

West Carrollton Sustainable Comprehensive Plan:

*A Community Vision and
Comprehensive Plan Created through the Principles of
Sustainability*

Draft Vision Report



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Executive Summary

This report contains the vision for the future of the City of West Carrollton as shared by residents and stakeholders of the city. The establishment of this consensus vision is the first step in the development of a City sponsored comprehensive plan for the City of West Carrollton. This plan will be built upon the principles of sustainability. Resident's thoughts regarding what they value about West Carrollton and what they hope for the future will provide the overall guidance for this comprehensive plan.

Beginning in May of 2007, 26 vision sessions were facilitated and 39 surveys were collected from a broad range of community groups, organizations, schools (staff/faculty and students), city offices and residents. Volunteers from the community were trained to facilitate the visioning sessions. These volunteers have held twenty six sessions to date, with over 429 citizens participating and sharing their thoughts regarding the future of the West Carrollton community.

Vision Direction

A sustainable City of West Carrollton will be based on the shared priorities of the residents of this community. The future will be determined by building on and protecting valued community assets while developing new opportunities to create a vibrant economy and unique quality of life attributes. Based on the shared values and desires of the residents of West Carrollton, the following themes capture the unique position that will create a sustainable future for the community's residents:

1. Downtown:
Define the boundaries of West Carrollton's Downtown, revitalize the downtown corridor, rehabilitate and redevelop buildings and public spaces, add retail and entertainment
2. Economic development:
Create local jobs, expand industry, diversify industry, spur small business development
2. Transportation infrastructure:
Exit 47 completed, develop and expand alternative forms of transportation and recreation such as bikepaths, footpaths and sidewalks, public transportation
3. Riverfront and river corridor:

- Develop riverfront corridor as a focal point and attraction for West Carrollton, possible uses include – retail, entertainment/restaurants, recreation, housing, tourism, attraction of visitors to community
4. Housing:
Improve existing housing, maintain residential neighborhoods, revitalize certain areas of town, preserve historic properties and areas, provide more types/varieties of housing so residents can remain in the community through various stages of life
 5. Image/Identity:
Attract visitors to area, expand Festivals, develop unique features such as riverfront, provide entertainment venues such as restaurants, develop and promote West Carrollton as a destination
 6. Family centered activities and amenities:
Develop more activities and opportunities for kids and families such as parks, restaurants
 7. Parks, recreation and trees/landscaping:
Offer more activities for youth, maintain/expand recreational programs and facilities (YMCA, for example), increase attractiveness of community through plantings and landscaping, maintain and expand green space and open space
 8. Infrastructure/technology:
Improve internet access
 9. Education:
Continue to support and improve schools; revitalize schools; use schools to position community in new economy, increase higher education rate of residents (beyond K-12), life long education, local residents understand local history, library continues to serve residents.

The goal of this visioning process was to create the framework and focus for the development of a sustainable West Carrollton comprehensive plan. This important step of the overall planning process has now been accomplished through the establishment of a shared vision by the residents. The next step will be to use this vision to guide the creation of the plan that combines the talents of local professionals with community leaders and full community support.

Introduction

What makes a Sustainability Plan Unique

Sustainability is based on finding the balance between the economic, environmental and social sectors of what creates a community. Each sector is intentionally connected to the other sectors to assure the availability of resources necessary to provide opportunities not simply for today but also for future generations. Every community must establish the cornerstones upon which it will build and sustain itself. The leaders of West Carrollton have chosen to build their community on the cornerstones of sustainability. These four cornerstones of sustainability have guided the process of West Carrollton's visioning as follows:

1. Balanced and Interconnected:

The concept of sustainability is defined as finding the long-term balance between environmental (built and natural), social and economic issues. Within this context, sustainability seeks to find and nurture a balance among these three key sectors that impact the viability and vitality of a community. Sustainability means giving all three factors careful consideration and act with intentionality, not causality, as community planning, development and redevelopment efforts move forward. The next step in the comprehensive planning process will begin to draw linkages among the input shared through visioning, arriving at holistic and consensus community goals.

2. Long Term:

Sustainability planning is about looking out generations, not just decades as is the case with most planning efforts. By focusing on the long term it forces us to look beyond the more immediate conflicts and begin to articulate what we want the future to be. The second question of the visioning sessions, *What do you hope the City of West Carrollton will become for your grandchildren and great-grandchildren?* pushes residents to think out two generations, or 50 years.

3. Inclusionary:

Sustainability planning is a resident-driven process which insures that all segments of the community have the opportunity to become part of the process. This is accomplished in two ways: first, by insuring that the steering committee is comprised of members of all segments of the community, and second, by insuring that barriers to participation in the

visioning are reduced. Using "Lasswell's Wheel" the steering committee has been formed to insure that all voices in the West Carrollton community are at the table. Also using this tool, groups and organizations that should be visited were identified. Thirdly, barriers to participation in visioning were reduced by "going to where people gather," that is, by piggybacking on top of already scheduled gatherings, going to places where residents were already familiar and comfortable.

4. Multi-dimensional Indicators:

Multi-dimensional indicators provide an effective method to track and measure if chosen community goals are helping to reach the community's shared vision. They are multi-dimensional because they consider social, economic and environmental qualities in measuring progress. They will be developed during the development of the plan and included in the document.

Process

This vision report contains a compilation of resident statements regarding what residents currently value about the West Carrollton community and what residents hope for future generations in the West Carrollton community as identified during 25 vision sessions held from May 2007 through September 2007. Almost 400 West Carrollton residents and stakeholders of all ages, ethnicity, race, backgrounds and walks of life gave of their valuable time to provide their priorities, thoughts and dreams. What emerges is a commonly shared ethos of the City of West Carrollton. This shared vision will provide direction and goals for the next stage of this planning process, that is, the creation of West Carrollton's resident-directed comprehensive plan built upon the four cornerstones of sustainability.

Major Component: Environmental Sustainability

Theme: Natural Resources

I. What we value (question #1):

West Carrollton residents value green space and the river. They appreciate the landscaping and trees, take pride in being a "Tree City" and like the rural feel of their clean community located within an urban setting.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Value trees and residential areas
- River front clean up
- Tree City USA
- River front

Community Category: Affection

- Best location in Miami Valley for safety against natural resource disasters
- Rural setting in urban area

Community Category: Respect

- Trees, landscape

Community Category: Power

- Clean air and safe environment
- It does have a home town atmosphere that needs protected environmentally: keep the river area open as much as possible, plan events that are water-related (rowing, paddle boats, etc.)
- Green space, parks system, breaks up housing
- River (Great Miami)- first sea plane launched by Wright
- Very clean town

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Access to river
- Utilize the river front

Community Category: Skills

- Parks, (Wilson) rent shelters, pools, baby pool
- Harmon field, mowed, accessible
- Bike path, location, upkeep, mile markers
- "A Tree City" overall green-space well maintained

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- That most people keep their yards neat

II: What we hope (question #2):

West Carrollton residents want to maintain their green space and trees and improve it all by adding recycling areas and flower plantings eliminate the river odor and achieve environmental awareness.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Flower pot plantings

Community Category: Affection

- Some areas of community being cleaner
- More flowering trees along roadsides and sidewalks

Community Category: Respect

- Maintain lots of Green space, trees and lawns, "Keep the Green"
- Maintain green space
- Collection place for recycling
- Tree maintenance

Community Category: Power

- Environmental awareness, our location on river
- Expand green/open space, neighborhood parks (as property becomes available)
- Move toward "green" community, become model community

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Need to have unique draw, tie in to river corridor
- Improvements in atmosphere
- Greener plan with lots of trees
- Public landscaping that is attractive

Community Category: Rectitude

- Needs more green space

Community Category: Skills

- Maintain green space
- Get rid of "West Carrollton Odor"
- Make WC look and feel like "The Greene"
- Enhanced landscaping in/by thoroughfares
- Riverscape, i.e. Miamisburg/Dayton, make use of the river
- Do something about occasional "odor" (river?)

