed

## 1. BUILD AWARENESS

- Project Website
- Post cards
- Booth at Riley Festival & Pumpkins & Peddlers
- Community Tours



## 2. HELD TARGETED, ELEMENT SPECIFIC STAKEHOLDER GROUPS DISCUSSIONS

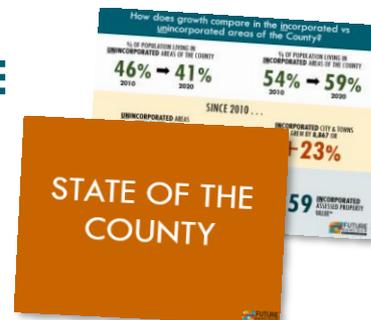
- Civic & Non-profit
- Tourism & Chambers of Commerce & Main Street
- Public Safety Providers
- Schools & Education
- Elected Officials & City, Towns Planners & Managers
- Commercial/Industrial/Housing Developers
- HEDC, IEDC

## 3. HELD THE FUTURE HANCOCK VISIONING WORKSHOP

- 80+ attendees



## 4. COLLECTED INITIAL BASELINE DATA TO UNDERSTAND CONDITIONS & TRENDS



# STATE OF THE COUNTY

# Who lives in Hancock County?

**79,840**

2020 Hancock County  
Population  
+44% since 2000

**89%**

**WHITE**  
Not Hispanic

**11%**

**NON-WHITE**  
Hispanic

**40.5** 2019  
Median  
Age

2010 Median Age — **39 years**

**\$74,072** 2019  
Median HH  
Income

2010 Median HH Income — **\$61K**

# How does growth compare in the incorporated vs unincorporated areas of the County?

**% OF POPULATION LIVING IN  
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY**

**46% → 41%**  
2010                      2020

**% OF POPULATION LIVING IN  
INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY**

**54% → 59%**  
2010                      2020

SINCE 2010 ...

**UNINCORPORATED AREAS  
GREW BY 971 OR**

**+ 3%**

**INCORPORATED CITY & TOWNS  
GREW BY 8,867 OR**

**+ 23%**

SINCE 2012 ...

**+ 38%** **COUNTYWIDE  
ASSESSED PROPERTY  
VALUE\***

**+ 59** **INCORPORATED  
ASSESSED PROPERTY  
VALUE\***

Source: 2020 Decennial Census; Indiana Gateway

\*Certified Net Assessed Value = assessed value of property minus any deductions, exemptions, and TIF impact

