



# EASTERN CORRIDOR LAND USE VISION PLAN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN & JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES



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# **EASTERN CORRIDOR 2009 JURISDICTIONAL WORK**

Land Use Vision Plan Update

Green Infrastructure Plan Update

Local Jurisdiction's Update of Land Use / Action Agenda

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## **Overview:**

The Eastern Corridor is a unique planning area that includes portions of Eastern Hamilton County and Western Clermont County. It is comprised of 17 jurisdictions covering over 70 square miles and encompassing a population of over 125,000 people. Land use and transportation planning have been under study in this area for decades especially the last ten years. Many sensitive issues have required that the approach to solutions in the Eastern Corridor planning area must focus upon a high level of land use planning, green infrastructure analysis and public engagement with these diverse jurisdictions. This is called Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) and has been adopted by the FHWA as a better approach to transportation planning for the future. The Eastern Corridor has already received 4 national and state awards for using this CSS approach.

## **Brief History:**

The Ohio Kentucky Indiana Council of Governments (OKI) completed a Major Investment Transportation Study (MIS) in 1999. That four-year study set in motion a general concept for a multi-modal solution to transportation planning integrated with land use and green space planning. A key recommendation of the MIS Plan was to resolve land use and access issues based upon a high level of citizen participation and with the involvement of all 17 jurisdictions and agencies. The Hamilton County Commissioners, Regional Planning, Transportation Improvement District working in partnership with the Clermont County Commissioners and Transportation Improvement District, City of Cincinnati have led these multiple initiatives. These multiple efforts are a result of continuing collaboration with ODOT, OKI, ODNR, SORTA / METRO, other agencies and local jurisdictions. The following project steps have been taken since the MIS was completed in 1999:

- Land Use Vision Plan - 2002
- Green Infrastructure Concept Plan - 2005
- Tier 1 Draft EIS – 2004
- Tier 1 Final EIS – 2005
- Tier 1 Federal Record of Decision - 2006

The Hamilton County TID initiated two work items in 2008 that were important next steps and recommendations of the Green Infrastructure Concept Plan. A cultural resource study is being completed to further identify existing archaeological and historic elements. A fluvial geomorphologic study is also nearing completion using two different methodologies to assess and predict how the Little Miami River may change its' characteristics and course in the foreseeable future.



## **EC 2009 Jurisdictional Work / Land Use Vision Plan and Green Infrastructure Concept Plan Update:**

The intent of this LUVP update is to work with communities in the Segment II/III study area to review land use vision recommendations originally identified in the 2002 LUVP and identify current issues, community needs and develop an updated vision for future land use in the area. This work will be used in the upcoming Eastern Corridor PE/EIS phase of work to help refine alternatives and select a preferred alternative that supports current economic development and natural resource preservation and enhancement goals of communities in the Segment II/III area. Communities included in the EC Segments II/III are as follows:

- Anderson Township
- Columbia Township
- Fairfax Village
- Mariemont Village
- Newtown Village
- Union Township in Clermont County

Segment II/III involves consolidating and managing access points to establish relocated SR 32 as a controlled-access arterial roadway west of I-275. Proposed improvements consist of a new interchange at US 50/Red Bank Road, the relocation of SR 32, new rail transit, a multi-modal, clear-span crossing of the Little Miami River, multimodal transit stations at US 50 and Newtown Road, and coordination with other planned components of the Eastern Corridor project. Total length is about six miles. This portion of the Eastern Corridor contains a variety of sensitive environmental and community resources and issues.

The six jurisdictions created Land Use Committees to review past studies and provide current input and ideas. Each committee consisted of 5 to 15 members and included representation from past LUVP members, GIP members, interested property, or business owners and citizens. As with these previous studies, diverse representation was also very important.

This current work focused on bringing each of the above jurisdictions and their appointed committees up-to-date on these two important Eastern Corridor related planning documents:

### **Land Use Vision Plan (LUVP):**

This Plan was approved in 2002, by a 64 member Vision Committee together with 200+ members from 6 Citizen Planner Focus Groups. The LUVP was adopted by both the Hamilton County and Clermont County Regional Planning Commissions and County Commissioners as an amendment to their county comprehensive land use plans. This study was managed by Hamilton County's Planning Department with input from all jurisdictions. Meisner + Associates / Land Vision led the study.

The LUVP included approved jurisdictional plans for the future and incorporated adjacent jurisdictions input through a series of Focus Groups, Vision Committee meetings and many small meetings. That work resulted in the preparation of a Corridor wide land use plan, open space / urban design recommendations and a long list of “Action Agenda” items unanimously endorsed by the participating jurisdictions, interest groups and public agencies participating. This was conducted over a two-year period between 2000 and 2002.

Since these documents were prepared in 2002, many of the jurisdictions have completed updates to their comprehensive plans, land use plans, zoning documents, and physical improvements for local access, gateways, streetscapes, business districts, town centers, parks, park and rides and other public facilities consistent with the plan. This effort has helped to guide planning and implementation work and has positively influenced both public and private improvements in the Eastern Corridor.

The previous land use planning work (LUVP 2002) was accomplished through multi-jurisdictional Focus Groups. Therefore, the Action Agendas from the LUVP included recommendations from several jurisdictions, not individual jurisdictions. This 2009 work creates an individual set of Action Agendas for each jurisdiction.

#### **Green Infrastructure Concept Master Plan (GIP):**

This Plan was adopted in 2005 by a 24 member multi-jurisdictional committee, which included Newtown Village, Anderson Township, Columbia Township, City of Cincinnati, Valley property owners, environmental organizations, ODOT and other interests in the Little Miami River area. The Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District managed this study. *ENTRAN* and Meisner + Associates / Land Vision led the study.

The intent of the GIP was to continue work on land use and greenspace related issues in the Riverplains Focus Area as recommended in the LUVP. This work was also intended to help suggest a broader “green” context for the refinement of alternatives being considered for transportation related improvements. Economic development and community needs were also highlighted as key areas of concern in the planning.

The green infrastructure planning committee first evaluated natural and cultural resources and identified important resources using accepted methodologies. Recommendations from this committee set forth a general framework to conserve, preserve and enhance public and privately managed greenspaces within the Little Miami River Valley between Cincinnati and Milford. The GIP emphasized green protection measures and has been used to guide future improvements. As mentioned above this plan recommended several advanced studies including: a river study (fluvial geomorphologic) and a cultural resource study which are both nearing completion.

#### **Committee Planning Work:**

The Committees were appointed by each jurisdiction. Their size varied from 5 to 15. They met in 2 or 3 work sessions lasting in general 2 hours each. The initial meeting

served to introduce the history of the Eastern Corridor project, planning context and general history of work with emphasis on the Land Use Vision Plan and Green Infrastructure Plan. General timelines for completed and future Eastern Corridor Steps were also discussed. A general review of previous Focus Area Action Agendas was conducted. General Q&A also occurred. The Second and Third meetings focused upon creating a draft and final Action Agenda for each jurisdiction. The Committees have met as follows:

- Anderson Township: 9/14, 10/14, 11/12.
- Columbia Township: 10/1, 10/28.
- Fairfax Village: 9/9, 10/6.
- Mariemont Village: 10/07, 11/16.
- Newtown Village: 10/7, 10/12, 11/9.
- Union Township/ Clermont County: 0/29, 10/20, 11/17.

#### **Action Agendas Updates:**

Each of the jurisdictions updated “Action Agendas” prepared in 2002 by the multi-jurisdictional Focus Groups. The 2002 Focus Groups included 3 to 5 jurisdictions in each. Action Agenda items that were not relevant to the jurisdiction were eliminated by each jurisdiction. The Committees summarized their 2009 Action Agendas in the following similar format:

- Land Use, Development and Economics
- Greenspace and Green Infrastructure
- Accessibility and Safety
- Streetscape and Gateways

Several Committees also had suggestions on Next Steps.

