Approximately 21 persons attended the meeting at Eastlawn Wesleyan Church, 3400 N. Post Road.

The City of Indianapolis Division of Planning Senior Planner Dennis Slaughter welcomed participants and introduced himself and Planner Gina Bush Hayes and mentioned the project website and contact information. He thanked the church for hosting the meeting. Mr. Slaughter acknowledged Pastor Johnson, who announced their community garage sale July 22-28 and their block party September 19. Mr. Johnson mentioned that Eastlawn Wesleyan housed three congregations.

Using a Power point presentation and handouts, Mr. Slaughter reviewed the agenda. He noted two upcoming transportation projects on the far east side: a new traffic signal at 52nd Street and German Church Road intersection and a plan for widening 38th Street from Post Road to Mitthoefer. He also referred to a new Friends of Fort Harrison State Park auxiliary group and the Fall Creek Watershed Partnership - Backyard Conservation program. He noted that a separate meeting would be arranged to address environmental and watershed concerns in the corridor. A resident asked about drainage issues and trash next to Tudor Park condominiums. Mr. Slaughter suggested that these concerns should go to the Mayor’s Action Center.

Mr. Slaughter turned to land use problems associated with single family abutting non-residential and potential alternative uses for selected sites. Mr. Slaughter offered an analysis of existing land use that most of the housing stock is low-density, single family residential houses with a one story with a one car garage or carport. He noted that subdivisions tend to have low traffic streets with sidewalks and mature trees. Neighborhood stability has been affected by foreclosures, lack of property maintenance and code violations. He noted that relatively few rezoning and use variances have historically been seen in this part of the study area. He suggested that regular calls to code enforcement and other grassroots actions can be taken to avoid potential land use conflicts in the future. He noted that Keep Indianapolis Beautiful can assist with regular clean-ups, community gardens and adopt-a-median and tree planting.

Mr. Slaughter explained that the area has only a few edge problems between residential and other land uses. There is very little “commercial creep, a situation where businesses steadily encroach into residential neighborhoods. He observed at the area west of Post Road and south of 46th Street has potential for such changes. Representatives of the Turning Point Worship Center reported on their plans for residential facilities on their campus. Mr. Slaughter noted that Mt. Paran Baptist Church owns property on the east side of Franklin Road south of 42nd with plans for additional senior housing as well as future church and school.

A participant asked how many apartments were in this area. Another reported that there were 33 different apartment projects in the far eastside. Mr. Slaughter noted that the apartments were in existence in 1996, with the exception of two new senior housing projects. He commented that the Far Eastside Neighborhood Plan included public concerns about the amount of apartments in the area. Participants discussed the amount of low to moderate-income apartments and the desire to demolish damaged apartments. A recommendation was made to the plan to suggest that government’s needing space in the area locate in vacant buildings before constructing a new building.

Mr. Slaughter produced a list of 14 grocery stores within six miles of 38th and Post. The list did not include convenience stores. Participants commented that Walgreens had added fresh fruit and vegetables. Participants discussed the problems of residents that lack transportation to full service grocery stores and the high cost and limited selection of stores within walking distance. Concerns were raised about pending applications for additional liquor licenses in the area. Mr. Slaughter encouraged the group to enroll in the registered neighborhood organization list as a way to become aware of new development.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM
Approximately, 13 people attended the May 21, 2012, meeting at Rock of Faith Missionary Baptist Church at 10302 E. 38th Street. City of Indianapolis Division of Planning Senior Planner Dennis Slaughter welcomed participants and thanked the church and Pastor Darrell L. Sydnor for hosting the meeting. Mr. Slaughter passed out the flyer for the release of the Far Eastside Quality of Life Plan scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2012 1:00 pm to 3:00pm at Francis Scott Key School #103. He noted the link to access copy of the draft plan.

Mr. Slaughter discussed the concept of “Thinking Comprehensively” as background to focusing on specific areas. He showed a slide of the Regional Transit Plan and added that a private company that was starting a circulator-type bus service in Lawrence. He explained transportation plans for the study area that included bike lanes on 46th and Mitthoefer, bus rapid transit and express bus service. The meaning of “Critical Areas” was discussed with three proposed sites and their characteristics:

- Post & 42nd Street apartments, retail, transit, image
- 38th and Post- commercial revitalization, transit, image
- 38th & Mitthoefer – retail revitalization, transit, image

Mr. Slaughter explained that, while many sites could be assumed to be stable, some sites could change land use in the future. He noted that neighborhood and convenience shopping was also located at Franklin & 38th, 42nd & Franklin, 42nd & Mitthoefer and 38th & German Church. These areas did not warrant inclusion in the list of draft critical areas.