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- That it will stay a clean environment

Theme: Historical Properties and Built Environment

I. What we value (question #1):

Residents of West Carrollton find value in local historic buildings and the community's history. They believe that renovation with historic sensitivity will keep the city beautiful and preserve local history.

Community Category: Well-Being

- The city is headed in the right direction on Marina Drive with the recent razing of the Walther boat building.
- The city is also on the right track in rehabbing some of the homes on W. Pease
- City beautiful

Community Category: Affection

- Ellsworth House
- Friends House
- New city building
- Historic housing along Central
- Post Office building

Community Category: Respect

- Definable center
- Schwartz Funeral Home
- Great old churches, Memorial UM
- Historical society building
- Clearing site at Woody's
- Union Building, Fire Dept. Building

Community Category: Power

- Continuous improvements to older neighborhoods
- Renovated old-fashion houses
- Friend Paper building
- Swartz Funeral Home building
- Frush House (Landmark building)
- Fire Station #1

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Woody's coming down

Community Category: Rectitude

- Miss Woodys, Likes Taste of Elegance

Community Category: Skills

- Historical part of W.C. grants to improve
- Size of community, small town atmosphere
- Diverse landscape, housing, land, etc.

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- How nice some of the neighborhoods are.

II: What we hope (question #2):

The hope of West Carrollton residents is that re-development and renovation continues to revitalize the community, that preservation of the old part of town happens too and with both, the city grows.

Community Category: Well-Being

- There are a couple of small apartment buildings in the old part of town, that have been a constant source of irritation to the city, such as the two multi unit apartment building at the intersection of East Shannon and Poplar. If the city ever has the opportunity to raze these and put in an owner occupied home, it would benefit the whole neighborhood.
- Building across the street from warehouse
- Historic home preservation
- Paint on Little Farm

Community Category: Affection

- Build historic district as an attraction

- Zoning to protect historical using over 100 years old (1900)
- Clean historic area around Central Avenue
- Rehab older homes
- Make existing building more visually appealing to foster community pride in education; begin thinking of new school building needs as community grows
- Fraser Paper area cleared

Community Category: Respect

- Landmarks at home, sign for Woodys?
- Historical landmarks/signs
- Demolition of a landmark “Woodys” new structure
- New landmark for West Carrollton??
- Use existing buildings
- Create downtown
- Enforcement of property maintenance standards
- City leaders walk town to see property maintenance needs

Community Category: Power

- City growth- land area/size
- New facades
- Relocate senior center, build new one, re-develop current senior center site
- Old fire station, new use (limousine), tear down and re-develop for better use
- Maintain old part of WC viability, preserve downtown neighborhoods
- Relocate Post Office, McDonald’s, Auto Sale
- Re-develop White Villa, Trucking OP,
- Focus on attractive appearance, landscaping, etc... murals, public art

Community Category: Rectitude

- Keep rehabbing historical parts of town

Community Category: Skills

- Building new schools
- Repurposing of empty buildings and lots
- Enhance levee –river-front property
- Continue to redevelop and rebuild neighborhoods
- Maintain/renovate property
- Upgrade/revitalize neighborhoods
- Frazier Paper, not appealing looking

Theme: Parks and Recreation

I. What we value (question #1):

West Carrollton has well-kept and well-used parks and value greatly the bike path and pool. The residents value the existing resources for recreation and value the Parks Department for their efforts in park upkeep.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Parks (Wilson)
- Bike path
- Parks and pool

Community Category: Affection

- Bike Trial (2)

- Lots of parks
- Places to ride bikes
- Parks—especially Wilson Park

Community Category: Respect

- Values city services, old downtown, parks, Parks & Recreation Department
- Bikeway, parkway –enjoyed by outside people
- Parks and recreation
- City parks, well kept
- Close by recreation areas
- Park system

Community Category: Power

- The parks department is ever-present in keeping our city clean and well-groomed
- Parks, green space, open areas, Wilson Park Pool, trails, soccer complex

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Sufficient number of parks/availability
- Bike path
- Recreation programs available to children
- Wilson Park pool
- Neighborhoods having their own parks
- Hintermeister Park
- Lots of parks, also diverse types
- Wilson Park
- Old Football Stadium
- Bike Path

Community Category: Rectitude

- Parks & Rec.

Community Category: Skills

- All the parks
- WC pool (Wilson Park) and YMCA
- Great parks system, green space
- Community very clear

II: What we hope (question #2):

West Carrollton residents would like to see the river utilized more for recreation, and would like existing parks and recreation tied into the riverscape. Residents would like additional recreational facilities of a variety of types. They hope for connections between existing parks and riverfront development.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Wilson Park, all parks
- Keep up bike path
- Dog park/pet friendly park
- Golf course

Community Category: Affection

- A golf course
- Campground area for recreation

Community Category: Respect

- Maintain, improve and promote parks
- Tie river into parks and other recreational things
- Parks by the river
- Easily identify our parks
- Superpark or amphitheater at Wilson Park
- Facilities to help gathering of families and groups

Community Category: Power

- River development
- Large Park

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Community pool

Community Category: Rectitude

- Develop gravel pits to parks
- Hiking Trails, Mountain bike trails, fishing pond

Community Category: Skills

- Riverfront development, bike path, recreation, “place to ride bikes to” dining, local attractions
- Family oriented parks
- Outdoor park and picnic facilities

Theme: Infrastructure and Transportation

I. What we value (question #1):

Residents in West Carrollton value their convenient location, close proximity to an international airport and metropolitan areas, such as Dayton and Columbus, and to interstate access.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Location
- Interstate access
- Good maintenance of infrastructure (curbs, sidewalks, streets)
- Water filtration & treatment
- Convenient location
- Coming new Exit 47 Interchange

Community Category: Affection

- Location in south central Ohio near I-75 and 675
- Great location—access to northbound I-75, central Dayton area (15-minute access/30-minute access)

Community Category: Respect

- Community convenient to Dayton, Cincinnati, anywhere we want to go
- Will be better when 47 goes through
- Supporting our infrastructure
- Being close to things to do
- Close to everything
- River Area- transportation
- Location, close to I75

Community Category: Power

- Small town feel- still easy access to Hwy 75

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Geographic location, Linc., Columbus, Indy
- City water softening system
- Regional transit system
- Water system upgrades
- Airport? Proximity
- Close to an international airport
- Close proximity to everything (shopping, Dayton community)

Community Category: Skills

- Hometown, smaller community
- Geographically, close to everything- highway, bike trails, shopping, Dayton Mall, entertainment
- Small and geographically compact, "close to everything"
- Location, shops/services grocery, mall, etc, highway
- Proximity of Wilson Park and Soccer Complex
- Stay small, small town feel
- Improved traffic patterns, less one-way, easier to navigate
- Improved access to highway
- Location, highways, commerce, business easily accessible
- Convenient location (highway 75, mall)

II: What we hope (question #2):

Residents are looking forward to the completion of Exit 47 and would like to see better access to and across the river as well as finding alternative transportation options and improving West Carrollton's walkability.

