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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

In 2013 the Town of Winfield answered a funding call put out by the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC). This call was related to a new program sponsored by NIRPC called Creating Livable Communities. This program was developed to “support community-based transportation / land use projects to downtown areas, neighborhoods, station areas, commercial cores, and transit corridors.” When researching the program it was determined that the Town of Winfield (Town) desires to develop a Downtown Master Plan (Plan) to support a Livable Center. The Town had incrementally been trying to develop a plan of its own for several years. This Plan is intended to build off the Town’s previous planning efforts by taking input from Town residents, staff and elected officials and developing a living document to guide the Town through further growth. The goal is to develop a blue print for the Downtown that embodies the character of the Town and connects people to places by embracing the components of Livable Communities.

1.2 Planning Process

To achieve this goal, the planning process includes the following steps.



- **Data Collection**
 - Review previous relevant studies and planning efforts.
 - Review 2012 traffic counts from 109th Avenue project.
 - Review Town zoning and subdivision ordinances relative to signage, buildings, streetscape, landscaping, sidewalks and development.
 - Review basic demographic and economic data for study area.
 - Compile background information from Town staff.

- **Data Analysis**
 - Organize and analyze data collected.
 - Look for trends, overlap, gaps, or conflicts in data collected.
 - Document baseline of existing conditions within Town study area.
 - Analyze results of Community Survey and other opportunities for Public Involvement.

- **Public Involvement**

- Create a Steering Committee to provide input and feedback on the direction of the Master Plan.
 - Prepare a Community Survey to gather input from the public regarding the Downtown study area and Livable Community concepts.
 - Consult with the Stakeholder Group comprised of a representative cross-section of the community to build consensus on desires, character and organization of the Downtown study area.
 - Conduct public meetings to inform Town officials and general public about work progress and to solicit feedback on plan development.
 - Utilize available online and social media tools to educate and communicate with residents regarding the Master Plan.
- **Master Plan Preparation and Documentation**
 - Compile research and input received.
 - Explore strategies for accomplishing Town goals to create a Livable Center.
 - Examine tools available to aid Town in implementing the Master Plan including funding, policy making, and partnership with other agencies.

1.3 What is a Livable Community?

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) states the following 10 Principles for Livable Communities:

1) Design on a Human Scale: Compact, pedestrian-friendly communities allow residents to walk to shops, services, cultural resources, and jobs and can reduce traffic congestion and benefit people's health.

2) Provide Choices: People want variety in housing, shopping, recreation, transportation, and employment. Variety creates lively neighborhoods and accommodates residents in different stages of their lives.

3) Encourage Mixed-Use Development: Integrating different land uses and varied building types creates vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, and diverse communities.

*A **livable community** is one that has affordable and appropriate housing, supportive **community** features and services, and adequate mobility options, which together facilitate personal independence and the engagement of residents in civic and social life.*

-Source AARP Livable Communities



4) Preserve Urban Centers: Restoring, revitalizing, and infilling urban centers takes advantage of existing streets, services, and buildings and avoids the need for new infrastructure. This helps to curb sprawl and promotes stability for city neighborhoods.

5) Vary Transportation Options: Giving people the option of walking, biking, and using public transit in addition to driving reduces traffic congestion, protects the environment, and encourages physical activity.

6) Build Vibrant Public Spaces: Citizens need welcoming, well-defined public places to stimulate face-to-face interaction, collectively celebrate and mourn, encourage civic participation, admire public art, and gather for public events.

7) Create a Neighborhood Identity: A “sense of place” gives neighborhoods a unique character, enhances the walking environment, and creates pride in the community.

8) Protect Environmental Resources: A well-designed balance of nature and development preserves natural systems, protects waterways from pollution, reduces air pollution, and protects property values.

9) Conserve Landscapes: Open space, farms, and wildlife habitat are essential for environmental, recreational, and cultural reasons.

10) Design Matters: Design excellence is the foundation of successful and healthy communities.

This plan will identify how existing conditions within the Town, future development, and Town goals can support these principles for Livable Communities starting with the Downtown study area.

1.4 History of Winfield

Winfield is a Town lying in Winfield Township, Lake County, Indiana. The Town was founded in 1993. As of the 2013 census the Town was comprised of 5,073 residents. The geographical area of the community is approximately 12 square miles. The Town incorporated as an effort to maintain its independent status prior to any potential annexations by the surrounding municipalities. Much of the Town developed through the years as a direct response to the Lakes of the Four Seasons development. Lakes of the Four Seasons is a large gated residential community with approximately 7,300 residents directly adjacent to the southeasterly Town limits. The Lakes of the Four Seasons was started in the mid 1960's. In response to the Lakes of the

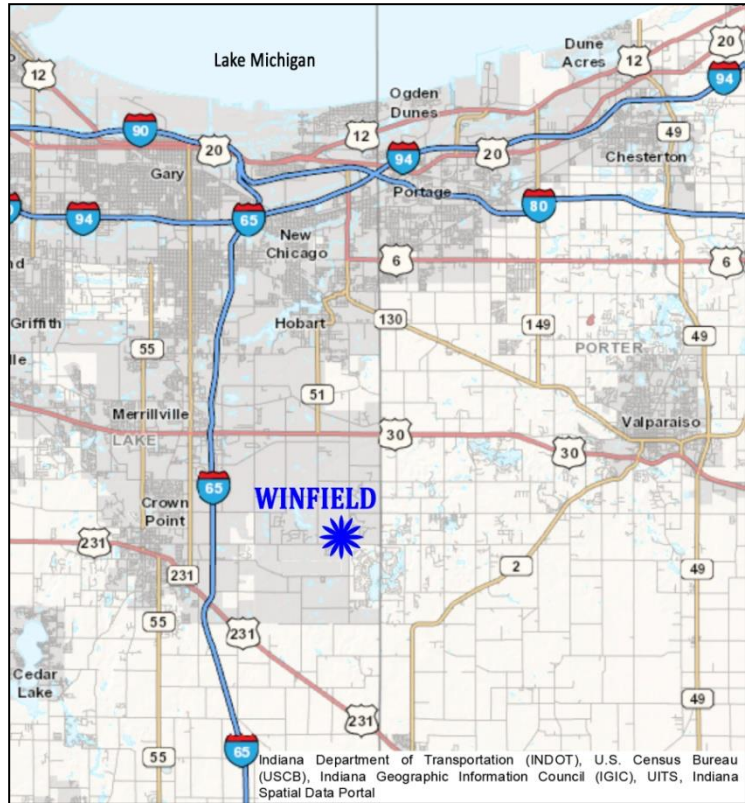
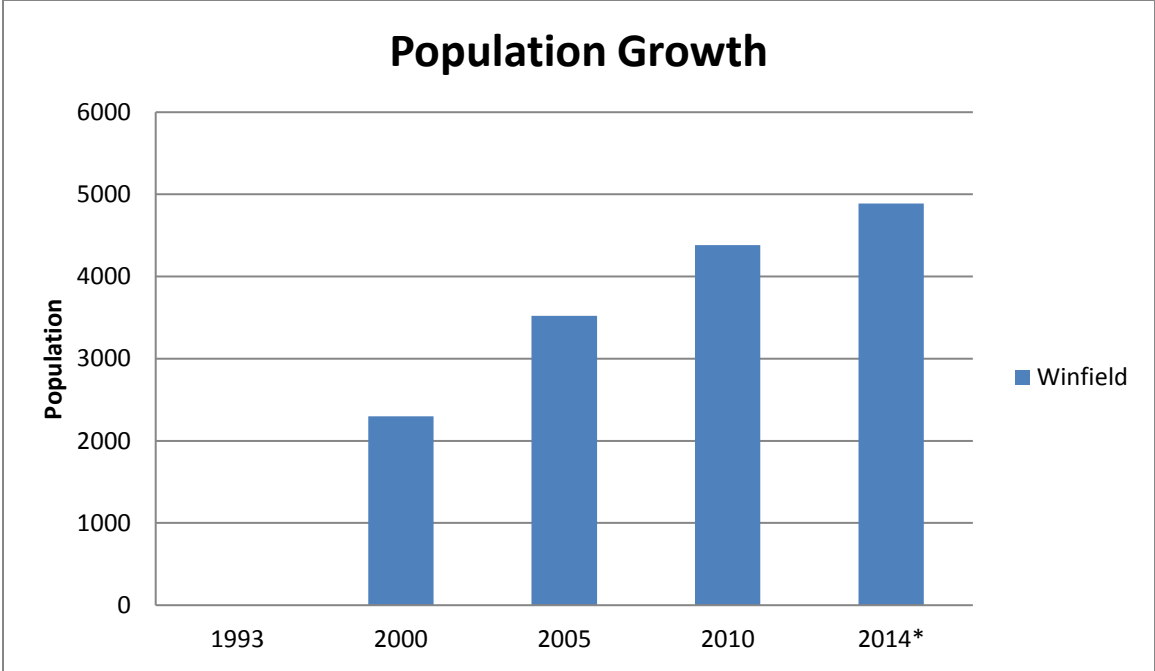


Figure 1 – Location Map

Four Seasons development the supporting commercial and retail business developed on the periphery. These commercial and retail businesses additionally became the foundation for further residential development on the vacant land within unincorporated Lake County surrounding, but excluding Lakes of the Four Seasons. These areas of development became the incorporated Town of Winfield in 1993. Once incorporated, the Town of Winfield continued in its commercial, retail and primarily residential expansion. This growth was primarily fueled by the establishment of a privately held wastewater treatment plant in the 1990's that the Town purchased in 2005. Low taxes, the availability of sanitary sewer / potable water, good school system and proximity to major roads have made Winfield a very desirable place to build and reside.

1.5 Winfield Today

The Town of Winfield has continued rapid growth through the years since its incorporation. In 2011 the State of Indiana opened a new interchange at I-65 and 109th Avenue. This new interchange has continued the exposure of Winfield as a prime residential area. A continued growth in residential housing and supporting retail / commercial enterprise has taken place even through the recession 2007-2008. As the community has grown, the need to update standards and create a community in and of itself has gained momentum. This has resulted in several studies and modifications to the Town's Ordinances and services.



*2014 data from American Community Survey 5-year estimates. All other data from U.S. Census Bureau.

2.0 Data Gathering

2.1 Defining the Study Area

Winfield Town Limits

The Town of Winfield is generally bounded on the west by Colorado St, north by 101st Avenue, east by County Line Road and the south by 129th Avenue with the Lakes of the Four Seasons and Stony Run Subdivisions as exceptions within this footprint.

Downtown Core

The downtown core was identified based on the community survey and collaboration with the steering committee. The core was defined as 104th Avenue to 112th Avenue on Randolph Street and Park Street to ¼ mile east of Randolph Street on 109th Avenue.

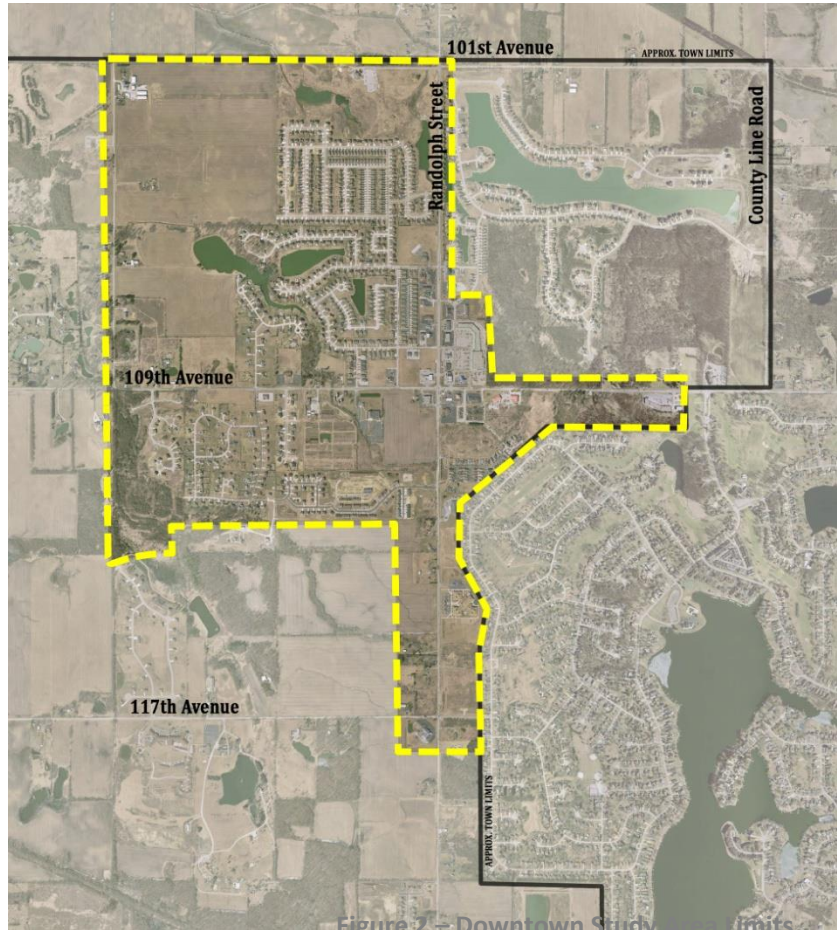


Figure 2 – Downtown Study Area Limits

2.2 Related Studies

Town of Winfield Comprehensive Plan (September 2006)

The most recent Comprehensive Plan for Winfield was developed in 2006. Several of the goals identified in this document are consistent with the concept of a Livable Community and/or help define the character the Town desires to maintain. Related goals include:

Goal 3: Control growth to maintain a small town and rural atmosphere.

This goal included objectives related to tree-lined streets, promoting and preserving open space, creating sign regulations compatible with the Town's rural character and image, and adopting landscape requirements. These objectives identify possible strategies for creation of a Town identity and methods for implementing the physical embodiment of this identity.

Goal 5: Require commercial and industrial development to be attractive.

Objectives included development of architectural standards, review of sign ordinance standards, and adoption of landscape standards. All three of these objectives were achieved in 2015 setting the Town up to enforce development that can contribute to the creation of a Livable Center.

Goal 7: Provide a variety of housing choices so residents do not have to move to another community to find housing.

Objectives identified senior housing types and upscale, low and mid-density with single-family type scale restrictions as possible areas for growth. This goal is still evolving as the Town continues to grow. The housing styles and price points have developed through the years from town homes to large, higher end single family residential giving residents multiple options as their individual needs change. Additionally there has been some development of maintenance free, “empty nest” type of development.

Goal 9: Provide a variety of recreation choices for Winfield’s citizens.

Objectives included the desire to establish a park board, develop a trail system with linkages locally and regionally, and to maintain and upgrade existing parks, and to create new recreational opportunities.

Goal 10: Preserve and enhance green space in the community.

Objectives include identification and acquisition of park land, preserving existing sensitive ecosystems, and developing tree policies.

Goals 9 and 10 support the Livable Communities concepts of creating vibrant public places, protecting environmental resources, conserving landscapes, creating neighborhood identity and providing varying transportation opportunities. Methods for implementing these concepts might include new public gathering spaces, trails and sidewalks, and new parks.

Goal 16: Maintain a small-town, family-friendly atmosphere. Goal 17: Make it clear that Winfield is an individual community. Goal 18: Promote events in the Town that bring citizens of Winfield together.

These three goals and their objectives speak to the Town’s desire to create a unique Town identity through amenities, gateways, urban design standards and a Town Center study focusing on the Randolph and 109th Street corridor areas which correlates with the focus area for this Plan. The identity of Winfield will be explored throughout this Plan.

Town of Winfield Pedestrian & Bicycle Route Plan (September 2013)

The Pedestrian & Bicycle route plan adopted by the Town was in direct response to the lack of master planned pedestrian facilities in the past. As discussed previously, the Town was developed as numerous individual commercial, retail and residential developments. Very little, if any, emphasis was placed on the interconnectivity of the developments with pedestrian facilities. The goal of this 2013 plan was to present the future vision of connectivity through Town in both the developed and undeveloped areas. This will help to guide as future development takes place pedestrian facilities are included and also provide the blueprint for the Town to add facilities in the areas already developed as the opportunity arises. The map

of these facilities prepared by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) can be found in Appendix A.

109th Avenue Project

The main east / west artery in the Town of Winfield is 109th Avenue as it is the only east / west road that spans the Town. 109th Avenue links the Town to Crown Point, unincorporated Lake and Porter Counties in addition to Lakes of the Four Seasons. In early 2011 a new interchange was opened at 109th Avenue and I-65. This interchange has dramatically changed the use and need of 109th Avenue for the Town. As a result of this interchange a Scoping Study was initiated at INDOT through a grant from the Federal Highway Administration . DLZ was selected through the consultant selection process to complete this study. The results of this study will include recommendations as to future improvements to 109th Avenue including but not limited to capacity, drainage and pedestrian facilities. Those three specific elements will have a direct impact on the way the Livable Community concepts are implemented in Town. Currently the roadway is undersized for the projected traffic growth. This will likely necessitate widening and/or the possible addition of turning lanes and signization. It will be important to address the future spatial needs of 109th Avenue based on the Scoping Study within the implementation of the Livable Community's proposed improvements.



Creating Livable Communities (NIRPC)

As discussed previously, the Enhancing a Livable Center project being undertaken by the Town is a direct result of the Town securing a grant from NIRPC for the Creating Livable Communities program. This program illustrated many items that Winfield had realized in recent years. In general the town and the report noted the lacking of; vehicular connectivity, a defined downtown, open space, park space, uniformity of style and pedestrian facilities in general.



2.3 Town of Winfield Ordinance Updates

The Town further defined its vision for Winfield's future development through the adoption of new Architectural Standards, Landscaping Regulations, lighting standards, and revision to its existing sign regulations. The primary corridors of the Downtown all abut primarily commercial, retail or governmental property which makes the following Ordinance's particularly relevant to the overall feel of the Downtown area as identified through this Livable Community project. General outlines of the changes are below:

Architectural

The Town updated and enhanced the Architectural standards in the Town for all non residential, multi-family and R-4 districts in the Town. Items of specific relevance to the Livable Community project are related to the non-residential construction standards. This is the primary current and anticipated use in the Downtown core. Pole-barn type structures and the addition of minimum amounts (80-100 percent) of masonry and glass wall construction were addressed. Additionally, elements relating to minimum amount of building corners, screening of rooftop mechanicals, roofing type /slope and required architectural features for façades are now included in the Ordinance. This Ordinance is applicable to both new construction and existing sites where certain requirements are met.

Landscaping

The Town enacted Landscape Regulations. Prior to this Ordinance there was essentially no regulation or documents relating to landscaping. Items of specific relevance to the Livable Community project relate to plantings adjacent to and within the public right-of-way . A specific goal of the Ordinance was to “Improve the appearance of off-street parking areas, vehicular use areas (those areas used by vehicles for passage or parking that are covered by an impervious surface including but not limited to parking lots, driveways, etc.) and properties abutting public rights-of-way.” This is accomplished in the Ordinance by specifying the types of plantings , spacing, maintenance, species and size required. This Ordinance is applicable to both new construction and existing sites where certain requirements are met.

Lighting:

The Town has enacted new standards to regulate lighting within Town. Items addressed within the Ordinance that have applicability to the Livable Community project include gross light emission, digital signage, light direction / control, light intensity, light trespass, hours of operation and luminaire standards. This Ordinance is applicable to both new construction and existing sites where certain requirements are met.

Signage

The Town enacted Signage Regulations to regulate various elements of necessary signage for the commercial and residential interests in the Town. This Ordinance was designed to further guide, restrict and clarify items in the existing Ordinance as it related to signage design, type, and construction within the Town. Items addressed within the Ordinance that have specific applicability to the Livable Community project include the requirement that all freestanding identification signs, general business signs, and multipurpose signs shall be monument signs. Additionally, regulations relating to size, structure, illumination, position and materials will have specific applicability relating to the overall look and feel of the Livable Center core of the Downtown. One overall goal of the Livable Community project will be the elimination / reduction of the visual clutter along with the right-of-way and creating a certain element of uniformity. This Ordinance is applicable to both new construction and existing sites, where certain requirements are met.

2.4 Local Demographics and Economic Data

Within Winfield, as of 2010, there were just over 1,500 households. There were just under half of those having children under the age of 18 living with them. The overall median age was 39 years old. The vast majority of the housing is single family residential with little multifamily components. There are some smaller townhome and four-plex areas dispersed through the Town. These factors indicate a younger largely single family residential community. Median house value is \$226,700.00. There were 4.6% of people below the poverty line with a median household income of \$76,000.

3.0 Town Vision and Public Involvement

3.1 Developing Community Identity

Winfield is a young town, one that is still trying to cement an identity. A community's identity or "Community Character" is the distinctive identity of a particular place that results from many factors:

- Developed form (architecture, scale, density, land use)
- Landscape (natural vs. built)
- History
- People (race, culture, language, values)
- Activities (employers, schools, festivals)

Community character is what makes a community unique, and what establishes a sense of identity for its residents. Citizen loyalty grows from having a strong community identity, and there is still a need to grow that identity, as evidenced by gaps in attendance at the local festival and by the level of spending in other communities. To establish a stronger sense of community identity for Winfield, one must explore the community's own perceptions and build on them. Those perceptions are most recently captured in the community survey that was conducted for this plan.

3.2 Town Vision

Moving beyond just a community's current identity, this plan needs to take the Town's local attitudes and values, and project them to the future. To create a successful plan, Winfield must decide what it wants to become in the future, something that is expressed as the community's "vision".

Winfield's 2007 Comprehensive Plan captured the Town's vision for the future through a set of goals and objectives, which were the result of a survey and community input. Those goals and objectives center around 5 key areas:

- Managing Growth
- Building Quality Structures
- Keeping up with Infrastructure
- Encouraging Economic Development
- Becoming a Community

These five themes are well represented again in the survey conducted for this project. Reviewing both surveys, it is clear that the feel of the community has remained the same and that the Town has advanced these key areas in the last decade.