Mr. Slaughter presented demographic data of ½-mile radius around each intersection including population and housing. He noted that owner-occupied dwellings are noticeably higher around 38th and Post due to the large number of single family homes compared to the other intersections. He added that this is also associated with more residents 60 and older. A participant suggested that 46th Street and Post Road should be considered with the 42nd and Post critical area. Mr. Slaughter agreed with that suggestion.

Draft Recommendations for Critical Areas - Short term (1-5 years)

1. Code enforcement, regular and annual clean-up, removal of overgrowth; report infrastructure & service problems
2. Fix existing sidewalks, complete 1st priority sidewalk installations
3. Adopt-a-stop IndyGo & Adopt a median Keep Indianapolis Beautiful
4. Beautification, begin annual tree planting
5. Patronize local businesses; get to know the businesses and their landlords. Encourage businesses to network and promote this area.
6. Crime watch (Lawrence and Indianapolis)
7. Continue apartment management efforts to deal with problem tenants and troubles that concern the whole community

Participants commented on the proposed recommendations and added to the list:

- Removal and control of overgrown weeds, shrubs and trees. Volunteers need to be organized for this activity.
- Expand efforts to get people into programs at Ivy Tech; target single parents for mentoring and educational attainment
- Get churches to cooperate more with education and youth programs

Draft Recommendations Critical Area - Long term (5 -15 years)

1. Investigate redevelopment of selected sites; support mixed uses and housing types (especially accessible and supportive housing options)
2. Concentrate retail within existing boundaries
3. Post & 38th as Community Center and focal point
4. Post & 42nd as Neighborhood Center, SE and SW corners need alternative scenarios
5. 38th & Mitthoefer as Neighborhood Center, encourage light industrial, flex-space & office on south west side
6. Complete all other missing sidewalk segments

The meeting concluded at 8:45 PM.
Approximately 14 persons attended the March 19, 2012, meeting at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 9610 East 42nd Street.

City of Indianapolis Division of Planning Senior Planner Dennis Slaughter welcomed participants and introduced Planner Gina Bush and himself. He thanked the church for hosting the meeting. Mr. Slaughter requested photographs of the study area’s history, people, nature scenes and special events for use within the corridor plan document. Several participants recommended individuals that might have photographs that they could share. Others added comments about their family histories within the far east side.

La Keisha Jackson gave an update on the preparation of the Far Eastside Quality of Life Plan and told the group the next meeting will be March 20, 6:00 PM at Community Alliance for the Far Eastside.

Mr. Slaughter encouraged participants to promptly report needs for city services to the Mayor’s Action Center, at 327-4622. A representative for the City of Lawrence shared their number for customer service/complaints 545-6191. Mr. Slaughter explained that Citizens Water is now responsible for water, sewer service, flooding and drainage concerns. Those problems should be reported to the Citizens Water dispatch at 631-1431.

Connectivity updates were discussed. The regional bicycle plan by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization was adopted in February. During the recently completed session, the Indiana General Assembly House failed to pass a bill that would allow a local referendum for regional transit funding. Participants commented on the need for improved transit along Pendleton Pike, including getting workers to and from the Wal-Mart store. The participants then divided into two groups and reviewed proposed draft sidewalk maps. Participants made additions and corrections. The group reconvened and began discussion on land use.

Mr. Slaughter discussed planning changes since in 1996 along with criteria for updating land use plans and critical areas. Mr. Slaughter reviewed a partial list of development activity in the area since 1996. Several individual retail sites and strip malls were cited as needing redevelopment. The attendees were asked to think about other uses than retail for these sites. It was acknowledged that a lot of retail has moved to the north along Pendleton Pike. The weak economy, worn out buildings and over abundance of retail were noted as some of the reasons why these sites have lost tenants. Crime and the low incomes of residents were mentioned as reasons for not attracting new businesses to the area. Participants commented that fast food restaurants seem to do well in the area with the example was the new Little Caesars Pizza. Participants voiced their desire for sit-down restaurants in the 38th Street business districts.

