Corridor Plans Help Neighborhoods Address Needs

The Comprehensive Planning Section of the Indianapolis Division of Planning is embarking on three new planning processes: the West Washington Street Corridor Plan, the East 38th Corridor Plan and the Millersville @ Fall Creek Valley Village and Corridor Plan.

These plans will all become part of the City’s Comprehensive Plan. A comprehensive plan is required by State Code for any jurisdiction that wants to do zoning. The comprehensive plan makes land use recommendations, so that zoning decisions may be based on a coordinated, community-developed vision.

Corridor Plans, however, can be a lot more than just a series of land use recommendations. They can be tailored to the needs and issues of their specific location.

The West Washington Street Corridor Plan is focused on Washington Street and its surrounding neighborhoods from Tibbs Avenue west to I-465. The planners are working with the 40 West Business Association and the Greater Garden City Community Organization. Among the top issues for these groups are pedestrian connectivity, an improved streetscape and transit.
The **East 38th Corridor Plan** is looking at East 38th Street and its surrounding neighborhoods from Shadeland Avenue east to the county line. The planning team is working with the Pathway Resource Center and with the Community Alliance of the Far Eastside (CAFE). CAFE is concurrently developing a quality-of-life for the area and the two plans are being coordinated. Among the issues to be addressed in this plan are commercial revitalization, pedestrian connectivity and neighborhood sustainability.

The **Millersville @ Fall Creek Valley Village and Corridor Plan** is focused on the retail center at 56th Street and Emerson Way, which was historically known as Millersville. The Plan will also be concerned with Fall Creek and its surrounding neighborhoods from I-465 downstream to Allisonville Road. Here the planners are working with the community umbrella group Millersville @ Fall Creek Valley. Among the topics in this plan will be redevelopment of the retail area into a more village-like atmosphere; flooding, erosion and drainage along Fall Creek; the protection of the area’s historic qualities; and safer connections for pedestrians.
Upcoming Public Meetings

The kick-off meeting for the Millersville @ Fall Creek Valley planning process is scheduled for September 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Cathedral High School.

The kick-off meeting for East 38th Street will be announced in the coming weeks. The three plans will each take nine to 15 months to complete.

On the Web

For more information, go to the project Web sites at:
www.indy.gov/westwashington
www.indy.gov/east38thstreet
www.indy.gov/millersvillefcv

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