The "Becoming a Community" focus is especially applicable to this discussion of a community identity. This Livable Center Plan needs to continue to build on the "Becoming a Community" focus of the Comprehensive Plan. This can be done with the Livable Center Plan by addressing the comprehensive plan goals in the following ways:

- **Maintain a small-town, family-friendly atmosphere**
More opportunities to interact, whether out on walks, at the Farmers Market or dining in a local restaurant will continue to bring people together. Having sufficient park space and amenities,

Recommendation:

- *When the Town next updates its comprehensive plan it should consider adding a Vision Statement, in addition to updating its goals and objectives.*
- *A Vision Statement is the most general idea in the written portion of a comprehensive plan. A community's Vision should be something that almost everyone in the community could agree with. It should be concise, and it is not important to be totally unique; several communities may have very similar Vision Statements if they share comparable values, etc.*
- *Once a vision for the community is set, the plan then develops in a way to make the Vision happen.*

and developing at a comfortable scale and style should be not only the responsibility of the Town, but also private developers that wish to build in the community.

- **Make it clear Winfield is an individual community**

Uniform and attractive streetscape elements (landscaping, benches, lighting, etc.) and gateways (signs, paving, landscaping, etc.) into the town help identify Winfield as a unique place and help reflect the identity of the town.

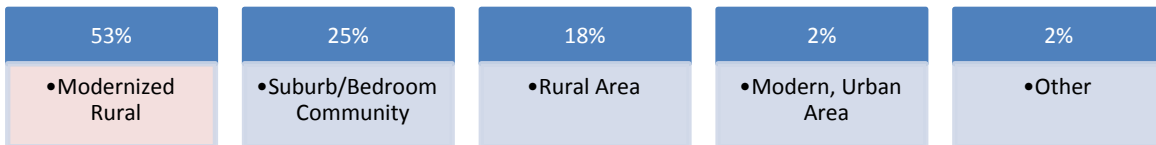
- **Promote events in the town that bring the citizens of Winfield together**

Providing a trail and sidewalk system and community gathering space will foster more community connection. Events like a fair or festival would serve as a meeting opportunity for citizens, and contribute to local identity and pride in the Town of Winfield.

- **Foster quality schools**

Tying schools to other community facilities and Winfield’s Town Center (i.e., the Library, etc.) with bicycle and pedestrian facilities will help improve the Town – School connection. Schools, parks and churches are basic uses that are key components of any small-town.

The 2015 Livable Communities Survey asked, “What do you consider Winfield’s identity to be?” The responses were as follows:



Community pride also goes a long way in establishing community identity. According to the survey, Winfield locals are evenly divided over whether it is an attractive community or not, but it is definitely considered a clean one.

As discussed previously, there are opportunities to encourage more community interaction, which contributes to a stronger sense of community. There is overwhelming interest in a new sidewalk/trail system, which can be a space where regular community interaction occurs.

Other opportunities supported by the survey results include establishing a Farmer’s Market and promoting other fairs and festivals in the Town. The survey revealed that 77% would consider attending a Farmer’s Market, yet the Town has held one in the past, which has received low attendance. This could mean that citizens were not aware of the Winfield Farmer’s Market, and that the town needs to promote and enhance the market more. This also reinforces the need for visible and consistent community gathering places.

3.3 Community Survey Results Summary

As part of the Town of Winfield’s Downtown Master Plan process, the Consultants and steering committee created an on-line non-scientific survey to gain public input. The survey, completed June 22, 2015, garnered 361 total responses. Following is a summary of observations. Full survey responses can be found

in Appendix B.

Respondents

- Slightly less than 5% of the residents of Winfield responded to the survey, generally considered acceptable for a survey.
- Almost 66% of the responses were from Town residents, so the results are overwhelmingly “local”. Less than 20% of responses were from Lake of the Four Seasons.
- Because of the “local” response, there isn’t enough data to draw conclusions about visitor impressions.
- Some people said they live in Winfield, even when they are not within the Town limits.
- There is no one overwhelming reason people live in Winfield. Over 33% like the low-density, but half as many want more growth. Access to highways was not a major reason to live here.
- There were no survey responses from people under the age of 18 years, which is approximately 25% of Winfield’s population. People aged 30 – 39 and 40 - 49 years were greatly over-represented in the survey respondents. These categories are the typical ages for parents of pre-school and school age children, so it may be inferred that they were considering their children’s school (s) when answering the survey.

AGE	Winfield Actual %	Overall Survey response %
<18	31.5 (<i>ages up to 20</i>)	0.0
18 – 29	7.4 (<i>ages 20 -29 only</i>)	7.4
30 – 39	13.7	40.4
40 – 49	16.5	25.7
50 – 59	13.5	14.6
60 – 69	7.8	6.0
70+	9.6	3.3

Character

- Over half of the respondents consider Winfield to be a modernized rural area, with almost 25% saying it is a suburb/bedroom community.
- Most people (69%) see Downtown Winfield as the area around the intersection of 109th and Randolph. The second most popular response was “there is no downtown” (24%).
- After sidewalks, people would most like to change the Town Center by adding green space, benches and plantings.
- Cleanliness of streets and sidewalks got high marks for the Town’s public facilities, with 67% saying it was “good” or “excellent”.
- The population is evenly divided over whether the Town is generally attractive or not.
- More street trees and seasonal landscaping are desired by almost 50% of those responding.
- Almost half the respondents say that the general safety of the community is “good”. Street lighting is considered “fair”. Almost half want more streetlights.

Housing

- People are fairly evenly divided over whether they and their family members would choose to live in Winfield throughout different life stages.
- There is a strong desire for more housing options. Of the top 3 answers, over 50% want more small single-family homes, including condos. Almost 20% want Senior Housing while about 10% want no more housing (based on written comments on the survey). There is virtually no interest in any kind of apartments.
- Possibly because non-single-family housing is a low priority, people said it was not important to locate it near the center of town.

Biking, Walking and Transportation

- Winfield scores very low on pedestrian and bicycle access (75% said “poor”). Pedestrian safety is also rated as poor by more than 67%.
- Winfield is not walkable per 84% of respondents. 50% of the respondents walk at least twice weekly, with 75% of them seeing it as recreation. Over 75% would like to walk more than they do now, but over 75% said they don’t have sidewalks and trails going to their destinations. People are also concerned about crossing safety, traffic speed and volume.
- Approximately 50% of the population almost never rides a bike, while 33% ride it at least a few times each month. Almost 67% of respondents would like to bike more, but the lack of bike facilities prevents them. High traffic volume and difficulty crossing are other concerns.
- The biggest change people want to see in the Town Center is the construction of sidewalks. The top public enhancement people want in Winfield are sidewalks or trails (selected by 89%).
- Over 50% of the respondents leave the community using 109th Avenue westbound.
- 75% of the respondents would be uncomfortable or very uncomfortable crossing 109th on foot or by bike, while more than half would be uncomfortable or very uncomfortable crossing Randolph.
- Traffic flow and conditions are seen as “fair”.
- Parking is seen as very convenient by over 67% of the respondents.

Dining, Shopping and Events

- People come to Winfield to meet basic needs, namely shopping, dining and entertainment.
- Over half of those responding come to Downtown Winfield at least 8 times per month.
- Over 33% stay less than 30 minutes, while another 33% stays 30 – 60 minutes.
- Almost half do the majority of their shopping and dining in Merrillville, with Valparaiso and Crown Point tied for second.
- People spend a lot of money on prepared meals (full service, carryout, drive-through), but very little of that stays in Winfield.
- Likewise, over half of the population buys less than 25% of their goods and services purchases in Winfield.
- Groceries and gas are the main reason people travel to the Town.
- Adding restaurants to Winfield is slightly more important to respondents than walking and biking connectivity to the Town Center. Getting more shops and stores is slightly less important than pedestrian and bicycle connectivity. A town center gathering place is not seen as nearly as important as the above.
- People would prefer locally owned restaurants over chain restaurants. Small-scale retail is more than 5 times as desired as big box retail. Over 67% of respondents find outdoor dining very appealing or appealing.

- Over 67% of respondents shop in Winfield, with Wiseway and Walgreens being the most popular. Those that did not shop locally cited poor selection and high prices as the biggest reasons for taking their commerce elsewhere. There were no issues with the hours. A bakery was the most desired new store, with grocery/specialty food the next most popular.
- Over 67% of respondents dine in Winfield, with Nicks and Bajas being the most popular local restaurants, with McDonalds and Subway the most popular chains. Those that did not dine locally cited poor selection as the reason for dining elsewhere.
- Over 67% said they would be more likely to shop downtown if there was more connectivity with sidewalks.
- Over half of those responding have not attended the Winfield Community Festival in the last 3 years. Of those, 29% did not know about it.
- A Farmers Market would draw in over 75% of those responding, as would an outdoor concert or movie. There was also interest in Specialty Festivals and Craft Fairs, but less interest in a rummage sale or fitness activity.

Development

- Almost no one wants to see manufacturing in the Town, preferring commercial use instead.
- People are evenly divided over whether commercial zoning regulations should be changed to encourage business growth.
- The main commercial zoning change people would like to see is requiring less parking. Only 25% would support more signage.
- Half of respondents said Winfield should make the commercial zoning standards for signs, landscaping and architectural standards more restrictive to encourage a more attractive appearance.
- Only 20% of people said the Town should not consider financial incentives as a way to attract desirable businesses.

Survey Conclusions

Winfield is a young town, one that is still trying to gain an identity. There may be some confusion about who is within the Town's boundaries, and there is certainly confusion about where the Winfield Town Center (Downtown) is located. A strong community identity, which is still developing, will create a strong loyalty to the Town. This will enhance attendance at the Town festival's and lead to more spending within the community at the local shops and businesses.

Community pride goes a long way in establishing community identity. Winfield locals are evenly divided over whether it is an attractive community or not, but it is considered clean. There appears to be support for more landscaping and stronger commercial zoning standards (although people see a surplus of vehicular parking).

There are opportunities to establish more community interaction by better publicizing existing events such as a Farmer's Market and Town Festival. Although there is little interest in a new community gathering space, there is overwhelming interest in a new sidewalk/trail system, which can also be a space where community interaction occurs. Respondents reflect a national health and fitness trend by being more active through biking and walking regularly and they want the infrastructure to do it locally.

The community wants to keep the same “modernized rural”, single-family character they have now, and is not open to higher density housing. They want that housing to be better connected by a pedestrian and bicycle network. New commercial development would be welcomed, particularly local restaurants or a bakery. Manufacturing is not desirable.

Based on the survey, the highest priority for Winfield appears to be the addition of a pedestrian/bicycle network connecting the community, and contributing to making Winfield a livable community.

3.4 Defining Modernized Rural

Modernized Rural Character

Winfield, Indiana does not meet technical definitions for a rural area, since it is an incorporated town. What do residents mean when they call themselves a modernized rural area, and how does a Town Center fit into that concept? Looking at that identity for several different parameters yields the following characteristics:

Characteristics of a Modernized Rural Life	
Transportation	Automobile is primary means of transportation. Commuters spend much time in their vehicles. There is some interest in walking and biking for leisure.
Land Use	Land use is primarily single-family, with basic supporting institutional uses (schools, churches) and is surrounded by agricultural, with a small amount of commercial and no industrial.
Environment	Life is characterized by close contact with nature and a peaceful, quiet atmosphere. Still see lots of open space, whether it is agricultural cropland or park space. Trees and wooded areas are part of the character.
Quality of Life	Good schools, public utilities and public services present. There is less choice for entertainment, personal services and retail goods.
Scale & Form	Buildings are one or two story, with no “big box” type commercial. Fewer drive-through businesses are present than larger communities. Residential areas may be somewhat isolated.
Architectural Style	Traditional architecture and neo-historic styles favored over modern. Barn-type forms may be adapted to non-agricultural uses. Materials favor more “natural” look of wood, brick and stone, over metal, exposed concrete and glass.

Community Size	Size of town remains small. If town grows, surrounding agriculture is reduced.
Density	Density is low to moderate. People have space to live, play, etc. Residents can have privacy.
Center of Community	A small Town Center with local government offices and basic services is typical. Town is of smaller scale than Indiana’s “County Seat” downtowns. Often incorporates local history.
Social Interaction	Contact with others is limited. Contact is typically simple and face-to-face. Informal, long-term, sincere relationships formed.
Sense of Belonging	Cohesiveness and unity are strong due to similarity of experiences (but not necessarily shared experiences), common aims and purposes, common customs and traditions.
Diversity	Population is largely homogenous in social, racial and psychological traits.
Social Classes	There is a low degree of social differentiation, so differences are noticeable. Few economic and sociopolitical classes are seen.
Social Pressure	Strong pressure to conform is typical. Encouragement is by both informal social pressure and formal rules.
Change	Community is relatively static and stable.
Religious Culture	Residents recognize/honor sacred (religious) culture, even if they don’t participate.
Occupations	Majority of population commute due to few employment choices locally. Some AG. Some work from home.
Leadership	Choice of leadership tends to be made on the basis of personal qualities of individual.
Cost of Living	May be higher than average due to commuting and lack of nearby services and goods

Some Rural Modern Examples

While none of the following are “mirror” communities for Winfield, it may be helpful to look at some other communities with a similar character, especially those who have experienced fast growth and have above average wealth.

- Biltmore Forest, North Carolina, population 1,400, near Asheville
- Knightdale, North Carolina, population 11,500, near Raleigh
- Florence, Texas, population 2,000, near Austin
- Mars, Pennsylvania, population 1,700, near Pittsburgh
- Freetown, Massachusetts, population 9,000, near Boston

4.0 Town Center Analysis

Town Centers are important to a community’s identity because they are seen as everyone’s neighborhood. As a comparatively new municipality, Winfield does not have a traditional historic Indiana downtown core area. This means that some people don’t see what they consider a Town Center when they travel through (24% of survey respondents said, “there is no downtown”), making it harder for them to see Winfield as a town or themselves as citizens or visitors of a unique place. Making it clear that Winfield is an individual town with a defined downtown will help strengthen the connection with both citizens and visitors.

For those that do see a Town Center in Winfield, where exactly is it? The steering committee spent some time out on the ground in late April 2015. During that field trip they agreed that 109th Avenue and Randolph Street was the center of Winfield’s Town Center. That was supported by the survey, on which most people (69%) said they see Downtown Winfield as the area around the intersection of 109th and Randolph. As part of the project’s scoping, the steering committee went on to set boundaries for the downtown area, shown in blue on the map below.

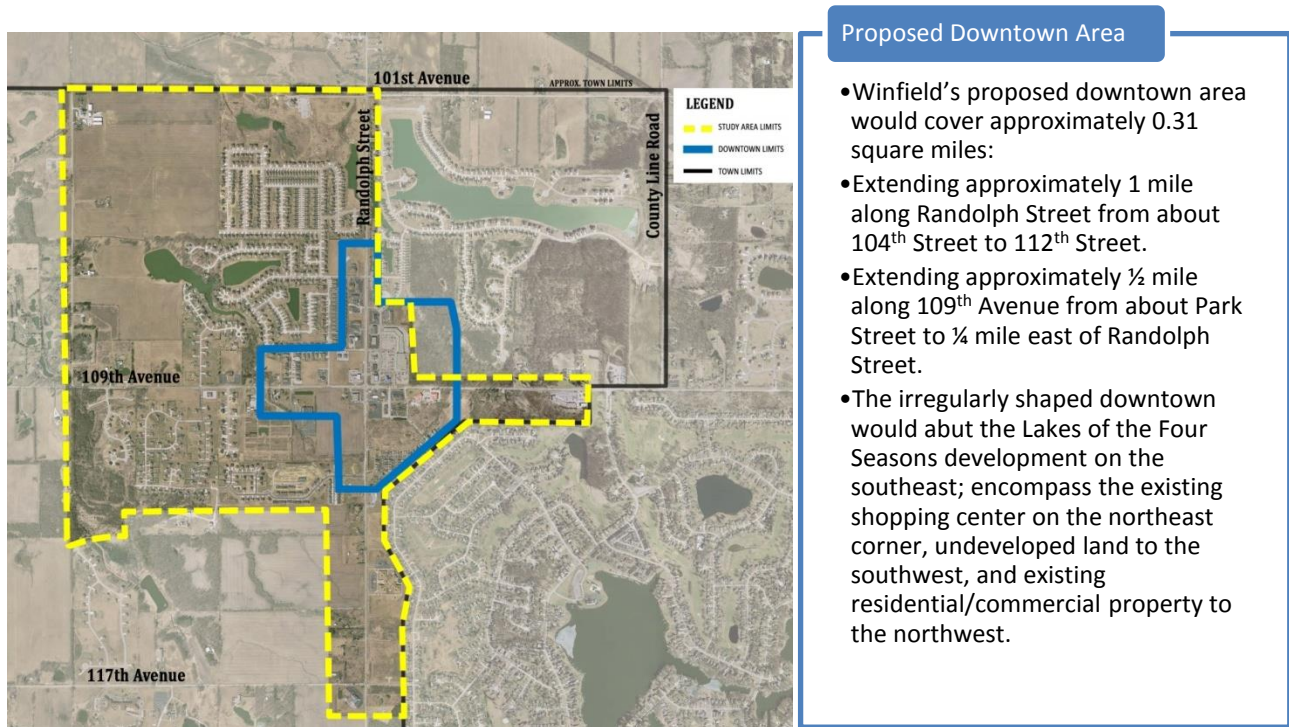


Figure 3 – Downtown/Town Center Limits

4.1 Town Center Spatial Analysis

Confusion over the Town Center is a prime example that Winfield is hard to perceive or "read" as a distinctive community for people moving through the town, including local residents. Kevin Lynch's landmark book "The Image of the City" gave designers a language for reading, analyzing and designing communities, which can be used to help analyze Winfield's Town Center. The tools (which Lynch called "pattern types") are as follows:



From an urban design standpoint, Winfield contains attractive residential districts and a variety of commercial uses, but the development pattern promotes a heavy reliance on the automobile at the expense of pedestrians and bicyclists. The various uses are spread thinly across the planning area. The edges of most neighborhoods are bounded by heavily traveled roads (PATHS), which act as barriers, and most of the Town's commercial areas are poorly connected to one another or to the neighborhoods except by car.

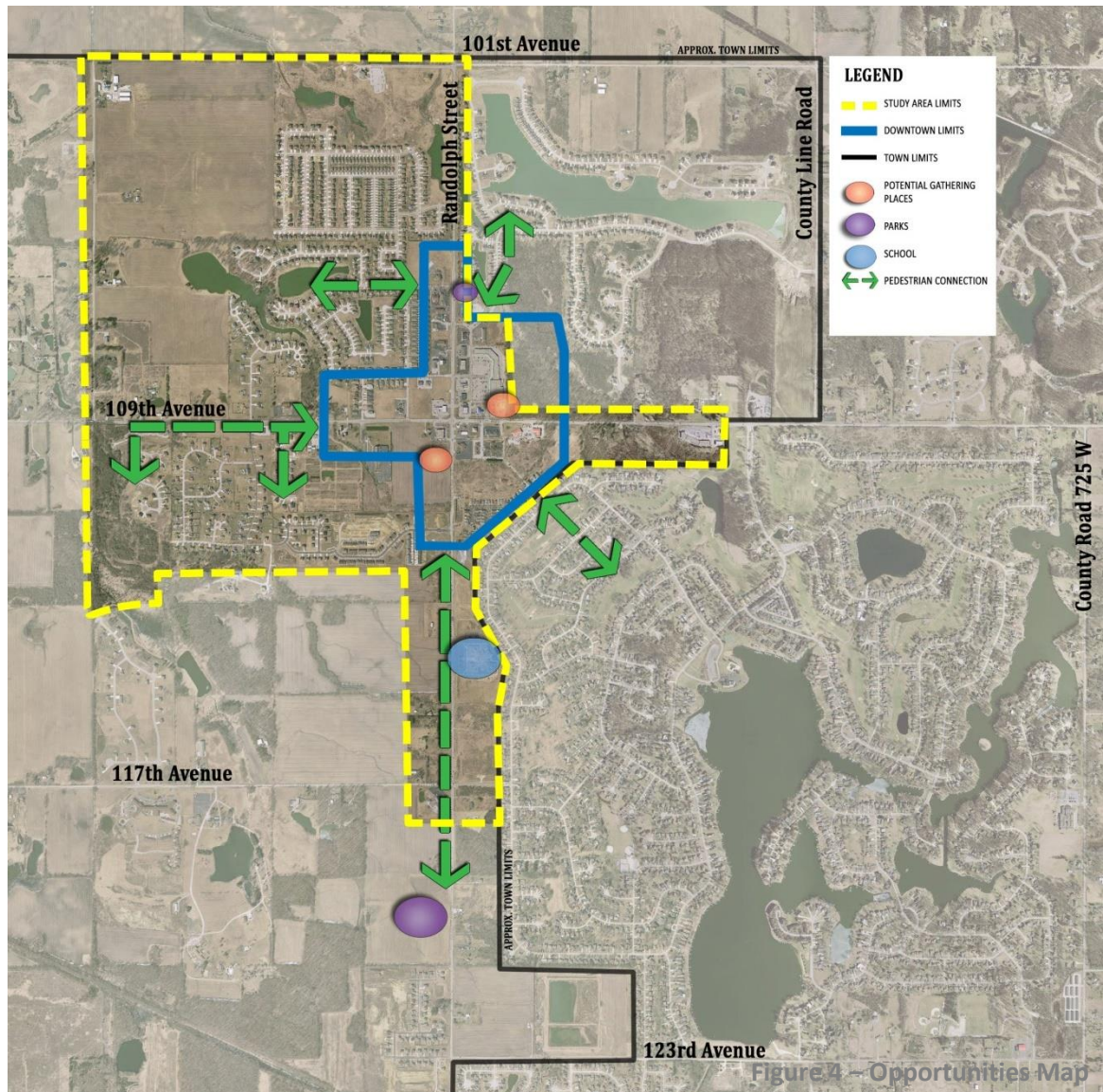
Centers of activity (NODES), such as shopping centers and community facilities in Winfield, are not convenient for pedestrians or bicyclists. Moreover, the NODES have no clear LANDMARKS differentiating them from the surrounding area and helping them develop a unique character. The dispersal of the NODES amid the visually cluttered commercial area along Randolph Street, and the lack of LANDMARKS make taking mental snapshots and making memories more difficult. Gateways may act as LANDMARKS, and there are opportunities for Winfield to develop gateways to the community.

