Public Meeting 2

Community Vision

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Franklin County
Where Government Works

BLENDON
COMMUNITY PLAN

Welcome and Introductions

- Ben Weiner, Project Manager
- Matt Brown, Planner
- Louis Clayton, Intern

- James Schimmer, Director

- What we do: Franklin County Planning
  - Development regulations
  - Long-range planning

Working Committee

- Representatives from community
- Help guide process

- Residents, property owners, business owners, township officials

Tonight's meeting

1. Presentation
   - About the Blendon Community Plan
   - Results from first public meeting
   - Community Vision

2. Small group feedback
   - Specific feedback
   - Mapping exercises

What is a plan?

- Vision for a community's future
  - How land is used (houses, offices, shops, farms, factories)
  - What new buildings look like
  - Where the parks are
  - How people get around (car, foot, bike, bus)

- What you want the future to look like

Kitchen example

- Kitchen plan
  - What we want the kitchen to look like in the future

Kitchen plan

- Ask questions-
  - What do we like about the kitchen we have now?
  - What *don't* we like?

  - "I like my appliances"
  - "I don't have enough counter space"
  - "The floor is in bad shape"

Kitchen plan

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- Set vision
  - "Appliances: current appliances, in good working order"
  - "Counters: more counter space"
  - "Floor: a new floor"

Kitchen plan

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- Plan recommendations: steps we take to achieve the vision
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- Carrying out recommendations (implementation)
  - Easier to do some, rather than others
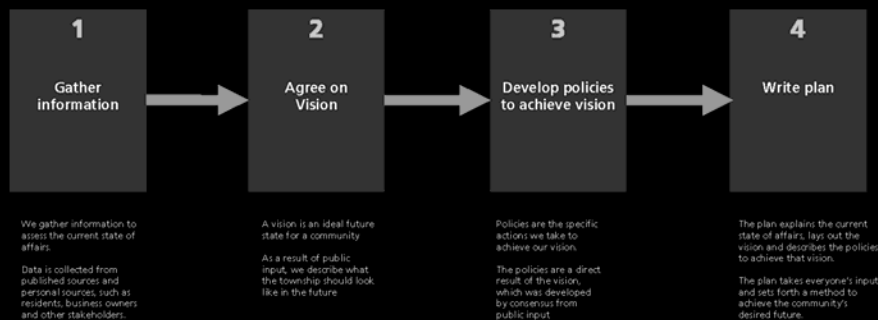 - But- a plan is in place if resources become available

Back to our Community Plan

- What we like, what we don't like
- Vision for the future (tonight)
- Recommendations to achieve the vision

- Why it's important to have a plan
  - Community weighs in on new development
  - Gives predictability: residents, land owners, developers – Confidence in your investment
  - No funding attached
  - Communicates priorities to leaders

How do we complete the plan?

4 phases

1 Gather information

We gather information to assess the current state of affairs.

Data is collected from published sources and personal sources, such as residents, business owners and other stakeholders.

2 Agree on Vision

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As a result of public input, we describe what the township should look like in the future

3 Develop policies to achieve vision

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4 Write plan

The plan explains the current state of affairs, lays out the vision and describes the policies to achieve that vision.

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Public meetings

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July 13	Sept. 14	Oct. 26	Feb. '10

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Where are we planning?

- Unincorporated Blendon Township

- Huber Ridge
- Sunbury Woods
- Cleveland Heights
- East of reservoir
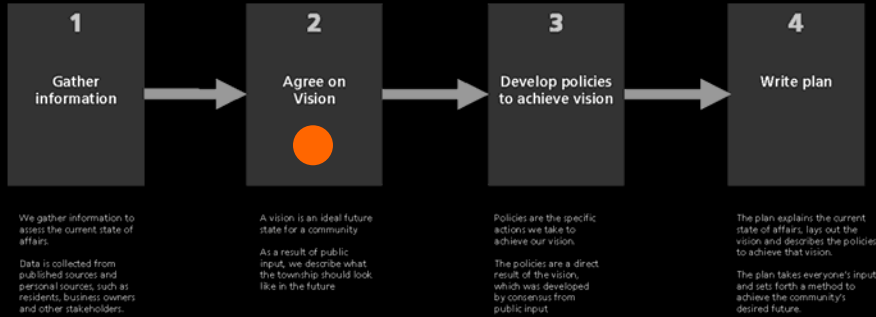- Small pockets

Involvement and Transparency

- Materials on website
  - www.franklincountyohio.gov/commissioners/edp/planning/blendon
  - tinyurl.com/blendon