# Local Employment Dynamics, 2019

# 24,925

**JOBS** in Hancock County

# 66%

**NON-COUNTY RESIDENTS**  
(16,442)

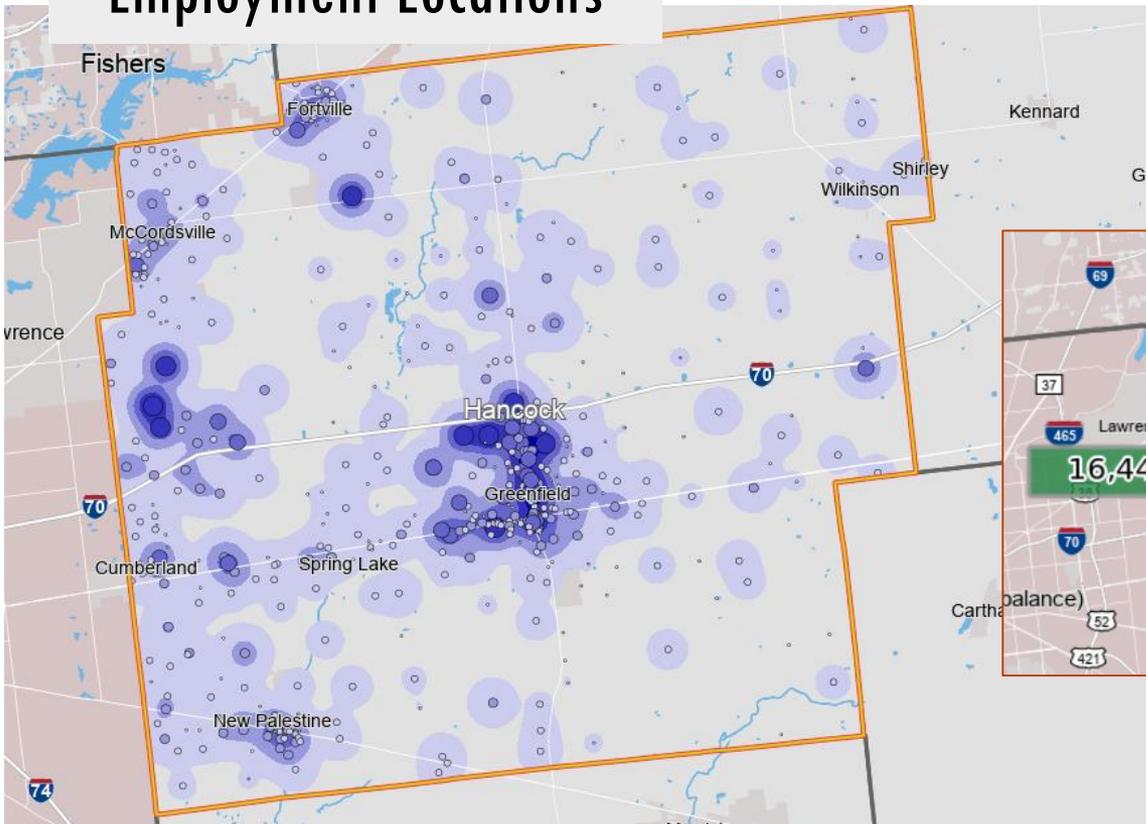
# 34%

**COUNTY RESIDENTS**  
(8,483)

# +7,609

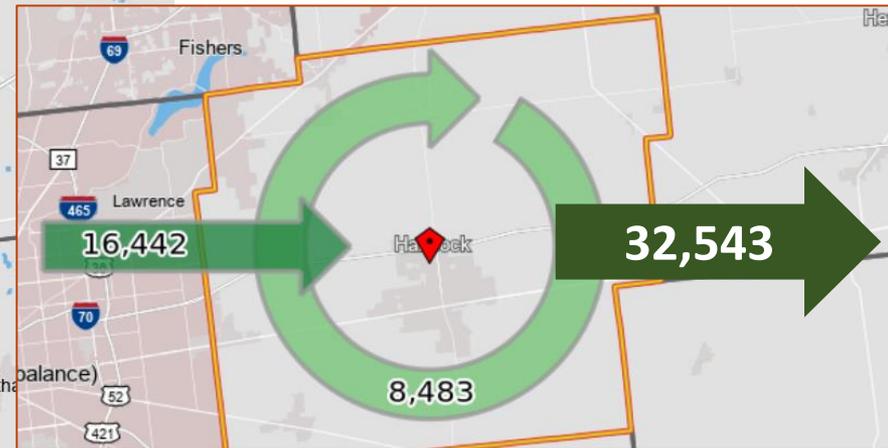