Many of the DISTRICTS in Winfield, especially the Town Center, also lack a strong identity. The Town's DISTRICTS do not currently provide residents and visitors with a distinctive sense of place. The edges between one DISTRICT and another are not clearly defined, except by roads. There are both commercial and residential DISTRICTS, and DISTRICTS of varying sizes. The current DISTRICTS are at an automobile scale. The commercial DISTRICTS do not include residential uses, and a single housing type characterizes the residential areas: single-family detached. Many residential neighborhoods have no central focal point such as a park, and the path network for both autos and pedestrians has evolved as a non-grid, unconnected network.

There are problems with the PATH system (the streets, the trails and the sidewalks). The street systems in individual subdivisions are not connected to each other, and the heavily traveled arterial streets on the perimeter deter walking and cycling. The two largest PATHs that are at the center of the Town Center are Randolph Street and 109th Avenue; these arterial streets are currently barriers to pedestrian movement. In addition to sidewalks, there is a need for recreational PATHS, including trails and bike-friendly accommodations. Winfield has the potential to link many of the NODES and DISTRICTS of the Town together, so that more people can enjoy them, without using their cars.

4.2 Opportunities

Winfield has several opportunities to achieve the main goal of this Plan: creating a livable town center. According to our survey, after sidewalks, people would most like to change the Town Center by adding green space, benches and plantings. There are several opportunities of special note.



Parks

Increasing the amount of permanent Green Space may be done by developing more parkland. Winfield has a Path Plan in place, but does not yet have a Park Master Plan. There is also a park study for impact fees underway. Dedicated impact fee funding can help develop new proposed parks:

- John B. Curley Memorial Park – Located directly north of the Town Hall building, this existing 0.36-acre park has an existing pavilion/gathering place and a small playground apparatus. The park could see expanded use and become more importance to the community. A proposed HAWK pedestrian signal device would make crossing the road to get to this location easier and safer.
- Town Park – This large new park on the south side of Town, west of Randolph Street/Palmer Road and north of 121st ST would be 10 acres and include pavilions, restrooms, a ball field, passive recreational opportunities (including a wet pond) and playground apparatus.



Other New Public Gathering Spaces

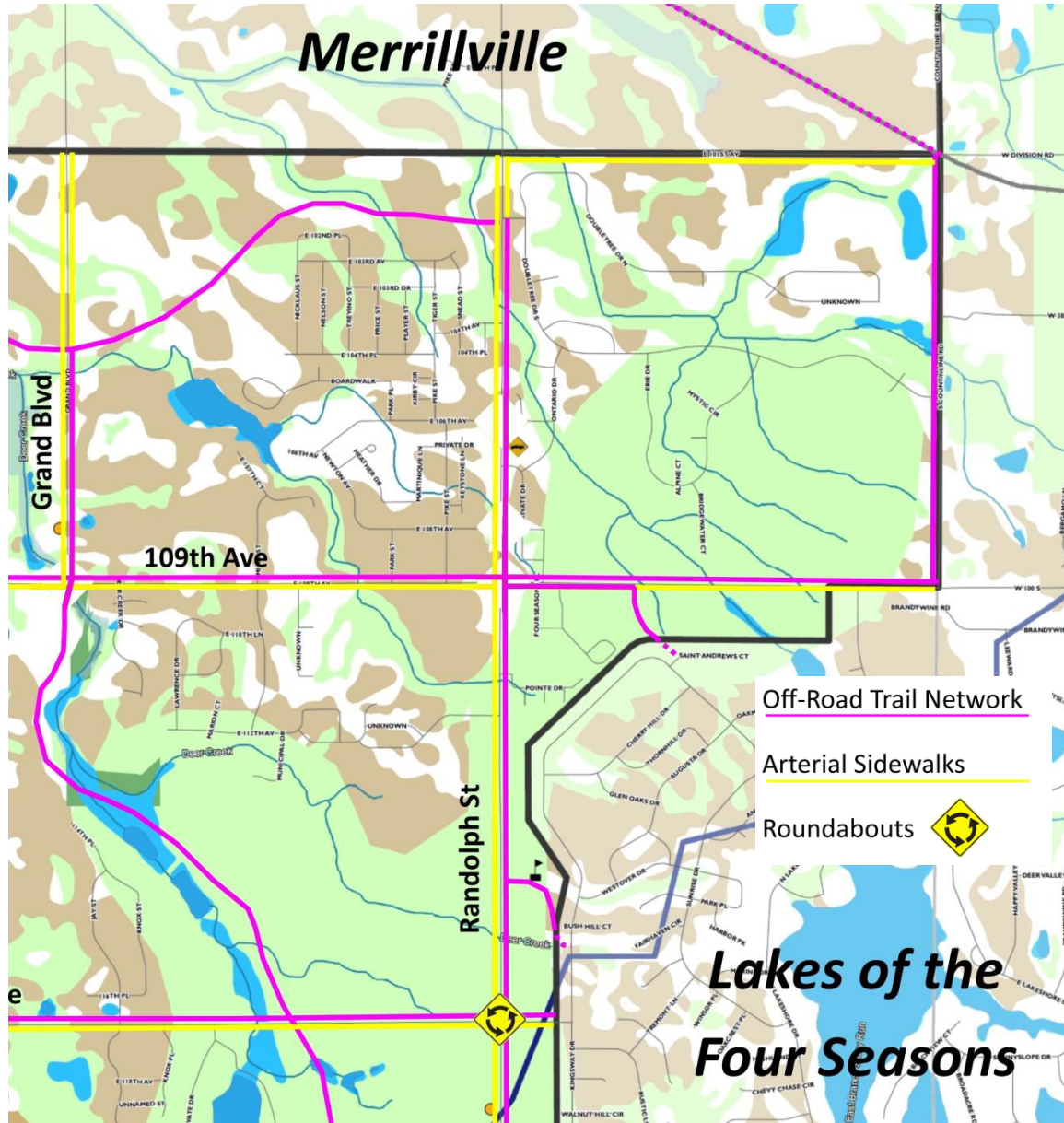
It is imperative that any Town Center has gathering spaces for special events, such as fairs and festivals. These gathering spaces do not have to be parks or green areas, and actually work well when paved. Community gathering spaces may be excess parking areas, low-volume streets that may be blocked off temporarily, etc. Possible gathering spaces in Winfield’s Town Center could be:

- Excess parking area near the grocery, at the northeast quadrant of Randolph and 109th.
- Public space provided by the developer on the property south of Walgreens, in the southwest quadrant of 109th and Randolph.

Trails & Sidewalks

Connectivity is crucial, and a multi-use pathway “spine” would promote inter-connection of non-motorized transportation, including sidewalks from residential subdivisions. The 2013 Winfield Pedestrian & Bicycle Route Plan, prepared by Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) shows both an Arterial Sidewalk System and an Off-Road Trail Network. The plan includes both sidewalks and trails along 109th Avenue and Randolph Street. The double coverage of both trails and sidewalks was included

because the Town felt strongly about ensuring that pedestrian facilities would be installed, regardless of which side of the road developed first. Note that it is possible that some pedestrian accommodations may end up outside of the right-of-way, because the commercial plaza on the east side of Randolph Street is privately owned.



Completing the planned trail and sidewalk system would link the Town Center with many of the existing neighborhoods. Additional key pedestrian connections that should be added include:

- Along Ontario Drive, to connect Doubletree to the Town Center
- Along 106th Avenue, to connect the Country Meadows / Doubletree West neighborhood with the Town Center
- From 109th Avenue, West of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, extending South into the Meadows neighborhood
- Along Meadow Road, connecting to Four Seasons

Landmarks

There is an opportunity to create or highlight important locations to the Town. Winfield can create gateways to the town and the Town Center area, including special streetscape features on Randolph Street and 109th Avenue. A roundabout planned at 117th and Randolph could become a gateway on the South side of Winfield.

Existing elements that can serve as unique landmarks for Winfield and its Town Center include churches (Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Christ Presbyterian and Northwest Seventh Day Adventist Church, fire stations. Similarly, historic barns, pasture and wooded areas can help signal that you are outside of the Town.



4.3 Challenges

There are challenges that will affect the realization of Winfield becoming a livable town center.

Auto-Centric

The auto-dominated pattern of development in Winfield's planned Town Center runs counter to creating a pedestrian-friendly Town Center. The existing sidewalk system is incomplete. Pedestrians must currently walk along the edge of busy roads, next to lanes of moving traffic and cross 109th and Randolph without pedestrian crosswalks or signals. The barrier of heavy traffic at the center of the Town Center severely constrains the unification of the proposed Town Center District.



Natural Features

Some natural features are also challenges to the development of the Town Center. The undeveloped hilly, wooded and poorly drained land east of the shopping center is a barrier to expanding development.



Gated Communities

Though the Lakes of the Four Seasons area is adjacent to the Town, it is not within the town's jurisdiction and because it is a gated community, is not open for pedestrian connections to the town. Doubletree east (on the east side of Randolph only) is also gated. The Town of Winfield takes no responsibility for the private roads or other infrastructure (with the exception of sanitary sewer) including sidewalks, meaning it is also not open for public pedestrian connections.



Utilities

Major utilities run along the arterials of 109th and Randolph. These overhead lines, utility boxes, underground pipes, and surface drainage channels pose restrictions for development of streetscape elements and have a major impact on the aesthetics of the Town Center.



5.0 Livable Communities Strategies

5.1 Land Use Recommendations

General

The most recent Future Land Use Map and current Zoning Map can be found in Appendix A. In general, new land use recommendations for the Town Center focus on more open space and community gathering spaces, discussed in more detail below. The scale of new development in the Town Center is important, including encouraging a height of two (or possibly three) stories so that the area becomes visually prominent. Scale is also important related to pedestrians, and prohibiting big box development in favor of smaller scale commercial reinforces a local feel. It is important that future commercial and institutional buildings follow the same general horizontal positioning / layout in the Town Center with a focus on embracing the streetscape elements proposed. Emphasis should be placed on embracing the corridor, facilitating connectivity, and overall cohesiveness with the downtown theme. Mixed-use development in the form of a PUD would also be a new and appropriate use for the Town Center.

Open Space & Gathering Spaces

Opportunities exist for development of new gathering spaces and enhancement of the existing spaces. New gathering spaces may potentially be developed behind the Walgreens or near the southeast corner of the Wise-Way parking lot along 109th. Existing spaces to be enhanced include Curley Park near Town Hall, which is currently not connected to public right-of-way, but the Town plans to add a pedestrian signal for safer access from surrounding neighborhoods. The current Farmers Market is held at Town Hall with parking at the Fire Station, but needs improvement in terms of functionality, visibility, and space. An alternate location may be recommended.

Land Use Recommendations

- *Intensify commercial development near the Town Center, keeping lower-intensity uses outside the area.*
- *Provide community gathering space within the Town Center.*
- *Reduce the excessive parking areas flanking Randolph and 109th to mitigate the barrier image created by the auto-dominated corridor.*
- *Preserve existing wooded areas and agricultural areas along Randolph and 109th to make the streets more attractive and distinctive while providing needed open space.*
- *Ensure that new neighborhoods are pedestrian-friendly, and can easily connect to the Town Center.*

5.2 Transportation and Streetscape Recommendations

Existing Conditions

The existing street right-of-way of Downtown Winfield emphasizes its primary function as a vehicular thoroughfare and utility corridor. Many of the existing streets in the town center area are not comfortable for pedestrians due to the scale, speed, and scarcity of pedestrian facilities. Sidewalks, where present, are frequently incomplete. Almost all streets lack street trees or other aesthetic appurtenances creating an exposed environment lacking vertical scale and shade. Multiple vehicular travel lanes, frequency of commercial drive approaches, and the absence of crosswalks reduce pedestrian comfort. The overall effect of these conditions, combined with land use patterns that require longer walking distance (i.e., cul-de-sacs within neighborhoods and lack of connections between neighborhoods) discourages people from walking.



Typical Streetscape on Randolph Street - The most recent Bicycle & Pedestrian Route Map can be found in Appendix A.

Through integration of streetscape elements and the Town's newly revised zoning ordinance, downtown

Supporting a Livable Town Center

Streetscape and gateway improvements should address the following design objectives.

- Complete the sidewalk trail system to provide a link to the downtown.
- Improve roadway crossings for pedestrians by improving signaling and crosswalks.
- Make it easier and more comfortable for people to cross Randolph Street and 109th on foot, non-motorized devices such as bicycles and wheelchairs, and power-driven mobility devices.
- Enhance the streetscape along the length of 109th and Randolph Street, with street trees, plants or berms to screen parking, control of signs, lighting, and attractive street furniture.
- Investigate feasibility of utility and drainage modifications (overhead, underground, surface)
- Increase the legibility of the Downtown by creating a distinct image/pattern. Develop the downtown district to express a unified and unique image and provide a community focus for adjacent neighborhoods.
- Develop landmarks to enhance the identity of the downtown district, to facilitate navigation and to mark special places.

streets can be transformed to reflect the desired identity of Winfield and support the context of the surrounding area.

Streetscape and Pedestrian Facilities

A successful streetscape application creates a theme which is carried throughout the street environment to increase the awareness of those entering and leaving the community. Such a theme is typically expressed in streetscape elements, that when applied provides a sense of continuity. When streetscape elements are repeated over a typical block, the streetscape creates a particular rhythm depending on the use, arrangement, and emphasis of different elements.

Planning the streetscape solution must consider existing utilities and potential limitations of the occupied right-of-way (ROW) and adjoining land uses. The streetscape design will need to work with existing curb and gutter, drainage infrastructure and variable sized roadside drainage swales. Any proposed vertical elements must not interfere with existing overhead utilities or adversely impact visibility of adjacent businesses and existing signage. Recognizing these conditions during the planning stage is essential.

Gateways

Gateways create a sense of arrival and should reflect a community's identity. The Town of Winfield (Town) has many potential gateway sites; however, to be cost effective it is important to choose gateways that add the most value to the Town's image or celebrate its historic and cultural traditions. Gateways could be provided at the Town limits and/or approaching the Downtown area. Regardless of where they are placed, the style and size of the gateway should be appropriate to its location. Gateways may consist of a singular design element or combination of elements such as signage, fencing, accent plantings, and lighting. Materials for a gateway in Winfield could include wood and fieldstone to reflect the agricultural and rural character of the Town and surrounding area.



Implementation

In addition to the design concepts illustrated in this section, the Town can further implement the objectives throughout the Town by developing unique streetscape and public open space standards, enacting subdivision code amendments that contribute to a Livable Center, such as traffic calming guidelines, and enforcing a sidewalk construction and replacement policy.

The Town would like to incorporate sidewalks and pathways to create a more pedestrian-oriented Downtown area and provide connectivity with gathering places, schools, and parks. Sidewalks should be placed to allow a buffer space between the travel lanes and the pedestrians to create a safer and more comfortable user experience. This buffer may include existing drainage swales, curb, or tree lawn depending on the existing condition and available right-of-way. If desired, connections to the commercial areas and private businesses could be provided through a partnership between those owners and the Town. Installing accessible features such as detectable warnings and crosswalks would aid in improving safety at intersections and major commercial entrances. A High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk beacon (HAWK beacon) is currently proposed at midblock near 106th and Randolph to enhance crossing between the northwest quadrant of Town and the new park by Town Hall.

Improvements to the intersection at 109th and Randolph Street may include decorative crosswalks and accent plantings. These and other streetscape elements will help calm traffic entering and exiting the Downtown. Addition of pedestrian signals and adjustment of signal timing to allow sufficient time for pedestrian crossings may also increase the safety and appeal of using the sidewalks.

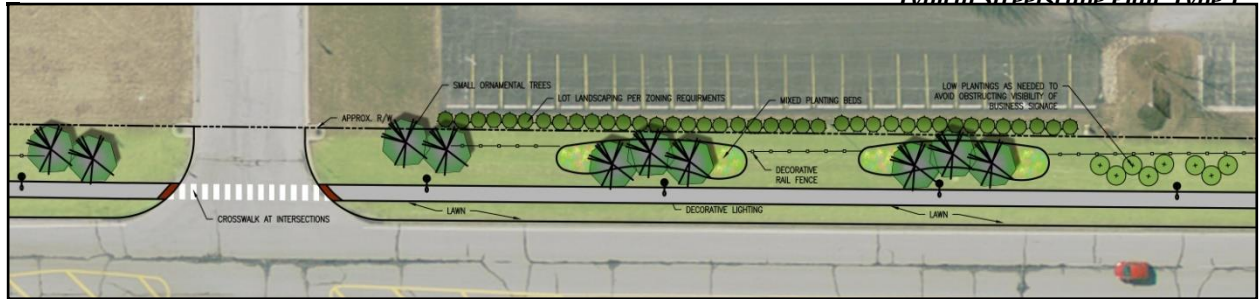
Plantings within the ROW may serve a variety of functions. Small ornamental trees help mitigate visibility of overhead lines. Parking lot perimeter plantings, as required per the Town Zoning Ordinance, help screen parked vehicles and define the edge of the streetscape zone. Where space is available, mixed planting beds provide seasonal interest. All plantings relate to the pedestrian scale of the sidewalk areas and may provide pockets of shade along the corridor. Strategic placement of planting elements should avoid obscuring business signage.

The addition of vertical elements such as plantings, rail fencing and decorative lighting with banner arms could visually narrow the corridor which may help slow traffic and further create sense of place and continuity through the Downtown. Well-lit sidewalks will also encourage their use and provide additional safety and security to adjacent areas.

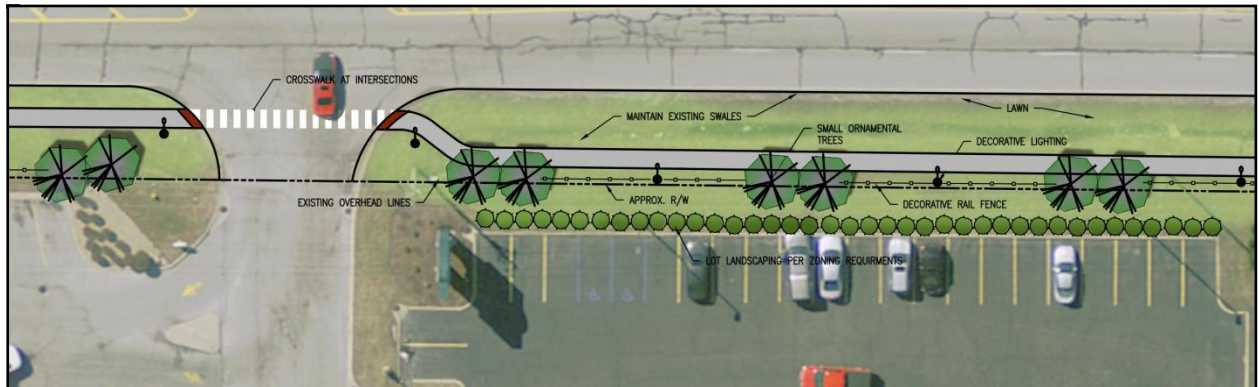
An example of potential streetscape improvements are as follows:

Type 1 – This example illustrates an application where roadside swales do not exist or are minimal in width and depth. The sidewalk is separated from the travel lanes by a 5' tree lawn. Small ornamental trees and understory plantings draw attention toward the ground plane as opposed to overhead power lines. Low shrub groupings provide interest without interfering with commercial signage where present. Other elements include decorative rail fence and decorative lighting within the ROW and landowner screening of adjacent lots per the new zoning ordinance.

Typical Streetscape Plan, Type 1



Type 2 - This example shows an application for an area where roadside swales are deep and occupy a large portion of the available right-of-way. The swale may be maintained as is or modified slightly to allow the installation of sidewalk and lighting towards the back of the ROW. The required parking lot screening per the zoning ordinance on the adjacent property helps to provide vegetation and screening and reinforces the edge of the streetscape. Small ornamental trees are provided at intervals as space allows and are connected by a decorative rail fence. The linear fence helps provide a consistent visual element along the streetscape that can be repeated even in areas where available ROW is tight while reinforcing the rural nature of the community.



Typical Streetscape Plan, Type 2



Typical Perspective - 109th and Randolph



Typical Streetscape Perspective



Typical Streetscape Perspective



Typical Streetscape Perspective

6.0 Master Plan Implementation

6.1 Funding Opportunities

It is anticipated that the Town will seek funds from multiple sources in order to implement the ideas presented in this report.

For the streetscape plantings, fencing, lighting and sidewalks state and local funding through the various grants and matching fund opportunities will be pursued. This would include, but not be limited to, Congestion Mitigation / Air Quality (CMAQ), Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program (FHWA STBG), FHWA Safe Routes to Schools and FHWA Transportation Enhancement (FHWA TE). The Town should make itself actively involved at the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC). This will keep a Town representative aware of the timelines / guidelines for the various funding sources above. Additionally, the state and federal government has additional special programs on occasion which are typically announced

through NIRPC. Building relationships with the member communities and the NIRPC staff will be invaluable moving forward.

Additional funding sources could be through the Town's Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district in the way of grants and matching funds to the local businesses. Additional sources could come from donations from the local businesses in the way of land, work in kind and matching funds. The Town's general fund may be utilized for small to midsize infrastructure improvements. Some of these may be to "close the gaps" of the sidewalks and landscaping through the prior developed properties in town. The town may also consider special events where the proceeds are funneled into a community improvement fund of some nature. This money may then be used for individual projects or towards the matching funds on projects.

Regardless of the methods utilized partnerships with the local community and business leaders will be important for the implementation of the elements of this plan. The more participation the closer the community will feel as it builds towards its unique identity.