Community Category: Well-Being

- More of a downtown center, instead of being spread out
- WC would also have to continue to work with Montgomery County authorities in an effort to keep the area odor free from some of the area water treatment plants. I know this is possible, as I have spoken with some of the county workers who are responsible for this.
- The city also has to continue to push for the interstate exchange.
- Walkable community (from high school)
- Better access across the river
- Divided community with interstate (fix this)
- Farmersville (Park and fishing like there)– West Carrollton Rd Development, fix bridge and drainage, bike path crossing into WC from south to north
- Annexation, need to do
- Develop along 741 corridor- sewer available?
- Walkable area and traffic calming in Woody's area
- Stricter enforcement on zoning issues

Community Category: Affection

- Cute street lights
- Revised traffic patterns around one-way streets
- Better access to highway (Exit 47)
- More walking places in business areas
- More walking paths from neighborhoods into parks, e.g. into Wilson Park from surrounding cul-de-sacs
- A second driving entrance to pool
- Exit 47 and Dixie/Central interchange to improve general health of city

Community Category: Respect

- Use as visual, living, breathing space, need better access to river, getting there
- Development of river and interchange at the same time
- River blocked off by the levee, need access, buffer
- Exit 47 development as a destination for entry to town and business
- Sidewalk care
- Construction of utilities to care for environment

Community Category: Power

- Re-route truck traffic out of Central/Dixie
- Re-build bridge on farm, WC RD (flooding), also Gibbons Rd/Owl Creek flood control
- Overpass/underpass across railroad tracks
- Walkable community- sidewalks, alternate transportation, bikeways
- Cautious approach to Exit 47 development
- Upgrade Western Gateway/entrances from Miamisburg, preserve Stagecoach
- Bridge across Miami River to Moraine
- Make access easier
- Widen Farmersville –WC Rd
- More walkable

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Exit 47 project complete
- Need artery West to open up western area (892) previous highway proposed but defeated
- Better signage for Dayton area
- Developing more bike lanes (not just bike path)
- Public transportation improvements needed, not currently traveling to particular areas for mall access
- Decreased congestion
- Safety on bike lane (not just bike path)
- Sidewalks
- Friendly zoning/signage (not just billboards)
- Public street lighting that is attractive

Community Category: Rectitude

- Connect Skyview to Gibbons

Community Category: Skills

- Exit 47, completed and developed
- Re-development of Exit 47
- Improve flow of traffic into and out of WC
- Exit 47 completed
- Access from highway in both directions
- Add sidewalks (around middle school)

Theme: Economic Development

I. What we value (question #1):

West Carrollton knows that the river as an amenity and being a small community adds value to their city.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Currently a bedroom community

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- New focus on riverscape

II: What we hope (question #2):

West Carrollton's environmental sustainability is strengthened by proper economic development approaches, emphasizing re-development and natural resource based development. West Carrollton's residents seek a balance between green space, open space and commercial, retail and other kinds of development.

Community Category: Affection

- Enforcement of building and property maintenance to protect neighborhood property investments
- Downtown area development around Elm Street

Community Category: Respect

- Destination community for Miami Valley (like Lebanon, for example)
- Work towards making it a great landmark

Community Category: Power

- Re-develop Roberds Plaza area
- Develop gravel pits (Hilltop Prop.) to west for productive use
- Develop River front land, with a plan, planned development
- Similar to Miamisburg riverfront plan

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Development of river and corridor
- Balance green space vs. commercial development
- Bring Woody's back!
- Community tokens, money

Community Category: Skills

- Do something with Riverfront property, like Riverscape (Dayton) (bike path)
- Develop river front area, upscale business and restaurants
- "Pump Up" highway side of WCHS property
- Waterfront area, many walking paths and shops

Theme: Housing

I. What we value (question #1):

We value West Carrollton's housing opportunities and appreciate their role in making our community a good place to live.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Good residence, place to live
- Housing – apartments here

II: What we hope (question #2):

We continue to revitalize our community through re-development and by providing new and varied housing options including condos (along the river), senior housing and single family homes.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Riverfront condos for upscale with highway access and young people
- New housing stock

Community Category: Affection

- Continuum of senior housing options for progression of care so residents can remain in community beyond single family housing
- Take progressive steps forward—in Housing: reduce multifamily homes, increase single residential homes

Community Category: Respect

- Housing options, condos, progression of housing choices as one ages

Community Category: Power

- Re-develop Harmony Homes mobile home park
- Revitalize old DT, housing stock
- Continued improvements of housing stock
- Re-develop Harmony Home mobile home park

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Revitalizing older housing stock, older neighborhoods
- Identify safe areas for communities to become more diversified (housing)

Community Category: Skills

- Housing development and redevelopment
- More housing –single family
- New housing, single family, all types (not low income)

Theme: Social Services

I. What we value (question #1):

West Carrollton cares for the environment in many ways and residents truly value the city's services such as snow removal and clean streets.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Snow removal, street department

Community Category: Affection

- City keeps streets clean of snow and ice

Community Category: Respect

- Snow removal

Community Category: Power

- Snow removal

Community Category: Rectitude

- City Services, Police, Fire, Streets
- Council, camaraderie

Community Category: Skills

- Clean streets, snow and other
- Snow removal excellent

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- There's like no trash anywhere on streets and stuff.
- The safety and quietness of the community

II: What we hope (question #2):

The residents hope the city will continue to plan for the environmental sustainability in enforcement of regulations regarding building maintenance and noise levels.

Community Category: Affection

- Strict enforcement of home maintenance regulations
- Build a second story on senior center

Community Category: Respect

- Sound level standards enforced on vehicles

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Safe housing with community feeling, safety and affordability

Theme: Community Life and Values

I. What we value (question #1):

Residents find value in their community by making it a clean and nice place to live and are willing to adapt to change in an environmentally and socially sensitive manner.

Community Category: Affection

- Nice place to live

Community Category: Respect

- People care about how the city looks with litter

Community Category: Skills

- Community adapting to changing demographics

II: What we hope (question #2):

West Carrollton wants to keep the small town feel.

Community Category: Skills

- Keep small town feel

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- For some areas to improve

Major Component: Economic Sustainability

Theme: Natural Resources

II: What we hope (question #2):

Natural Resources are valuable to a community's economic sustainability and West Carrollton believes the river has the potential to create economic vitality.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Riverfront development

Theme: Historical Properties and Built Environment

I. What we value (question #1):

West Carrollton has available development land to enhance economic sustainability of the area.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Woody's property development

Community Category: Respect

- Going to inner ring

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Focus on redevelopment
- Fraser redevelopment

II: What we hope (question #2):

West Carrollton residents hope that existing buildings and vacant land will be reused and support a strong Land Use Plan and building codes that encourage reuse and renovation.

Community Category: Affection

- Businesses fill existing empty lots

Community Category: Respect

- Roberd's area development
- Review building codes to encourage renovation and building

Community Category: Power

- Re-develop Elm St. area
- Strong Land Use plan, development controls, be selective on re-development

Theme: Parks and Recreation

II: What we hope (question #2):

West Carrollton's excellent recreational resources also contribute to the local quality of life and economy.

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- "Family hub" bike path, bike rental place as idea

Theme: Infrastructure and Transportation

II: What we hope (question #2):

Residents would like to tap into traffic that flows outside of the city and find ways to utilize existing potential such as the river.