**JOBS ADDED** 2002-2019

## Employment Locations



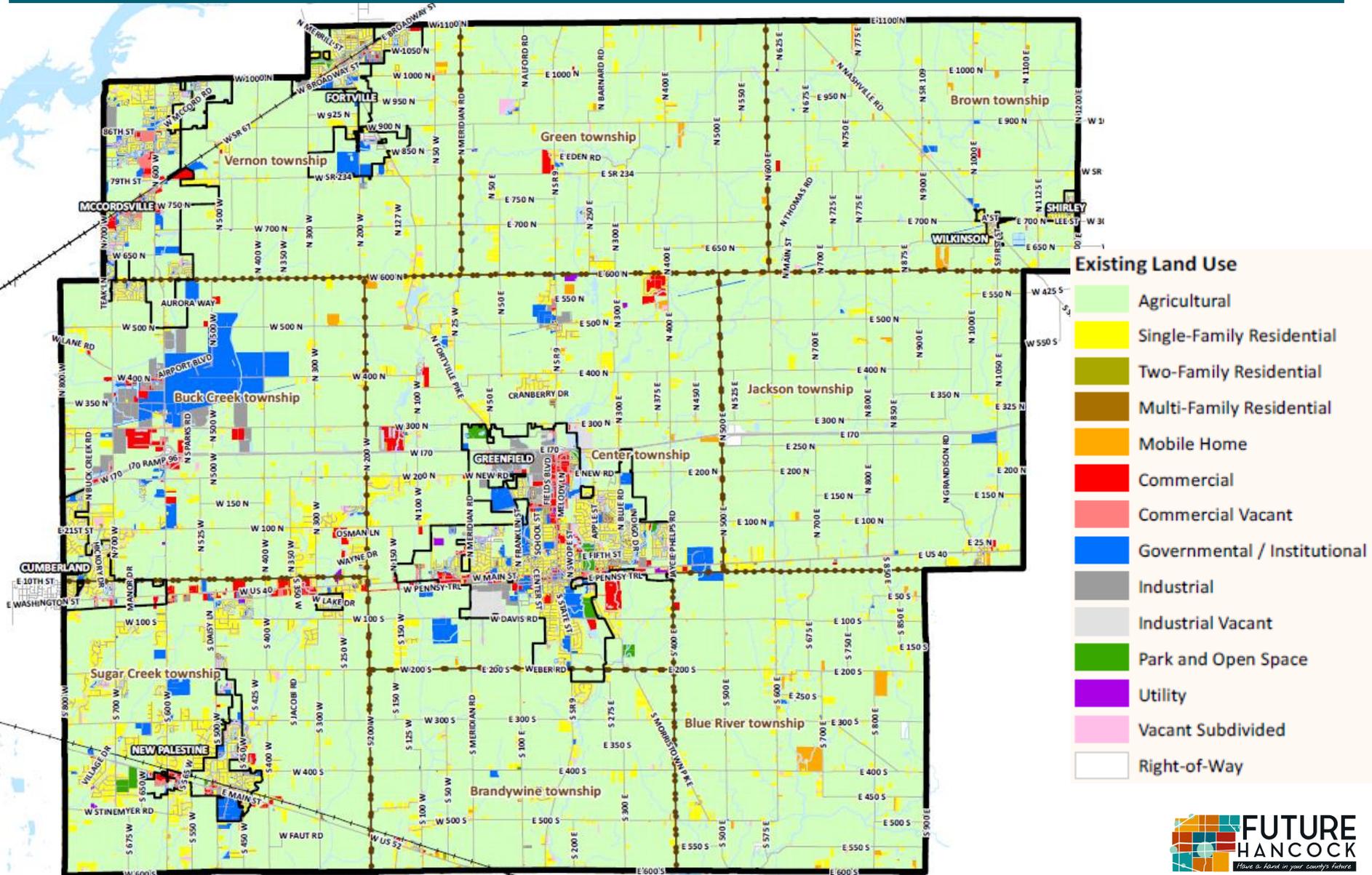
# 79%

County's workforce works in  
**other Counties**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter of 2002-2019).