6.2 Related Plans and Partnerships

109th Avenue Scoping Study:

The 109th Avenue scoping study will generate the corridor needs for the east west portion of the downtown core. It will be important for the 109th scoping Study and the Downtown Master plan to each develop a cohesive look and feel to this corridor. While the 109th Study will be primarily functional the complete streets element to the project will have the basic pedestrian facilities considered. The Downtown Master plan will have to be adaptable to the functional improvements necessary while still maintaining Winfield's developing identity.

Park Studies:

Currently there is a park impact fee study underway. This study will provide guidance on the availability of resources to not only maintain the current inventory but the addition of new facilities. Additional gathering places, adjacent to the Downtown core, are anticipated to be added. These elements are likely to become part of the park inventory and overall park master plan. The direction these facilities take will be important to stay consistent with the Downtown Master plan to work towards Winfield's developing identity. Additionally, the overall park master plan for the town will have impacts to the Downtown Master plan from a connectivity perspective. One of the most crucial elements to the Downtown Master plan will be the connection of people to the Town's facilities whether commercial or recreational.

6.3 Town Ordinance and Policy Modifications

Overlay district:

As the Town continues to grow it will be important to work towards the goals of this Downtown Master plan in both the new and existing uses. As discussed previously within this report, the Town has made numerous ordinance revisions and additions to bring about many elements of the look and feel desired for the downtown area. Minor revisions to those ordinances may come out of this report but one way the Town may help ensure that the downtown continues to develop as intended is to create an Overlay District over the downtown core. It would be anticipated that areas further from the downtown core develop, ordinance tweaks to some of the standards may take place. However, the desire may not be to change elements within the downtown. An overlay district is one tool the Town can utilize to mitigate that situation.

Thoroughfare Plan:

The Town currently does not have nor has never had a thoroughfare plan. The lack of this document in the Town's early stages of development, in some ways, has contributed to the eclectic way the street grid and connectivity has developed. A thoroughfare plan has six major goals / purposes.

- Provide for the orderly development of an adequate major street system as land development occurs or traffic increases.
- Reduce travel and transportation costs
- Reduce the costs of major street improvements, mainly through coordination with private action
- Enable private interests to plan their actions, improvements, and development with full knowledge of public intent
- Minimize the disruption of people and business. Development can be prohibited in a road corridor, saving future disruption.
- Reduce environmental impacts on air-quality, wetlands, historic sites, parks and other publicly used recreational areas, archeological sites, endangered species, and neighborhoods.

Park Master Plan:

While the park impact fee study and some of the groundwork of overall future park needs will be developed through that study an actual mapped out park master plan should be developed. This plan would address the general placement and the amount of future facilities. This plan would then help guide future boards and commissions in the addition of these facilities but also help ensure their connectivity with the Town Center.

Comprehensive Plan:

As mentioned previously, the last update to the Town's Comprehensive plan was in 2006. Numerous changes and additions of developments, policy, population, parks and business has

taken place since then. The comprehensive plan of a community is meant to be a living document. The recommended timeframe to wait between updates is 5 to 10 years. Winfield is now at the 10 year mark since the last update. Given the vibrant nature and growth of the community an update is highly recommended.

Appendix A

Maps

Town of Winfield Zoning Map

Town of Winfield Pedestrian & Bicycle Route Plan

Town of Winfield September 16, 2013

Merrillville



Town of Winfield Pedestrian & Bicycle Route Plan

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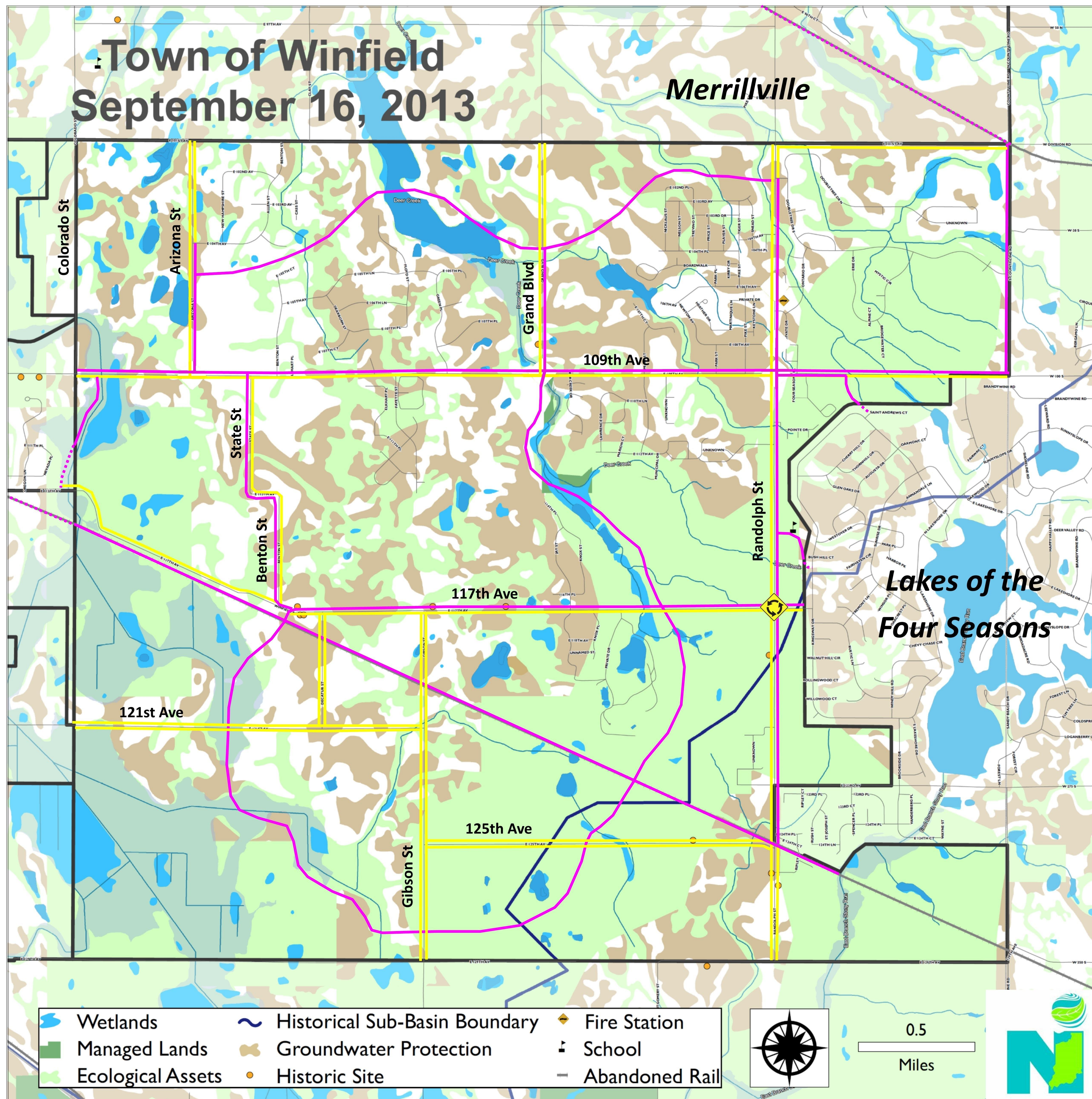
Off-Road Trail Network

Arterial Sidewalks

Roundabouts



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Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Winfield Livable Communities Plan Survey

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

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1. Please select the answer that best describes you. - choose all that apply

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I live in the Town of Winfield	296	83.8%
I work in the Town of Winfield	25	7.0%
I am a frequent visitor to Winfield, but do not live or work in the town	41	11.6%
I am an occasional visitor to Winfield	3	<1%
I just drive through Winfield as I commute	3	<1%
Total	353	100%

2. Where do you live? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
As I said above, I live in the Town of Winfield	226	62.6%
Lakes of the Four Seasons	62	17.1%
Outside of the Town and Lakes of the Four Seasons, but within Winfield	32	8.8%
Western Porter Township in Porter County	16	4.4%
Outside of the above, but still within Lake County	10	2.7%
Outside of Lake County and Porter Township in Porter County	6	1.6%
No Responses	9	2.4%
Total	361	100%

3. What is the main reason you live in Winfield? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I like the low density and want it to stay this way	135	37.3%
I understood it was a growing area and would like to see more growth	68	18.8%
Affordable taxes	65	18.0%
Accessibility to highways	12	3.3%
Other	56	15.5%
No Responses	25	6.9%
Total	361	100%

4. What age group do you belong to? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Under 18 Years	0	0.0%
18 - 29 years	27	7.4%
30 - 39 years	146	40.4%
40 - 49 years	93	25.7%
50 - 59 years	53	14.6%
60 - 69 years	22	6.0%
70 years +	12	3.3%
No Responses	8	2.2%
Total	361	100%

5. Would you or your family members choose to live in Winfield throughout different life stages if there were more housing options available? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	132	36.5%
No	90	24.9%
Unsure	129	35.7%
No Responses	10	2.7%
Total	361	100%

6. What types of housing does Winfield need more of? - check all that apply

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Small single-family homes, including condos	174	56.8%
Duplexes	18	5.8%
Townhouses	28	9.1%
Low-density apartments (4 units)	12	3.9%
Higher density apartments	6	1.9%
Accessory apartments in single-family homes	3	<1%
Senior housing community	56	18.3%
Assisted living	16	5.2%
Nursing home	12	3.9%
Other	87	28.4%
Total	306	100%

7. How important is it that non-single family housing be located near the center of Town? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Very important	34	9.4%
Somewhat important	64	17.7%
Not important	248	68.6%
No Responses	15	4.1%

Total	361	100%
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8. What do you consider Winfield's identity to be? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
A rural area	62	17.1%
A modernized rural area	184	50.9%
A suburb/bedroom community	86	23.8%
A modern urban area	6	1.6%
Other	10	2.7%
No Responses	13	3.6%
Total	361	100%

9. What is you main objective when visiting Winfield? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Shopping	98	27.1%
Dining/Entertainment	67	18.5%
Use of Library	23	6.3%
Visit the Town Hall	15	4.1%
School	51	14.1%
I do not visit Winfield	66	18.2%
No Responses	41	11.3%
Total	361	100%

10. What would make Winfield more appealing and encourage you to spend more time in the town center? - check all that apply

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Walking and/or bicycling connectivity to the town center	221	63.1%
More shops/stores	200	57.1%
More dining establishments	244	69.7%
A town center gathering place	125	35.7%
Other	68	19.4%
Total	350	100%

11. What types of businesses would you like to see more of in Winfield? - check all that apply

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Small scale retail	226	67.2%
Big box	43	12.7%
Chain restaurants	157	46.7%
Locally owned restaurants	255	75.8%
Personal services (nail salons, dry cleaners, spa, barbers, etc.)	93	27.6%
Offices	47	13.9%
Manufacturing	9	2.6%
Other	24	7.1%
Total	336	100%

12. Where do you shop and dine the most? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Winfield	23	6.3%
Crown Point	70	19.3%
Merrillville	165	45.7%
Valparaiso	74	20.4%
Other	8	2.2%

No Responses	21	5.8%
Total	361	100%

13. Do you shop in Winfield? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	244	67.5%
No	98	27.1%
No Responses	19	5.2%
Total	361	100%

14. If you shop in Winfield, what place(s) do you shop most frequently? - Please tell us name(s) of local businesses

253 Response(s)

15. If you do not shop in Winfield, why? - check all that apply

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Poor selections	154	68.7%
Hours inconvenient	10	4.4%
Prices high	116	51.7%
Not on path travel/commute	10	4.4%
Other	10	4.4%
Total	224	100%

16. Do you dine in Winfield? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	244	67.5%
No	93	25.7%
No Responses	24	6.6%
Total	361	100%

17. If you dine in Winfield, where do you dine most frequently? - Please tell us name(s) of local businesses

239 Response(s)

18. If you do not dine in Winfield, why? - check all that apply

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Poor selection	171	91.4%
Hours inconvenient	9	4.8%
Prices high	8	4.2%
Not on the path I travel/commute	6	3.2%
Other	15	8.0%
Total	187	100%

19. What is the main reason you travel to Winfield's town center? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Work	16	4.4%
Gas	69	19.1%
Pharmacy	38	10.5%
Grocery	102	28.2%
Other Shopping	4	1.1%
Restaurants	21	5.8%
Visit Friends	11	3.0%
Town Hall Business	15	4.1%
School	13	3.6%
Other	42	11.6%
No Responses	30	8.3%
Total	361	100%

20. Where do you consider "downtown Winfield" to be? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Along 109th just east of the Lake of the Four Seasons entrance	4	1.1%
The area around the intersection of 109th and Randolph	250	69.2%
There is no downtown in Winfield	85	23.5%
Other	4	1.1%
No Responses	18	4.9%
Total	361	100%

21. Do you consider the central core of Winfield walkable? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	25	6.9%
No	303	83.9%

No Responses	33	9.1%
Total	361	100%

22. How often do you walk? - check only oneNote: count all trips between buildings, around your neighborhood, dog walking, etc. DO NOT include very short trips between a car and a building.

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Everyday	71	19.6%
a few (2 - 5) times per week	115	31.8%
a few times each month	71	19.6%
Almost never	75	20.7%
No Responses	29	8.0%
Total	361	100%

23. Do you mostly walk for transportation or recreation? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
I walk mostly for transportation (to places where I have to go, like work,	8	2.2%
I walk mostly for recreation (walking for fun around the neighborhood or	260	72.0%
About half the walking I do is for transportation, half for recreation	17	4.7%
I don't walk	44	12.1%
No Responses	32	8.8%
Total	361	100%

24. Do you want to walk more often than you do now? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	281	77.8%
No	48	13.2%
No Responses	32	8.8%
Total	361	100%

25. What prevents you from walking more often? - choose a maximum of 3

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
High traffic speed (vehicles moving too fast)	113	34.1%
High traffic volume (too many vehicles on the street)	124	37.4%
Difficult to cross busy streets	140	42.2%
Not enough shade	7	2.1%
Poor street lighting	66	19.9%
Destination are too far away	62	18.7%
Lack of signs that tell pedestrains about nearby destinations	15	4.5%
No one else is out walking	17	5.1%
Lack of continuous walking facilities (sidewalks and trails do not go all the way to my destination)	251	75.8%
Poor health	6	1.8%
Other	29	8.7%
Total	331	100%

26. Would you be more likely to shop in the downtown if there was more connectivity with sidewalks? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	250	69.2%
No	74	20.4%
No Responses	37	10.2%

Total 361 100%

27. How often do you ride a bicycle? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Every day or almost every day (5-7 times per week)	7	1.9%
Several (2-4) times each week	36	9.9%
A few times each month	85	23.5%
Almost never	186	51.5%
I cannot ride a bicycle	14	3.8%
No Responses	33	9.1%
Total	361	100%

28. Do you want to bicycle more often than you do now? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	225	62.3%
No	104	28.8%
No Responses	32	8.8%
Total	361	100%

29. What prevents you from bicycling more often? - Choose a maximum of 3

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
High traffic speed (vehicles moving too fast)	107	34.8%

High traffic volume (too many vehicles on the street)	118	38.4%
Difficult to cross busy streets	96	31.2%
Poor street lighting	39	12.7%
Not enough shade	3	<1%
Destinations are too far away	23	7.4%
Lack of signs that tell bicyclists about nearby destinations	17	5.5%
No one else is out biking	7	2.2%
Lack of continuous bicycling facilities (bicycle lanes, bicycle-friendly routes do not go all the way to my destination)	196	63.8%
Poor pavement quality (too many potholes and bumps)	52	16.9%
I don't own a bicycle	52	16.9%
I can't ride a bicycle	2	<1%
I don't know the laws for bicycling	3	<1%
Poor health	7	2.2%
Other	23	7.4%
Total	307	100%

30. In the past 3 years, have you attended the Winfield Community Fest? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	150	41.5%
No	182	50.4%
No Responses	29	8.0%
Total	361	100%

31. If you did not attend the Winfield Community festival, were you aware there was a Winfield Community Fest? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes, but the timing did not fit my schedule	70	19.3%
Yes, but I was not interested	34	9.4%
No, I did not know about it	104	28.8%

No Responses	153	42.3%
Total	361	100%

32. What type of other community activities would you consider attending in Winfield? - check all that apply

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Car Show	97	30.3%
Speciality festival	206	64.3%
Craft Fair	170	53.1%
Outdoor concert or movie	241	75.3%
Fitness activity (running race, walk , bike ride, etc.)	134	41.8%
Farmers Market	248	77.5%
Community rummage sale	114	35.6%
Other	10	3.1%
Total	320	100%

33. What would you like to change about Winfield's town center? - check all that apply

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Slower speed limit	28	9.1%
Construct sidewalks	254	83.2%
Add green spaces	172	56.3%
Benches, plantings	169	55.4%
Other	54	17.7%
Total	305	100%

34. Should the commercial zoning regulations be amended or relaxed to encourage business growth? - check one only

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	152	42.1%
No	155	42.9%
No Responses	54	14.9%
Total	361	100%

35. If commercial zoning regulations are amend or relaxed, what changes should be made?: - check all that apply

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Require less parking or allow shared parking	96	52.7%
Allow more signage	51	28.0%
Require less landscaping	16	8.7%
Remove any architectural standards	16	8.7%
Other	44	24.1%
Total	182	100%

36. If commercial zoning regulations are NOT amended or relaxed: - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Winfield should keep and enforce its current commercial zoning standards - they are working fine	91	25.2%

Winfield should make the commercial zoning standards for signs, landscaping, and architectural standards more restrictive to encourage a more attractive appearance.

	176	48.7%
No Responses	94	26.0%
Total	361	100%

37. Should the Town consider financial incentives (i.e., tax abatement) to attract desirable businesses? -- check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	130	36.0%
No	69	19.1%
Not sure	112	31.0%
No Responses	50	13.8%
Total	361	100%

38. When you leave Winfield, what road do you most frequently take? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
109th Ave eastbound	29	8.0%
109th Ave westbound	205	56.7%
117th Ave	24	6.6%
Randolph St	60	16.6%
Grand Blvd	1	<1%
Colorado St	0	0.0%
County Line Rd	1	<1%
Other	5	1.3%
No Responses	36	9.9%
Total	361	100%

39. Select your level of comfort about crossing 109th Ave. on foot or by bicycle, even if you have not actually crossed it - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Very comfortable	6	1.6%
Somewhat comfortable	55	15.2%
Uncomfortable	112	31.0%
Very uncomfortable	149	41.2%
No Responses	39	10.8%
Total	361	100%

40. Select your level of comfort about crossing Randolph St. on foot or by bicycle, even if you have not actually crossed it - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Very comfortable	16	4.4%
Somewhat comfortable	88	24.3%
Uncomfortable	115	31.8%
Very uncomfortable	104	28.8%
No Responses	38	10.5%
Total	361	100%

41. In an average month how many times to you go to what you consider Downtown Winfield? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
0 - 3	48	13.2%
4 - 7	54	14.9%
8 - 11	58	16.0%

12+	148	40.9%
No Responses	53	14.6%
Total	361	100%

42. How long is your typical visit to Downtown Winfield? - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Less than 30 minutes	131	36.2%
30 minutes to 1 hour	129	35.7%
1 to 2 hours	40	11.0%
2 to 3 hours	4	1.1%
3+ hours	5	1.3%
No Responses	52	14.4%
Total	361	100%

43. How much does your household spend per week on prepared meals away from home (full service, carry-out, drive thru, etc.)? - check one only

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Less than \$25.00	58	16.0%
\$25.00 - \$49.99	106	29.3%
\$50.00 - \$74.99	67	18.5%
Over \$75.00	79	21.8%
No Responses	51	14.1%
Total	361	100%

44. What percentage of your dining out expenditures do you spend in Winfield? - check one only

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Less than 25%	203	56.2%
25% - 40%	64	17.7%
40% - 60%	31	8.5%
Greater than 60%	12	3.3%
No Responses	51	14.1%
Total	361	100%

45. What percentage of your goods and services purchases (not including dining) do you spend in Winfield? - check one only

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Less than 25%	212	58.7%
25% - 40%	72	19.9%
40% - 60%	19	5.2%
Greater than 60%	9	2.4%
No Responses	49	13.5%
Total	361	100%

46. Indicate your desire for outdoors dining: - check one only

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Very appealing	142	39.3%
Appealing	90	24.9%
Somewhat appealing	52	14.4%
Not appealing	30	8.3%
No Responses	47	13.0%
Total	361	100%

47. Choose the store types most likely to increase your frequency of shopping in Winfield: - choose 3

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Bakery	86	23.8%
Books	11	3.0%
Greeting cards / Gifts / Collectibles	4	1.1%
Grocery / Specialty Foods	72	19.9%
Home accessories	28	7.7%
Ice cream / Candy	8	2.2%
Shoes	4	1.1%
Sporting goods	13	3.6%
Apparel	28	7.7%
Other	53	14.6%
No Responses	54	14.9%
Total	361	100%

48. What best describes your attitude toward the current hours of operations for existing retail businesses: - check only one

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
About right	251	69.5%
Should be open more, longer hours	57	15.7%
Should be open less, shorter hours	2	<1%
No Responses	51	14.1%
Total	361	100%

49. Please rate overall satisfaction with the following Public Facilities in Winfield:

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Bicycle Access	253 83%	42 14%	10 3%	1 0%
Pedestrian Access	241 79%	54 18%	9 3%	2 1%
Pedestrian Safety	213 70%	71 23%	17 6%	3 1%
General Safety	55 18%	89 29%	135 44%	27 9%
Traffic Flow and Conditions	85 28%	120 39%	97 31%	7 2%
Parking Convenience	16 5%	53 17%	195 63%	46 15%
Street Lighting	85 28%	117 38%	93 30%	13 4%
Cleanliness of Streets / Sidewalks	26 8%	72 24%	172 56%	36 12%
General Attractiveness	33 11%	120 39%	129 42%	25 8%

50. What public enhancements would you like to see most in Winfield? - choose 3

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Sidewalks or trails	274	88.9%
Bike racks	36	11.6%
Street trees	126	40.9%
Benches	81	26.2%
Wayfinding signage	14	4.5%
Seasonal landscaping	117	37.9%
Public art	44	14.2%
Street lights	152	49.3%
Other	32	10.3%
Total	308	100%