Community Category: Affection

- Putting money into Downtown (Elm and Central) location and better accessibility
- Bigger airport across river that competes with the Dayton airport

Community Category: Respect

- River/Canals – role it can play in city future

Community Category: Power

- Make use of local Moraino Airport
- Tap into 75 traffic

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Want to see Exit 47 completed
- Strong land use plan, to ensure proper development around interchange
- Initial mass of activities (destination) enterprises and public parking, i.e.: Greene, Easton

Community Category: Rectitude

- Need a theme in entrance off Exit 47

Theme: Economic Development

I. What we value (question #1):

West Carrollton values the strong work ethic of our residents and job creation, investment, and contributions by local businesses that make us a 'stand alone community' while still benefitting from opportunities in the larger region. We also value redevelopment and stability within our local economy.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Reasonable rates for water
- New flea market
- Re-development Woody's area

Community Category: Affection

- New development at Woody's location
- Good value for your money
- New businesses, e.g. developing the old Woody's spot, the new Mexican restaurant

Community Category: Respect

- Employment
- West Carrollton has impact on larger area
- Feel of industrial archeology that is here – industrial base, theme that can be built upon
- Suburb from industry
- Stand alone community
- Long term stability
- Small town – surrounded by big things – mall
- Small business- easy to get to
- Hidden potential- a lot that can be tapped into
- Job here
- Stability/continuity with businesses
- Wonderful place to work
- Regional approach to planning
- Possibilities for the future
- Positive future (enhance those opportunities)
- Business opportunities
- Hamilton Paper owned by employees

Community Category: Power

- It does have a home town atmosphere that needs protected economically: court major entities that are "people-oriented", chain stores that appeal to mid-economic communities
- Elm St business district
- Local independent businesses (El Meson)
- Appleton Paper
- Businesses within neighborhoods (Corner Grocery) (David's Flowers)
- Maintain S.F. ownership, vested interest in comm.

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Strong work ethic
- Working class values
- Appleton investment (\$100M)
- Business connections w/community
- Motoman

Community Category: Skills

- El Meson
- Growth opportunities, i.e.: Woody's and Paper Mill
- Businesses committed to working in and with community
- Downtown business development
- Woody's area redeveloped, future planning
- Cost of city services affordable
- El Meson
- Family owned/longevity of business

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- I always hear about new plans and ideas for the future and am anxious to see how we build on our town

- I like all the stores
- It's nice, provide job opportunities for students.
- Provides jobs, opportunity,
- The jobs.

II: What we hope (question #2):

Residents of West Carrollton know that they must be proactive to attract businesses. Progressive steps must be taken to grow and provide job opportunities.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Needs a flavor of being a community- more shopping, etc.
- New businesses in existing facilities
- More industry, Room for expansion
- More retail
- No more taxes
- More diverse industries (E.G. Huge Automotive industries)
- Industry, technology- to attract more people to area
- Move beyond bedroom community
- I believe that WC will be a great place to live and do business in the future
- As time goes on, it is imperative that the city attempts to purchase more property through there. This area would be a great area for some upscale restaurants. Some of these restaurants could even have some decks that overlook the river. This would be a very nice way to spend a fourth of July evening, as a family could have diner and enjoy the fireworks.
- Some of these areas where a business or restaurant could go include the old McDonalds. There may also be a better use for the land where there is currently a Store & Lock.
- I can also see some type nicely designed strip mall in the area where Little Farm is currently located.
- Develop business areas like Roberts
- Downtown business development
- Continuity between downtown and riverfront
- Ice cream store
- Nice restaurants
- Acquire gravel pit area and develop
- Business and economic development base needs strong
- Need grants in Lindbergh Platt, i.e.: CDBG from neighborhood improvement
- Proactive aggressive program to attract business

Community Category: Affection

- Develop riverfront by Wendy's/McDonalds to draw people into the area, could be seasonal
- Better downtown with more businesses
- Lower taxes
- Join national lawsuit against Sherwin Williams to gain funding to assist low income residents with housing improvements
- Part of Dayton Aerospace Research Area with specialization on tool & die
- Influx of businesses into Elm Street area...centered around a theme....a sudden influx of businesses through a major development
- More small businesses (2)
- Expand downtown area into Central within old industrial/paper mill area...include historical area creating bed & breakfast businesses
- More industry (2)
- More shopping choices...a grocery
- El Mesan as a hub for quality restaurants
- Business that stay and survive
- Riverboat casino

- Take progressive steps forward -in Business: different and better,
- Take progressive steps forward – in Business: e.g. technology, skilled labor vs. unskilled
- Take progressive steps forward – in Business: e.g. solid financial foundation vs. reliance on struggling auto industry
- broader and more stable industrial base
- Attract residential people to core areas to build business
- A Landmark Business that identifies City to Greater Miami Valley community
- Business retail instead of store-n-locks

Community Category: Respect

- Economic Development – hope we think about this
- Opportunity for Economic Development along the river
- A hardware store
- A grocery store

Community Category: Power

- WC needs to find a niche that will make it a stopping point instead of a drive-thru point, something unique that you can't get or find or see somewhere else, like soda fountains, or grills and fun places to draw people to the river, a theme that makes us stand out, take a look at some of the smaller cities that draw people in, like the city in Indiana that does historical home tours, the Christmas Tree festival, etc... they have something to attract people in... we have the river... USE IT!
- City growth – businesses
- Alternate funding for schools VS property taxes
- Alternate uses of tax \$ VS demolition of houses, instead: parks improvements
- Big hotel on Marina Drive to support restaurants to bring in people
- Quality re-development of old downtown, more than just paint
- Re-develop Fraser Mill
- Maintain/upgrade current assets, keep small town feeling
- Grocery store in WC, more convenient daily shopping
- More businesses, downtown
- More businesses, taxable income
- More businesses, more employment
- More businesses, economic development zone
- Specialty stores (Woody's)
- Nice restaurants
- Some "draw" to city
- Gambling
- Water restaurant (Mike Finks)
- Develop downtown, Elm to El Meson, bring in businesses/shops, mix with housing
- Get rid of car lots and storage areas, evaluate best uses of land
- Permit various uses in business districts
- Jobs
- Maintain mix of jobs, commercial, residential- embrace
- Marina Drive, riverfront development, restaurants, recreation, park and bike path, El Meson, Whitman's, Graeter's, build off Exit 47, will impact, i.e.: Cincy, eat, walk on river, band shelter, Montgomery Inn Boathouse
- Pursue vibrant industries
- Pursue diversified economy
- Wireless internet for residents and businesses, helps attract industry
- Ramada site, restaurant row
- Reduce transitory population, improve financial resources
- Western land, develop industrial
- Re-develop gravel pits, recreation/housing/industry/offices

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Continue to grow tax base
- Increase job opportunities

- Franze concept
- City more self supporting
- Diversified economy
- Strengthened identity, redefine as destination, capitalize on redevelopment opportunities
- Develop Riverfront opportunities as destination spot
- Look at destination in Western area
- Make WC a destination/repeat destination
- Ethnic markets
- El Meson
- Access to affordable health care
- Local job opportunities
- More business diversity
- Jungle Jim's franchise
- Farmers market

Community Category: Rectitude

- Need a downtown revitalization

Community Category: Skills

- Shops downtown, less car lots
- More restaurants, patio/outside, family friendly, curb appeal
- Selective with what put in Woody's lot
- Business development, high tech with growth –restaurants, shopping, create more jobs
- Emulate success other communities have had with riverfront development
- Revitalize “old town” area
- Continue to provide meaningful employment/jobs while keeping small town feel
- “Paper Mill property” –specialty stores, decent sit down upscale restaurant
- Develop downtown, community center, outdoor cafes, places for people to gather and walk, destination locations
- More businesses, broader tax base
- More defined downtown businesses, shops, cafes, attract non-residents to WC
- A local grocery store in WC
- Less used-car lots, manage business diversification, local restaurants and gathering places
- Opportunities for employment diverse
- Businesses and shops downtown
- Keeping established businesses
- Attracting new, well-known businesses, affordable restaurants
- Advertising/commercials to entice, businesses, residents, etc.
- Destination location
- Business growth, job opportunities
- River business, restaurants, canoe rentals, family activities
- Industrial/high tech parks (business growth)
- Develop downtown, shops, family friendly

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- More jobs available

Theme: Education

II: What we hope (question #2):

West Carrollton residents, businesses and students have access to affordable state of the art technology.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Stay update on technology

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- That our school is well funded

Theme: Housing

I. What we value (question #1):

Housing in West Carrollton contributes to our community's economic sustainability by offering affordable housing and an affordable cost of living.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Reasonable housing costs

Community Category: Affection

- Affordable to live here

Community Category: Respect

- Housing
- Affordable place to live

Community Category: Power

- Affordable housing, single family

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Cost of living and housing cost, very reasonable
- Affordable housing
- Property values

Community Category: Skills

- Community of choice, affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing, good mixture and variety
- Affordable housing

II: What we hope (question #2):

West Carrollton has many home ownership opportunities for residents. We also have a wide variety of different types of housing at all income levels.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Sales of homes instead of just renters
- Permanent housing/homeownership
- Address multi-family AKA Rental property
- Upgrade housing continue County Corp

Community Category: Affection

- Housing that emphasizes homeowners vs. renters, Converting apartments to condos, Attracting middle class buyers

- Riverfront condos
- Realtors choose to encourage customers to buy in W.C.