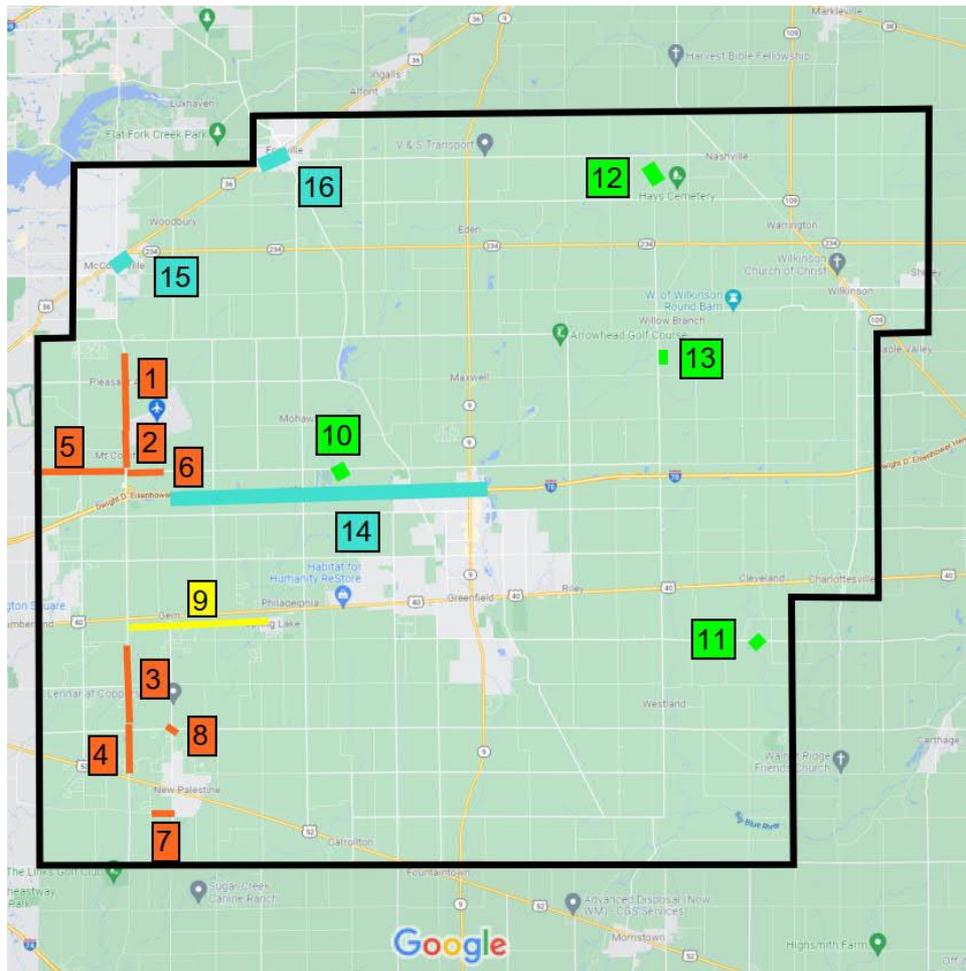
# Land Use Snapshot



# Land Use Mix

LAND USE TYPE	TOTAL COUNTY ACREAGE	SHARE	UNINCORPORATED ACREAGE	SHARE
<b>Agricultural</b>	<b>155,204</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>148,612</b>	<b>84%</b>
<b>Single-Family Residential</b>	<b>18,912</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>14,335</b>	<b>8%</b>
Right-of-Way	6,468	3%	4,591	3%
Governmental / Institutional	5,553	3%	3,589	2%
Commercial	2,400	1%	1,408	1%
Industrial	1,732	1%	1,002	1%
Other	6,092	3%	3,992	2%

# Planned Road Improvements



Orange box = County Sponsored Road Projects

Yellow box = County Sponsored Trail Project

Green box = County Sponsored Bridge Replacements

Cyan box = INDOT Sponsored Prospects

Number	Projects Through 2026
1	600W from 400N to 550N Widening
2	600W from 300N to 400N Widening
3	600W From Broken Arrow to 300S Widening
4	600W from BR 145 to CSX Widening
5	300N from 600W to 700W Widening
6	300N From 600W to 500W Widening
7	Steinmeyer Road Extension
8	Roundabout at Gem and 300S
9	Penny Trail Extension
10	Bridge 62 Replacement
11	Bridge 95 Replacement
12	Bridge 18 Replacement
13	Bridge 36 Replacement
14	I-70 Added Travel Lanes
15	US 36 Intersection Improvement
16	US 36 Road Reconstruction

# State of the County: A Few Takeaways...

- Hancock County has been **steadily growing** above the regional growth
- **Towns are growing faster** than the unincorporated areas of the County
- Growing **disconnect between jobs available and workforce available**
- Lag in **infrastructure improvements**
- Still maintain **higher home values and income**
- Tax base **not very diverse**
- **80% of the land** is still in **agricultural** production

*Full State of the County Presentation can be found:*

<https://futurehancock.com/get-involved>

# PUBLIC INPUT BRIEF OVERVIEW

# Focus Groups – Initial Themes

- Strong sense of community with invested residents
- Regional location is an asset
  - Provides rural and town settings
  - Proximity to Indianapolis
  - Access to workforce
  - I-70E
- Lacking quality of life amenities
- Housing is a major need for the county
- Transportation infrastructure to keep up with growth
- Ag based industry sectors to leverage





# Community Questionnaire

## Topic: Changes + Opportunities Topic

Question prompted **326 comments** regarding changes respondents would like to see in Hancock County.

- Economic Development + Prosperity (31% of total comments)
- Land Use + Development (27% of total comments)
- Transportation (21% of total comments)
- Public Facilities + Services (7% of total comments)
- Natural Resources + Agriculture (3% of total comments)
- Other (11% of total comments)