51. Other comments on creating a livable community for Downtown Winfield?

149 Response(s)

Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Winfield Livable Communities Plan Survey

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

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3. What is the main reason you live in Winfield? - check only one - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
Excellent schools and proximity to areas of interest	Anonymous
great schools	Anonymous
Great schools low taxes near family	Anonymous
I don't	Anonymous
When we were looking to move to Indiana, this is where we chose to build.	Anonymous
Close to family, small town feel,	Anonymous
small town feel and low population, still interested in some growth, schools	Anonymous
affordable housing and taxes	Anonymous
Schools	Anonymous
neighborhood appeal	Anonymous
schools and affordability	Anonymous
lived here my whole life	Anonymous
The "country" feel, the family community. Lakes, parks, etc	Anonymous
no too crowded, great neighbors and schools	Anonymous
Better school system and affordable taxes	Anonymous
schools	Anonymous
Crown Point Schools	Anonymous
Affordable homes and still CP schools	Anonymous
I don't	Anonymous
I love this town, I grew up here	Anonymous
good home found and good neighbors	Anonymous
Quiet town and close neighbors	Anonymous
I don't live here	Anonymous
I like all of the above	Anonymous
Liked Doubletree Lake Estates	Anonymous
I live with my parents here	Anonymous
Children to go to Crown Point Schools	Anonymous
Close to family!	Anonymous
liked the area	Anonymous
Quiet	Anonymous
Quiet but close enuf to shopping	Anonymous
Quite small town	Anonymous
Great schools and affordable taxes	Anonymous
Daughter lives here	Anonymous
safe neighborhoods, shopping close taxes small town feeling	Anonymous
I lie the town and am not fearful of organized growth	Anonymous
Wanted land	Anonymous
LOFS ammenities and low taxes	Anonymous
Bought a lot before it became Winfield, built on it since. Like the larger lots.	Anonymous
n/a	Anonymous
don't	Anonymous
It is a quiet community	Anonymous
crown point school system	Anonymous
Own business	Anonymous
aesthetically pleasing compared to surrounding areas	Anonymous
We liked our house and CP schools	Anonymous

Schools of Crown Point	Anonymous
Schools, low taxes	Anonymous
schools and neighborhood	Anonymous
Lake access and CP schools	Anonymous
Nice subdivision	Anonymous
Lakes of the Four Seasons resident since 1989	Anonymous
I love the community of LOFS	Anonymous
Was the only house I looked at that I liked	Anonymous
When I moved in with my boyfriend his house is in Winfield	Anonymous
born and raised here	Anonymous

6. What types of housing does Winfield need more of? - check all that apply - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
None.	Anonymous
None. There are enough good, quality homes available.	Anonymous
None	Anonymous
none	Anonymous
I don't know	Anonymous
fewer gated communities with poa/hoa	Anonymous
None	Anonymous
NO section 8- many moving due to this back to CP	Anonymous
no more houses. we need business /commercial developments	Anonymous
None! I like it less populated.	Anonymous
None, to many houses and subdivisions already. Definitely NO apartments,!	Anonymous
big homes	Anonymous
Only single family homes, no condos	Anonymous
Single family homes, good size yards	Anonymous
none. especially not multifamily. Way too much of that already.	Anonymous
None	Anonymous
None	Anonymous
single family homes no sec 8	Anonymous
Single family homes	Anonymous
Single family homes excluding condos	Anonymous
none	Anonymous
Nice Single Family Homes. No More Stonegate cheap Duplexes	Anonymous
leave it be	Anonymous
Single family homes only	Anonymous
Single Family homes that fit within the existing neighborhoods (not small)	Anonymous
none - perfect now	Anonymous
NONE!!!	Anonymous
Higher-end development	Anonymous
mid to large single-family homes	Anonymous
absolutely NO apartment buildings!	Anonymous
High End Neighborhoods	Anonymous
2500 sq. ft and up single family homes	Anonymous
None	Anonymous
Homes stay away from the apartments, condos, townhouses.	Anonymous
Bigger more beautiful homes.	Anonymous
without condos	Anonymous
Farm land property's preserve land spacedon't like houses to close together	Anonymous
Large single family homes	Anonymous
Schools	Anonymous
Single family homes . NO MORE RENTALS	Anonymous
Condominiums	Anonymous
None	Anonymous
Single family homes	Anonymous

There is enough townhomes and condos. Those bring down the value. No apts!!!	Anonymous
No apartments or low cost homes. 4 seasons already has enough	Anonymous
stop building things!!!	Anonymous
Large Single family homes	Anonymous
None it has grown too much	Anonymous
stay away from apartments, rental units stay with owner occupied homes	Anonymous
I wouldn't want Complexes of renters. tends to bring in trouble	Anonymous
We need less.	Anonymous
Single family homes	Anonymous
NONE!	Anonymous
Housing Ok the way it is. Biggest problem is unoccupied businesses.	Anonymous
Nothing rented	Anonymous
Single family homes	Anonymous
none	Anonymous
higher end single family	Anonymous
ONLY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS!!!	Anonymous
55+ active adult community	Anonymous
Medium single to large single family homes	Anonymous
Larger homes.	Anonymous
None, more businesses!	Anonymous
More expensive, attractive, quality homes	Anonymous
No apts/low income housing	Anonymous
None. Finish the subdivisions that have been started.	Anonymous
Higher Single Family Homes,	Anonymous
1 house 10 acres no more houses to close together save the land...	Anonymous
None	Anonymous
medium to large single family homes	Anonymous
large lot, stand alone single family homes	Anonymous
none of these	Anonymous
single family home	Anonymous
none	Anonymous
Large lots, large homes	Anonymous
None	Anonymous
moderate size houses	Anonymous
Please spell check survey thanks	Anonymous
none. no more seriously. I really mean no more	Anonymous
single family homes only	Anonymous
None of the above! More of any of the above would make me move!	Anonymous
Single family high end homes	Anonymous
NO apartments	Anonymous
Mansions	Anonymous
No more houses	Anonymous
higher end housing.	Anonymous
none	Anonymous

8. What do you consider Winfield's identity to be? - check only one - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
Crown Point	Anonymous
Transitional rural area, would like more amenities	Anonymous
I don't think it has a true identity	Anonymous
upscale community	Anonymous
Rural bedroom community.	Anonymous
a quaint rural area that needs good restaurants-walk/bike path,	Anonymous
Not sure	Anonymous
Small town	Anonymous
one stop light and random commercial properties	Anonymous

10. What would make Winfield more appealing and encourage you to spend more time in the town center? - check all that apply - Other responses	Anonymous
Answer	Respondent
A classy town. Don't ruin it!	Anonymous
Need more food options!	Anonymous
A nice park	Anonymous
A central park area with including a band shell, fot town gatherings and concert	Anonymous
More parks and recreation for children	Anonymous
Ymca would be wonderful for the Winfield Community.	Anonymous
its pretty appealing now	Anonymous
Park	Anonymous
Aesthetically pleasing places to walk, have a coffee or ice cream...	Anonymous
A well equipped park and splash pad	Anonymous
parks/kid activities	Anonymous
Pave Randolph st	Anonymous
Starbucks	Anonymous
All	Anonymous
All above. Randolph should have bicycle path in to down town from the south	Anonymous
Actual park with play equipment and parking so everyone could use it	Anonymous
better quality dining and shopping	Anonymous
More events (in lieu of traveling to Crown Points downtown)	Anonymous
Bike & Nature trails	Anonymous
It does not need to get more congested. Shops like the dollar general dont add p	Anonymous
Park	Anonymous
small shops that you can walk to (like a normal downtown)	Anonymous
More upscale restaurant less bars	Anonymous
Downtown like Carmel, IN with great road plans. Not cheap Dollar General Store	Anonymous
A really nice park	Anonymous
Parks	Anonymous
Starbucks!	Anonymous
A public park, coffee shop or larger library for studying	Anonymous
Something similar to downtown CP and or downtown Valpo	Anonymous
security	Anonymous
Park & Bike Trail - Widen 109th!	Anonymous
More businesses	Anonymous
I wish there were sidewalks and more for the teenagers to do	Anonymous
Weekend concerts, weekend farmers market,	Anonymous
a cross of crown point & valpo	Anonymous
Golf cart accessibility	Anonymous
nothing it's nice the way it is	Anonymous
A playground for kids!	Anonymous
A high school and middle school	Anonymous
I spend enough time by car	Anonymous
Sidewalks and benches	Anonymous
Town park	Anonymous
More fast food	Anonymous
sidewalks	Anonymous
Parks	Anonymous
a middle school and high school	Anonymous
A coffee shop	Anonymous
More dining options!	Anonymous
town sponsored events, for adults and children	Anonymous
park	Anonymous
Park	Anonymous
fill the open retail space rather than build more stripmall	Anonymous
We like it the way it is...don't need anything else here	Anonymous

sidewalks	Anonymous
east access to stores for golf carts and walking paths from LOFS	Anonymous
YMCA with pool	Anonymous
Town needs another restaurant	Anonymous
Gathering place such as a park for events, fire works, etc..	Anonymous
events	Anonymous
recreation/entertainment	Anonymous
Better quality shops with easy access, not dollar stores on side streets	Anonymous
Parks for our children	Anonymous
coffee shop is a must!	Anonymous
Parks	Anonymous
a cheaper grocery store.	Anonymous
Dog park	Anonymous
A golf cart/ bike path from the seasons to the shopping centers	Anonymous
all of above	Anonymous
Large park for kids, a splash pad would be great!	Anonymous

11. What types of businesses would you like to see more of in Winfield? - check all that apply - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
Bakery,	Anonymous
none	Anonymous
Shoppings grocery stores	Anonymous
All	Anonymous
None	Anonymous
Mom and Pop Stores to help members of the community.	Anonymous
None	Anonymous
none	Anonymous
High end department stores	Anonymous
antique & resale shops	Anonymous
Starbucks	Anonymous
schools	Anonymous
Starbucks	Anonymous
Kids entertainment/education	Anonymous
High-end shopping center	Anonymous
Laudrymat	Anonymous
activity hall	Anonymous
Specialty grocery stores (e.g., Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, etc.)	Anonymous
artist co-ops for Dance, photography, handmade, etc.	Anonymous
Star bucks	Anonymous
Starbucks and nice florist shop	Anonymous
coffee shop	Anonymous
Grocery Stores	Anonymous
nothing leave it be.	Anonymous

12. Where do you shop and dine the most? - check only one - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
Schererville/Munster	Anonymous
All over	Anonymous
Merrillville, Hobart, Valpo	Anonymous
Between Merrillville and CP	Anonymous
Illinois malls	Anonymous
dine in Winfield Shop in Valpo	Anonymous
mall area	Anonymous
Hobart/Merrillville	Anonymous

14. If you shop in Winfield, what place(s) do you shop most frequently? - Please tell us name(s) of local businesses - Responses

Answer	Respondent
Walgreens, Dollar General	Anonymous

Wiseway	Anonymous
Wiseway, A+ salon, Fagan pharmacy.	Anonymous
Walgreens WisewaySpeedway	Anonymous
Wiseway and Walgreen's	Anonymous
Wiseway only. There's nothing else.	Anonymous
Gas stations, subway, pizza hut, wise way, berry red, most of the places all around there.	Anonymous
Wiseway and Ace	Anonymous
Wise way walgreens	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Wiseway, Winfield Liquors, Anytime Fitness, Walgreens, Fagen Pharmacy, St Mary's & Fransican Medical Centers,	Anonymous
Wise WayDollar generalwalgreens	Anonymous
Dollar Store, Walgreens	Anonymous
Walgreens and wiseway	Anonymous
Wiseway, Family Express, Pizza, Dry cleaning	Anonymous
Wisemelia's..... Walgreens.....Family Express	Anonymous
BajasWalgreensGrocery store Little ceasarsMcdonalds	Anonymous
Grocery store	Anonymous
Walgreens, Wise Way, Family Express	Anonymous
WisewayWalgreens	Anonymous
WiseWay, dry cleaners, McDonalds, speedway, Baja	Anonymous
Wise Way only if it's a couple things last minute. Fagan = same as above. Usually get gas in Winfield.	Anonymous
Wise WayWalgreensDollar General	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Ace Hardware and Dollar General	Anonymous
Image Sun, Fagen, Wiseway, Pizza Hut, Little Ceasers, Baja's, Cleaners, Dr. Houchin, Speedway, Family Express, Walgreens, Dollar General	Anonymous
Wiseway, Dollar General, little market, ace hardware	Anonymous
WisewayWalgreensFagen Pharmacy	Anonymous
Wiseway, Ace Hardware, Walgreens	Anonymous
Wise way WalgreensAce	Anonymous
Wise Way	Anonymous
Wise WayWalgreens(Only out of convenience)	Anonymous
Wiseway, speedway, McDonald's, Dairy Queen, Walgreens	Anonymous
Wiseway , Walgreens , dollar general	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Grocery store and walgreens	Anonymous
Walgreens, Dollar General, Wiseway, gas stations,	Anonymous
Wiseway, Dollar General	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Walgreen's, fagen	Anonymous
Wiseway & Walgreens	Anonymous
Fagen pharmacyWalgreensWise wayDollar General	Anonymous
Wiseway, Walgreens, Speedway	Anonymous
Wiseway, Dollar General	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Wiseway, Beggars Pizza, Fagen Pharmacy	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Wise Way on occasion, dry cleaner and Walgreens	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Dollar General, Walgreens, Wiseway	Anonymous
Wise Way only occasionally	Anonymous
Speedway	Anonymous
Wise way and walgreens	Anonymous
Dollar generalWalgreenThe little Mexican store	Anonymous
Na	Anonymous
Wiseway, dollar general, fagen	Anonymous

Wiseway	Anonymous
Wiseway, speedway, Walgreens, ace, Stephanos, aurillios	Anonymous
Wise WayWalgreen'sAce Hardware	Anonymous
Walgreens. Fagen. Wise Way	Anonymous
Wiseway. Walgreens	Anonymous
Dollar generalWisewayWalgreens	Anonymous
Walgreens,Wiseway,Fagen,Dollar General,Ace Hardware	Anonymous
Wise way grocery	Anonymous
Wise WayGas Stations	Anonymous
Wiseway, Walgreens, Fagen.	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Walgreens, Wiseway	Anonymous
Walgreens, Fagens, Wise Way	Anonymous
Wise Way, merely due to convenience (Stracks prices are much better and I do our main grocery shopping there).	
Walgreens	
Speedway	
Dollar General	Anonymous
Walgreens	Anonymous
Walgreens	Anonymous
Wise way, Fagan, Walgreens	Anonymous
Wise way.	Anonymous
Wiseway and Walgreens	Anonymous
Wise wayFagen	Anonymous
Walgreens Wiseway	Anonymous
Wiseway for groceries, Fagen Pharmancy for local goods.	Anonymous
Wise way on occasion	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Wiseway, Nicks, Fagen	Anonymous
gas, wiseway, walgreens, subway, mcdonalds	Anonymous
Wise Way	Anonymous
WalgreensWiseway	Anonymous
Lake liquor store Wise way Fagen Walgreens	Anonymous
Wise way walgreens & dollar general. But prices are going up causing me and maybe a few others to crown point or valpo	Anonymous
ACEWalgreensWiseway	Anonymous
Walgreens, Wiseway	Anonymous
WalgreensWise wayFagen	Anonymous
Liquor store. Walgreens. Wise way. Speedway	Anonymous
Wiseway and Walgreens	Anonymous
Wise Way and gas stations IF I have to. Quite Frankly, though I feel the prices are gouges at these places.	Anonymous
Walgreens, Fagan drugs, Wiseway, McDonalds, Nicks,	Anonymous
Wise way, dollar store	Anonymous
Walgreens, Wise Way, Fagens, Speedway	Anonymous
Dollar general	Anonymous
Dollar General, Wiseway	Anonymous
Shop local none of this big box crapshoot, shop at Walgreens, they Gove back to Winfield as a community	Anonymous
Wise way, Walgreens, Speedway, Four Seasons Animal Hospital, Dry Cleaners, Fagen for the post office	Anonymous
Wiseway, Dollar General, Walgreens	Anonymous
Wise way speedway walgreens	Anonymous
Grover, gas	Anonymous
Wiseway, Nicks, Anytime Fitness, Gas Stations, Walgreens.	Anonymous
Ace HardwareWalgreensWiseway	Anonymous
wiseway, dollar general, walgreens	Anonymous
Dairy Queen - Need a bigger one, does enough businessFEWalgreens	Anonymous
wiseway, pizza hut, 109th diner, gas stations	Anonymous
Walgreens, dollar general	Anonymous

Wiseway	Anonymous
aldi	Anonymous
Wiseway WalgreensRed berryFagenLa posh salon	Anonymous
Anytime Fitness,WisewayWalgreens	Anonymous
Wise Way, Baja, Any Time Fitness, Walgreens	Anonymous
Walgreens, Wiseway	Anonymous
Wiseway, walgreens.	Anonymous
Walgreens, Wiseway & Ace Hardware.	Anonymous
Wise Way, Walgreens	Anonymous
The Little Market, Wiseway	Anonymous
Hair Salons, Wiseway, Marathon, ace hardware	Anonymous
Wiseway, Dollar General, Walgreens, Speedway & Family Express	Anonymous
dollar general, wise way, walgreens, fagans speedway	Anonymous
Wiseway, Walgreens, Fagans	Anonymous
wiseway, gas stations, walgreens	Anonymous
WalgreensNicks	Anonymous
Restaurants	Anonymous
Fagens for my medicine and I like the little stuff they sell	Anonymous
Wiseway, Fagan, Walgreens, Centier, 109 Diner,	Anonymous
Wise Way, Speedway, Walgreensf	Anonymous
Wise wayWalgreens	Anonymous
wiseway and ace hardware	Anonymous
Wise way when I'm in a hurry but would rather shop at strack's for my weekly shopping. Wise way too expensive.	
Walgreens, Dollar General, and ace hardware.	Anonymous
Walgreens Wiseway Fagens	Anonymous
Walgreens and Dollar General. I used to shop at Wiseway--but a staff member was terribly rude to me---so I don't anymore. (Their prices are also too high!)	Anonymous
I go to wise way only when I have to. Other than that there is nothing in winfield that interests me. There is a need for good quaint restaurants, shops, coffee shops that are quaint like the one downtown crown point, cafe's like Suzie's Cafe in Valpo places like these that draw families. There is not a need for more bars that is for sure.	Anonymous
grocery, post office	Anonymous
N/A	Anonymous
None	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
wise way, walgreens	Anonymous
Torrid kohl's home depot menards cracker barrel arbys	Anonymous
Walgreens, Bajas, dollar general and subway	Anonymous
Dollar GeneralWiseway	Anonymous
Fagen Pharmacy, grocery store, dollar store, walgreens	Anonymous
Wiseway Fagen Walgreens four seasons video marathon	Anonymous
Walgreens	Anonymous
Walgreens, Wise Way, Nick's Eatery, Kauffman Chiropractic	Anonymous
Walgreens & Fagens	Anonymous
Wise wayWalgreens	Anonymous
Wise Way & Walgreens, Speed Way, BG Gator's & El Jimador is awesome....	Anonymous
Walgreen's, Wiseway, Strack and VanTiln Fagen Pharmacy, Speedway and Marathon Gas stations.	Anonymous
Wise Way, Fagan Pharmacy, Walgreens	Anonymous
Wiseway grocery store...four seasons video store..dollar general..Walgreens	Anonymous
WiseWay	Anonymous
Wiseway, dollar general, walgreens	Anonymous
Walgreens	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Dairy queen, wise way	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Wiseway, Fagan's, Walgreens, McDonalds, 109 Diner, Baja's, Chef Nick's, China Star, Winfield Liquors, Speedway, Dairy Queen, Gator's	Anonymous

Walgreens. Wiseway. Dollar general	Anonymous
Walgreens, Wiseway, Fagen	Anonymous
Walgreens and the grocery store	Anonymous
Grocery dollar store walgreens	Anonymous
Wise way and Walgreens	Anonymous
Walgreens & dollar general --- Wise way ONLY if I REALLY need something it so expensive and very confusing to shop	Anonymous
Strack in van tills	Anonymous
Wise way, speedway, Walgreens	Anonymous
WisewayLaPosh	Anonymous
Walgreens	Anonymous
Wise wayWalgreensFagensWinfield liquor	Anonymous
Wiseway, bullpen, McDonald's, ace, bahas , Walgreens	Anonymous
Wiseway, Fagen, Walgreens	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
N/a	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Just Walgreens or wise way	Anonymous
Wiseway, Walgreens, Ace, Gas Stations	Anonymous
Walgreens and wiseway	Anonymous
WalgreensWiseway	Anonymous
Ace HardwareWalgreensWisewayDollar Store	Anonymous
Wise WayAce WalgreensDollar Store	Anonymous
Wise way	Anonymous
Wise Way, Fagen	Anonymous
Dollar General, Walgreens	Anonymous
Ace HardwareWalgreensWise Way	Anonymous
WalgreensFagensImage Tan	Anonymous
I rarely shop in Winfield because not much desirable. Places I do go: McDonald's, Wiseway, Walgreen's, DQ	Anonymous
wise way	Anonymous
Nick'sSpeedwayMcDonald's	Anonymous
Fagens, Library, Dollar Store, Gas stations, Centier,	Anonymous
Wiseway, Walgreens, Fagens, Centier	Anonymous
Wisewaygas station	Anonymous
Wiseway, Fagens, Hardware Store	Anonymous
Wise Way but the prices are too high-only go for the convenience-Dollar General and Walgreens-need Starbucks and closer grocery store on 109th.	Anonymous
Ace hardware, wiseways, Walgreen, Fagan, video store,	Anonymous
Wise way and sometimes Fagan Pharmacy	Anonymous
Wiseway. We would like to see a higher end grocery store like whole foods, trader joes, dunkin donuts	Anonymous
Wise WayFagenWalgreens	Anonymous
Wise Way (high prices though!), Speedway	Anonymous
Wiseway, Walgreens, Fagen's, Dollar General	Anonymous
BAJA'S restaurant. Occasional, but very seldom @ Wiseway.	Anonymous
grocery store-Wiseway Food World, Wahlgreens, Ribordy,Dollar General,Baha Restaurant	Anonymous
wise wayspeedwaywalgreensfagen pharmacyace hardware	Anonymous
WiseWay	Anonymous
Walgreens and Wiseway	Anonymous
Wise way, Walgreens	Anonymous
Wiseway Grocery Store, Walgreens, Dairy Queen, Big Red Yogurt, pizza Hut.	Anonymous
wiseway but the prices are way to high.	Anonymous
Wise way SpeedwayFamily express	Anonymous
Wise Way, Walgreens	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Wiseway, Family Dollar, we use the cleaners, Walgreens	Anonymous
Wise way	Anonymous
Walgreens	Anonymous