Other land uses such as abandoned schools and the amount and density of apartments was discussed in the meeting. Staff asked the attendees to begin thinking of ways to reuse some of these land uses for alternative types of housing or as mixed-use sites. Suggestions were made to demolish some of these areas and make parks. A suggestion was made for the city to limit new development until the existing buildings and sites were occupied.

Participants were asked to continue to think about potential redevelopment uses for the following sites North Eastwood Shopping Center, former Country Squire Shopping Center and Raintree Shopping Center along with Arborstone Apartments and Town & Terrace townhouses. Mr. Slaughter noted that staff will prepare several scenarios for alternative uses on these and other sites. He asked participants to send any additional comments to staff before the next meeting. Mr. Slaughter concluded the meeting and thanked those in attendance. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.
East 38th Street Corridor Plan

January 18, 2012

Approximately 16 persons attended the January 18, 2012, meeting at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 9610 East 42nd Street.

City of Indianapolis Division of Planning Senior Planner Dennis Slaughter welcomed participants then introduced himself and Planner Gina Bush Hayes. Using a PowerPoint presentation and handouts, Mr. Slaughter noted that the area under study and the project website. Jasmine Clark gave an update on the Far Eastside Quality of Life Plan. Mr. Slaughter referred participants to the websites for the upcoming Indianapolis Super Bowl and to the City’s Rebuild Indy and Request Indy public access portals. He encouraged participants to promptly report needs for city services to the Mayor’s Action Center at 327-4622.

Mr. Slaughter highlighted a number of infrastructure recommendations contained in the 1996 Far Eastside Neighborhood Plan that been implemented and might still be implemented. Mr. Slaughter highlighted planning issues that impact connectivity and infrastructure within a corridor plan. He described the effects of automobile dependency. He noted the national trends of declining physical activity and the concept of “active transportation.” He pointed to a several healthy lifestyle programs locally and nationally. Mr. Slaughter provided definitions of “connectivity” including the reduction in travel distances and the increase in route options as connectivity increases. He showed photographs of well-worn paths that are known as “desire lines” that indicate where people are walking and where sidewalks are clearly needed.

He presented slides that showed the regional and county context for corridor plans and the website for further information on the “Indy Connect” regional transportation plan. Mr. Slaughter referred to the regional plan’s proposed “bus rapid transit” route on Post Road and 38th Street. He noted the plan included a bus circulator for the Lawrence area. He commented on an operating bus rapid transit route on the east side of Cleveland Ohio, known as the “Health Line”, and its positive impacts on property investments in its service corridor.

Mr. Slaughter explained the concept of “pedestrian friendly” corridor planning that includes pedestrian-oriented destinations, minimized walking distance, comfort and safety. He pointed out that 38th Street west of Shadeland, Massachusetts Avenue and Shadeland Avenue had originally been built as state highways in rural areas and these roads still retained many of those physical characteristics, such as the lack of sidewalks. He explained that, until 2008, the City of Indianapolis did not require sidewalks in many types of land development projects. The existence of many sidewalk gaps is attributable to the previous way that land development was regulated.

Mr. Slaughter presented slides on regional pedestrian corridors along major streets and a proposed multi-use path on the former Penn Central Railroad corridor. He noted that this corridor is intended to be developed along the lines of the existing Pennsy Trail in Cumberland, Greenfield and the Indianapolis Eastside.

Meeting participants were asked to review a map of community assets and pedestrian destinations within the study corridor. Participants suggested the addition of food pantries, barber shops and urgent care medical centers. Some additional facilities were added to the draft maps. Staff then asked participants to review gaps in the existing sidewalk network where new development would likely include the construction of sidewalks. Comments were received on priorities for publicly installed sidewalks.

Mr. Slaughter concluded the meeting and thanked those in attendance. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.
Approximately 16 persons attended the November 28, 2011, meeting at Mount Carmel Baptist Church.

City of Indianapolis Division of Planning Senior Planner Dennis Slaughter welcomed the meeting participants and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Betty Robinson, with the Community Alliance for the Far Eastside (CAFÉ), gave an update on the Far Eastside Quality of Life Plan. She noted that committee meetings are occurring on the third Tuesdays of each month at CAFÉ.