Community Category: Respect

- Available quality of housing
- Convert existing apartments to condos
- Transfer rental to home ownership

Community Category: Power

- Affordable housing (young families)
- Less lower income housing
- More high-end housing
- Patio-transition homes
- Increase SF homeownership

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Shift in owner-occupied housing (increase %)
- Need lodging to capitalize on riverfront development

Community Category: Skills

- Housing development/growth, find a way somehow to build-annexation
- Increase % of single family homes
- Increase home ownership, decrease rentals

Theme: Social Services

I. What we value (question #1):

West Carrollton has timely, appropriate and flexible community services.

Community Category: Respect

- Serving the city at the right time

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- City is very adaptable

II: What we hope (question #2):

City services are expanded to unserved areas.

Community Category: Power

- Provide City Services to land in western area

COMPONENT: SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Theme: Historical Properties and Built Environment

I. What we value (question #1):

West Carrollton has an intimate, small town environment, with many historic properties and amenities.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Woody's property development

Community Category: Affection

- Small town

Community Category: Respect

- Taste of elegance bakery

Community Category: Power

- Old downtown, houses on central, intimate feel

II: What we hope (question #2):

Residents would like to see new buildings and development while maintaining historic properties and areas and our small town feel.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Maintain small town feel

Community Category: Power

- Re-develop exit 47 with entertainment uses

Community Category: Skills

- New high school
- Historical area (around middle school)
- Update the high school

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- I hope the West Carrollton community will enlarge
- I hope it continues to grow

Theme: Parks and Recreation

I. What we value (question #1):

West Carrollton values existing resources for recreation for residents of all ages focusing on the YMCA, public parks, the bike trail and the river. They find value in community-wide activities for the whole family such as July 4th and the sports and recreation programs.

Community Category: Well-Being

- YMCA
- YMCA
- 4th of July festival
- YMCA

Community Category: Affection

- Soccer Association
- YMCA! (2)
- Recreation programs with reasonable fees
- Pool and kid's activities
- W.C. offers dog obedience classes
- Place to play basketball—at parks and at the Y
- Recreation: soccer, swimming pool
- New park equipment at Lake Forest
- New ideas coming to reality in Park Department

Community Category: Respect

- River Area – new activities/recreation
- August ice-cream social at Canterbury
- 4th of July Festival and fireworks
- The swimming pool
- The Bikeway

Community Category: Power

- Parks and recreation is also great!
- It does have a home town atmosphere that needs protected socially: the festival on the 4th is a great way to build a “unique” item for our city, keep it growing
- Recreation programming, youth sports, YMCA
- Fireworks/events (Wilson Park 4th Festival)

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- 4th of July festival at Wilson Park, well visited
- YMCA
- 4th of July festival, in-town festivities
- Support activities for families
- YMCA
- YMCA

Community Category: Skills

- Offerings city provides, fireworks, 4th of July festival
- YMCA
- Recreation programs
- Guiler Auditorium, community use
- Harmon Field, soccer complex/park
- Wilson Pool
- Parks and rec. – programs
- YMCA, staff, youth activities (positive)
- Wilson Pool (Park) swim team and lessons
- 4th of July Celebration
- Recreation program, dance, karate, elementary sports
- YMCA compliments WC activities
- Feeder for middle school athletics and activities
- 4th July fireworks
- Recreation programs for young children, soccer, T-ball, football, basketball
- July 4th celebration
- Holiday events, tree lighting

- Athletics- at civic center/rec., at open gyms all ages
- YMCA programs for families
- "Pirate Ship" at WCHS stadium
- 4th of July festival
- Homecoming Parade, sense of community
- Wilson Park- swimming pool, great locations
- Soccer complex, well maintained
- Great variety of programs and well administered at Wilson Park and Soccer Complex
- Rec league, softball, soccer, etc.
- YMCA, family activities, scholarships
- Paper Festival
- Homecoming Parade, school
- Bike Trail
- Parks, swimming
- Cox Arb.

II: What we hope (question #2):

West Carrollton is a friendly, family centered community which fosters a city-wide feeling of neighborliness, and provides excellent and varied activities and recreational facilities for youth and families. Activities are kept affordable, safe and fun so that all residents want to stay in the area for recreation.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Better scheduling of activities at Y so they don't overlap
- Improve swimming pool
- More youth activities and facilities
- Expand YMCA
- Biking community
- River for recreation too
- Develop family activities on river front
- Organized youth activities in parks department
- Canoe livery
- River front stage, entertainment area

Community Category: Affection

- A community theatre
- River Park with boat rental, jet skis, etc. and kid's activities and fishing
- Development of Riverfront, Recreational/retail/restaurant, Accommodating bikers, roller bladders, walkers
- Water park similar to Washington Twp/Centerville park, Water recycled, Ground—rubber surfaced
- Special "Main Street" activities, with business participation, e.g.: Ice Cream Social, Halloween
- Waterfront activities
- Place to go roller skating
- Homecoming Parade entering city street areas
- W.C. City pride behind cooperative community sports programs, e.g. Moraine/West Carrollton Little League (MWCLL)
- Variety of age-appropriate equipment at one park, e.g. Island Park has three different stations for Toddlers to School-Age
- School sports are well managed and Sports Board is separate from school control

Community Category: Respect

- More family oriented recreation, like YMCA- Skating Rink
- Recreation along River/Water/Ponds/Antique Shops
- A lot going on, continue this

- Foster a city wide feeling of neighbors “dog park”
- Annual festival
- Develop River Corridor, entertainment
- Dance Hall
- Community Theater Group
- A Paper Museum

Community Category: Power

- 4th of July parade from fire station #2 to HS via Kimberly Lane
- River festival, need Power House to do
- Drive-in theater
- More family activities
- More festivals
- More community pride days, spring and fall
- Entertainment (i.e.: Frazee Riverscape)
- Bandshell at park
- More activities for kids
- Aquatic sports, destination for tourists
- Skateboard park, use local concrete co
- Recreational area for small children, i.e.: fountains at riverscape
- Attract state tournaments
- Continue citywide activities/events, Battle of Businesses, Relay for Life, July 4th, positive PR for community, creates buzz, interest, media person, expand corporate involvement, increase # of events, Taste of WC, etc.... 5K Run, Cruise-In
- Bandshell at Wilson Park

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

More festivals, events that would attract people (similar to 4th of July)

- Your youth fitness (unhealthy kids)
- Affordability for community activities, (YMCA example)
- Community center (FREE)
- Activities for young, single folks with no children

Community Category: Skills

- Continue special events, i.e.: 4th of July
- Continue to develop/expand (4th of July fireworks)
- Continue “special events” 4th of July, etc. –expand opportunities
- A place for kids to have healthy fun, unlike the “Cellar”
- Riverscape, family evening activities amphitheater, ice skating rink, festivals
- Youth sports work closer with schools especially MS & HS
- More community, family type events i.e. socials, movies in park, etc.
- Teen Center
- Festivals
- YMCA
- Soccer complex
- Sport teams, WC school supported by community
- High school gymnastics (TWIGS)
- Align with sport league (MML)

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- I hope that the schools and parks will be valued and maintained so that everyone can enjoy them

Theme: Infrastructure and Transportation

I. What we value (question #1):

West Carrollton provides the “small town feel” while also providing easy access to the downtown and highway so residents benefit from both.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Quite neighborhoods with easy access to downtown area

Community Category: Respect

- Small town feel –yet next to highway –get to family and job easily
- Lack of polarization

II: What we hope (question #2):

West Carrollton resident’s safety and needs are kept in mind as planning for services are offered and improvements are made.