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Tonight: Community Vision

- Product of Visioning phase
  - Public input primary factor

- Full feedback results: tinyurl.com/blendon
  - Now: overview

Favorite / Least favorite places

- Cleveland Heights
- Huber Ridge
- Sunbury Woods
- Rural East

- Detailed discussion in Public Meeting Results document

Unincorporated Areas
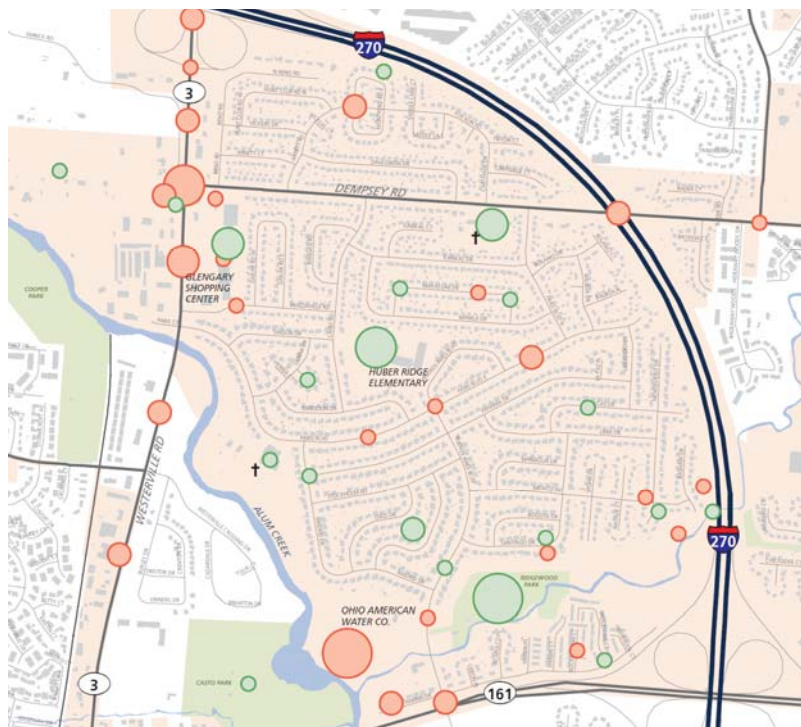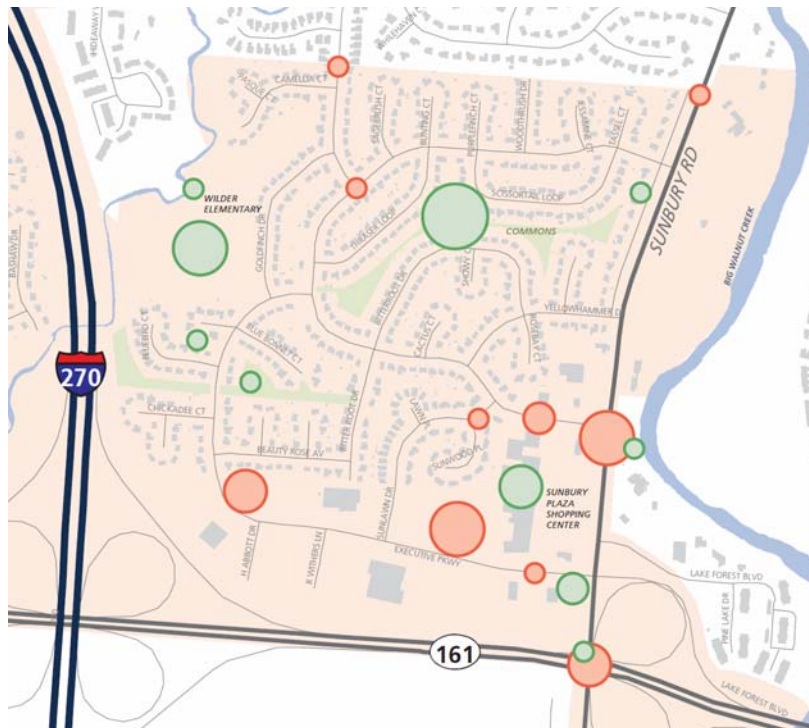
Vision