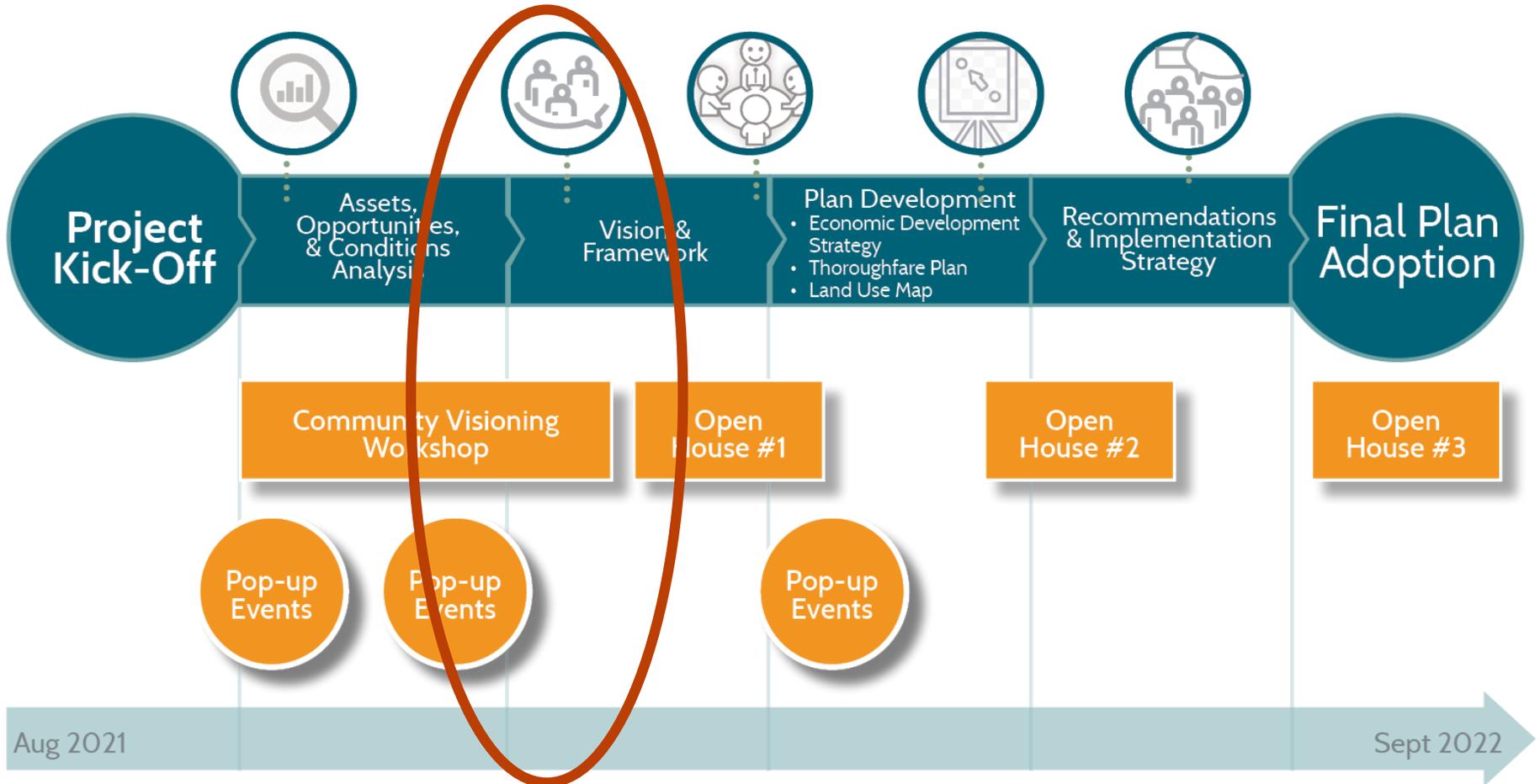
# Future Hancock Vision Workshop – Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

**Purpose:** Focus on the Future, Hopes & Aspirations → will inform Vision & Framework

- **90+** Participants
- Held a series of Individual & Group Exercises
  - Polling Questions
  - Opportunities + Challenges Questionnaire
  - Identifying Priorities Questionnaire
  - Mapping Exercise
- Generated over **900 comments**

# PLANNING PROCESS

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# GROUP DISCUSSION

# Construction of a Vision & Framework

**Glendale 2040 Vision**

**COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN**  
**Glendale Wisconsin**  
 rich past - bright future  
 2040

**Build a unified Glendale identity**

- Create an accessible, mixed-use gathering place for all Glendale neighborhoods and residents
- Connect all neighborhoods to the Glendale identity
- Emphasize consistent branding and connection to Glendale's values and vision in communications
- Build community events that distinguish Glendale and show community pride

**Capitalize on Glendale's central location and grow its role in the region**

- Continue to grow and enhance the greenway system in Glendale and its connection to the regional system
- Continue partnerships with North Shore communities to collaborate, share resources and build efficiencies
- Promote Glendale as a community of choice as a diverse, active, and sustainable place to live, work, and locate a business
- Maximize transportation and regional infrastructure connectivity by maintaining high-quality roads, intersections, trails, and transit

**Cultivate strong, connected neighborhoods**

- Promote strong housing maintenance and rehabilitation standards
- Encourage neighborhood-based events and celebrations to bring other parts of the community to the neighborhood
- Find ways to remove boundaries and help Glendale neighbors get to know each other across neighborhoods
- Review road and infrastructure between neighborhoods and key destinations, prioritizing walkability and bikeability