Wise Way	Anonymous
WiseWay, Walgreens	Anonymous
Wiseway, occasionally	Anonymous
Wise way and walgreens	Anonymous
FaganWise wayWalgreensCleanersLittle Mexican taqueria	Anonymous
wiseway; A+ salon; center bank; walgreens resale shop	Anonymous
Wise Way Walgreens Speedway	Anonymous
Wise WayFagan PharmacyWalgreens	Anonymous
Walgreens, Dollar Store and Wiseway	Anonymous
WalgreensWisewayLittle Caesar'sMcDonaldsall gas stationsNick'sDollar GeneralBG Gators	Anonymous
WalgreensWiseway	Anonymous
Dollar general & walgreens	Anonymous
Wise way but they have the market and over charge on many items.	Anonymous
Wise way-only because of how convienance.	Anonymous
Wiseway, Ace hardware, speedway	Anonymous
Walgreens. Dairy Queen. Wiseway. Speedway	Anonymous
Winfield Ace Hardware, Wiseway, Library109 Cafe	Anonymous
Wiseway, speedway, subway, baja, little Caesars, el jimador, liquor store, mcdonalds, pizza hut, walgreens	Anonymous
Wise wayDollar generalWalgreen's	Anonymous
WisewayAceDollar GeneralStephanos Pizza	Anonymous
Wise way	Anonymous
Walgreen's. Family Express. Wise way, but only in a pinch.	Anonymous
WisewayWalgreen's	Anonymous
Wiseway, Walgreens	Anonymous
Ace Hardware	Anonymous
Wiseway, subway, DQ	Anonymous
Wise WayWalgreensSpeedway	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Baja's Walgreens fagens wise way cleaners nail spa Aurelio speedway gaters liquor store Winford physician center	Anonymous
Wise wayDollar store Walgreens	Anonymous
Mostly Walgreens, sometime Fagen & wiseway. I'd never do all of my weekly food shopping at wiseway though because it's far too expensive.	Anonymous
Wise way, fagens, Walgreens, dollar general, nicks, mighty micks, bullpen, 109, bajas, car wash,ace.	Anonymous
Wiseway, Walgreens, and occasionally Dollar General.	Anonymous
Wise Way & Walgreens	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Wise way but really dislike it	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous
Ace Hardware	Anonymous
Wiseway	Anonymous

15. If you do not shop in Winfield, why? - check all that apply - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
No options	Anonymous
Grocery Store ridiculoulsly high prices	Anonymous
Not enough of a selection.	Anonymous
I do	Anonymous
Poor selection of restaurants	Anonymous
I do shop here when I need to	Anonymous
For items that can't be purchased in Winfield	Anonymous
no small retail shoppes	Anonymous
Poor access routes and selection.	Anonymous
little variety	Anonymous

17. If you dine in Winfield, where do you dine most frequently? - Please tell us name(s) of local businesses - Responses

Answer	Respondent
Nick's, Baja's	Anonymous
Nick'sBaha's109th Diner	Anonymous

Nick's, McDonald's, China Star, Pizza Hut, Beggars	Anonymous
Baja restaurant	Anonymous
Pizza HutAurelio's Baka Restaurant	Anonymous
Mcdonald's, China Star, 109 Diner, Dairy Queen, Subway	Anonymous
McDonald's.	Anonymous
Listed above	Anonymous
Take out from Aurelios and Pizza Hut, McDs	Anonymous
Bajas chef nicks	Anonymous
Aurello's	Anonymous
Chef Nicks,china star	Anonymous
Bajas, 109 Diner. Nicks Eatery, Stephanos Pizza,	Anonymous
Pizza hutMcDonalds	Anonymous
Nicks	Anonymous
Nicks Eatery, Subway, Baja's	Anonymous
Mighty micks, bullpen, mcdonalds	Anonymous
Pizza	Anonymous
Gators...Baja's...109 Diner...China Star	Anonymous
McdonaldsBajas	Anonymous
Nicks	Anonymous
Beggars Pizza	Anonymous
Nicks	Anonymous
McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Baja	Anonymous
On rare occasions we might stop in to baja for breakfast. That's it.	Anonymous
Baja'sChina Star	Anonymous
Bajas	Anonymous
McDonald's, Subay, DQ or Aurelio's and Stefanos. Other restaurants are either priced too high (mighty micks) or bad food - Baja. Nicks is ok - priced kind of high. 109 - cheaper but low quality.	Anonymous
Baja's and McDonald's	Anonymous
Bajas	Anonymous
109 diner, mighty mics, mcdonalds	Anonymous
109 DinerNicks Eatery	Anonymous
McDonalds, Baja, Subway, Dairy Queen	Anonymous
Nicks eatery	Anonymous
Nick'sBaja'sMcDonald'sGator's Beggars	Anonymous
Stephano	Anonymous
Mcdonalds and subway	Anonymous
Subway	Anonymous
Subway, Dairy Queen, Gator's,	Anonymous
Baja's, Gators, China Star	Anonymous
Baja, Chinese, Nocks Eatery	Anonymous
Bajas, 109 dinner. Little Ceasars	Anonymous
Nick's	Anonymous
Bajas	Anonymous
Bahas109 DinnerPizza HutMcDonaldsDairy Queen	Anonymous
McDonald's, Baja's, DQ	Anonymous
Dairy QueenMcDonalds	Anonymous
Beggars pizza	Anonymous
Aurelios	Anonymous
Pizza Hut, Subway and Chef Nicks	Anonymous
Nicks Eatery Baja	Anonymous
McDonalds, Subway, Little Ceasars, Pizza Hut	Anonymous
Baja	Anonymous
Gaters Baja Nicks	Anonymous
Na	Anonymous
Bajas, lite ceasers, mcdonalds	Anonymous

Beggars	Anonymous
McDonaldsAureliosStephanos	Anonymous
Bajas. Sometimes Nicks and 109	Anonymous
Nicks	Anonymous
BajaEl Jimador	Anonymous
Nick's Eatery, El Jimador, 109 Diner	Anonymous
All local diners	Anonymous
109 Diner, Nick's, Stephanos, China Star.	Anonymous
109 Diner	Anonymous
Stephanos	Anonymous
El JimadorNick's Eatery (thank you for gluten free!)	Anonymous
Baha'i, Nick's	Anonymous
Beggars, Arelos, Baja, Samâ's Cafe	Anonymous
Sometimes...Bahjas and Chef Nicks	Anonymous
Nicks	Anonymous
Pizza Hut	Anonymous
Local fast food: McDonalds, BerryRed, Pizza hut. Nick's Eatery for a sit down place. We need a few more local options!	Anonymous
Nicks	Anonymous
109 Diner & Chef Nicks	Anonymous
Aurillios Pizza	Anonymous
Lunch at Nick's, pizza from gators, Stefanos, Little ceasers...	Anonymous
mcdonalds, subway	Anonymous
McDonaldsNick's Eatery	Anonymous
Nicks eatery	Anonymous
Bahas only	Anonymous
stephano'sgators	Anonymous
109 Diner	Anonymous
STEPHANOS! 109 diner. El jimador	Anonymous
All pizza places	Anonymous
Berry Red	Anonymous
Nicks.	Anonymous
Bajas, 109 diner, pizza hut, aurelios, el jimador	Anonymous
China star109 dinerMcDonald'sPizza hut	Anonymous
109 Diner	Anonymous
19 hole LOFS, Baggers, Luxury Bar, Nicks, Pizza Hut, Little Creasers, Gators, Chinese place	Anonymous
Bajas	Anonymous
Bajas, Berry Red Nutrition	Anonymous
Local little guys	Anonymous
Gators, Diner 109, China Star	Anonymous
Cafe 109	Anonymous
109 diner	Anonymous
Nicks, Baja's, Beggars	Anonymous
AureliosNicksBaka	Anonymous
109th cafÃ©, pizza hut, mcdonalds	Anonymous
Red berry	Anonymous
Beggars109 cafe	Anonymous
Baja	Anonymous
Nick's	Anonymous
Pizza Hut, Mcdonalds, Little ceasers.	Anonymous
Nick's eatery, Baja's, & 109 Diner.	Anonymous
Nick's, Subway, Dairy Queen,	Anonymous
Aurelio's, McDonald's.	Anonymous
109 diner,	Anonymous
Bullpen109 DinerBG Gators	Anonymous
chef nicks, arillios, mcdonalds	Anonymous

China Star (Take Out), Stefano's, Aurelios	Anonymous
Nicks	Anonymous
Nicks Eatery Bajas Cafe	Anonymous
El Jimador mostly during the summer	Anonymous
109 Diner	Anonymous
19th Hole, Clubhouse, Baja's, Berry Red	Anonymous
Bajas 109 DinerNicks Eatery	Anonymous
all the pizza places and chef nicks	Anonymous
Bajas and beggars pizza.	Anonymous
Lakes Four Seasons 19 hole and Clubhouse	Anonymous
El Jimador, Pizza Hut	Anonymous
Pizza places	Anonymous
Well once in a while we go to the chinese rest for take out or gators. But mostly we go to crown point, valpo (mostly) or merrillville.	Anonymous
baja, china star, gators, el jimador	Anonymous
Only Baja's	Anonymous
None	Anonymous
Subway,DQ,McDonalds	Anonymous
109 dinerlittle ceasers	Anonymous
Bajas	Anonymous
109 Diner19th Hole GrillMcDonald's	Anonymous
Gators, China Star, 109 Diner	Anonymous
Bajas	Anonymous
El himador mex place, little caesar, McD, Aurilios	Anonymous
McDonald's, Nick's Eatery	Anonymous
Bajas, Four Seasons, Beggars	Anonymous
McDonald's 109 diner	Anonymous
El Jimador & BG Gators	Anonymous
Aurelios	Anonymous
China Star, Baja, Nicks	Anonymous
109 Dinner	Anonymous
Bajas restaurant, little Caesars, nicks eatery, China star, Gators, el jimador	Anonymous
Nicks, little ceasers, 109th diner	Anonymous
bajas, china star, subway, dairy queen	Anonymous
El jimador	Anonymous
Mcdonalds	Anonymous
109 Diner	Anonymous
Subway, Aurelio's, Stephenson's, Pizza Hut, nick's eatery	Anonymous
Bajas	Anonymous
Baja's, 109 Diner, Chef Nicks, China Star, McDonalds	Anonymous
Chef Nick's, 109 Diner, Gators	Anonymous
Stephanos, El Jimador	Anonymous
Bajas and nick's eatery	Anonymous
Baja	Anonymous
BJ Gators, Mexican place & the new little market	Anonymous
109th cafe	Anonymous
109 diner, Aurelios, McDonalds	Anonymous
nicks,cafe 109, Aurelios, try them all need greater selection	Anonymous
Baja109 Cafe	Anonymous
109 DinerBaja NicksI would like to see a high end restraut like the Impressions that was in the plaza	Anonymous
Bajas	Anonymous
Bull penNicksBajaNeed more dining establishments	Anonymous
19th holeBajas	Anonymous
3 monkeys but not sure if that's winfield	Anonymous
Beggars, bajas, Pizza Hut, McDonald's	Anonymous
Chef Nicks	Anonymous

Little Caesars, mcdonalds	Anonymous
Aurelios	Anonymous
BajaMcDonald'sMexican Rest. China Star	Anonymous
Mostly LOFS clubhouse, Gators carryout, Ryan's Anchor Bar Picasso's were OK before they closed.	
I would like to see another upscale option in the Livable Center area	
All of the local restaurants	Anonymous
take out - Jimador and Stephano's	Anonymous
GatorsMcDonaldsChina StarAureliosSubwayDairy QueenLittle Ceasars	Anonymous
AureliosChina StarGatorsMcDonaldsPizza HutDairy Queen	Anonymous
Subway dairy queen	Anonymous
Stephanoes, El Jimador, Gators	Anonymous
Gators	Anonymous
Chef NicksSubway	Anonymous
McDonald's, DQ	Anonymous
bajas	Anonymous
Nick'sMcDonald's	Anonymous
Nick's Eatery, Sams, Bahas	Anonymous
109 Dinner	Anonymous
Nick'sBaja'sEl Jimador	Anonymous
Aurelios,MacDonald's Pizza Hut as that is about all that is available-with the town growing you definitely need more of a variety,choices.	Anonymous
McDonald's, little ceasers pizza, pizza hut, beggars pizza, el jimadors Mexican restaurant	Anonymous
Once in awhile eat at Baja's, Mighty Mick's	Anonymous
Beggars, Baha Restaurant	Anonymous
El Jimador	Anonymous
Baha's	Anonymous
BaJa's restaurant	Anonymous
Stephanos pizza pizza hut	Anonymous
Baha Restaurant	Anonymous
baja'sbeggarsmcdonalds	Anonymous
Aurelio's, LOFS Clubhouse and 19th HoleNicks Eatery, Fahrenheit, El Jimador	Anonymous
Chef Nick's	Anonymous
McDonald's BajasEl jimador	Anonymous
109 at least once a week for one meal with family, owner is awesome as is the food. Baja once every few months, same owner, but not as good food.	Anonymous
Bajas 109 diner berry red	Anonymous
109 dinerNicks	Anonymous
Mcds, bajas, stephanos	Anonymous
109 DinerChef Nick's Eatety	Anonymous
McDonald's, Aurelio's, BJ Gator's, Dairy Queen, Berry Red	Anonymous
Bajas and nicks eatery	Anonymous
Subway or Nick's	Anonymous
109 dinerEl Jimadour Aurelio's	Anonymous
Baja resturant	Anonymous
BajaDairy Queen	Anonymous
Pizza Nick's McDonalds	Anonymous
Baha'sMcdonalds	Anonymous
McDonalds _ pizza place	Anonymous
Baja, pizzahut,	Anonymous
109 Cafe, Stephanios, China Star, Beggars	Anonymous
See above	Anonymous
El Jimador, Pizza	Anonymous
McDonald's Dairy QueenEl JimadorSubway	Anonymous
109 DinerStephanos PizzaChef NicksBerry Red	Anonymous
BG Gators	Anonymous
109	Anonymous
Bajas-pizza Hut- gators- el jimador	Anonymous

Nicks, pizza hut, McDonalds	Anonymous
Stephanos pizza	Anonymous
Baja's Restaurant	Anonymous
Bajas, DQ, Pizza HUT	Anonymous
Bajas, subway, 109 diner, beggars, Aurelio's	Anonymous
Sams, mcdonalds	Anonymous
Baja's	Anonymous
Nicks Eatery 19th hole	Anonymous
Aurelios, Stefanos, Pizza Hut, or little Caesars for pizza. Bajas for breakfast.	Anonymous
So jimador baja cafe McDonald's	Anonymous
See above	Anonymous
El Jimador	Anonymous
McDonalds	Anonymous
McDonald's	Anonymous
Subway, DQ, Berry Red, LOFS proshop	Anonymous
Baja's, 109 Diner	Anonymous
109 diner	Anonymous
19th hole	Anonymous
Pizza Hut, Diners	Anonymous

18. If you do not dine in Winfield, why? - check all that apply - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
Need variety, need higher end, keep family friendly.	Anonymous
Not many rest serve adult beverages	Anonymous
No "nicer" restaurants - i.e. Steakhouses, Italian, etc.	Anonymous
I do, but better selection needed	Anonymous
Additional restaurants would be great, but have to have traffic to support them	Anonymous
Poor selection only fast foods	Anonymous
Need more selection!!	Anonymous
Nothing upscale	Anonymous
Need some classy restraunts	Anonymous
no "quality" restaurants	Anonymous
not many choices	Anonymous
I don't dine out at all	Anonymous
the few restuarants are not appealing	Anonymous
Could use a more trendy spot.	Anonymous
No really nice restaurants, go to valpo or CP for special occasions	Anonymous

19. What is the main reason you travel to Winfield's town center? - check only one - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
voting	Anonymous
Bank/Walgreens	Anonymous
Anytime Fitness	Anonymous
Less traffic	Anonymous
winfield Liquors	Anonymous
passing through to work or shopping outside of Winfield	Anonymous
Pay stupid sewer bill	Anonymous
Church	Anonymous
Workout	Anonymous
Library	Anonymous
live in doubletree east. Have to drive through it to go anywhere.	Anonymous
I live here	Anonymous
Library	Anonymous
the gym	Anonymous
what town center	Anonymous
Blood Drive	Anonymous
Passing through	Anonymous

Anytime Fitness	Anonymous
I live here	Anonymous
Because we live in it :)	Anonymous
I live there	Anonymous
Pick up of immediately essential items	Anonymous
Don't	Anonymous
to get home	Anonymous
gas grocery eating out and banking	Anonymous
Where I reside	Anonymous
All of those - we live here	Anonymous
I live here	Anonymous
all available stores, town business, gas, and utilize whatever town has to offer	Anonymous
I live here	Anonymous
live in winfield	Anonymous
Restaurants, Pharmacy, Bank, Town Hall Mtgs, Library	Anonymous
library and post office (in Fagen's)	Anonymous
dry cleaning	Anonymous
Gym	Anonymous
None	Anonymous
gas subway dairy queen	Anonymous
anytime fitness	Anonymous
Live here	Anonymous
drove through to get to merrillville	Anonymous
I live here	Anonymous
It's where I live	Anonymous

20. Where do you consider "downtown Winfield" to be? - check only one - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
On Randolph near the library	Anonymous
Winfield "proper" 117th - by appearance along randolph north of 109th	Anonymous
business district around 109th and Randolph	Anonymous
the mall at corner of 109th and Randolph	Anonymous

25. What prevents you from walking more often? - choose a maximum of 3 - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
No time	Anonymous
amount of time available	Anonymous
No time	Anonymous
Lazy	Anonymous
Do not want to walk on roads. Doesn't seem safe	Anonymous
work	Anonymous
Nowhere good to go outside of neighborhood	Anonymous
I got a car	Anonymous
very few walking destinations	Anonymous
This is more for my Children, they would walk to different places, see list above	Anonymous
Don't want to	Anonymous
No Sidewalks on my street	Anonymous
A walking path or sidewalk from 123rd north and south to 109th is a must!	Anonymous
not a good destination to walk to	Anonymous
personal choice	Anonymous
No sidewalks	Anonymous
no time	Anonymous
Don't have sidewalks in the Meadows subdivision where I live	Anonymous
No sidewalks	Anonymous
we are not a walkable community and we shouldn't be	Anonymous
I live on Grand Blvd and the traffic is scary fast	Anonymous
We live on 129th it hard to drive down it would be difficult to walk	Anonymous

knee problem	Anonymous
I walk in my subdivision And that is great	Anonymous
Not enough personal time	Anonymous
Too busy with work and school stuff	Anonymous
No sidewalks	Anonymous
no real reason	Anonymous
Time	Anonymous

29. What prevents you from bicycling more often? - Choose a maximum of 3 - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
Baby	Anonymous
time	Anonymous
Lack of desire	Anonymous
No time	Anonymous
No place to ride except on edge of busy streets	Anonymous
No good destinations nearby	Anonymous
Kids	Anonymous
i have a car and i'm lazy	Anonymous
Roads such as 109th are too narrow. Drivers go to fast and reckless for the area	Anonymous
Too dangerous here	Anonymous
lazy	Anonymous
no time	Anonymous
Ages of kids	Anonymous
I answered the bike quest for my kids	Anonymous
iM ALSO 75	Anonymous
Small children	Anonymous
I would own a bike if I could access 109 and Randolph safely	Anonymous
Too busy	Anonymous
No sidewalks	Anonymous
Time	Anonymous
Small children	Anonymous
County line road is impassable	Anonymous
I don't have a bike	Anonymous

32. What type of other community activities would you consider attending in Winfield? - check all that apply - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
Kid focused activities	Anonymous
Music festival - outdoor.	Anonymous
all of these exist already	Anonymous
Beerfest	Anonymous
gathering place and meeting place	Anonymous
any with respect to the homeowners in regards to loudness	Anonymous
july 4th fireworks, memorial day services,	Anonymous
Specialty food and beer/wine tasting	Anonymous
Artist festival	Anonymous
Carnival/kid games	Anonymous