Although each jurisdiction viewed the Action Agendas primarily through the eyes of their individual constituents, each also considered adjacent jurisdictional issues to some degree. The final Action Agendas follow:

## **Action Agenda Items for the Anderson Township**

### ***Green Space and Environmental:***

- Future green space and acquisitions should consider the updated Trails Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Anderson Parks plans, and the Greenspace program.
- Reduce flood hazards.
- Reduce urban storm water runoff.
- Encourage land in river plains for agriculture, or open space.
- Re-establish forested streamside corridors along the Little Miami River and Ohio River to enhance water quality.
- Preserve environmentally sensitive areas, hillsides, flood plains, and link them with green space corridors.
- Preserve existing parks and open space, and create new parks and public open space for under-served areas of the Township.
- Promote Tree City Certification of Township.

### ***Accessibility and Safety:***

- Create and maintain needed connectivity improvements.
- Preserve rail for passenger and freight, which is important for economic development.
- Long range planning needs to ensure that the street system and transportation network are mutually supportive.
- Future accessibility should incorporate the Anderson Trails Plan.
- Future efforts should include partnership(s) between Anderson Township and other organizations to help complete trails and conduct trail planning studies along the Little Miami and Ohio Rivers.
- Create new bike trail connections from neighborhoods to Little Miami Bike Trail, Ohio River Bike Trail, and Five Mile Trail.
- Develop and redevelop areas with pedestrian friendly destinations within walking distances.
- Reduce congestion and enhance pedestrian friendly character.

### ***Economic/Land Use Development***

- Promote Five Mile Road as a Gateway into Anderson Township.
- Future land uses should follow the Anderson Township Comprehensive Plan.
- Develop the Ancor area with a mix of office, industrial, and recreational uses.
- Encourage redevelopment/involvement along the Clough Pike Neighborhood Business District between Hunley and Berkshire and the Eight Mile Road/Clough Pike intersection.
- Encourage redevelopment along Salem Road Corridor between Sutton Road and Beechmont Ave.
- Emphasize development/redevelopment of the area between Five Mile Road and Asbury Road on Beechmont Avenue as “Downtown Anderson”.
- Encourage development within opportunity areas consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.



- Encourage land in river plains for agriculture.
- Identify opportunities for diversifying and developing new housing in Anderson Township.
- Encourage redevelopment of the Beechmont Corridor.
- Promote cross-jurisdictional planning and implementation strategies.

## **Action Agenda Items for Columbia Township:**

### ***Greenspace & Environmental:***

- Reduce flood hazards and moderate urban storm runoff.
- Improve visual quality along US 50 and create a better visual connection to the River from the Roadway along the Scenic Little Miami River.
- Hillside concerns – Improve regulations to protect public & new development.
- Provide better access to the Little Miami River Corridor for recreational use in the Plainville and Madison Place areas.

### ***Accessibility & Safety:***

- Create neighborhood connections to planned bike/hike trails.
- Improve safety measures using traffic calming techniques, such as speed moderation, crosswalks, etc.
- Improve signage and way-finding within the Township.
- Reduce congestion, enhance pedestrian friendly character, and minimize through traffic in local neighborhoods.
- Create connectivity improvements and a through traffic by-pass highway to relieve congestion and improve safety.
- Create connectivity improvements and carefully review location of bus hubs and passenger rail stations to serve the Township's neighborhoods.
- Explore alternative transportation and circulation solutions for the Ridge / Highland intersection and surrounding business district to improve safety and access, such as loop access/service roads.
- Create bike trail connections to Ault Park, to Little Miami River Trail, Lunken Bike Trail, and Ohio River Bike Trail.
- Re-develop along US 50 corridor to be more pedestrian friendly.
- Provide pedestrian access and improve safety to allow for safe access across Rt. 50 at intersection of Williams Meadow.
- Follow-up work needs to be performed as a new by-pass highway is completed to better achieve context sensitive solutions in Plainville Neighborhood Business District.
  - Pedestrian access improvements
  - Access Management
  - Median
  - Speed moderation
  - Tree lawn Planting
- Create improved intersection at Plainville Road and Murray Ave. in Madison Place. Consider a round-about for improving safety and circulation.
- Continue bike path to east in the Plainville/Madison Place area.
- Create improved intersection at Bramble & Plainville – in Madison place. Consider the use of round-about to improve safety and congestion issues.
- Improve Greenspace and bike access in the South Red Bank area.

### ***Streetscape/Gateways***

- Create streetscape and gateway improvements along key corridors.

- Create median in Columbia Township with planted tree lawns on either side of Wooster Pike.
- Implement sidewalks along both sides of Wooster Road (US 50) and enhance the streetscape with plantings.

***Economic/Land Use Development:***

- Implement recommendations of the Township Comprehensive plan.
- Revitalize/redevelop the area around the intersection of Ridge and Highland with a mix of office, retail, residential, and light industrial uses.
- Provide for hotel uses and development to take advantage of easy highway access close proximity to local amenities along Ridge and Highland Avenues.
- Create more opportunity for office uses in the Ridge/Highland area.
- Enforce building set backs and signage regulations in the Ridge/Highland area.
- Encourage Office and Industrial uses in Red Bank Corridor while limiting Retail Development.
- Explore the possibilities of creating incentives such as special economic districts, conservation easements, purchase/transfer of development rights, and developer incentives for promoting growth in the Red Bank focus area.
- Revitalize Madison Place Neighborhood Business District.
- Create new residential and commercial developments to improve access and encourage the recreational use along the Little Miami River.
- Redevelop Plainville Neighborhood Business District of Columbia Township along Wooster Pike with mixed use development.
- Evaluate existing financial tools/TIF to assist and encourage new development.
- Create high density office complex/mixed in north Columbia Township near I-71.

## **Action Agenda Items for the Village of Fairfax**

### ***Greenspace & Environmental:***

- Preserve existing parks and open space, and create new parks and open space for under-served areas.
- Create more greenspace along Red Bank Road, Little Duck Creek, and at the base of Ault Park.
- Reduce Flood Hazards and moderate urban storm runoff

### ***Accessibility/Safety:***

- Create bike trail connections to Ault Park; along Murray Ave.; to Little Miami River Bike Trail, Lunken Airport Trail, and Ohio River Bike Trail.
- Create local and regional connectivity / transportation improvements.
- Preserve existing bus stops along Red Bank Road, Wooster Pike, and Old Wooster.
- Allow pedestrian and bike access to penetrate through the neighborhood to enable people to live in the community and walk to work.
- Provide access between Virginia Ave. and Red Bank Road, or Columbia Parkway/ or Old Wooster Pike to improve local fire/safety access.
- Implement a passenger rail station along Wooster Road, as close to the Wooster Business District as possible.
- Consider alternative rail station/bus hub locations along the Red Bank Corridor.
- Locate passenger rail stations / bus hubs to serve redevelopment and revitalize Wooster Business District.
- Near the intersection of Red Bank Road and Wooster Pike is a potential location for a rail station.

### ***Streetscape/Gateway:***

- Create streetscape and gateway improvements along key corridors.

### ***Economic/Land Use Development:***

- Examine the possibility of sharing the economic costs of redevelopment within the new transportation corridor.
- Revitalize / Create Fairfax Neighborhood Business District along Wooster Road.
- Evaluate incentives for special economic districts, conservation easements, purchase/transfer of development rights, developer incentives for providing socially desirable features in their projects and to help to create an equitable distribution of benefits from development and preservation in the area.
- Encourage Office and Light Industrial uses in Red Bank Corridor while limiting Retail Development.
- Improvements and development planning is underway at the former Swallen's site. This new development area needs to be taken into account with future transportation planning.
- Energize new development around the Col Bank Interchange area and/or old Wooster Road.

