Citizens assess neighborhood strengths and weaknesses on East 38th Street

The Department of Metropolitan Development’s Division of Planning has begun an update to neighborhood plans surrounding the East 38th Street Corridor in Warren and Lawrence Townships. The study area is approximately 5.5 miles in length. Initially public input is being collected for a sub-section of the corridor east of German Church Road, south of 46th Street, west of Carroll Road and north of the former Conrail railroad corridor.

During meetings on October 27 and November 10, residents identified neighborhood strengths as the Far Eastside Weed and Seed, Community Alliance for the Far Eastside, the East District of IMPD, and Pathway Resource Center and area churches. Weaknesses identified by residents included the intersection of German Church Road and 42nd Street, crime and school safety, 38th Street being too narrow and storm drainage from fields upstream of developed sites. A lack of landmarks and cultural arts were also listed as weaknesses. Opportunities were listed as future bike lanes on Franklin Road and 30th Street, possible reuse of IPS school sites and the adoption of street medians to improve the corridor’s appearance. Threats to successful community improvement included continuing concerns about housing foreclosures and ex-offender populations.
The next meeting will be on December 1 at 7PM at the Calvary Baptist Church 3255 N. German Church Road. Public participation opportunities and project documents can be found on the planning website:

http://www.indy.gov/east38thcorridorplan