

THE VISION

A VISION STATEMENT ISN'T ABOUT WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS TODAY BUT INSTEAD, IT IS ABOUT WHAT THE TOWN WANTS TO DO OR BECOME IN THE FUTURE.

Residents and visitors alike will continue to admire the quaintness of Lanesville. We are a community that celebrates our classic, small-town charm. We are a town that cherishes community togetherness, high-quality education, and access to nature.

Lanesville is committed to responding to the ever-changing needs of the community by welcoming forward-looking ideas while also working to preserve the integrity of our traditional values and rural heritage.

BIG IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE!

PLACEMAKING

1. **Gateways:** Improve community identity through enhanced gateways and signs.
2. **Community Events:** Expand the types and frequency of community events.
3. **Beautification:** Foster community pride through beautification efforts.

HISTORIC & NATURAL ASSETS

1. **Historic Destinations:** Protect and promote Lanesville's historic sites, such as the Mail Pouch Tobacco Barn and the Old Mill.
2. **Scenic Ohio River Byway:** Work with INDOT to enhance SR 62 and promote local destinations along the Byway.

PARKS AND RECREATION

1. **Heritage Park Improvements:** Work with the Lanesville Heritage Committee to continue enhancing Heritage Park through new improvements.
2. **Pedestrian Connectivity:** Provide sidewalks between the town and the Lanesville Youth League Ballpark.
3. **Community Center Expansion:** Update Lanesville's community buildings to expand public amenities and event space.

LAND USE

1. **Residential Growth:** Encourage residential development in areas that are undeveloped or underutilized within town limits.
2. **Neighborhood Services:** Provide neighborhood-scale retail and dining that serves residents and visitors.
3. **I-64 Interchange:** Plan for potential growth northward towards and around the I-64 interchange.

UTILITIES

1. **Broadband:** Work with the county and local providers to expand high-speed broadband availability in Lanesville.
2. **Flooding:** Encourage the preservation and planting of trees and native plants to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff.
3. **Adequate Services:** Ensure town utilities can provide adequate services to current and future residents and businesses.

TRANSPORTATION

1. **Sidewalks:** Provide a safe, handicapped accessible sidewalk network throughout Lanesville.
2. **State Route Maintenance:** Work with INDOT to facilitate SR 62 maintenance and enhancement as needed.
3. **Local Roads:** Plan for local road improvements through a capital improvement program.

HOUSING

1. **Code Enforcement:** Increase awareness on how people can make improvements to comply with local and state building and property maintenance codes.
2. **Housing Rehabilitation:** Improve residential neighborhoods by addressing vacant and underutilized properties.
3. **Housing Diversification:** Encourage the development of different housing types to address the needs of recent graduates and senior citizens within the community.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

1. **Marketing Materials:** Increasing awareness of regional healthcare options.
2. **Telehealth:** Partner with local healthcare providers to expand telehealth services to residents.
3. **Healthy Food:** Develop partnerships between local farmers, Lanesville Community Schools, and local businesses to increase the availability of fresh produce for residents.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. **Adaptive Re-use:** Evaluate the re-use of the Old Mill as a community destination with dining, co-working space, and specialty retail.
2. **I-64 Interchange:** Work with Harrison County and INDOT to promote the I-64 interchange as prime land for industrial and commercial employment centers.
3. **Childcare:** Support childcare and early childhood education programs within the community.
4. **Business Owner Roundtable:** Support local business owners by providing a method to express concerns or challenges, share resources, and communicate with local leaders.