- The Wooster Pike Revitalization Plan is planned for 2011 and will include improvements to utilities, sidewalks, and roadway widening. Coordinate with other local access in Eastern Corridor.
- Sensitivity to redevelopment in the Fairfax business district along Wooster Pike is very important.



## **Action Agenda Items for the Village of Mariemont**

### ***Greenspace & Environmental:***

- Preserve existing parks and open space, and create new parks and open space for under-served areas.
- Improve access to recreation along the Little Miami River and the public lands on the 80 acres in south Mariemont.
- Preserve hillsides, Little Miami River's stream bank and visual quality along the Scenic Little Miami River with a minimum buffer of 300'.
- Protect Mariemont from noise and light pollution.
- Replant streams/river edge/hills with native plants.
- Preserve land in river plains for agriculture or open space.
- Re-establish forested streamside corridors along the Scenic Little Miami River to improve water and visual quality.

### ***Accessibility & Safety:***

- Create needed connectivity improvements.
- Improve pedestrian vehicular safety in the Village.
- Protect and enhance existing areas with multiple pedestrian-friendly destinations within walking distance. These would be areas that could effectively be served by alternative modes of transportation.
- Reduce the amount of through traffic particularly heavy truck traffic on US 50 and other through streets.
- Create bike trail connections from the existing Little Miami Bike Trail to the Lunken Bike Trail, and the Ohio River Bike Trail.
- Manage construction period impact to minimize traffic on the Village and Town Square.
- Coordinate bus and passenger rail system to serve Mariemont and connect to Downtown, hospitals, airports, and core university destination areas.

### ***Economic/ Land Use Development:***

- Maintain and enhance existing property values.
- Honor intentions of the Historic Community Plan created by John Nolan.
- Protect existing infrastructure.
- Enhance industrial park.

## **Action Agenda Items for the Village of Newtown**

### ***Land Use / Economic Development:***

- Preserve unique small town feel of Newtown it's a "gem".
- Preserve Newtown neighborhoods and business.
- Preserve historic architectural elements.
- Protect and enhance existing businesses and economic base.
- Conserve and protect existing residential neighborhoods.
- Protect and enhance existing property values.
- Encourage investment in Newtown Neighborhood Business District.
- Optimize undeveloped areas with a mix of office, industrial, and commercial development.
- Take advantage of TOD – light rail station in Newtown.
- Create new infill and office development where appropriate.
- Develop and infill re-develop areas with pedestrian-friendly destinations in walking distance.

### ***Accessibility & Safety:***

- Improve walking and bike trail connections from neighborhoods to Little Miami Bike trail, Lunken Airport Bike Trail and Ohio River Bike Trail.
- Manage impact of peak flow traffic on existing roads.
- Enhance pedestrian-friendly character of the Village.
- Create passenger rail access.
- Create "park and rides".

### ***Greenspace & Environmental:***

- Integrate greenspace areas into mixed use areas and urban street systems.
- Reduce Flood Hazards and moderate urban storm runoff.
- Preserve land in floodway for agriculture or open space.
- Reestablish forested streamside corridors along the Little Miami River/East Fork to preserve and enhance water quality.
- Preserve environmentally sensitive areas.
- Preserve existing parks and open space and explore the feasibility for parks and open space for underserved areas.
- Incorporate storm water management practices with urban greens, streetscapes, and greenways.

### **Land Use/Economic Development Recommendations:**

The committee chose to outline the following next step concerning the new transportation corridor within the Village.

Prepare an economic study analyzing impact of future transportation improvements on the Village of Newtown and Hamilton County.

## **Action Agenda Items for Union Township**

### ***Greenspace & Environmental:***

- Integrate greenspace areas into mixed use areas and urban street systems.
- Reduce flood hazards and moderate urban storm runoff.
- Preserve land in floodway for agriculture or open space
- Reestablish forested streamside corridors along the Little Miami River/East Fork to preserve and enhance water quality.
- Preserve environmentally sensitive areas.
- Preserve existing parks and open space and explore the feasibility for parks and open space for underserved areas.
- Incorporate storm water management practices with urban greens, streetscapes, and greenways.

### ***Accessibility/Safety:***

- Eight Mile Road dead ends into Route 32 at a dangerous intersection. Consider and evaluate feasibility of connecting Eight Mile to Beechwood to reduce conflicts and improve safety.
- Create connectivity improvements and provide for better access across the Route 32 Corridor.
- Reiterate access connection between Mt. Carmel and the “Aicholtz/Ferguson Properties” area.
- Reassess and refine Eastgate’s local access plan in regard to land use issues.
- Better connect each quadrant of Eastgate “center” together with local access.
- Future highway configuration needs to accommodate easy access for both local areas and outside communities/jurisdictions.
- The new transportation corridor design should allow for pedestrian and passenger rail access.
- Explore alternative modes of transportation to improve local accessibility
- Improve transportation efficiency and reduce congestion along Route 32 and eliminate bottleneck at Eastgate Area
- Make Mt. Carmel /Tobasco Road a functional and efficient secondary connection between Route 32 and Route 125.
- Passenger rail stations near Eastgate/Mt. Carmel are important for future investment and transit oriented development. Locate in concert with land use.
- TOD’s should be located to energize the Mt. Carmel District and Union Government Center.
- Create better pedestrian connections between Mt. Carmel area and local businesses.

### ***Streetscape/Gateways:***

- Explore creating a gateway to Union Township and Clermont County in the Mt. Carmel district.
- Create gateway landscapes at Eastgate blvd. and I-275 interchange
- Create a gateway at Mt. Carmel – Tobasco Road and Clough Pike.

### ***Economic/Land Use Development:***

- Increase development intensity around the Eastgate area and encourage creative infill with more mixed use development.
- Protect established residential areas.
- Create niche retail and improve pedestrian connectivity to local businesses in Mt Carmel District.
- Encourage local restaurants in the south quadrant of the Eastgate area to extend the hours of operation and activity as demand grows.
- Locate community facilities center that would include amenities such as a library, YMCA, etc. near the Union Government Center.
- Revitalize Neighborhood Center in Mt. Carmel, along Old 74 and Mt. Carmel Tobasco Road with a mixture of office, retail, and residential uses.
- Provide a diversity of housing types along Eight Mile/ Beechwood and 32 Corridor near Mt. Carmel Business District.
- Strengthen the “Town Center” in south-eastern quadrant of Eastgate area.
- Consider the creation of pedestrian-friendly mixed-use development in appropriate locations in Union Township.
- Encourage a mixed-use development along Clough Pike near McMann and Bach-Buxton with primarily office and industrial uses.

### **Land Use/Economic Development and Greenspace/Environmental Recommendations by Districts:**

The committee chose to outline future development options and measures for Greenspace/Environmental improvements by geographical area in West Union Township as follows:

#### ***Eastgate NE of I-275 and Ohio 32:***

*Future land use and development goals, create a mix of the following:*

- Regional retail
- Destination Entertainment
- Office
- Restaurants
- Hotels
- Residential

*Future development should address the following Greenspace/Environmental issues/improvements*

- Regional stormwater management
- Hillside buffers and conservation
- Urban “Greens”
- Complete Streets/bikeways
- Streetscape greenery

**Eastgate SE of I-275 and Ohio 32:**

*Future land uses and development goals; create a **mix** of the following:*

- Office
- Business
- Retail
- Residential/Walkable
- Local Entertainment
- Creative Mixed Use/Urban Infill Development
- Encourage “Town Center”

*Future development should address the following Greenspace/Environmental issues/improvements*

- Regional stormwater management
- Hillside buffers and conservation
- Urban “Greens”
- Complete Streets/bikeways
- Streetscape greenery