Using a PowerPoint presentation and a handout, Mr. Slaughter noted that the project has a website and he encouraged participants to access it for background documents and meeting announcements. Mr. Slaughter explained comprehensive plans under Indiana law and the opportunity that is offered for citizens to work together in the development of new plans. He noted that the corridor study area is currently contained in multiple segments of the Indianapolis-Marion County Comprehensive Plan. He explained details about the Far Eastside Neighborhood Plan, which was adopted in 1996. He described the boundaries of that plan and the planning process which included research assistance by four colleges.

Mr. Slaughter explained that the Far Eastside Plan needed to be evaluated according to what had been implemented and should still be implemented. He suggested that participants also consider what community needs have changed in the past 15 years. Mr. Slaughter pointed out that implementation has occurred on three top rated projects. Plans have been made to develop the Grassy Creek Regional Park. The Greenleaf Community Center evolved into the Community Alliance for the Far Eastside, which now serves as a multi-service center and community gathering place. Unimplemented priorities of the 1996 plan include locating a branch library, building a new retail development in the area and the creation of a sidewalk system to links neighborhoods and the city’s greenway system.

Mr. Slaughter highlighted a number of planning-related changes that have occurred in Marion County and the Indianapolis region since 1996. These included more emphasis on sustainable development, regional transportation plans for transit, bicycles and pedestrians and more attention to the health impacts of infrastructure such as sidewalks. He pointed out development projects that were built since 1996 which included two senior apartment projects, new charter schools and churches. He also noted that a significant amount of new retail and shopping facilities were built along Pendleton Pike and around 56th and Post, while retail declined on 38th Street. Progress in multi-modal regional transportation plans was explained.

The “Guiding Principles” of the 1996 plan were shown to participants. Mr. Slaughter asked if the list of five principles was still valid for a plan update in the area. One participant suggested that more support is needed for physical activity for all demographic groups. It was explained that Mt. Carmel Church offers a variety of sports activities serving 950 youth annually. Financial support is a constant concern for running programs; but transportation and adult participation are not concerns.

Participants suggested looking at the model of the Chase Near East Side Legacy Center on the Near Eastside. The project is an 11 million dollar facility that will house the NFL’s youth education town, and
fitness, wellness and cultural programs. The NFL donated $1 million and Chase Bank and other private and charitable donors put up the rest.

Another participant explained that music, arts and computer programs are missing from many schools and are needed along with sports. Classes such as money management, parenting and debt reduction, fitness and wellness are needed. A participant explained that Mt. Carmel Church offers money management, performing arts and financial management along with providing fitness programs of the elementary schools.

Participants then focused on public infrastructure in the area. Sidewalks and streetlights are needed. The installation of emergency call buttons was suggested. A representative from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department explained some of the problems elsewhere with call boxes include misuse that prompts police runs for false alarms. A participant stressed the need to add travel lanes to German Church Road.

The participants offered their ideas about including youth input in the plan. A focus group with youth would be beneficial. High schools have government and economics classes that might be able to work with adults and staff.

The participants discussed how crime had an effect on physical connections in the neighborhood. It was noted that some streets that originally connected apartment complexes and residential subdivisions have been barricaded or fenced. The concept of “Crime Prevention through Environmental Design” CPTED briefly discussed. Apartments need to repair the fences along their borders. Criminals use the down fences as a way to move between complexes and avoid police. Code enforcement, health, and hospital need to do code enforcement sweeps. The complaints need to go to the apartment owners not the managers. Problems with specific apartment projects were identified. A suggestion was made to increase homeownership in the area.

The delivery of social services was discussed. Several churches in the area have joined the trustee’s office, and Café to provide a food pantry and emergency assistance. (Lawrence for the Hungry Café Food Pantry) A comment was made that the area is missing receiving assistance because there is not one-person/umbrella representative that they can call when funds are available. An umbrella organization is needed to represent the needs of all residents’ not just those needing social services. It was suggested that social networking could be used as a clearing house to share ideas, services and supplies. The experience of Perry Township’s networking was cited with savings to the township government of having churches and other organizations contribute to the needy. The need for vocational training for the youth and adults was discussed.

Mr. Slaughter concluded the meeting and thanked those in attendance. He said that another meeting will be scheduled for January 2012 with a focus on connectivity and infrastructure.
Three people attend the August 9, 2011 in the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council at 4332 N. German Church Road. Staff began the meeting with community announcements: CAFÉs Quality of Life plan, Mayor’s Night Out on Far Eastside area and Far Eastside Family Fun Day.

Staff announced that Department of Public Works has consultants looking at roundabout at 42nd and German Church. There will be a public process for review and comments.