1. Statements
   - Describes the future in words
   - Divided into topic areas

2. Maps
   - Describes the future graphically
   - Land use, bikeways, sidewalk priorities

Vision: How it's used

- Statements
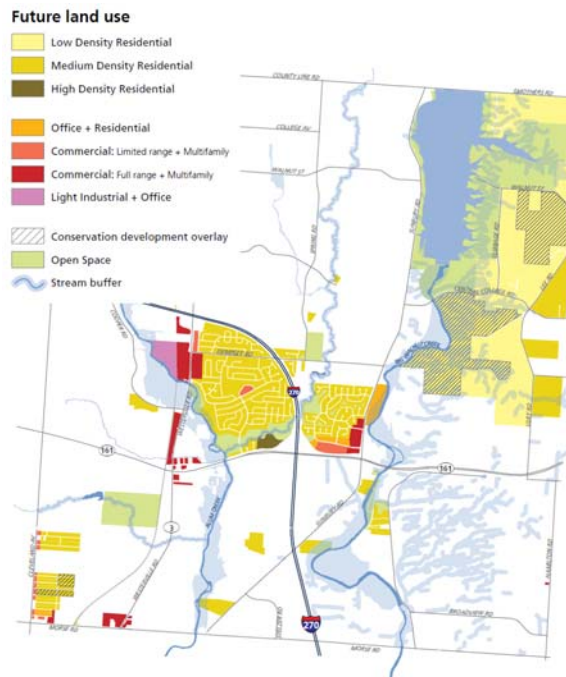 - Basis for forthcoming policies
  - Provides guidance to officials
  - What does the future look like?

- Maps
  - Helps guide future development
  - Communicates capital improvement wishes

Vision Maps

- Future Land Use map
  - Graphic showing desired land use
  - Doesn't change zoning or current land use
  - Used when someone proposes development

- Bikeways and Sidewalk priorities
  - Where they should be

Drafts subject to feedback

Future land use

Low Density Residential
Medium Density Residential
High Density Residential

Office + Residential
Commercial: Limited range + Multifamily
Commercial: Full range + Multifamily
Light Industrial + Office

Conservation development overlay
Open Space
Stream buffer
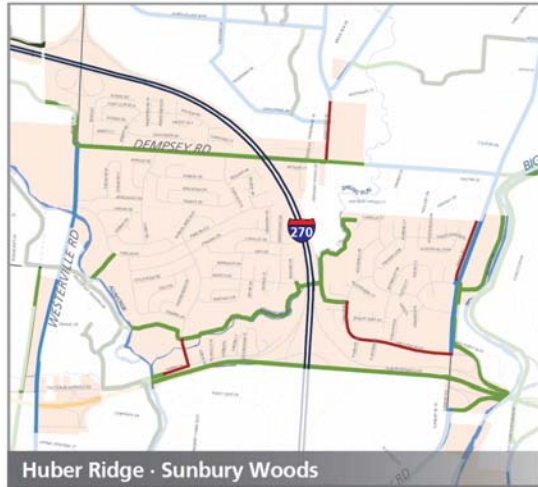
Proposed bikeways

— Shared use path
— Shared use path (existing)
— Bicycle lane
— Signed shared roadway
— Paved shoulder
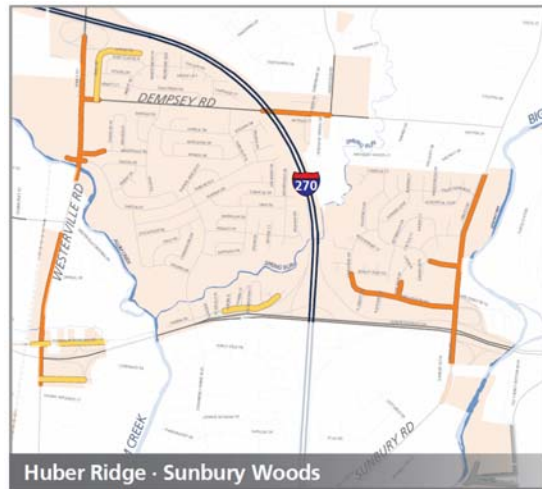
Sidewalk installation priorities

— Primary priority
— Secondary priority
— Install with new development

Sidewalk
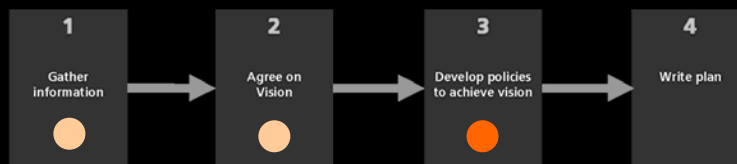priorities map

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Vision for the future

- Two things we heard
  - Lack of identity
  - Condition of Westerville Road

- Design possibilities
  - Township identity
  - Condition of Westerville Road

Next steps

- Tonight: gather feedback on vision
- Next meeting: Review policies
  - Monday, October 26 - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
  - Blendon Township Senior Center

Next

- Small group feedback
  - Design possibilities
  - Vision statements
  - Vision maps

- This room
  - Blue (front)
  - Yellow (rear)

- Other room
  - Red and Green

Thanks for coming!