**Mt. Carmel NW of I-275 and Ohio 32 Summerside:**

*Future land uses and development goals: create a mix of the following:*

- Infill Office and Commercial Development
- Health Services
- Residential

*Future development should address the following Greenspace/Environmental issues/improvements*

- Regional stormwater management
- Hillside buffers and conservation
- Urban “Greens”
- Complete Streets/bikeways
- Streetscape greenery

**Mt. Carmel SW of I-275 and Ohio 32:**

*Future land uses and development goals; create a mix of the following:*

- Neighborhood Focused Business District
- Niche Retail
- New Housing Units
- Upgraded Residential
- Medical and Professional health Services uses

*Future development should address the following Greenspace/Environmental issues/improvements*

- Regional stormwater management
- Hillside buffers and conservation
- Urban “Greens”
- Complete Streets/bikeways
- Streetscape greenery



## EASTERN CORRIDOR 2009 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Union Township	Newtown Village	Marimont Village	Fairfax Village	Columbia Township	Anderson Township	Eastern Corridor 2009: Land Use Jurisdictional Work General Summary of Key Action Agenda Items
X	X	X	X	X	X	Land Use / Greenspace Development / Economic Development are Key to our Jurisdictional Future
X	X	X	X	X	X	Protect Property Values in Residential Areas & Retain Businesses
X		X	X	X	X	Encourage Appropriate Infill & New Development
X		X	X	X	X	Revitalize / Renovate Neighborhood Business Districts
X	X	X	X	X	X	Conserve / Preserve Green Areas & Agricultural Lands
X		X	X	X	X	Encourage / Provide Bikeways & Pedestrian Walkways
X	X	X	X	X	X	Coordinate Land Use & Transportation Planning with Local Goals
X		X	X	X		Reduce Through Traffic Impacts & Safety on Community Lands
X	X	X	X	X	X	Better Manage Through Traffic & Anticipated Construction Traffic
X	X	X	X	X	X	Encourage - Provide Multi-Modal Transportation / Bus / Rail
	X	X			X	Minimize Sound & Light Impacts on Residential Lands from New Transportation Improvements
X	X		X	X		Evaluate Economic Impacts on Hamilton County & each Jurisdiction
	X					Reduce Negative Impacts on Jurisdictions - Economic, Neighborhoods
X		X	X	X	X	Encourage Economic Growth

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# EASTERN CORRIDOR LAND USE VISION PLAN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN & JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES

## APPENDIX 1 Meeting Agendas and Summaries



## Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 1 Agenda

September 14, 2009  
Anderson Center 4:00 pm

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##### *Transportation Advisory Committee*

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##### *Board of Zoning Appeals*

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Mr. Rick Oberschmidt

##### *Zoning Commission*

Mrs. Anne McBride  
Mr. Matt Van Sant

##### *Street Tree Committee*

Mr. Paul Braasch

##### *Greenspace Advisory Committee*

Mr. Ronald Edgerton

##### *Economic Development Committee*

Mr. Paul Kitzmiller

#### Facilitators:

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Deborah Osborne, *ENTRAN*  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### Agenda:

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the Day
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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 1 Summary**

**September 14, 2009  
Anderson Center 4:00 pm**

### **Jurisdiction: Anderson Township**

#### **Attendance:**

*Anderson Twp. Committee*

Steve Sievers

Paul Braasch

Tom Caruso

Mike Niehaus

*Hamilton Co. Parks District*

Ross Hamre

Jack Sutton

Several committee members were not present.

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

Deborah Osborne, *ENTRAN*

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

### **Meeting Summary**

#### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and update the committee on work completed on the Eastern Corridor Land Use Visioning Plan 2002 and Green Infrastructure Plan 2005. To identify Anderson Township action items completed since then, and to update/revise action items for continuing next phases of the project.

Gary Meisner presented a PowerPoint reviewing the Green Infrastructure and Land Use Visioning Plans for the Eastern Corridor Projects. Group discussion reviewed action items, completed tasks, and current issues needing attention in regard to future land use planning and development.

#### **Context Issues / General Comments:**

- Need to identify funding sources and ways to coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions, Metro Parks and individual property owners to be effective in achieving goals and action agenda items.

#### **Issues**

- Long range planning needs to insure that local streets system complements arterials

- Future efforts should include a partnership with Anderson Township and Metro Parks to help complete trails project and conduct trail planning studies along the Little Miami River
- Revitalization / redevelopment in Mt. Carmel area is in progress
- Ancor redevelopment is an important aspect of future land use planning
- Passenger rail locations need to be strategically located
  - To strategically relocate jobs, development, and industry
  - To relocate services and residential areas
- Future plans should use existing rail and right of way areas as much as possible
- Rail for freight and transporting goods, i.e. quarried limestone, etc. is important to preserve for economic development
- Higher density of development along Beechmont and mixed use will enliven the corridor and provide better access to future potential transportation hubs
- Develop / redevelop area between 5 Mile Rd. and Asbury as the “Downtown Anderson”
- Work with Union Township to develop Mt. Carmel Fringe
- Future Phases for MSD work include Broadwell Road, Edwards Rd. and Batavia??

### **Jurisdictional Accomplishments**

- Anderson Town Center has been completed.
- MSD Improvements in the North-east have been completed.
- Completed Planning Studies include the following
  - The Ohio River Land Use Plan
  - The Anderson Township Comprehensive Plan 2005
  - The Beechmont Avenue Plan 2005
  - The Clough Pike Plan 2008
  - The Anderson Trails Plan 2009

### **Next Steps**

- Partnership with Hamilton Co. Parks District to help coordinate and acquire funding for future trails and bike plans.

*Prepared by Meisner + Associates/ Land Vision*





## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 1 Agenda**

**October 1, 2009**

**Columbia Township Maintenance & Administrative Building 6:00 pm**

### **Jurisdiction: Columbia Township**

#### **Committee Members:**

Michael Lemon, Township Administrator  
Susan Olson  
Les Hemingway  
Barbara Talbot

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Deborah Osborne, *ENTRAN*  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Agenda:**

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## Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 1 Summary

October 1, 2009

Columbia Township Maintenance and Administration Building 6:00 pm

### **Jurisdiction: Columbia Township**

#### **Attendance:**

*Columbia Twp. Committee*

Michael Lemon, Township Administrator (Not Present)

Susan Olson

Les Hemingway

Barbara Talbot

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

John Cox, *ENTRAN*

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

### **Meeting Summary**

#### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and update the committee on work completed on the Eastern Corridor Land Use Visioning Plan 2002 and Green Infrastructure Plan 2005. To identify Columbia Township action items completed since then, and to update/revise action items for continuing next phases of the project.

Gary Meisner presented a PowerPoint reviewing the Green Infrastructure and Land Use Visioning Plans for the Eastern Corridor Projects. Group discussion reviewed action items, completed tasks, and current issues needing attention in regard to future land use planning and development. Due to time constraints, the committee preferred to continue detailed discussion concerning Action Items at the next meeting. Below are a few general comments captured during the meeting.

#### **Context Issues / General Comments:**

Need to identify funding sources and ways to coordinate implementation with neighboring jurisdictions, Metro Parks and individual property owners to be effective in achieving goals and action agenda items.

#### **Issues:**

- More focus on potential office and hotel development
- Ridge/Highland District reserve for office, hotel, and retail development.
- Local access and implementation of alternative transportation, service roads, loop roads.
- Importance of safe pedestrian walks and bike routes in neighborhood business districts.



## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 1 Agenda**

**September 9, 2009  
Fairfax Village Hall 5:30 pm**

### **Jurisdiction: Fairfax**

#### **Committee Members:**

Ted Shannon, Mayor	Carson Shelton
Jennifer Kaminer, Village Administrator	Paul Imhoff
Tony Haslinger	Tom Drigger
Rick Patterson	Steve Schmidlin
Dr. Scott Sayre	Tom Fiorini

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Deborah Osborne, *ENTRAN*  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the Day
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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 1 Summary**

**September 9, 2009  
Fairfax Village Hall 5:30 pm**

### **Jurisdiction: Fairfax**

#### **Attendance:**

*Fairfax Village Committee*

Ted Shannon, Mayor

Jennifer Kaminer, Village Administrator

Tony Haslinger

Dr. Scott Sayre

Carson Shelton

Paul Imhoff

Rick Patterson

Tom Fiorinni

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

Deborah Osborne, *ENTRAN*

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

### **Meeting Summary**

#### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and update the committee on work completed on the Eastern Corridor Land Use Visioning Plan 2002 and Green Infrastructure Plan 2005. To identify Fairfax action items completed since then, and to update/revise action items for continuing next phases of the project.

Gary Meisner presented a PowerPoint reviewing the Green Infrastructure and Land Use Visioning Plans for the Eastern Corridor Projects. Group discussion reviewed action items, completed tasks, and current issues needing attention in regard to future land use planning and development.

#### **Context Issues / General Comments:**

- Need to publicly emphasize that the Eastern Corridor Project is about both land planning and multi modal transportation

#### **Issues**

- Long range planning needs to insure that local streets system complements arterials
- Continue bike plans and bike way improvements
- Need to collaborate with Jim Coppic about bikeway connections to Lunken Airport Play Fields and Ault Park

- Bike paths need to be included in the plan
- Cincinnati Sports Mall installed new bike racks, however most members of the facility drive; some workers walk.
- Fairfax is anticipating many changes within the next few years to the commercial/business district. Future Eastern Corridor plans should be sensitive to these changes and help improve the economic base.
- Options to improve local access need to be explored during this process
- Fire access between Fairfax and Newtown is key. Future plans need to take into account the access relationship in regards to fire safety between Fairfax and Newtown. A by pass roadway makes both communities safer in terms of fire access.
- Expanding greenspace is primarily along Little Duck Creek

### **Red Bank Corridor**

- Improvements and development planning is underway at the former Swallen's site. This new development needs to be taken into account with future accessibility
- One local access need that is related to fire/safety is to provide access between Virginia Ave. and Red Bank road
- New Wal-Mart site is providing opportunities for future bus stop. Discussions with SORTA are underway

### **Wooster/Old Wooster**

- Energize development around the Col Bank Interchange area and/or old Wooster Road
- Provide a Bus Hub in Fairfax preferably in Wooster Business District
- Proposed junior high school near existing Fairfax school could impact traffic flow on Wooster.
- Wooster Pike Revitalization Plan is planned for 2011 and will include improvements to utilities, sidewalks, and roadway widening
- The intersection of Red Bank Road and Wooster Pike is a potential location for a rail station
- The west end of Wooster pike near Old Wooster are potential locations for future mini bus hubs.
- Sensitivity to the Fairfax business district along Wooster Pike is important
- Configuration and size of lots in the business district are currently not conducive to access and parking along Wooster

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# **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 1 Agenda**

**October 7, 2009  
Mariemont Parish Church 7:00 pm**

## **Jurisdiction: Mariemont**

### **Committee Members:**

Dan Policastro, Mayor  
Andrew Black  
Don Hopkins

Joe Miller  
Jeff Andrews  
Denny Malone

### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

### **Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the day
- Overview Land Use Vision Plan Work and 2002 “Action Agenda”
- Overview Green Infrastructure Plan Work and Summary/Action Agenda
- Jurisdictional accomplishments and related action updates.
- Committee input and list new jurisdictional needs for Land Use and Green Infrastructure
- Summarize meetings and set next.

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# **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 1 Summary**

**September 29, 2009**  
Mariemont Village Parish 7:00 pm

## **Jurisdiction: Village of Mariemont**

### **Attendance:**

*Village of Mariemont Committee*

Dan Palicastro, Mayor

Don Hopkins

Dennis Wolter

Jeff Andrews

Joe Miller

Andy Black

### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and update the committee on work completed on the Eastern Corridor Land Use Visioning Plan 2002 and Green Infrastructure Plan 2005. To identify the Village of Mariemont action items completed since then, and to update/revise action items for continuing next phases of the project.

Gary Meisner presented a PowerPoint reviewing the Green Infrastructure and Land Use Vision Plan for the Eastern Corridor Project. The group will review and update action agenda items when it reconvenes at the next meeting, October 22 at 7:00 pm.

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# **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 1 Agenda**

**October 7, 2009  
Newtown Village Hall 9:00 am**

## **Jurisdiction: Newtown**

### **Committee Members:**

Kurt Cosby, Mayor  
John Russell  
Chuck Short  
Turpin Fischer

Daryl Zornes  
Jack Kraeutler  
Allen Freeman

### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Deborah Osborne, *ENTRAN*  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

### **Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the Day
- Overview of Land Use Vision Plan Work 2002 “Action Agenda”
- Overview of Green Infrastructure Plan Work (2005) and Summary/Recommendations
- Discussion of Fairfax jurisdictional accomplishments since 2002.
- Committee Input - Work Session: List new jurisdictional needs for Land Use and Green Infrastructure
- Summarize meetings and review next meeting time/date and agenda.

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 1 Summary**

**October 7, 2009  
Newtown Village Hall 9:00 am**

### **Jurisdiction: Village of Newtown**

#### **Attendance:**

*Newtown Village Committee*

Curt Cosby, Mayor

Paul Frede

Chuck Short

Mark Kobasuk, Not Present

Joe Motz, Not Present

John Russell

Jack Kraeutler

Allen Freeman

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

John Cox, *ENTRAN*

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

### **Meeting Summary**

#### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and update the committee on work previously completed; the Eastern Corridor Land Use Visioning Plan 2002 and Green Infrastructure Plan 2005. To identify Newtown action agenda items completed since then, and to update/revise action agenda items for Newtown related to community, land use and green issues.

Gary Meisner presented a PowerPoint reviewing the Land Use Vision Plan 2002 process and outcomes for the Eastern Corridor. Group discussion included the following current issues needing attention in regard to future land use planning and development.

#### **Context Issues / General Comments:**

- Future transportation improvements should not “destroy” the Village of Newtown
- Future Land use needs to benefit and strengthen the small communities within Hamilton County encouraging people to reside and conduct business in Hamilton County.
- Future Land Use plans should not encourage sprawling development patterns into communities and rural areas in neighboring counties
- The impact of improved transportation on population flight away from the City of Cincinnati was raised. It was questioned whether this would accelerate flight resulting in job losses and reduce property values in Hamilton County.

- Newtown would like to know additional information about the urgency and benefits of a new transportation route prior to making future decisions

### **Economic Issues:**

- Economic Impact of the proposed new bypass roadway is a significant concern and should be examined in more specific detail to determine benefits/drawbacks to the Village of Newtown prior to making future land use decisions.
- Economic and Environmental impact of transit oriented development is important and should also be evaluated in terms of financial well being for the Village of Newtown.
- Preserving the business corridor and Main St. is a key element to future land use plans
- Local access to existing “destination” businesses is very important.
- Future plans should conserve existing businesses, and residential areas
- Identifying and preserving the “jewels” of the community is important. Future plans should carefully work these “jewels” into plan maximizing their access and benefit to the community.

### **Environmental Issues:**

- Impact of a new roadway/transit route could significantly impact nearby archaeological/historic and environmental resources. A conscious effort to preserve these resources should be considered when evaluating future land uses.
- Scenic resources are important to the Village, especially to residents living on hillsides overlooking the valley. These resources should be conserved / preserved.
- Impact to the overall quality of life in the Village of Newtown is a key aspect of any future plan and must be considered in future decision making.