Staff reviewed the process to date in the east section. Land use and development concerns:

- Large tracts were built in the 1990s and 2000s several subdivisions with incomplete future sections.
- Development on farmland has stopped.
- Border coordination; future industrial park to east
- Regional scale transportation systems
- Existing commercial at 38th & German Church
- Important gaps in sidewalks; large sections will get sidewalks when development occurs
- Indian Creek watershed

Staff explained the draft recommendation additions to Critical Area #35. Pedestrian and vehicular connections between Winding Ridge and future subdivisions and land on the north west corner of 38th Street and Carroll Road.

Explore using the power line transmission corridor running in a north/south direction through the critical area for a pedestrian corridor and bicycle path.

Staff suggested that the plan should identify a place to have a tribute to Michael Carroll civic leader. Community support for a gateway along Carroll Road and 38th street could create a sense of place.

When the land between 38th Street and 42nd Street on the west side of Carroll Road is developed, attention should be given to poor site drainage.

Connectivity issues were discussed, the need for sidewalks between German Church to Spanish Oaks/ Long Wharf Dr ranked the highest.

7+ miles of sidewalks will be built along roads as land is developed. Sidewalk gaps remain for era before 2008 ordinance amendment (commercial and
apartment sites. It was mentioned that the City shouldn’t allow sidewalk waivers.

Dept or Public Works will study German Church Rd, for intersection improvements.

Staff mentioned that Cleveland Rapid Transit Bus would be on display at the State Fair on August 19th.

Staff concluded the meeting and thanked the group for participating in this section of the plan.
East 38th Street Corridor Plan  
East Section – Sixth Meeting – June 28, 2011

Approximately 8 people attended the June 28, 2011 in the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council at 4332 N. German Church Road. Staff began the meeting with announcements about community events and meetings handouts. Staff referred to a visual presentation that indicated the overall study boundaries and the focus on connectivity, infrastructure and image themes within the east section of the corridor. Staff noted that a number of infrastructure maintenance projects were recently completed or planned within the study area. Staff explained the regional and county planning context for corridor planning.

Definitions of “connectivity” and “active transportation” were presented. The problems associated with trends for automobile dependency and declining physical activity. Recent changes to local requirements for sidewalk construction were highlighted with examples of locations that have gaps in the sidewalk network. Staff explained that more than seven miles of sidewalks would eventually be built along the arterial streets as vacant land is developed in the east section. Additional sidewalks would be built along any new public streets within residential subdivisions. Staff noted that it may be a long time for these sidewalks to be built because of the slow market for new residential development.

Staff explained the recommendations of the Regional Pedestrian Plan related to 38th Street, Pendleton Pike, Carroll Road and German Church Road. A planned rail-trail greenway connecting Indianapolis, Hancock County and New Castle was also noted on the regional plan.

Staff described elements of the Indy Connect regional transit plan, noting the recommendation for “bus rapid transit” (BRT) services on 38th Street. Staff explained that BRT service requires physical changes to the street give buses priority at traffic signals. BRT typically has fewer stops than with traditional city bus routes. Staff pointed out that another plan recommendation was a “circulator” service for the Lawrence area. Meeting participants discussed the current bus routes in the area and the need for additional funding to increase service levels.

The pending Regional Bikeway Plan’s recommendations for the east side were presented. Staff noted that the Grassy Creek Regional Park will become a location where north-south and east-west greenway trails will intersect.

Staff highlighted pedestrian destinations that were identified in the discussion draft prepared in advance of the June 28 meeting. The missing sidewalk segments within the neighborhood shopping district at 38th Street and German Church Road were discussed by meeting participants. It was suggested that pedestrians are currently observed walking from German Church Road to the west to apartments and to John Marshall High School. Constructing sidewalks in that direction was deemed to be a higher priority than in other directions from the intersection of German Church Road and 38th Street.

Staff reviewed comments received earlier about drainage problems around Carroll Road between 38th and 42nd Streets. Staff noted that it was possible that field tiles had once kept the water table lower. Staff urged participants to contact the Mayor’s Action Center to report future drainage and other infrastructure problems.

The meeting concluded with a short discussion of possible ways to improve the image of the corridor including gateways and streetscape improvements.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM
East 38th Street Corridor Plan East Section - Fifth Meeting March 24, 2011

Approximately 8 people attended the March 24, 2011 meeting at Calvary Baptist Church.