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**Be a regional leader in sustainability and resiliency**

- Engage community stakeholders in collaborative decision-making and implementation of environmental quality plans
- Accelerate efforts to replace impervious surfaces with green spaces and green infrastructure
- Recruit new businesses and employers focused on environmental sustainability and water quality
- Establish a policy and critical infrastructure review and response mechanism
- Partner with North Shore communities to advance best practices in stormwater management, energy efficiency, and community resiliency
- Prepare for and respond to potential future economic, housing, infrastructure, and natural resource demands due to environmental changes and future community growth

**Promote inclusion, diversity, and high quality of life**

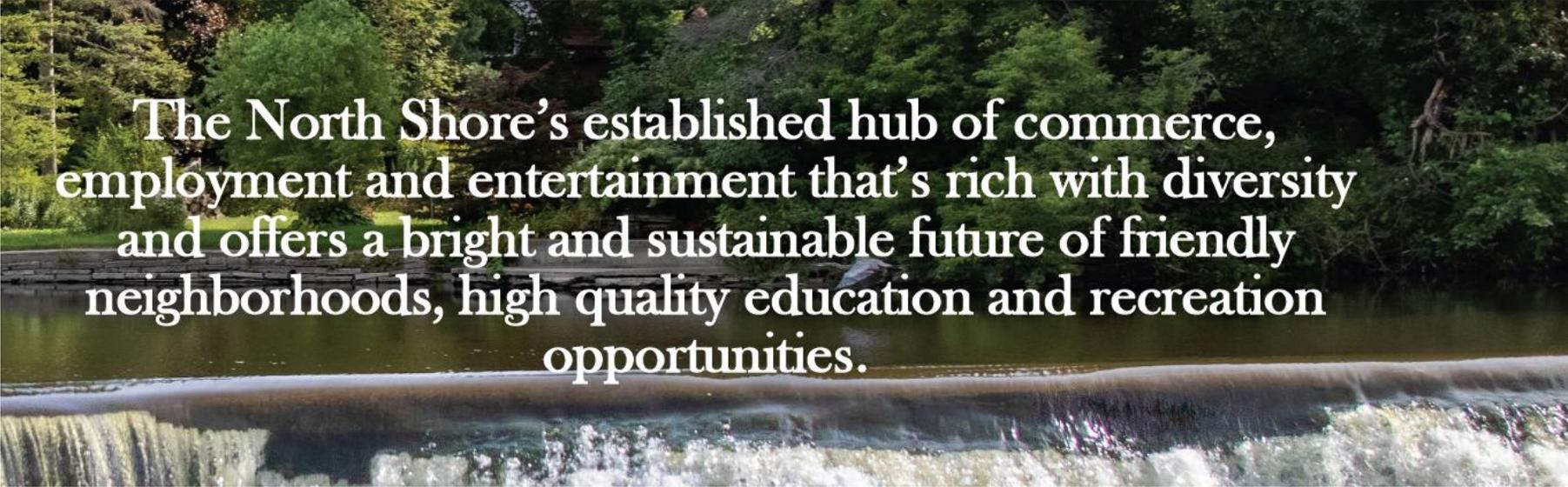
- Celebrate Glendale's cultural diversity through community events and opportunities for arts and culture
- Focus on growing local businesses by supporting local entrepreneurs and connecting residents with small businesses
- Engage residents and community stakeholders through transparent communication and accountability
- Create housing opportunities that provide life-cycle housing options for residents at all price points and life stages and that promote wealth generation
- Utilize context sensitive, environmental design to create streetscapes and public spaces that are safe, efficient, and enjoyable and enable residents to thrive

**DRAFT**

**VISION**

**FRAMEWORK**

# Vision



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# Framework

The graphic is a collage of images including a waterfall, an aerial view of a city, and a person. It features the Glendale logo and the text 'Glendale 2040 Vision'. The text describes the city's vision as a hub of commerce, employment, and entertainment. It lists four strategic pillars: building a unified identity, capitalizing on the central location, becoming a regional leader in sustainability, and promoting inclusion and high quality of life. Each pillar has a list of specific actions.

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**Promote inclusion, and high quality of life**

- Promote diversity through community for arts and culture
- Support local businesses by supporting local
- Engage residents with small businesses
- Connect community stakeholders through
- Promote inclusion and accountability
- Policies that provide life-cycle housing
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- Promote environmental design to create
- Spaces that are safe, efficient, and
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From what you've heard to date and your own experience . . .