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 1 Agenda**

**September 29, 2009  
Union Township Civic Center 6:00 pm**

### **Jurisdiction: Union Township**

#### **Committee Members:**

Cory Wright, Assistant Township Administrator & Planning Director	
Matthew Beamer	Eric Louis
Brian Neltner	Tom Hanrahan
Calvin Aicholtz	Chris Smith
Bill Shannon	Mike Zins
Brian Ford	Joe Murdock

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Deborah Osborne, *ENTRAN*  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the Day
- Overview of Land Use Vision Plan Work 2002 “Action Agenda”
- Overview of Green Infrastructure Plan Work (2005) and Summary/Recommendations
- Discussion of Union Township jurisdictional accomplishments since 2002.
- Committee Input - Work Session: List new jurisdictional needs for Land Use and Green Infrastructure
- Summarize meetings and review next meeting time/date and agenda.

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 1 Summary**

**September 29, 2009**  
Union Township Center 6:00 pm

### **Jurisdiction: Union Township**

#### **Attendance:**

*Union Township Committee*

Cory Wright, Township Administrator  
Eric Louis  
Brian Ford  
Matt Beamer  
Chris Smith

Brian Neltner  
Mike Weigel  
Calvin Aicholtz  
Tom Hanrahan  
Joe Murdock

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Deborah Osborne, *ENTRAN*  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

### **Meeting Summary:**

#### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and update the committee on work completed on the Eastern Corridor Land Use Visioning Plan 2002 and Green Infrastructure Plan 2005. To identify Union Township action items completed since then, and to update/revise action items for continuing next phases of the project.

Gary Meisner presented a PowerPoint reviewing the Green Infrastructure and Land Use Vision Plan for the Eastern Corridor Project. Group discussion reviewed action items, completed tasks, and current issues needing attention in regard to future land use planning and development.

#### **Context Issues / General Comments:**

Need to identify funding sources and ways to coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions, Hamilton Co. Parks District and individual property owners to be effective in achieving long-term goals and action agenda items.

#### **General Issues:**

- Roadway configuration needs to accommodate easy local access for the public from local residential areas and outside communities as well as allow for pedestrian and future passenger rail access.
- Explore alternative modes of transportation to accomplish local accessibility

- Emphasize “Place-making” in neighborhood business districts and town center as related to future transportation and development improvements.

#### **Eastgate Area:**

- Committee members discussed options to reduce congestion along 32 and the “bottleneck at I-275/32” intersection, providing better access across the 32 corridor, and reducing the number of intersections to improve safety.
- An idea to link 8 mile and Beechwood was discussed to improve safety
- Improving local access roads between the “four quadrants of Eastgate & I-275 was emphasized
- Significant issues for this area focused on improving pedestrian access and alternative connectivity between all four quadrants of the Eastgate Center.

#### **Mt. Carmel Area:**

- Mt. Carmel is the primary gateway into Union Township from the west. Revitalizing and redeveloping this area with residences, and mixed uses is a key aspect to future plans.

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# Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 2 Agenda

October 14, 2009  
Anderson Center 4:00 pm

## **Jurisdiction: Anderson Township**

### **Committee Members:**

#### *Township Staff*

Henry Dolive, Township Administrator  
Vicky Earhart, Township Administrator  
Steve Sievers, AICP  
Paul Drury, AICP

#### *Development Advisory Committee*

Mr. Dale Bartholomew  
Mr. Frank McCune

#### *Transportation Advisory Committee*

Mr. Tom Caruso  
Mr. Dennis Connair  
Mr. Mike Niehaus

#### *Board of Zoning Appeals*

Mr. Bruce Brandstetter  
Mr. Rick Oberschmidt

#### *Zoning Commission*

Mrs. Anne McBride  
Mr. Matt Van Sant

#### *Street Tree Committee*

Mr. Paul Braasch

#### *Greenspace Advisory Committee*

Mr. Ronald Edgerton

#### *Economic Development Committee*

Mr. Paul Kitzmiller

### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

### **Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the day
- Recap Meeting #1
- Continue Committee input and new jurisdictional needs for Land Use and Green Infrastructure
- Summarize updated “Action Agenda” items
- Prioritize Land Uses / Green Infrastructure, and Land Issues
- Discuss potential development options
- Summarize meetings (set next if needed)

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 2 Summary**

**October 14, 2009  
Anderson Center 4:00 pm**

### **Jurisdiction: Anderson Township**

#### **Attendance:**

*Anderson Twp. Committee*

Steve Sievers

Bruce Brandstetter

Rick Oberschmidt

Ron Edgerton

*Several committee members were not present*

Tom Caruso

Dale Barthomew

Anne McBride

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

Deborah Osborne, *ENTRAN*

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

### **Meeting Summary**

#### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and further discuss and finalize Anderson Action Agenda items for the Township. The updated Action Agenda items discussed in the meeting are listed below.

### **Action Agenda Items for Anderson Township:**

#### ***Greenspace & Environmental:***

- Future greenspace uses and acquisitions should follow the Updated Anderson Trails Plan and the 2006 Comprehensive Plan Anderson Park and Green Areas Plans
- Reduce flood hazards and moderate urban storm runoff
- Preserve land in river plains for agriculture or open space.
- Re-establish forested streamside corridors along the Little Miami River to preserve open space and enhance water quality
- Preserve environmentally sensitive areas and hillsides and link them with green space corridors.
- Preserve existing parks and open space, and create new parks and public open space for under-served areas of the Township.

### ***Accessibility:***

- Create needed connectivity improvements.
- Preserve rail for freight and transporting goods which is important for economic development.
- Long range planning needs to ensure that the local street system complements arterials
- Future accessibility should incorporate the updated Anderson Township trails plan
- Future efforts should include a partnership with Township and Metro Parks to help complete trails and conduct trail planning studies along the Little Miami and Ohio Rivers.
- Create new bike trail connections from neighborhoods to Little Miami Bike Trail, Lunken Airport Bike Trail, and Ohio River Bike Trail.
- Develop and redevelop areas with pedestrian-friendly destinations within walking distances.
- Reduce congestion, create traffic calming measures, and enhance pedestrian-friendly character.

### ***Economic/Land Use Development:***

- Future land uses should follow the 2006 Anderson Township Comprehensive Plan
- Develop Ancor and Northeast Newtown area with a mix of office, industrial, and recreational uses.
- Emphasize redevelopment/investment along the Clough Pike Neighborhood Business District between Henley and Birkshire and the Eight Mile Road intersection (underway)
- Emphasize redevelopment/investment along Salem Road Corridor between Sutton Road and Beechmont Avenue
- Develop / redevelop area between 5 Mile Rd. and Asbury Road as the “Downtown Anderson.”
- Emphasize development in opportunity zones
- Revitalize Neighborhood Center in Mt. Carmel, along Old 74 and Mt. Carmel - Tobasco Road.
- Develop Anderson Township Fringe Areas near Mt. Carmel appropriately.
- Revitalize Clough Crossings at Mt. Carmel - Tobasco and Clough Roads.
- Preserve land in river plains for agriculture.
- Identify opportunities for diversifying and developing new housing in Anderson Township.

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 2 Agenda**

**October 28, 2009**

Columbia Township Maintenance and Administration Building 6:00 pm

**Jurisdiction:** Columbia Township

**Committee Members:**

Michael Lemon, Township Administrator  
Susan Olson  
Les Hemingway  
Barbara Talbot  
Wendy McCracken

**Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Jon Cox, *ENTRAN*  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

**Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the day
- Recap Meeting #1
- Continue Committee input and new jurisdictional needs for Land Use and Green Infrastructure
- Summarize updated “Action Agenda” items
- Prioritize Land Uses / Green Infrastructure, and Land Issues
- Discuss potential development options
- Summarize meetings (set next if needed)

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 2 Summary**

**October 28, 2009**

**Columbia Township Maintenance and Administration Building 6:00 pm**

### **Jurisdiction: Columbia Township**

#### **Attendance:**

*Columbia Township Committee*

Michael Lemon, Township Administrator

Susan Olson

Les Hemingway

Barbra Talbot

Wendy McCracken

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

John Cox, *ENTRAN*

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and further discuss and finalize Columbia Township Action Agenda Items. General comments and concerns are listed below followed by the Action Agenda Items.