Staff welcomed the participants and expressed appreciation to Calvary Baptist Church for providing meeting space again. Staff explained the communications efforts to keep participants informed by email and the project website. Staff announced two upcoming events: the Gang Prevention and Intervention Summit on April 9 and the Far Eastside Quality of Life Plan Visioning Summit on May 14. Both events will be at the Community Alliance for the Far Eastside. Staff also noted the Warren Pride community clean-up event on April 9.

Staff went over the project’s completed tasks included a SWOT exercise, and review of the adopted plans, county line area coordination, and connectivity, and reviews of three land use discussion areas. Staff opened the discussion with the draft recommendations for four land use areas not previously reviewed with the public.

Area Seven – West side of German Church Road between 42nd Street and 46th Street
Staff pointed out the existing conditions and explained previously adopted plans that included a proposed linear park along Indian Creek. A participant noted that drainage has been a problem with standing water after a heavy rain. He added that a culvert placed under German Church Rd. has not alleviated the problem. Staff and participants discussed the property on the northwest corner of 42nd St. and German Church Rd. The site’s appearance and code enforcement history were of concern to participants. Participants agreed to keep the linear park recommendation. A suggestion was made for a land use density of 1.75 to 3.5 residential units per acre. Another recommendation was that if this site were to be developed into housing it should be a planned unit development (PUD) with only one access point on 42nd and 46th Street each to limit curb cuts and traffic congestion. Participants also stressed the importance of having limited access points on German Church Road.

All participants agreed that there was a need for a traffic light at 42nd Street and German Church Road. City County Councilor Vernon Brown reported on his request to the Department of Public Works to evaluate improvements to the intersection. A roundabout was mentioned as a possible alternative to a traffic signal. Staff commented on continuing coordination with the planning activities of the adjoining communities.

Area Six – East side of German Church between 42nd Street and 46th Street
Participants supported keeping the current land use recommendation of 1.75 to 3.5 units per acre on the north 50 acres and 3.5 to 5 units per acre on the south 28 acres. The participants supported controls on access points on German Church Road and recommended that any new subdivisions on this site should be required to connect to existing subdivisions for safety as well as connectivity to the Winding Ridge Elementary School.

Area Five – South side of 46th Street, west of Carroll Road.
Staff explained the site was rezoned in 1996 to become two future sections of Winding Ridge but the land has not been developed. Staff noted the large area that is located in the floodplain of Steele Ditch and pointed out a power line easement and the Winding Ridge Elementary School. Participants supported the draft recommendation of residential land use at 1.75 to 3.5 units per acre along with draft recommendations for pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular connectivity.
Area Four – Northwest corner of 42nd Street and Carroll Road
Staff explained that C.P. Morgan Company was the intended developer of this site. Staff explained that the site was to become Section 6 of the Parks of Winding Ridge. Staff noted that zoning commitments on the site included the dedication of 35 acres along Steele Ditch for parkland. Staff noted the floodplain along Steele Ditch. Participants supported maintaining the commitments of the previous rezoning and the adopted plan recommendations found in the text of Critical Area #35 for connectivity and greenway provisions.

Staff reviewed the revised recommendations for discussion areas 1, 2 and 3. Staff offered examples of various densities for existing residential developments in Warren and Lawrence Townships. Staff pointed out that the same overall densities may be found in various housing types and site designs.

Several participants offered their views that the 38th Street corridor already had an abundance of multi-family housing. Participants expressed a desire for housing that could serve older adults over traditional apartments in Discussion Area #2. Assisted living facilities with related support services were considered an appropriate land use option.

A suggestion was offered that any new commercial development sites in the corridor be arranged in an integrated manner to simplify traffic movements. Staff clarified the recommendations that any commercial uses proposed at the intersections of German Church Road and Carroll Road should serve for convenient shopping of neighborhood residents and not serve regional commercial needs. Several participants pointed out that most of their shopping needs are met at larger stores around Pendleton Pike and Sunnyside Road.

Staff explained that input gathered during the meeting would be used to revise the draft recommendations for the seven discussion areas. The revised text will be sent out by email and posted on the project website.

The meeting concluded at 8:20 PM.