1. WHAT THEMES/ISSUES ARE RESONATING WITH YOU?

2. WHAT OTHER THEMES OR ISSUES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FRAMEWORK?

**FRAMEWORK** = serves as a foundation for the Comprehensive Plan elements, identifying key themes and principles that then drive recommendations.

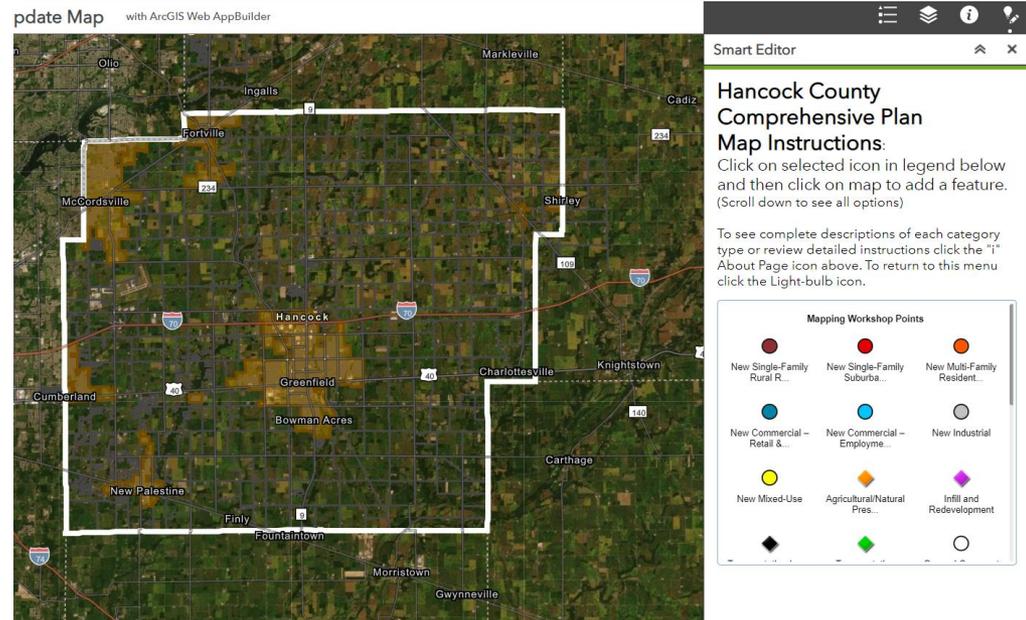


# REPORT OUT

# Next Steps for Steering Committee

1. **SHARE PACKAGED PRESENTATION!**
2. **ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE HANCOCK VIRTUAL WORKSHOP!**

- Complete the online **Survey and Mapping Exercise** at [FutureHancock.com](https://FutureHancock.com)
- **Encourage** coworker, friends, and family to participate!
- **Share** the Project Website



# Packaged Presentation

**Purpose:** provide Committee with a PowerPoint presentation to various groups and organizations to **continue building awareness** of the Comprehensive Plan process and **encourage people to participate in the Future Hancock Virtual Vision Workshop** as well as additional engagement opportunities.