33. What would you like to change about Winfield's town center? - check all that apply - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
More food options!	Anonymous
more businesses	Anonymous
Need to pretty up our town!	Anonymous
parks with kid play areas	Anonymous
Kids park, paved roads! Improve traffic flow!!!!	Anonymous
Park/ splashpad	Anonymous
community pool/ park	Anonymous
we need parks for the kids to play without having to drive to Crown Point!	Anonymous
Get rid of cheap box stores like dollar general. Eye sore in downtown	Anonymous

there should not be a Winfield town center. The area is already built up too muc	Anonymous
More businesses	Anonymous
need a playground	Anonymous
Shops like a normal town square. Outdoor places to sit and have a coffee or meal	Anonymous
faster speed limit	Anonymous
more destinations and gathering places	Anonymous
bike lanes	Anonymous
Park for kids	Anonymous
Enforcement of speed/stop signs	Anonymous
a great park	Anonymous
i dont even know where our town center is	Anonymous
Do not go there	Anonymous
Have to have a mechinism to cross randolph	Anonymous
a fountain with common area, or large park	Anonymous
more businesses	Anonymous
More businesses	Anonymous
No more salons, pizza places, or bars	Anonymous
The speed limit of 30 is great but needs to be inforced	Anonymous
Golf cart access	Anonymous
would change nothing	Anonymous
Add a playground	Anonymous
Green spaces #1	Anonymous
Park	Anonymous
maintain roads parking lots ,establish minimum appearance stds for businesses	Anonymous
More stores	Anonymous
Park	Anonymous
Safe walking access	Anonymous
Nothing	Anonymous
More shopping or other points of interest	Anonymous
None of the above! More stores, restaurants	Anonymous
Bike paths	Anonymous
a path to get from LOFS to Winfield	Anonymous
parks/playgrounds	Anonymous
fix roads, not just in sub divisions!	Anonymous
Make appearance more aesthetically pleasing; pave parking lots	Anonymous
Less police, sidewalks, quality places to go	Anonymous
Playground	Anonymous
attractive landscaping	Anonymous
Tell me where the town center is and maybe I'll go there	Anonymous
leave it alone	Anonymous
PARK	Anonymous
add a golf cart path from four seasons to shopping and restaurants	Anonymous
Better lighting, especially in subdivisions	Anonymous
Subdivision Street lights	Anonymous
a nice playground (like Valpo's Butterfly Park or Valplayso)	Anonymous

35. If commercial zoning regulations are amend or relaxed, what changes should be made?: - check all that apply - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
current architectural standards are poor. the buildings have no curb appeal	Anonymous
.	Anonymous
it should not be changed	Anonymous
Tax breaks for new businesses	Anonymous
not sure	Anonymous
lower taxes	Anonymous
...	Anonymous
don't know	Anonymous

I don't know all of the zoning regs...	Anonymous
No business growth needed	Anonymous
No bars/sports bars	Anonymous
Fix the problem with the roads, no built for the traffic they want to bring in	Anonymous
nothing should change	Anonymous
i dont know	Anonymous
give tax incentive	Anonymous
consider homeowners in commercial areas.	Anonymous
not really sure - we need growth but not anything tacky	Anonymous
Stricter regulations	Anonymous
Lower taxes	Anonymous
NA	Anonymous
More landscaping/ better architectural standards/ more brick	Anonymous
I guess I'm questioning what is meant by commercial	Anonymous
standards should be higher	Anonymous
Keep regulations. Perhaps lower max height on signs. It looks cleaner.	Anonymous
Up the standards Dollar General is a disgrace. Roof lines & Landscaping #1 prior	Anonymous
There are way too many empty buildings to build more	Anonymous
disallow strip malls try for larger mall type similar to Schererville on Rt 41	Anonymous
Require business and homes and un-sightly subdivisions to maintain their street	Anonymous
Not sure	Anonymous
No big box stores	Anonymous
I do not know what restrictions presently exist. Empty spaces are a blight on	Anonymous
Don't change it. If it's not broke then don't fix it!,,	Anonymous
I do not know enough oabout these to comment.	Anonymous
leave as is	Anonymous
none	Anonymous
Not sure of all issues-would like to keep aesthetics&safety but increase busines	Anonymous
do NOT relax regulations.	Anonymous
As a business owner in CP, we were disappointed by winfields rent and buildings	Anonymous
Make businesses fit in with high standards and enforce parking restrictions	Anonymous
What standards? Dollar General only a pole barn w/ brick & no design	Anonymous
This is a very poorly written survey. Question 34 is two questions.	Anonymous
leave it alone	Anonymous
A community park, walking/running/biking trails, utilize our natural beauty.	Anonymous
N/a	Anonymous

38. When you leave Winfield, what road do you most frequently take? - check only one - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
Arizona St.	Anonymous
30	Anonymous
117th 109th is a death trap	Anonymous
Randolph to 101, people die in 109!!!	Anonymous
I avoid Randolph and 109th as much as possible.	Anonymous

47. Choose the store types most likely to increase your frequency of shopping in Winfield: - choose 3 - Other responses

Answer	Respondent
Bakery, ice cream, shoes	Anonymous
Coffee shop	Anonymous
Won't let me choose 3-bakery	Anonymous
Bakery, grocery, apparel and dog grooming	Anonymous
Won't allow to pick 3	Anonymous
Apparel, Bakery (donuts), boutiques	Anonymous
Coffee shop	Anonymous
Books, Ice Cream and Gifts,Coll.	Anonymous
home accessories, specialty foods, appreal, sporting goods	Anonymous
can't pick three also apparel has a typo :)	Anonymous

Bakery, books, grocery. Wouldn't let me pick 3	Anonymous
bakery, icecream, home goods	Anonymous
it only lets you choose one :(sooo Bakery, B	Anonymous
bakery, home acc. (can not pick 3 in survey)	Anonymous
Toy store/Games	Anonymous
Non fast food restaurants	Anonymous
Bakery, Shoes, Nice Restuart reasonable price	Anonymous
none necessary	Anonymous
bakery speciality foods home accessories	Anonymous
dining/antiques	Anonymous
won't let me choose 3 - home accessories, apparel, shoes	Anonymous
Bakery, Specialty Foods	Anonymous
Coffee	Anonymous
shoes, apparel, bakery	Anonymous
Bakery, Apparel, Books, Coffee cafe	Anonymous
bakery,home accessories, ice cream/candy	Anonymous
We have too many bars here	Anonymous
bakery, books, home access.	Anonymous
Bakery, apparel and ice cream	Anonymous
coffee	Anonymous
Starbucks/coffee shop	Anonymous
Grocery, books, home accesories	Anonymous
coffee/tea	Anonymous
bakery, grocery and greeting cards/gifts/collectibles	Anonymous
Speciality foods/dining/sporting ...This question does not allow you to choose 3	Anonymous
It won't allow me to chose 3	Anonymous
bakery, home accessories, apparel	Anonymous
Bakery, Grocery/Spec.Foods, Apparel	Anonymous
florist, bakery,specialty foods	Anonymous
Meat market	Anonymous
craft, affordable gas,	Anonymous
Whole Foods Grocery Store	Anonymous
Home goods, apparel, motorcycle/automotive(survey needs keyboard,	Anonymous
bakery, books, grocery	Anonymous
Panera, dunkin donuts, stracks	Anonymous
Only lets me choose one....apparel, bakery, ice cream/candy	Anonymous
Bakery, apparel, speciality foods and home goods (buttons allowed one choice)	Anonymous
dunkin donuts/starbucks/coffee shop	Anonymous
Coffee	Anonymous
I can only pick 1	Anonymous
Wow. This doesnt let you choose 3. Very, very poor survey OMG	Anonymous
none. no more seriously. I really mean no more	Anonymous
Does not allow more than 1 option	Anonymous

49. Please rate overall satisfaction with the following Public Facilities in Winfield: - Comments

Answer **Respondent**

[No Responses]

50. What public enhancements would you like to see most in Winfield? - choose 3 - Other responses

Answer **Respondent**

Park	Anonymous
A park for our kids	Anonymous
Bike Trail	Anonymous
Kid play/activity areas	Anonymous
Park, social center	Anonymous
road repairs on 117th and parks	Anonymous
All buildings same brick style	Anonymous

PLAYGROUND	Anonymous
Bring back speed bump on Park St. People drive too fast coming off 109th Ave.	Anonymous
Trails for walking and Biking	Anonymous
a great park where kids can play	Anonymous
Public park, sporting facilities, tennis courts	Anonymous
Golf cart access	Anonymous
Playground	Anonymous
Park	Anonymous
Parks for kids	Anonymous
paved roads	Anonymous
Parks	Anonymous
Road on 129th replaced instead of filling holes every week	Anonymous
Green Space/Park	Anonymous
Park	Anonymous
Park/Playground/Dog Run	Anonymous
none	Anonymous
access to Winfield for Biking, Paths and golf Carts	Anonymous
parks/playgrounds	Anonymous
Smaller parking lots or lots to the sides/rear of buildings.	Anonymous
Better survey writers	Anonymous
people not speeding down Montgomery st.	Anonymous
golf cart paths and access	Anonymous
Speed enforcement	Anonymous
wider lanes on 109th	Anonymous
Golf cart access to downtown	Anonymous

51. Other comments on creating a livable community for Downtown Winfield? - Responses

Answer	Respondent
We definitely need more dining options. McDonalds is the only fast food place. A bakery/bagel place would be great. Burger King/Taco Bell, etc. Hot dog place. So many options. Sidewalks, street lights are also very important. A wider 109th would be great but I'm sure it will never happen. Sometimes I wait 10 minutes just to get out of my subdivision because of the traffic from LOFS to 65. I miss it when 65 wasn't there.	Anonymous
Leave things how they are. Things here are great and don't need any improvements. We moved here 3 years ago and things are just fine the way they are.	Anonymous
My only comment is that this survey has so many grammatical errors it's kinda sad. Very unprofessional.	Anonymous
Community park, more sidewalks down 109th and Randolph, more restaurants.	Anonymous
We live on 108th Ave in the area without sidewalks and drivers speed down the road. It would be much safer for my children to walk to the bus stop especially in the dark if the sidewalks were put in. Many neighborhood children walk to Dollar General and Speedway without safe passageways.	
We look forward to the improvements.	Anonymous
Lower taxes for businesses to eliminate empty spaces. Picasso's needs to be reopened as well.it's sad that it is a beautiful building and it's going to waste. I would like winfield to be more attractive than crown point. If winfield is the fastest growing town, how come so many empty store fronts? I'm new to the community and wish I didn't have to travel to crown point to dine out or shop. Picasso's could easily turn into youche with a golf course and pool...	Anonymous
Encourage more community growth by recruiting and welcoming new business, offer more family friendly activities, create a walkable and bicycle friendly downtown. Winfield is an upscale residential area. the town needs to improve the amenities available to attract residents & increase home sales & values. Traffic on 109th must be addressed. Botique shops & restraaurants would be wonderful. A YMCA, community center, a pool, walking trails, play fields, soccer, baseball would all be great for Winfield. A wonderful park would also improve quality of life. Do not add rental apartments.	Anonymous
Leave it as is	Anonymous
Creating sidewalks that connect LOFS entrance to downtown and from 123rd ave at stonegate up to town.	Anonymous
Need better entrances to existing businesses it is often dangerous to turn onto 109th or Randolph	Anonymous
When buildings are built, they should not be so cookie cutter. Red brick, red generic signs... how bout some pretty architecture... trees and benches... make it inviting almost like the look of a square. Not necessarily 'old fashioned' but just pretty. And behind the new Dollar store - it looks awful! Those four big industrial vents crawling up the back of the building. Let's make our town pretty AND functional!	Anonymous
I live in Stonegate commons and we don't have a single streetlight. Our HOA is Awful and does nothing for its residents. We were promised a beautiful park but got a tiny kiddie park. I would love to see a beautiful green park with trees, picnic area, great equipment and splash pad all in one with trails, bike area, etc.	Anonymous

I hope we adopt a high standard of business appearance for our town. The Wiseway area strip mall needs a face lift and worse, the pot holes in that area are bad each year and take forever to be repaired. I'd hope we could add nice street lights and more landscaping. We currently don't attract anyone to come shop here - too bad we can't find our niche here - we need to beautify our town. We used to do blooms blvd where I used to live where petunias were planted down the Main Street - great community project. Or have a popular festival like the pierogue fest. Like a BBQ Fest or something popular.
More chain restaurants and availability for family friendly places
Create family oriented area, bring sense of community to eliminate need or desire of hoa/poa in non gated subdivisions
PLEASE improve the traffic flow on Randolph and 109th! A light would be great at grand/Randolph.. Also paving Randolph and having a pedestrian crossing would be nice. I believe that the quality of a towns roads say a lot about the quality of the town.

Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous

I enjoy the clear skies at night, and fairly low density of traffic, but traffic can still be troublesome. My biggest desire is for park space for children and a bike/walking trail. We moved to Winfield because it's quiet. We would like for it to remain that way.
There needs to be more dining options than mcdonalds!!!!
It would be so great to have a better restaurant, such as Portillo's or Cracker Barrel and an ice cream shop like TCBY.
No big box stores, please! It would be nice to have higher end dining with outdoor seating. Also a bike/running trail would be wonderful! I am a runner and cross 109th on foot and it is scary each time! It would be great to have a safe place to be active with my small children.
Get business owners to maintain parking lots...lots that need to be fixed and repaved...Speedway, the lot where the old Dollar General was, the entrance to the lot by McDonald's has huge potholes again and I'm sure there are others.

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Anonymous

I would like Winfield to encourage growth but I would like to see the vacant buildings / storefronts be filled or rebuilt first. All the vacant buildings detracts from the area. A downtown area would be nice if clean and inviting. Designed to encourage walking between stores. Of other local areas, we currently enjoy Valpo downtown the best with its lower speed limit, sidewalks, crosswalks, park area, and plenty of small shops and restaurants.
Street lights and sidewalks. That's all. Build the bike trail on the old railroad tracks using rails to trails grants...

Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous

A park to gather with friends and neighbors
Love the small town feel of winfield. Don't want a crazy mess of tons of stores when 20 minutes gets you almost anywhere .
A nice public park with trails would be great. Or even some kind of amphitheater for small concerts/movie nights. Sidewalks and bike trails are key. No more big box stores!! No apartments/Low cost housing.
We were told 5 years ago when we moved in that there was going to be a bike trail within a couple of years... Still waiting.
Picassos is an eye sore. There is no reason why that building has to be vacant. We need more restaurants. And more businesses instead of vacant store fronts. Why does Crown Point have so much growth and Winfield lags behind? I have to travel to CP for almost everything because there isn't much to choose from in our town. And I always go to Stracks because Wise Way is too expensive. Our strip malls look outdated and the roads are not always great either. Sometimes I wish I would have chose to build in CP because I thought Winfield would have had more business growth by now. I would like to see the architectural structures to remain strict like CP. Certain brick style, etc.

Anonymous
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Anonymous

More small scale, local restaurants; small locally-owned shops around small downtown area with greenspace and benches
I like a welcoming area with coffee shops, cafes, outdoor seating, cute shops with artsy items, and specialty food, fresh farmers food would be great!
Probably difficult to do, but I like "downtown" areas centered around a body of water (small lake?). Wlaking areas, landscape, lamp posts, benches, nearby (within wlking distance) good restaurants.
We don't really need more homes down town, just more businesses. If you're going to expand the town and build out, then you should make 109th wider.
I like supporting small businesses, but I also like some company chains as well. Bringing in a few larger scale companies could be beneficial to the community and provide more in-town purchases (Starbucks/Dunkin Donuts, chain restaurants / fast food other than McDonalds, bookstore/coffee shop).
Been a parent, there is also a strong need for a gathering place for kids / teenagers. There is nowhere for them to hang out with friends that is indoors.
A bike/running path would be great, especially given that I am not comfortable running on the streets in town nor allowing my kids to ride their bikes. This would promote a safe way for a healthier community.
The past farmers market is a joke you as a resident feel why bother we travel to St John for theirs now that's fun. We have no community bonding need a point of togetherness a feel of community a home like feeling for a down town area
I moved from a town in IL where it was once quiet, safe and very pedestrian Friendly.

Anonymous
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Anonymous

The town made the poor decision of increasing multi-family homes such as town homes, apartments and condos. A lot of the people buying these homes had no connection with the community. A larger traffic volume was created causing a domino effect of less pedestrian traffic, less of a friendly community environment, unsafe traffic conditions and of course higher crime rate.

If Winfield wishes to increase growth to compete with neighboring towns, it won't be long before Winfield becomes just another over populated town without the friendly atmosphere.

I moved here for the quiet and calm of a small town. I wish it did have more trails but I accept what we have. For now Winfield is safe. If your plan is not thought out thoroughly. You will be like all the other small towns gone big and your focus will be on crime and not the people in the community.

Anonymous

It would be nice if we could attract more urban suburban hybrid. Nice town homes with shops, parks, etc. not cheap hosing like Prision homes or Luxor. Similar to downtown Valpo. Also, I think the old Double Tree club house should be a winery or some sort of destination spot to get more visitors.	Anonymous
Work on enhancing the business's that we do have. Empty store fronts are un attractive and depreciative to values.	Anonymous
I am somewhat concerned about what this will entail or look like. 109th is already a crowded mess, do we really plan to add to that? There are already vacant store fronts the don't look great. What is being done to make that better?	Anonymous
Do not allow rental units or anymore building of multi unit dwellings would like to see a Winfield YMCA or something similar for residents to enjoy activities locally	Anonymous
While comprehensive, this survey was too long! I do like to see Winfield start to evolve. Get people in to Winfield by offering goods and services people want. I hate having to drive to BestBuy for some component or Strack's for better grocery shopping. I do like the community clean up day and the community garage sale.	Anonymous
While I am comfortable crossing streets etc I am not comfortable with my children (teenagers) doing so. Pull people out of their houses and blocks by making walking, running and riding, easier and safer. LOFS has many ammenities i.e. parks etc, but the rest of the town does not. Add parks, community pool, active destinations. more small shops, like an old fashion downtown.	Anonymous
Get rid of dollar general, it's an eyesore. Usually related to low income areas, I don't consider Winfield low income at this current time. I am afraid with additional condos,apartments or any leasable real estate Winfield will be attracting people who will live here and not treat it like their own town.	Anonymous
Sidewalks to keep people from walking the streets.	Anonymous
Sidewalks to down town. Splash pad. Dog park	Anonymous
I would like more things to do with my family. I feel as if I do not have many options with little kids.	Anonymous
I think there should be a community cleanup. I do one in m own community. There is so much trash on the sides of the streets and what not, it looks ugly.	Anonymous
Need public areas (parks, open space)	
North of 109th Your map overs a large residential area densely populated. Do you intend to mix commercial growth with these homes? Not a good idea. The area on 109th east of the shopping center would work for park land or business offices.	
Core area is closely surrounded by residential housing not appropriate except for light commercial (excluding nuisance bus. Bars/sports bars).	
If industrial business or manufacturing units are being considered it should be away from residential areas (west side rural areas closer to I65)	
Bottom line, need traffic safety enforcement (speeding and stop sign running). Need public parks. Need more than fast food venues. Enforce existing business garbage container enclosures to protect adjacent residents (St. Mary Medical center open refuse container unit stored in open on property line of residents)	Anonymous
Having sidewalks that connect from Stonegate to downtown Winfield would encourage more visitation to the downtown area. Also pedestrian street crossing safety signage would be helpful	Anonymous
It would be nice to have a park where events can be held to bring people together.	Anonymous
Keep it small. I moved here for the comfort of a small town and the quietness. Not all this hectic, fast paced life!	Anonymous
It would be nice if any new commercial buildings were not your typical strip mall and built more to look like older houses with multiple levels. There would be instant charm and it would give Winfield a center.	Anonymous
Need to have a focal point ie and build around it where people can shop and dine like the square in Crown Point and Valpo	
A very challenging proposition	Anonymous
Add more restaurants and shopping centers, maybe a park.	Anonymous
I moved here from Ohio and have lived in Socal and NYC. My husband commutes to Chicago and I chose this town for the small town feel.. I dont want to have apartments or any of that type it eventually brings in the not so good. I don't mind having to do the drive to get what i need off the 30 which is why I do it during the day. (not an awesome area) in which I think if you bring apartments the not so nice town of Winfield will be no more.	Anonymous
I think building a public park and/or other outdoor recreational facilities for children is necessary	Anonymous
Try to keep us a mid to upscale community. A place where people will want to come, live, work and play in a safe environment for all.	Anonymous
Create more attractive strip malls, update existing ones and have a standard "look" to the town to make it the small charming rural suburb that everyone wants it to be. A mini version of crown point would look best. Another good example would be the small downtown area Elmhurst IL has.	Anonymous
I think a central park surrounded by stores and dining would be a way to attract people to the downtown, for example, something similar to downtown crown point but without the old courthouse thats in the center, have a green area with a fountain and trees, and areas to just sit around.	Anonymous
More parks that include walking paths! Bring in high end businesses like Starbucks & Trader Joe's. More variety in the types of businesses. We need a walkable downtown to promote and encourage visiting businesses along with a connection to the residential neighborhoods. Think about what would bring people to Winfield as opposed to going to C.P., M-Ville,or Valpo.People like to walk around C.P. and Valpo which have town squares. Valpo has built a wonderful park in the heart of the downtown for family fun and summer concerts. I see Winfield becoming like Fishers, IN or Carmel,IN. Beautiful landscaping, walkable shopping centers, with great neighborhoods.	Anonymous