Staff note: Another meeting for the East Section of East 38th Street had not been scheduled at this time.
Approximately 15 people attended the February 17, 2011 meeting at Calvary Baptist Church. Staff began the meeting by explaining the communications effort and planning process. Announcements were made by community leaders. Melissa Drew, Executive Director of the Community Alliance for the Far Eastside, announced the Far Eastside Quality of Life Plan Visioning Summit on May 14. Norman Pace announced the Warren Pride Community Cleanup on April 9. Noelle Malatestinic announced a Gang Prevention and Intervention Summit on April 9.

Staff presented changes to the Indy.gov website for the Department of Metropolitan Development and Division of Planning. Staff continued with a presentation to show the overall corridor study boundaries and four sub-sections for public input activities. The results of an earlier exercise to gather corridor strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats were summarized. Staff reviewed tasks completed in the earlier meetings that included an overview of adopted plans, connectivity, infrastructure and “complete streets.” Regional transportation planning was also discussed in earlier sessions.

Comments were offered from participants about related plans underway in the City of Lawrence and Town of Cumberland. Concerns were expressed about the need for jurisdictions to coordinate their plans in the county border area.

The participants and staff discussed the need to address changes from agricultural land uses to urban land uses. The need for farmland presentation was suggested and questions were raised about farm preservation trusts. Potential uses for smaller agricultural tracts were discussed such as wineries. Staff noted that certain governmental conservation programs are often not attractive to the owners of farmland in Marion County. It was noted that many owners do not want to make multi-year commitments if they expect to sell their land for development in a few years.

Staff reviewed the categories for land use plans and offered nearby examples of various residential densities. Beginning with Discussion Area 1, staff reviewed comments from the previous meeting. A suggestion was offered that any new commercial development be arranged in an integrated manner to simplify traffic movements. A recommendation was raised that a commercial intensity lower than that associated with C-4 zoning districts would be appropriate around the intersection of German Church Road and 38th Street.

Discussion Area 2 was reviewed by staff. A planned greenway trail is located on the former Conrail railroad corridor. Staff noted that the Indiana Department of Natural Resources has acquired sections of this former rail right-of-way in Hancock County for the purpose of implementing a greenway trail. Staff noted that additional sections of the same rail corridor are being planned for a trail in Henry County. Staff explained that the City of Indianapolis Parks system has acquired the rail corridor between Mittheofer Road and German Church Road within the future Grassy Creek Regional Park property.

Participants discussed several sites in the East Section with land use, drainage and code enforcement concerns. The next meeting was set for Thursday March 24 during which the remaining land use discussion areas will be reviewed. The meeting concluded at 8:15 PM.
Approximately 8 people attended the December 1, 2010 meeting at Calvary Baptist Church. Staff began the meeting by reminding the group of the project website, the neighborhood organization registry and the Mayor’s Action Center. Staff highlighted the items covered in the November 10 meeting, SWOT rankings and the meeting summary was available in a hand out.

Staff reviewed a list of planning terms to ensure the group was familiar with their usage. Then staff presented an overview of connectivity and infrastructure. The Regional Pedestrian Plan recommends 38th Street, Pendleton Pike and Shadeland Avenue as pedestrian corridors. Staff explained the concept of “complete streets” and the benefits of sidewalks for a safe and healthy society. Staff noted that the Indianapolis Bikeways Plan recommends 3.92-mile bike route on 30th Street from Franklin Road to Carroll Road. A suggestion was made that construction standards should be established when designing bike lanes to assure safety. Another suggestion was that short-starter bike lanes are needed to connect neighborhoods with a broader bike system.

Staff showed the group the current land use plans for Indianapolis as well as for Hancock County. Planners displayed seven areas for review as possible locations where adopted land use recommendations might need to be updated in Marion County. Suggestions were offered for specific locations within the following discussion areas:

Area 1 - 38th Street & German Church Road. Participants recommended office commercial land use on the eastside of German Church Rd. next to Hunters Crossing subdivision.

Area 2 - Northwest Corner of 38th Street and Carroll Road. Participants discussed modifying the Critical Area #35 text to limit building heights to 35 feet and two stories. Participants also suggested requiring an additional set-back for two story buildings that adjoin the residential neighborhoods. Building massing was also of concern fit future development into the existing area.

Area 3 - 11517 E. 38th Street (between Carroll Farms and Longwood Glen. Participants suggested that all future subdivisions should connect to each other and to proposed pathways along the utility transmission corridor and streambed.

Staff noted that the remaining four discussion areas will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Note: The next meeting was later confirmed as January 20, 2011 at Calvary Baptist Church.