## **Other Materials:**

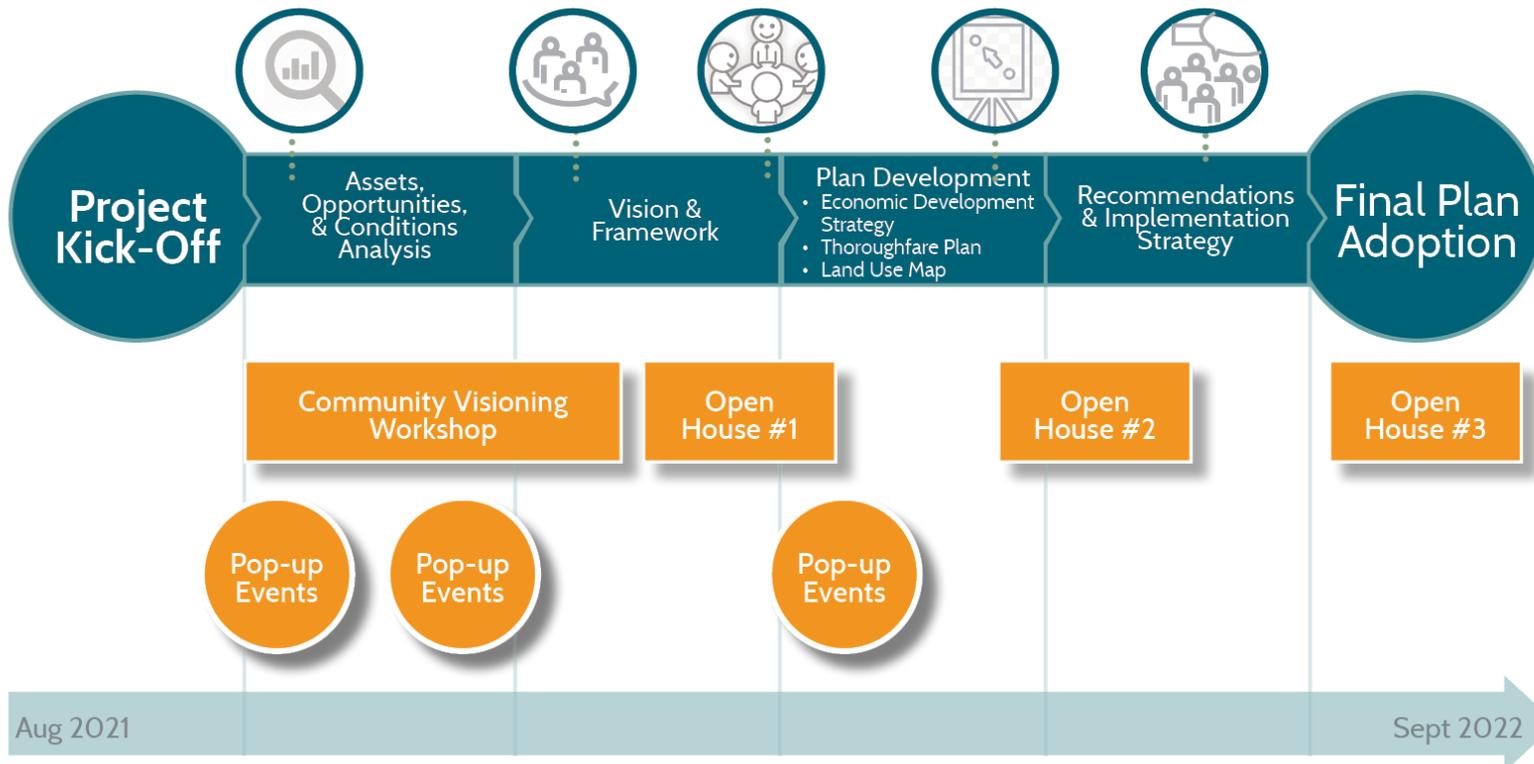
- Project Postcard
- 10-min Presentation
- 20-min Presentation

## **POTENTIAL AUDIENCES TO TARGET:**

- Kiwanis Clubs
- Rotary Clubs
- Lions Club
- Agricultural Organization (Farm Bureau, 4-H Clubs, FFA, Hoosier Harvest Council)
- Fraternal Lodges (Elks, Moose)
- Corresponding Organization Boards

# What's Next?

- Close Survey December 17<sup>th</sup>
- Summarize Input
- Virtual Steering Committee Check-In – January 7<sup>th</sup>
- Develop Draft Vision & Strategic Framework – January 2022
- Open House #1 to Review Vision & Framework – January 2022
- Drafts Late February



# Steering Committee Schedule

MEETINGS		DATE
1	<b>Steering Committee Meeting #1</b>	Friday, Aug 13th, 2021
2	<b>Virtual Zoom Updates</b>	Tuesday, Oct 5th, 2021
3	Focus Group Meetings	October 2021
4	Pop-up Events & Community Visits/Tours	October 15th-17th, 2021
5	Community Visioning Workshop	Tuesday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>
6	<b>Steering Committee Meeting #2</b>	Friday, Dec 3rd, 2021
7	<b>Virtual Zoom Updates</b>	<b>Friday, Jan 7th, 2021</b>
8	Plan Commission Meeting #1 / Open House #1 (Date TBD)	Tuesday, Jan 25th, 2022
9	<b>Steering Committee #3</b>	Friday, March 4th, 2022
10	Open House #2	Late April 2022
11	<b>Virtual Zoom Updates</b>	Friday, May 6th, 2022
12	<b>Steering Committee #4</b>	Friday, June 24th, 2022
13	Plan Commission Meeting #2 & Public Hearing	Tuesday, August 9th, 2022
14	Open House #3	Tuesday, August 9th, 2022
15	County Board of Commissioners Meeting	Tuesday, Sept 6th, 2021