In my opinion, the most needed improvements are: 1. Sidewalks/bike paths. 2. Landscaping improvements (street trees, planting areas and seasonal floral plantings), 3. Improved signage standards for businesses (smaller monument signs). 4. Benches and bike racks, 5. Limited LED lighting, perhaps on masonry Winfield signage with landscaping at the entrances to our Downtown area.	Anonymous
Nuke the Wiseway Plaza and the plaza west of LoFS, or else bring in some businesses that are worth patronizing. No more discount places or payday loan spots. They cheapen the community. More restaurants (not pizza, for god's sake). Stop messing with the speed limit: 30 mph is far too slow for what little there is to do in town right now. Street lights and some trees couldn't hurt Randolph. Stoplights out of the main editions. Build anything south of Wal-greens. Ease the restrictions on development west on 109 and north on Randolph. No low-cost housing or rentals. Ever.	Anonymous
I would love to see Winfield grow to a manageable level. Retail business would be great but I would hate to see new business construction with all of the empty businesses (that empty strip mall looks horrible). Also, the Uhauls sitting on 109th look awful. If I had to pass all of that everyday to drive home to LOFS I wouldn't be happy. Fortunately we live in Country Meadows. Pike is absolutely awful. Not sure which association it belongs to. Way too many rentals it seems lately. We love Winfield. Would love to see a few more good restaurants. Was sorry to see the Anchor place fail. We always try to support our local businesses. 109th really needs to be widened, more so on the Crown Point side. Would be great to see a stop light at Colorado and 109th. Way too many accidents. Happy we have town marshal. We could use some more governance. Even though a lot of people think it's bad, I think it's great :)	Anonymous
The strip malls are hideous. New buildings look like standard big box stores instead of any enforcement of appeal. The stores are general dollar stores that come and go instead of attracting places that the citizens actually covet. Why not more dining options? Better fuel/convenience options? Starbucks, Panera, Chipotle, AMPM, Dunkin Donuts, Smoothie King, a better grocery than Wiseway (which is overpriced and unkempt); these chains would thrive here, instead of forcing residents to Merrillville for more reasonable shopping and dining needs.	Anonymous
Restaurants, sports bars, home décor stores. No more hair salons! Strack and Van Til, A country club in place of Piccasos.	Anonymous
I would like to see more sidewalks and waking bike trails... Also there is nothing for the kids to do. I would like to see a teen center	Anonymous
If you do nothing else, install sidewalks from 117th to 109th for safe passage either walking or bicycling. Or some other way out of LOFS to the shopping area.	Anonymous
All the subdivisions; whether "town" or not should be connected with pedestrian and bike paths with parks as well. Will only enhance the entire township economy and appeal.	Anonymous
Work on the traffic flow. Difficult to get out of sidestreets whether Randolph or 109th. Would like to see other dining options-Culver's, KYC, Dunkin donuts/baskin & Robbins, DQ Grill and Chill, Wendy's...	Anonymous
In reference to crossing 109th and Randolph. It really depends on the time of day. Stop lights I do not believe are the solution. A shoulder or side trail would be ideal. More greenery and brick exteriors to enhance the town visually similar to the dunkin doughnuts and speedway on Broadway at 109th. More shopping less real estate funeral/gas station services so concentrated. Smaller "strip mall" style buildings or stand alone. Wiseway strip mall is highly unattractive and a large "concrete jungle" eyesore. It is detracting from what could be a central attractive hub for growth and businesses.	Anonymous
Add Gators to my dining preferences. (Love their pizza!)	Anonymous
I would like to suggest thoughtful planning. I've seen some towns destroy themselves. I would like the ambiance of downtown crown point, valpo to be considered. I would like to suggest less bars and a more family atmosphere. Concerts in the park, movies as long as there is respect for the people living in the homes around. Time limits on activities. Restaurants that have good food. One that many people go out of their way to to is Suzies Cafe and many others in Valpo. The coffee shop that use to be the tea shop and is now a coffee shop is a great example of good food and an atmosphere of sit and enjoy. Sidewalks, trees, bike and walking paths. The speed limit on 109th is 30 but I don't think people realize it. Also of concern are the semi's that don't seem to keep any speed limit. I wish you all well in this. We are trusting all of you to make good decisions regarding Winfield. Even tho I live in 4 seasons I would truly like to see winfield become the best of the best. Thank You	Anonymous
Do something about the area on 109th near Grand Boulevard	Anonymous
Infrastructure & general appearance of our town is not very appealing. I would prefer higher end downtown appearance.	Anonymous
The retail strip off of Randolph and especially the one by Lake of Four Seasons look bad. They need a to be upgraded and the vacant stores leased.	
Enough with the hair salons, there are too many for the area.	
Not impressed with the current restaurants with the exception of Nick's.	
Question 47 did not allow you to pick 3 answers.	
The current grocery store needs competition their prices are too high and the selection is limited.	
There are not enough businesses in the area for employment opportunities.	Anonymous
Keep houses spaced apart at least 10 acres per home. Keep density down.. no more subdivision s unless houses are spaced apart more... more stores... less houses	Anonymous

When asked what stores I would like to see, it only let me choose one (but it says to choose three). So, my answer would be Home Accessories, Apparel, Greeting Cards/Gifts/Collectibles. I would also love to see a Target Superstore or something similar so we don't have to drive all the way to Merrillville for our toiletries and home goods. Thank u!

Anonymous

Please make 109th St 4 lanes with a divider. The divider could have trees and ornamental lighting. Perhaps a surcharge on new construction of homes would pay for it. We often drive to Valpo for a good playground for the kids. It would be GREAT to see a playground - similar to "Valplayso" - in Winfield. Could we attract a Sonic? They love small towns. They often have a playground and a sand volleyball area attached to their restaurants. I can see something like that becoming a fun place for all ages in Winfield.

Anonymous

It would be great to see beautiful, tree-lined streets. Widening 109th from the Deer Creek nursery to the LOFS entrance - with curbs and sidewalks - would be great. The same for Randolph from the North entrance to Doubletree to 117th. Limit the height of retail/restaurant signs. It looks so much nicer and cleaner when signs are kept close to the ground. Require businesses to maintain their parking lots better. There are so many potholes and bumps and the paint marking parking stalls is flaking away - particularly in the WiseWay parking lot and around that whole strip mall.

Anonymous

I think we need more stores to shop at so we don't have to go to other towns to shop, also we need a few good choices for dining, bike trails would be nice, outside dining would be great, people love to enjoy outdoor dining, in every other community the outside dining is usually full in the warm months.

Anonymous

Winfield desperately needs a middle school and high school. It would improve desire ability and property values. The children of Winfield have to travel way too far and far too early to get to school. Too many families want to move to crown point when their children get to middle school and high school age.

Anonymous

We are such a fast pace growing community. We need to keep our standards above average.

Dollar General was a BIG mistake. Roof lines below standard and landscaping is sad.. Yet this is a main focal point coming into town! How did that happen? Who did they know ?

And what is with the barn falling down by Walgreens ? I had out of town guest's commented that it looked like " Hillbilly heaven" Nice.... Stonegate needs to plant a tree line, do some NICE landscaping and be responsible for maintaining it. It shouldnt be seen from the road. Eyesore, the back of those properties esp the one without decks. Cut down on rental properties , Duplex, & multiple living dwellings.

Look at the mistakes Portage made. They are all messed up. Lets get some gun ordinance's, and garbage can ordinances in place for Winfield.

Anonymous

Small seating areas with landscaping. Definitely sidewalks and bike lanes from LOFS to downtown Winfield.

Anonymous

Lots of young families in Winfield the town needs to be more family-friendly. I also like to see Winfield have their own junior high and high school. Keep renting down in homes to keep the riffraff out of our town.

Anonymous

Some how get people to stop throwing trash and garbage out of their car onto city streets

Anonymous

109th is a nightmare!! It is so dangerous. It needs more stoplights/stop signs between Randolph & I-65. The road also needs to be widened or a center turn lane should be added. I would love to see more retail shops such as book stores, antique stores, second hand stores, a bait shop would be nice for people who live in the lakes of four seasons or even Doubletree. A bike path would be fabulous along with a park to visit. I think both would be used a great deal by the community. Lots of opportunity in the area.

Anonymous

Sidewalks would be a huge improvement throughout Winfield especially around 109th & Randolph. Even down Randolph toward Jerry Ross Elementary.

Anonymous

I would love to see Winfield become a unique setting with boutique shops and mom and pop business's. That's what people look for. I do not want to see any chains moving in. Merrerville is known for that and U.S. Easy access if needed. However, I'm more apt to go local and buy local when I can.

Anonymous

Need more business and desire to be downtown. Very slim. Valpo has a great down. That would be a target to shoot for.

Anonymous

A balance between proper signage and attractiveness must be found. Businesses need signage but it needs to look good. Also a big problem is the main roads of 109th and Randolph - pedestrian ways and bikeways are important for safety and for the town to have a small town welcoming feel.

Anonymous

My family has been here for 4 generations and I hate how crowded it's becoming. I'm in Palmer and like that we are still in the country but not too far from town. I don't particularly want anything else, especially more houses built out here. The only thing that really needs to be changed is that we need sidewalks to walk to town and the road maintenance needs to be kept up.

Anonymous

We desperately need a middle school and a high school. I don't think my tax money should go toward shopping which will attract the wrong "element" to our area

Anonymous

I have lived in Winfield for over 20 years I really don't want it to grow too much because I enjoy being in a rural area if the subdivisions continue to grow we plan to move. It would be nice to have somewhere to purchase flowers besides Ace it's too expensive and the hours are horrible. I do not think we need to build a ton of businesses since we have so many empty buildings and some have been empty for YEARS!! A nice coffee shop or Starbucks would do amazing in this area!! A dollar tree or Aldi would be great but in the abandoned store no new ones!! It's already horrible to exit Walgreens or a gas station & 109th is a death trap since i65 exit was put in. I would also use a bike trail because we have lived on 129th for 8 years and it's horrible to drive on it needed to be replaced 8 years ago instead every week the pay employees and spend money on filling the holes & it's a waste it doesn't help. I would rather see the roads improved before there is some fancy down town.

Anonymous

It is difficult to comment on business regulations when they are not known by residents. Stay away from strip malls suggest something like was done in shererville on 41 just south of 45 on eastside of street. Brings in larger restaurants and chain stores that offer more goods than we currently have. Landscaping a must for shopping areas rather than just pavement you give up some parking but make it more pleasant for shoppers.
109th street needs change to accommodate any new downtown area ,need stop signs beginning at Colorado east to Randolph to slow down traffic for those trying to enter traffic from residential areas Currently it is unsafe for residents and school buses an attractive street light should be selected for the downtown area which would be installed throughout shopping sites and paid for by new retailers coming in. Pass on costs for enhancements to new businesses some larger firms may be induced to buy fire or police equip for town if negotiated
biking/walking paths would be a great addition.

Anonymous

Someway need to alleviate the traffic on 109th street and also Randolph Street. I know that people on Randolph Street have a very hard time even crossing the street to get to their mailboxes because of the non stop flow of traffic.

I get scared seeing how many kids walk on these busy streets due to no sidewalks.

Anonymous

Get the empty buildings rented and insist the mess housing behind 109 Diner its terrible to admit that is part of Winfield.

Anonymous

Build a real downtown area. We have lived in communities both in the north and south that have created this space. Property values increased, Winfield could become premier place to live in NWI.

Anonymous

Set high standards and attract a community friendly downtown area instead of crossroads. Raise housing standards to increase value!

Anonymous

You can only pick one above on question 47 and it says choose three so I wrote them in other.

No apartments. No more housing. Way too much building going on. Bring in small shops. Find some way with some sort of concessions to attract small businesses for shopping. We need some GOOD restaurants here in Winfield. Nice Italian restaurant would be good. A place where people would TRAVEL to Winfield just to eat. Choice here is not real good for many reasons.

A bigger library would be great. Outdoor community events and things are always nice.

Another grocery store would be good. Wiseway is too expensive. I usually shop at Stracks. Prices are way better.

Anonymous

More police presence

Anonymous

Winfield needs its own high school and middle school. No apartments, that is just opening the flood gates for section 8 housing to happen and will drive out good families. There are no parks, no sidewalks, and no where desirable to go. My family leaves here because it is central to our places of employment, but come on, we spend all of our money outside of our community. The restaurants are overpriced for low quality food. The grocery store is nice, but very expensive and not competitive with other grocery stores 5 miles away. I take my son to a church park that isn't that great at all only because there is no where else to go. As well as there are no sidewalks to get there. The New Mexican grocery store is fantastic though. It has quality and unique products at a reasonable price. I enjoy the geographic benefits of Winfield, but would encourage the town to focus on long term growth rather than just throwing up a box store. I would like a place to have a quality cup of coffee, baked good, a park to take my child too, and running routes that have consistent sidewalks.

Anonymous

This survey is waaaaaay too long. If I was not passionate about improving my community, I would have dropped out of the questionnaire around Q #20

Anonymous

There is very little for kids to do in Winfield. Library needs to be promoted and upgraded. A safe walking access from LOFS would be welcome. One decent upscale restaurant should be added. Combination sports, fishing, bike, skateboard, outfitter would be very successful in one of the vacant spaces.

Anonymous

We moved here for the schools, lower taxes and less congestion. 109 needs some attention with the traffic congestion and accidents. Other than that please leave

Winfield alone, the way it is...we like it the way it is!!!

Anonymous

The biggest concern I have is the rush hour traffic on 109th. It would be nice to see it expanded.

Anonymous

Add more stores, a few real restaurants exc

Anonymous

We moved to Winfield 9 years ago, attracted to the rural, small town feel. We need to keep that sensibility. Adding sidewalks/bike paths and green space will only enhance our downtown. We do not need box stores, hotels/motels, apartments or anything else that would attract the wrong crowd. Crown Point, Hobart and Merrillville all have the larger national chains...we do not need to replicate that here.

I would like to see Winfield down town modeled after downtown Valparaiso...local, quaint retail/dining establishments, locally (Indiana) owned. Community events/fairs, and gathering places (parks, etc). I travel for business, and when I'm on the road I only look to eat/shop/spend money at the local "non-chain" establishments that provide income to the community.

Anonymous

More green space or parks/playgrounds. A dog run/park would be great

Anonymous

It would be great to see more desirable, competitive shopping. The downtown isn't the most attractive so upping the standards on that may help also. We basically find no reason to go downtown unfortunately and we have lived here for 16 years.

Anonymous

Moved here because I like area as is. Don't bring major chain stores or restaurants like Kentucky Fried, or others. Prefer family-owned stores/restaurants.

Don't need extra trees, benches, or sidewalks.

Let's wait to see if 109th will become four lanes before investing in silly sidewalks between gas station and Dollar General. Ridiculous.

Wish we had a Stracks, cant stand WiseWay.

Love our library, town halls, fire departments..

Don't want condos, apartments for low income. Keep single family dwellings, like in South Holland,

Am active with Community Fest and love my town. Change is not always for the better. Who needs more parking? what for? We are always cutting down trees, why plant more.

Anonymous

I love to visit other small communities and see all the subdivisions connected via sidewalks.

Anonymous

I would like to see a centralized area, such as Crown Point has, to use as a gathering place, a public meeting place, and a spot for neighborhood and town kids to go for recreation. Coffee shops, outdoor seating restaraunts, etc.

Anonymous

Has to be a way for residents to safely cross Randolph to get to plaza

Anonymous

My family and I moved to Winfield last May and we love the community! I am very excited to see growth in the community, especially from the retail side. I do believe that widening 109th avenue towards Crown Point would greatly help traffic flow and safety into and out of Winfield and more businesses would attract new residents. I am not pleased with the level of duplexes in the community and hope that future housing developments in Winfield would be middle-upper class focused. I would like to also see the development of a golf course in the community as well!

Anonymous

Please give pedestrian access from Four Seasons to Winfield. Currently, you must drive there when walking distance is good. We need sidewalks along 109 or a back access at least. We've lived here 23 years and still no sidewalks. People would shop there from this community more often if there were sidewalks.

Also, please visit the Valparaiso Parks (Valplayso and Butterfly) in considering your new park plans. Very kid friendly equipment. NOthing like it around here. You would draw many young families. Thank you.

Anonymous

I realize you all desire upscale features, but, you do not have businesses like Valparaiso has or Crown Point has today. Even Hebron has sidewalks and benches, and paved roads. I think you all had come down to a level that "ordinary" people have. Unless you can prove the need for all this added features, it is easier to start from the ground up, instead of the top echelon of societies.

It does take money, that is for sure, but, Lake County and especially Winfield has a Chicago mentality. Not everyone are lawyers or physicians, or corporate entities. What about the ordinary working class of us, retirees, etc. This is not a town for senior citizens.You have nothing to attract senior retirees, that is why we prefer Crown Point, and Valparaiso, it will take a long time to come up to there attractions.

Anonymous

Please keep Winfield family friendly with businesses, landscaping, neighborhoods, etc...

this is why I moved to Winfield; less traffic, congestion, family atmosphere,...

It would be nice to have a golf course behind Double Tree West. A 9 hole if an 18 hole won't fit.

Anonymous

Regulate subdivisions to 1 house per at least 5 acres. No small lots preserve the 100 of acres of farmland. I move to winfield for enjoyment of my land and the surrounding land.

Anonymous

Find a niche, right now people move here to get away from crown point and Merrillville. Make more attractive choices for building and lot improvements. Consider Artist areas, higher end shopping, and boutiques. Have handmade goods fairs, monthly night time artist walks/fairs. Find constructive things for children to do that is art/sport/tech related, like street skate, screen printing classes, and network gaming/popup movie events.

I would love to see a local Popup store event in the current shopping center, or a box truck popup store event (stores in decorated box trucks). This allows business to see if Winfield is a good fit for them and provides community excitement over different offering then the box stores have.

Make Winfield an arts, music and dance center... None of the area town have corned this and all the kids do sports/dance/music, toss in some tech space and you just might have a winner without losing the reason people move here.

William Houston

10337 Nelson at

Anonymous

We do not need to cater to bicycles. Speed limit is slow enough...109 needs turn lanes.

Anonymous

Higher speed limits outside school hours and zones.

Anonymous

Attracting more creative chef owned restaurants. Mostly just diner type places.
I would also be happy to offer more thoughts in person if you establish some sort of advisory committee.

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Anonymous

Creating a more attractive and livable community in a proactive way instead of a reactive way is exciting.

Getting varied retail businesses/restaurants that people want to patronize (with landscaping and permanent signs) to create a "lifestyle" center would be desirable....keeping parking lots like the large lot at Wiseway maintained and restricting little temporary signs dotting the areas around the gas stations would be a plus.

There are too many parking lots and too little green in the "downtown" area. The new Dollar General and the nearby strip building with it's front porch on blocks are dismal looking entrances to the center of town.

Anonymous

The less rental properties the better....i.e. Apartments, rentable single family housing. Generally speaking renters do not maintain property sine they do not own it or have anything invested in it. We need stricter covenant enforcement in Doubletree West subdivision.

Anonymous

More parks, bike/walking trails.

Anonymous

Create a downtown feel. Make a circle for traffic flow at corner of Randolph and 109. Place sidewalks along streets and add fancy lighting, in the center of the circle plant trees that can be decorated according to the season. Give businesses incentives to add planted pots like they have along streets in Chicago. Add bike racks and benches in shopping areas to give the town a unique curb appeal so people will visit Winfield. Restaurants with outdoor seating can also keep teens busy on weekends. A coffee shop with later hours always keeps people social.

Anonymous

Too many empty stores in the already existing shopping centers.

Anonymous

I think we have a nice area. It would be nice if it was more pedestrian friendly. People speed alot in our area especially those coming and going to the seasons. I am uncomfortable crossing roads to get to the plaza. I don't like my teenager to walk there either because I am afraid he will get hit on 109th.

Anonymous

Leave it the way it is. To many people moved here recently and the streets are way to crowded. One day I sat for 15 min trying to turn left onto a 109th. By adding more it will be a headache and just like every other stupid town. It's fine the way it is.

Anonymous

I can't believe the amount of typos and lack of attention to detail in this survey. Someone should have proofread this before it was available to the public.

Anonymous

Well if the people creating the surveys are responsible for making changes we are doomed. Winfield is not ready to be a real city yet and this survey is glaring proof.

Anonymous

Park space would be wonderful

High school

More take out food options

I'd love a family friendly vibe

Anonymous

Don't forget that the community that you desire to build upon and improve must be safely protected. Do not forget to support your local fire department and police agencies. A safe community is a marketable one.

Anonymous

There was supposed to be baseball fields and a park built off of randolph- just north of stonegate- I think that is a great idea- along with bike paths from surrounding subdivisions to get there. Especially some kind of crossing for residents from Stony Run Subdivision.

Anonymous

I think having a place to walk to, from lofs, stonegate, Doubletree, etc would give the "4 Corners" a more downtown feel. It's not laid out very well currently in that the only "downtown" feel is the wiseway parking lot. Even Chef Nicks doesn't "feel" downtown.

Anonymous

I don't want more anything. I moved down here to get away from people. If anything must be built it should be a new elementary school. One that can accommodate the mad amount of students and parents. It is annoying and disrespectful that the patents feel that they can drive through my yard, park in my driveway and user my front lawn for a drop off center when they drop people of who had to park there vehicles on the side of the road. So before upgrading the"downtown" area. Consider making accommodations for the people whom are already in the area. Feel free to contact me. 2194848674 my name is Nick dowdle. I live at 13113 Montgomery st.

Anonymous

I chose to live in Winfield because it had less apartments, condos etc. It was a small town, not overly congested and perfect. We left scherville bc they overcrowded the town with more housing and ruined it. Winfield was a win, win for us bc it is quiet, beautiful and relaxed. Please don't take that away by trying to make it like every other town. We stand unique by appreciating the nature of this town. Enhance it's beauty by adding trails, trees, a nature park, community park, sitting areas around the pond near the clubhouse, etc. Adding apartment and condos is only asking for trouble. Congestion. Chaos. Traffic. In honesty, more theft. It will devalue what is already established, which is respectable homes and subdivisions. You will see the prices of homes go down and people moving away. Allowing low income families to take over and truthfully, destroy this town. Just like they did in highland, Griffith, merrillville, Hobart.

Thank you!

Anonymous

Please consider putting in a dog park. Closest one is in Schererville :/ And, it's poorly kept!

Traffic is very heavy on 109th all the time. I would love to have street light put up.

Anonymous

Such a large amount of people have golf carts and are unable to get to downtown winfield and much more business would be that way if we could take our golf carts there

Anonymous

See prior comments

Anonymous

Valpo has an amazing splash pad and 2 of the coolest parks (Valplayso and butterfly park)! I would love to see something fun and safe for the kids! Bicycle or golf cart lanes would be amazing too!

Anonymous

I feel there should be street lights in subdivisions, especially Stonegate, where it gets extremely dark and we have a large volume of children.

Anonymous

Stonegate subdivision is growing with young children in desperate need of street lights.

Anonymous

People in the entire area need to be more considerate. We are looking 2 move out of Doubletree and will not be staying in the Winfield area. We will be moving to Porter County.

Anonymous

Should create a town center . Gathering area like a square. Can have bands in summer. Fall and winter events. Town Christmas tree.

Anonymous

It would be great to have the downtown area accessible for golf carts and have parking for them. It would make the town unique.

Anonymous

Make golf cart access to downtown it would increase business revenue

Anonymous