#### **General Comments:**

- Preserve integrity of neighborhoods and minimize the adverse impacts of transportation improvements on Townships communities and neighborhoods.
- It is important that areas of concern are adequately addressed by County and ODOT transportation officials and that there is consistency from the planning stages through implementation and construction follow up.

#### **Action Agenda Items for Columbia Township:**

##### ***Greenspace & Environmental:***

- Reduce flood hazards and moderate urban storm runoff.
- Improve visual quality along US 50 and create a better visual connection to the River from the Roadway along the Scenic Little Miami River.
- Hillside concerns – Improve regulations to protect public & new development.
- Provide better access to the Little Miami River Corridor for recreational use in the Plainville and Madison Place areas.

##### ***Accessibility & Safety:***

- Create neighborhood connections to planned bike/hike trails.
- Improve safety measures using traffic calming techniques, such as speed moderation, crosswalks, etc.

- Improve signage and way-finding within the Township.
- Reduce congestion, enhance pedestrian friendly character, and minimize through traffic in local neighborhoods.
- Create connectivity improvements and a through traffic by-pass highway to relieve congestion and improve safety.
- Create connectivity improvements and carefully review location of bus hubs and passenger rail stations to serve the Township's neighborhoods.
- Explore alternative transportation and circulation solutions for the Ridge / Highland intersection and surrounding business district to improve safety and access, such as loop access/service roads.
- Create bike trail connections to Ault Park, to Little Miami River Trail, Lunken Bike Trail, and Ohio River Bike Trail.
- Re-develop along US 50 corridor to be more pedestrian friendly.
- Provide pedestrian access and improve safety to allow for safe access across Rt. 50 at intersection of Williams Meadow.
- Follow-up work needs to be performed as a new by-pass highway is completed to better achieve context sensitive solutions in Plainville Neighborhood Business District.
  - Pedestrian access improvements
  - Access Management
  - Median
  - Speed moderation
  - Tree lawn Planting
- Create improved intersection at Plainville Road and Murray Ave. in Madison Place. Consider a round-about for improving safety and circulation.
- Continue bike path to east in the Plainville/Madison Place area.
- Create improved intersection at Bramble & Plainville – in Madison place. Consider the use of round-about to improve safety and congestion issues.
- Improve Greenspace and bike access in the South Red Bank area.

### ***Streetscape/Gateways***

- Create streetscape and gateway improvements along key corridors.
- Create median in Columbia Township with planted tree lawns on either side of Wooster Pike.
- Implement sidewalks along both sides of Wooster Road (US 50) and enhance the streetscape with plantings.

### ***Economic/Land Use Development:***

- Implement recommendations of the Township Comprehensive plan.
- Revitalize/redevelop the area around the intersection of Ridge and Highland with a mix of office, retail, residential, and light industrial uses.
- Provide for hotel uses and development to take advantage of easy highway access close proximity to local amenities along Ridge and Highland Avenues.
- Create more opportunity for office uses in the Ridge/Highland area.
- Enforce building set backs and signage regulations in the Ridge/Highland area.

- Encourage Office and Industrial uses in Red Bank Corridor while limiting Retail Development.
- Explore the possibilities of creating incentives such as special economic districts, conservation easements, purchase/transfer of development rights, and developer incentives for promoting growth in the Red Bank focus area.
- Revitalize Madison Place Neighborhood Business District.
- Create new residential and commercial developments to improve access and encourage the recreational use along the Little Miami River.
- Redevelop Plainville Neighborhood Business District of Columbia Township along Wooster Pike with mixed use development.
- Evaluate existing financial tools/TIF to assist and encourage new development.
- Create high density office complex/mixed in north Columbia Township near I-71.

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## Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting #2 Agenda

### **Jurisdiction: Fairfax**

#### **Committee Members:**

Ted Shannon, Mayor  
Jennifer Kaminer, Village Administrator  
Tony Haslinger  
Dr. Scott Sayre

Carson Shelton  
Paul Imhoff  
Rick Patterson  
Tom Fiorini

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Deborah Osborne, *ENTRAN*  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the day
- Recap Meeting #1
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- Summarize meetings (set next if needed)

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 2 Summary**

**October 6, 2009  
Fairfax Recreation Center 5:30 pm**

### **Jurisdiction: Fairfax**

#### **Attendance:**

*Fairfax Village Committee*

Ted Shannon, Mayor

Jennifer Kaminer, Village Administrator

Tony Haslinger

Tom Fiorini

Paul Imhoff

Dr. Scott Sayre

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

Deborah Osborne, *ENTRAN*

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

### **Meeting Summary**

#### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and further discuss and finalize the Village of Fairfax Action Agenda Items. The updated Action Agenda items discussed in the meeting are listed below.

### **Action Agenda Items for the Village of Fairfax**

#### ***Greenspace & Environmental:***

- Preserve existing parks and open space, and create new parks and open space for under-served areas.
- Create more greenspace along Red Bank Road, Little Duck Creek, and at the base of Ault Park.
- Reduce Flood Hazards and moderate urban storm runoff

#### ***Accessibility/Safety:***

- Create bike trail connections to Ault Park; along Murray Ave.; to Little Miami River Bike Trail, Lunken Airport Trail, and Ohio River Bike Trail.
- Create local and regional connectivity / transportation improvements.
- Preserve existing bus stops along Red Bank Road, Wooster Pike, and Old Wooster.
- Allow pedestrian and bike access to penetrate through the neighborhood to enable people to live in the community and walk to work.

- Provide access between Virginia Ave. and Red Bank Road, or Columbia Parkway/ or Old Wooster Pike to improve local fire/safety access.
- Implement a passenger rail station along Wooster Road, as close to the Wooster Business District as possible.
- Consider alternative rail station/bus hub locations along the Red Bank Corridor.
- Locate passenger rail stations / bus hubs to serve redevelopment and revitalize Wooster Business District.
- Near the intersection of Red Bank Road and Wooster Pike is a potential location for a rail station.

### ***Streetscape/Gateway:***

- Create streetscape and gateway improvements along key corridors.

### ***Economic/Land Use Development:***

- Examine the possibility of sharing the economic costs of redevelopment within the new transportation corridor.
- Revitalize / Create Fairfax Neighborhood Business District along Wooster Road.
- Evaluate incentives for special economic districts, conservation easements, purchase/transfer of development rights, developer incentives for providing socially desirable features in their projects and to help to create an equitable distribution of benefits from development and preservation in the area.
- Encourage Office and Light Industrial uses in Red Bank Corridor while limiting Retail Development.
- Improvements and development planning is underway at the former Swallen's site. This new development area needs to be taken into account with future transportation planning.
- Energize new development around the Col Bank Interchange area and/or old Wooster Road.
- The Wooster Pike Revitalization Plan is planned for 2011 and will include improvements to utilities, sidewalks, and roadway widening. Coordinate with other local access in Eastern Corridor.
- Sensitivity to redevelopment in the Fairfax business district along Wooster Pike is very important.