Community Category: Affection

- On-street parking for pedestrian traffic

Community Category: Power

- Need to develop a means of transportation for our older community members for their safety and ours

Theme: Economic Development

I. What we value (question #1):

We value local economic development that is business friendly and keeps costs down for residents.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Reasonable rates for water
- Business friendly

Community Category: Affection

- New businesses

Community Category: Respect

- Hometown community- small town with big ambitions
- Canterbury Court
- Hearing paging at paper mill, employment working- jobs in community
- Parchment Company is unique

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Council becoming pro-active, acquiring property

Community Category: Skills

- Progressive community development i.e. Woody's 4th July Festival

II: What we hope (question #2):

Residents would like to find a way to keep West Carrollton on the map, finding 'niches' and businesses that provide entertainment, especially for families.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Sharing service delivery with neighboring cities
- Family restaurants

Community Category: Affection

Develop riverfront with restaurants, shops and entertainment (2)

- Upscale dining on river
- Want downtown to be viable like 1950s era, Specifically Elm Street when it had the Knot Hole restaurant and a variety store, Businesses survive, Public would patronize and support
- Restaurants on Marina Drive
- An Advertising agency to market and bolster the morale of City

Community Category: Respect

- Good restaurant with atmosphere
- Keep us on map

Community Category: Power

- Variety of eating establishments

Community Category: Skills

- Nice little ice cream store
- Crafters, artisans, little shops

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- A more responsible and expanding community

Theme: Education

I. What we value (question #1):

Support for the schools and the library is very evident. The active Historical Society and community programs add social value to the community.

Community Category: Well-Being

- School, district
- Schools
- Schools
- Library
- Schools
- Library

Community Category: Affection

- History of community
- People support schools
- Small class size
- Library (3)
- Good schools (2)

- Schools and curriculum
- Library
- History—of community, of personal memory, and of the way they are linked
- Schools
- Walter Shade ECC (Early Childhood Center) offers positive help to individuals in community: outreach to pupils and their parents and grandparents

Community Category: Respect

- Schools – place high value on Academic excellence and pride
- Value schools – future depends on kids in schools
- Affordability, schools
- Schools
- Good schools
- Relationship between school and city government
- Good schools
- Historical events and history is now being shared and recorded
- The library and staff

Community Category: Power

- Schools, relationship with city, work together
- Build on canal heritage
- Get stronger schools back
- Schools, relates to health of community, people who value education determine quality of schools, seeing more support

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- People proud of city, like community i.e.: schools
- Year-round elementary school
- School system result oriented, educating in very best way it can, constantly improving
- City relationship with school
- Would like to see Dare program come back
- Support for school levy
- Support from schools
- Schools
- Community college access
- Library

Community Category: Rectitude

- Schools, likes schools more open

Community Category: Skills

- Library
- Year round school option
- Library, computer access, helpful staff, teen programs
- Schools, staff, professional learning communities, activities
- Business cooperation with job shadowing, employ many students, sponsor school events/activities
- Historical Society, sharing, keep records
- Schools, ECC (Pre K, early learning)
- Develop “history” of W.C.
- Schools and education received
- Library, materials available, location atmosphere positive (all ages) computer access, reading programs, summer reading
- Hard working dedicated teachers
- Schools are strong, moved here for schools
- Strong school leadership
- WC library and librarian (Erin Hunt- children’s librarian) actively involved with schools, resource for research
- Middle school community service activities

- Partner with schools
- Schools, teacher involvement, overall direction (vision), teacher dedication (inside and outside of school), makeup of district (CSS, Elem, MS, HS), summer camps and school for all students, grant-funded programs and opportunities, WCSD try to communicate
- Accessible to communicate-student teacher ratio good, career focus and linkages
- Choice of schools, school counselors
- Library –centrally located, helpful staff, activities for children part of larger system
- History of WC
- Active historical society
- Improved school system
- Good resources i.e. library, YMCA benefits available and affordable, public swimming pool
- Community and school system work together
- Good school district
- Area businesses involved in schools, Ohio Roads, donation, volunteering
- ERS (schools)
- Library (WC) programs, Summer Read, activities, support schools

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- Teachers,
- I value the teachers and workers
- I value the great teachers and staff that make school fun
- Most of the teachers act like they care
- I value the wonderful school and the great teachers like Mrs. Frock (?) in it
- The teachers and sports
- My other school was much better/I like Mrs. Frock and football
- The teachers
- Also great teachers
- and new school is cool.
- Oh, and great teachers
- The greatness of the schools
- I value West Carrollton schools, and extracurricular activities
- School district
- I value the teachers and activities available
- The schools. The people.

II: What we hope (question #2):

West Carrollton residents support their schools through financial and volunteer support. The West Carrollton schools are recognized as excellent in academics and sports throughout the state, providing a strong base for further education. There is a strong Community-School collaboration in West Carrollton. Residents want the history and heritage of the town preserved. The library is expanded to provide even more services to residents, and further education (beyond K-12) and life long learning is accessible to and pursued by residents.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Keep up schools (example – High school renovation)
- Progression with school technology
- Expand library
- Develop working relationship with local colleges for volunteers and youth programs

Community Category: Affection

- Strong support for schools and funding
- Community solidly behind school functions, e.g. Homecoming
- Retain small town flavor with incentives that retain citizens, e.g. Higher-Level schools (beyond Elementary)
- Everybody supports school levies

Community Category: Respect

- Schools-have great mentoring program, get behind schools, includes volunteering
- Community help schools remain successful by standing behind them, not always monetary
- Let people know about the school's "black mold"
- Stand behind our schools and make them stronger
- Children and grandchildren understanding "historic rock"
- Preserve and maintain history and heritage of the town
- Great schools, college prep
- Murals telling history

Community Category: Power

Technology-friendly gathering places

- Schools, continue momentum, physical improvements
- Schools is key, improved performance

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Education (regionally)

Community Category: Rectitude

- Improving schools

Community Category: Skills

- Music in community, band, choir
- Bring back D.A.R.E.
- More interaction with business community and school district
- Continue to build on our history, paper, canal, etc.
- Support for schools
- Youth Corps, i.e. like City _____
- Schools "be district of choice" academically and athletically
- Schools continue to improve
- Community support of schools (levy)

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- If I am still living here in Ohio, I hope the community will provide an education and a high outlook on life in the near future. Hopefully, they will become excellent in what they achieve
- I am satisfied with how West Carrollton is right now. If I could ask for one thing for my children and grandchildren I would like to see more money and effort put to the schools and education programs in our city
- A technological school district
- That it will be a state recognized school that parents will want to move into too
- A well respected school with excellent athletics
- Get air conditioning in the school
- I hope it becomes a better school
- I hope it will become a melting pot of learning, fun, experiences, and a great place to live and grow up
- A great place for opportunities
- and the schools (?) upgrade
- I hope West Carrollton will have a better education program

Theme: Housing

I. What we value (question #1):

The variety of reasonable housing options makes for a strong social community in West Carrollton.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Reasonable housing costs

Community Category: Power

- Diverse- variety of income ranges, housing options, lifestyles
- Single family neighborhoods

Theme: Social Services

I. What we value (question #1):

West Carrollton residents are very proud of their city employees and value the services they provide to their community, their leadership and their responsiveness. They value the response time and the safety provided to them by the Police, EMS and Fire Departments. They value the relationships between the city government employees and the residents. They feel the services they receive are very good and help to make them feel safe. They also value that city employees give back to the community through their involvement in the schools.

Community Category: Well-Being

- City Employees
- Y employees are nice
- Good newsletter
- Y: luncheon group, staff really help out, cost effective
- City services (street maintenance)
- Big trash pick-up 4 times a year
- Response time of EMS/fire
- Reasonably low on crime (especially compared to Dayton)
- Christmas tree lighting
- Great Police Department, officers and building
- Great garage sale city
- EMS services
- Quick response from city staff

Community Category: Affection

- Police Department
- Responsive city employees
- Sense of community—the separate parts coming together to make the community—services/parks/sports program/schools
- Street crews: e.g. snow removal is best in area
- Refuse employees are sweet to their customers
- Police Force are community members and interact with businesses on personal and professional levels

- Lack of rampant crime
- Close to colleges, malls, hospitals (including emergency needs) (2)
- City Administrative and Government Services utilize citizen volunteers and show appreciation
- (usually) Civic leaders (all leaders from Mayor on down) show consideration to constituents
- Police Department upgrade
- New Firehouse on Central Ave
- New police cruisers and SUV (and that we have enough police cars on the road)

Community Category: Respect

- Cooperation between jurisdictions
- Police –fine, excellent
- Confidence of the government
- Masonic groups
- Safety (more safe than others)
- Fire department & police department
- Snow removal crew
- Services (fire, police, city maintenance)
- City services Quality, police, fire, utilities, neighborhood watches
- Fire, police and street services
- Police chief knows residents
- Regional thinking by city officials

Community Category: Power

- Residents know city employees personally
- Schools need to focus on improving
- Trash pick-up, residents like
- Low crime rate
- Responsive city government
- Stability of city officials, school officials (cohesiveness) (health dissension between citizens and leaders)
- Openness of public officials, access to them
- Police, academy helps residents understand and support department
- Municipal services, valued (i.e.: response times), council rarely gets calls, snow removal
- Individuality, unique, identity, maintain level of services

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- City services good, police are responsive and fire dept. responsive
- City and administration responsive
- Safe community, well lit in evening
- City services, snow removal, raised speed limits 5 miles, synchronized lights, leaf pick-up
- Police polite and professional
- Citizens police academy, good for PR for city, develops strong police force
- Changes made to city council's direction/philosophy
- City is flexible, tries to find common ground, open to dialogue
- Safety, feel comfortable with kids playing outside
- Neighborhoods safe, well maintained
- Performing arts
- Cultural festivals (Greek, Latino, Celtic, Italian, City folk)

Community Category: Rectitude

- City Services, Police, Fire, Streets
- Council Camaraderie

Community Category: Skills

- Big trash pick-up
- Garage Sale Saturday
- Fire and Police departments and service
- Police Department, student assistance

- Fire Department, safety programs
- Music in the parks, fund raising events, philanthropic activities
- West Carrollton needs a newspaper or better coverage in the one they have
- Connections with mayor/council members, police, fire
- Civic pride, snow removal, sidewalk renovation program
- Changing attitude of city council to develop area and be involved with schools, listen to us
- Safety –day and night when out in community
- Police, response time and willingness to help, involved with school, National Honor Society, etc.
- Senior Citizens Center
- Police and Fire Dept, response time, caring attitude, very professional
- City council made up of experienced members
- City council members very visible
- Taste of Elegance
- Minimal crime

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- We don't have to worry about getting in gang fights
- The way the community works and how its run.
- That we are diverse. We work together as a community
- The wonderful police officers and officials that keep our neighborhood safe. The unity of our neighborhood even at the H.S. football games

II: What we hope (question #2):

West Carrollton neighborhoods are safe, crime free and drug free. Residents would like to see the addition of medial clinics and job/career development programs. Dog owners are knowledgeable and responsible.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Remain a safe community to raise kids
- Senior transportation and assistance

Community Category: Affection

- More help at the Post Office for speedier service
- Crime-free neighborhoods
- Drug-free neighborhoods
- Limiting growth of number of registered sexual offenders Limiting area of residence
- Well-behaved dogs whose owners are trained, Owners required by ordinance to go through classes
- Police car presence (every so often—not every day) in business lots parked while officer on duty in other places
- Dog Catcher for the City—so we have timely response to concerns
- Vicious breed ordinance
- County-wide 911 located in (old) BDI Flack building next to Roberds Plaza
- Community support with safe and fun activities for older children, Soda Shop with computers for kids, Kid-appropriate businesses and activities for 6th grade and up, Kid-safe zone with adult presence Near Police and Fire Station
- Different recreation boards and entities cooperate in a unified and respectful manner showing pride in city and sportsmanlike oversight of responsibility(s), City Name is held in esteem in recreation circle because of behavior

Community Category: Respect

- Dangerous dog laws enforced and created

Community Category: Power

- City crews helping residents in need
- Supportive cultural establishments
- Safe neighborhoods, free of blight, graffiti, gangs
- Self-sufficient, everything need in WC
- Partner with local hospitals to provide comm. Facilities

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Increase area of safety in schools neighborhoods
- Carpool groups
- Local clinics, not just ERS
- Strong police presence (not negative) Horses and bikes, not just cruisers, no dogs)

Community Category: Skills

- Increase in mentoring, community service opportunities
- Mentoring program for career development, on the job
- Clinic with medical and dental facilities in our community
- Assistance for senior citizens i.e. home care, shopping, etc.

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- Safe community
- That we still won't worry about getting in gang fights
- Less trouble in schools. Less drugs. More places for them to be involved and cared for

Theme: Community Life and Values

I. What we value (question #1):

West Carrollton has the neighborly, hometown feel and the residents take pride in their neighborhoods and their community. People here care about the community and each other. This close-knit community values the down-to-earth approach and want to raise their families here. Youth value the community's willingness to help and friendships.

Community Category: Well-Being

- Good community, good mix of people , down to earth
- Good community- family near-by
- Neighbors
- Diversity (income, race, ethnic)
- Small town feel
- Taste of elegance (icing on cupcakes)
- Community programs
- Caring community, especially our neighborhood
- Home town feel
- Homecoming parade

Community Category: Affection

- Hometown feel
- Great town with good people
- We know police officers, firefighters and every person on our street
- We help each other in times of need
- Good neighbors
- Stays a small town network
- A positive rivalry between Miamisburg and West Carrollton (stated by Miamisburg resident)

- Neighborhoods
- Community pride
- It's home

Community Category: Respect

- Neighborhood telling – get to know neighbors
- 2nd and 3rd generations
- Talk – while snow is being removed!
- Native son – lived here for 46 years, feels like home
- Like hometown in Indiana, love people, biggest strength, like a family
- Definable center of community
- Honest – straight shooters
- People are great
- People look ahead instead of behind them
- Caring citizens, residents
- Sense of community
- Sincere people care about the community
- Willingness to embrace
- Close knit community
- Fun to be back here
- Good place to live, raise kids/family
- Value neighborhoods
- Small town community
- Good neighborhoods
- Close-knit community
- Neighborhoods
- Hometown pride
- Building relationships
- Small-town feel
- Close proximity- neighborhood feel
- Character of community, no class system, "sense of humor"
- Friendly community, family here
- Keep essence of community that are great now
- People who care and continue to care about the city
- The sound of train at night

Community Category: Power

- Street department is the best!
- Visible police department in the community
- Efficient fire department
- The street department does an efficient job compared to all cities. Thank you.
- The police and fire departments keep our city safe and respond to help in a respectful manner
- Every effort should be made toward ensuring staff size to provide the high quality of service that each and every citizen of WC deserves
- Look for alternative and creative means to ensure that funds are available to provide these services, i.e.: city collects monies solely from income tax which is good only if businesses are in operation. Actively pursue any and all delinquent accounts that
- Family oriented city
- Family friendly/small town feel
- Closeness of community- know everyone
- Home town feel, get to know people, friendships, residents feel comfy approaching
- Down-to-earth feel, not pretentious, comfortable, different feel from other areas
- Keep vibrant

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- People are friendly and sincere
- Responds to clients very well
- Mayberry feel, small town atmosphere

- Hometown feel
- Able to attract younger families
- Town very upbeat (attitude “don’t cry the blues like other communities”)
- Quiet neighborhoods
- Small town atmosphere

Community Category: Rectitude

- Pretty good city to live in
- Canterbury Court
- Unity and spirit
- Quiet friendly community
- Small town feel, good little town
- Church of the Nazarene

Community Category: Skills

- Small community, very close
- A generation of families
- Community pride “people live here forever and ever”
- Commitment to youth and families
- Young people of community (K-12)
- Small town feel and values
- People stay and raise family
- Sense of community
- Sense of community, people stay
- Tight knit community, know your neighbor
- Community pride –remain informed, network, loyalty
- Stable neighborhoods
- Small town atmosphere
- Life long home, graduated and stay

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- Friendly community
- What I value about the West Carrollton community is the support you get from everyone. How everyone sincerely wants you to succeed
- I value that West Carrollton is a close community, coming together.
- I can hang out with my friends
- I love how the community is friendly
- I value that the West Carrollton community took me as a student, considering I (right now) live in Dayton, since I am new to this school. Right now, I believe this community seems positive, safe, and very nice
- West Carrollton is a friendly town with an active community. I think West Carrollton is the perfect community for me.
- I’ve been here my whole life
- It’s small and people know each other. Most people support it and want to help
- Have many cultures
- The pride, community itself, spirit. Continuing to become better and better student by student
- It’s an easy school to get along with 2. Different kinds of people
- Small town
- Lived here all my life
- My friends,
- I’ve lived here my whole life
- Nothing
- Don’t care I live in (?). Your city sucks and this school sucks. So ha ha

II: What we hope (question #2):

Keep the city's focus on family and neighborhoods. Increase the numbers of volunteers, including providing leadership and volunteer opportunities for youth. Add more family-oriented activities and get everyone involved. Celebrate community pride and diversity. Encourage communication throughout the city.

Community Category: Affection

- Neighbor respects neighbor
- Annual volunteer banquet which might draw/encourage more participation of citizens, creating encouragement and showing appreciation
- Positive extension of W.C. community in surrounding communities

Community Category: Respect

- "Community Pride Day" more of them, help neighbors around houses
- Remain an intergenerational town, Senior Citizens/Young Couples-get and keep them involved
- Get high school kids involved
- Kids volunteer – mock disaster, for example- 300 kids can out for 2 days when school was out
- Celebrate diversity within our culture- cultures, religions
- Getting people to TALK (sense of community)

Community Category: Power

- Maintain/improve family orientation
- Encourage volunteerism
- Sonic!
- New citizen orientation program, i.e.: Welcome Wagon, personal contact, gifts, basket, tie into new theme, tap into volunteer network, partner with restaurants

Community Category: Wealth & Poverty

- Develop city more culturally
- More diversity (separation of inclusion)
- Race, socioeconomic, ethnic
- More family-oriented (parent-involved) activities
- Movies, music places
- Places with and without children (child-free zones)
- Strong neighborhood association

Community Category: Rectitude

- A Christian City of West Carrollton
- Faith-based community
- City caring

Community Category: Skills

- Family oriented community, not an extension of surrounding communities
- Generations return, live and invest in community
- W.C. a place where our current children will eventually call home "Welcome Home"
- City become more united and more forward looking- move forward "not back to good ole days"

Youth at West Carrollton Schools

- Less trashy people.
- My grandchildren and great grandchildren won't be going to West Carrollton
- That it will get better. Improve.
- A positive influence

- I hope that my grandchildren will have as great of an experience at West Carrollton as I have
- I plan on moving away from West Carrollton when I graduate
- Keep a great friendly community
- I hope that my children and grandchildren get the same experience I did
- I won't be here
- I hope my grandchildren and great-grandchildren don't live in West Carrollton
- I hope it will be the same as it is today
- I hope it becomes better overall
- I don't know (better)
- Great place to live
- I don't know. I'm not a parent so I hope they don't go to West Carrollton
- The same as it is for me
- Don't know
- I hope the West Carrollton will only keep improving
- and I want it to be a place my grandchildren are proud to be a part of
- I hope they don't have to live here
- We won't be here
- Please oh god don't let my children have to live in this godforsaken hell hole

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Updated 9-24-07

Community Sector and Category	Date	Organization/Entity	Facilitator(s)	# of Participants
Wealth/Poverty Chamber, Industry Small Business Community Action Landowners Insurance Foundations Consumers	6-12-07	Rotary	B. Baker/B. Puckett	8
	7-24-07	Habitat for Humanity	Talia Brown	10
	7-11-07	Business Advisory Council	G. Gaines/K. Perkins	10
				(Subtotal: 28)
Well-Being Recreation, Health Law Enforcement Emergency Services Solid Waste Management/Recycling	5-30-07	WC Police Department	Written Comments	1
	7-24-07	YMCA Board & Staff	Talia Brown	17
	6-21-07	Lindbergh Platt Neighborhood Watch	H. Robinson	? (Subtotal: 18+)
Enlightenment Universities, Media Research Organizations				
Rectitude Religious Organizations Ministerial Associations	9-2-07	Church of the Nazarene	Will Clark	?
Skills Public Schools Non-Public Schools Career Centers/Tech Schools/Workforce Dev.	5-22-07	ECC (Early Childhood Council)	Rusty Clifford	13
		Elementary Schools:	Rusty Clifford	
	5-29-07	Harold Schnell		8
	5-30-07	Harry Russell		4
	5-31-07	Frank Nichols		18
6-4-07	C.F. Holliday		10	

	5-30-07	W.C. Middle School	Rusty Clifford	10
	5-29-07	W.C. High School	Rusty Clifford	8
	6-14-07	Communication Advisory Board	Rusty Clifford	12 (Subtotal: 83)
Power City/Village Councils Planning Commission Court System Human Services Township Trustees	8-2-07	Boards: Board of Zoning Appeals City Planning Commission	G. Gaines/B. Grunkemeyer	6
	7-16-07 (hallway)	City employees	G. Gaines/T. Williams	?
	7-17-07	City employees	G. Gaines/T. Williams	5
	7-19-07	City employees Parks/Garage	G. Gaines/T. Williams	9
	7-20-07	City employees Civic Center	G. Gaines/T. Williams	2 (Subtotal: 22+)
Affection Youth Families Senior Citizens 4-H	7-28-07	YMCA Saturday am	M. Moss/B. Grunkemeyer	20
	8-8-07	National Night Out/Wilson Park	Becky Lucas	26
	5-5-07	Home Fair	B. Grunkemeyer	39
	9-07	Youth Surveys	G. Gaines	39 (Subtotal: 124)
Respect Citizen Groups Service Clubs Civil Rights Groups	6-28-07	Ohio Eastern Star	V. Cooper/R. Phillips	15
	7-9-07	Historical Society	B. Grunkemeyer/M. Moss	15
	3-7-07	Sustainable Comp Plan Steering Committee	M. Moss/B. Grunkemeyer, T. Brown	26 (Subtotal: 56)

of Sessions Conducted: 26
of Persons Participating: 429

of Surveys Collected: 39