*Prepared by Meisner + Associates/ Land Vision and ENTRAN*





## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting #2 Agenda**

**November 16, 2009  
Mariemont Council Chambers 7:30 pm**

### **Jurisdiction: Mariemont**

#### **Committee Members:**

Dan Policastro, Mayor  
Andrew Black  
Don Hopkins

Joe Miller  
Jeff Andrews  
Denny Malone

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the day
- Recap Meeting #1
- Continue Committee input and new jurisdictional needs for Land Use and Green Infrastructure
- Review / Summarize updated “Action Agenda” items
- Prioritize Land Uses / Green Infrastructure, and Land Issues
- Discuss potential development
- Summarize meetings

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 2 Summary**

**November 16, 2009**

Mariemont Council Chambers 7:30 pm

### **Jurisdiction: Village of Mariemont**

#### **Attendance:**

*Village of Mariemont Committee*

Dan Policastro, Mayor

Don Hopkins

Dennis Wolter

Jeff Andrews

Joe Miller

Andy Black

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and further discuss and finalize Mariemont Village Action Agenda Items. The updated Action Agenda items discussed in the meeting are listed below.

### **Action Agenda Items for the Village of Mariemont**

#### ***Greenspace & Environmental:***

- Preserve existing parks and open space, and create new parks and open space for under-served areas.
- Improve access to recreation along the Little Miami River and the public lands on the 80 acres in south Mariemont.
- Preserve hillsides, Little Miami River's stream bank and visual quality along the Scenic Little Miami River with a minimum buffer of 300'.
- Protect Mariemont from noise and light pollution.
- Replant streams/river edge/hills with native plants.
- Preserve land in river plains for agriculture or open space.
- Re-establish forested streamside corridors along the Scenic Little Miami River to improve water and visual quality.

#### ***Accessibility & Safety:***

- Create needed connectivity improvements.
- Improve pedestrian vehicular safety in the Village.
- Protect and enhance existing areas with multiple pedestrian-friendly destinations within walking distance. These would be areas that could effectively be served by alternative modes of transportation.
- Reduce the amount of through traffic particularly heavy truck traffic on US 50 and other through streets.

- Create bike trail connections from the existing Little Miami Bike Trail to the Lunken Bike Trail, and the Ohio River Bike Trail.
- Manage construction period impact to minimize traffic on the Village and Town Square.
- Coordinate bus and passenger rail system to serve Mariemont and connect to Downtown, hospitals, airports, and core university destination areas.

***Economic/ Land Use Development:***

- Maintain and enhance existing property values.
- Honor intentions of the Historic Community Plan created by John Nolan.
- Protect existing infrastructure.
- Enhance industrial park.

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## Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 2

October 12, 2009  
Newtown Village Hall 9:00 am

### **Jurisdiction: Village of Newtown**

#### **Attendance:**

Kurt Cosby, Mayor  
John Russell  
Chuck Short  
Turpin Fischer

Daryl Zornes  
Jack Kraeutler  
Allen Freeman

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Deb Osborn, *ENTRAN*  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the day
- Recap Meeting #1
- Continue Committee input and new jurisdictional needs for Land Use and Green Infrastructure
- Summarize updated “Action Agenda” items
- Prioritize Land Uses / Green Infrastructure, and Land Issues
- Summarize meeting (set next if needed)

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 2 Summary**

**October 12, 2009  
Newtown Village Hall 9:00 am**

### **Jurisdiction: Village of Newtown**

#### **Committee Attendance:**

*Newtown Village Committee*

Curt Cosby, Mayor

Jack Kraeutler

Chuck Short

John Russell

Allen Freeman

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

John Cox, *ENTRAN*

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and further discuss land use, greenspace and development issues as well as Action Agenda Items. General comments and concerns from the committee are listed below followed by the Draft Action Agenda Items for discussion at the next meeting.

#### **General Meeting Comments:**

Discussion from the committee focused upon the following comments:

- Preserve Newtown neighborhoods and businesses.
- Preserve unique Newtown small town feel.
- Protect quality of life – issues.
  - Air quality
  - Noise
- Protect natural environment.
- Protect Agricultural lands.
- It was recommended that an economic study be conducted to assess the impact of proposed transportation improvements on the Village of Newtown. This study should incorporate an updated review of growth within the region and address several questions:
  - How proposed transportation improvements will impact growth and / or development within Hamilton County?
  - Will improvements associated with the transportation corridor enhance growth in Hamilton Co. or accentuate population loss?
  - What is the impact of transportation improvements if implemented at different times, i.e. “phased-in” or staged separately?

- There is a concern of an unfair “burden” and impact being placed upon Newtown to solve neighboring communities / counties transportation problems.
- It was recommended that a creative look should be taken at the possibility of a phased implementation approach to passenger rail and/or bus modes.
- Assessing the economic, environmental, and social impact of a Transportation Oriented Development (TOD) on the Community was recommended.
- Explore opportunities for cost sharing among the communities to assure that the benefits and of the proposed roadway and transportation modes are shared appropriately.

### **Draft Action Agenda Items for Village of Newtown:**

#### **Ohio 32 Focus Area & River Plains Focus Area**

##### ***Greenspace & Environmental:***

- Reduce Flood Hazards and moderate urban storm runoff.
- Preserve land in river plains for agriculture and / or open space.
- Re-establish forested streamside corridors along the Scenic Little Miami River to preserve and enhance water quality.
- Preserve parklands and greenspaces.
- Preserve environmentally sensitive areas and link them with green space corridors.

##### ***Accessibility & Safety:***

- Create connectivity improvements.
- Improve local access.
- Reduce the impact of peak period through traffic.
- Improve walking and bike access.
- Create bike trail connections from neighborhoods to Little Miami Bike Trail, Lunken Airport Bike Trail, and Ohio River Bike Trail
- Reduce congestion, create traffic-calming measures and enhance pedestrian-friendly character of the Village.

##### ***Land Use / Economic Development:***

- Conserve and protect existing businesses and economic base.
- Conserve and protect existing residential neighborhoods.
- Protect and enhance existing property values.
- Revitalize / re-create expanded Newtown Neighborhood Business District.
- Develop Northeast Newtown, East Newtown and nearby Ancor area with a mix of office, industrial, and recreation uses.
- Create new infill and office development where appropriate.
- Develop and infill re-develop areas with pedestrian-friendly destinations in walking distance.



## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 2 Agenda**

**October 20, 2009  
Union Township Civic Center 6:00 pm**

### **Jurisdiction: Union Township**

#### **Committee Members:**

David Duckworth, Township Administrator  
Cory Wright, Assistant Township Administrator  
Matthew Beamer  
Brian Neltner  
Calvin Aicholtz  
Bill Shannon  
Brian Ford

Eric Louis  
Tom Hanrahan  
Chris Smith  
Mike Zins  
Joe Murdock

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Steve Shadix, *ENTRAN*  
Frederick Lutt, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the day
- Recap Meeting #1
- Continue Committee input and new jurisdictional needs for Land Use and Green Infrastructure
- Review / Summarize updated “Action Agenda” items
- Prioritize Land Uses / Green Infrastructure, and Land Issues
- Discuss potential development
- Summarize meetings (set next if needed)

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 2 Summary**

**October 20, 2009**  
Union Township Center 6:00 pm

### **Jurisdiction: Union Township**

#### **Attendance:**

*Union Township Committee*

Cory Wright, Twp. Administrator

Eric Louis

Mike Zins

Matt Beamer

Bill Shannon

Mike Weigel

Tom Hanrahan

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

Steve Shadix, *ENTRAN*

Frederick Lutt, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and discuss action Agenda/Agenda items for Union Township. General comments and concerns are listed below followed by the Draft Action Agenda Items.

#### **General Discussion/Comments:**

- Discussed Zones of Change Map for Ohio 32 Focus Area of the Land Use Vision Plan.
- Discussed Passenger Rail 3C to Lunken Airport or Fairfax: feasibility planning is underway by State.
- Potential passenger rail on proposed Oasis and Wasson lines is under consideration.
- Oasis Passenger Rail Line could possibly be fast tracked if operational funding or partnership with private corporation can be created.
- It is important to coordinate with ODOT, local investors, and local government agencies to create investment opportunities and improve accessibility.

#### **Action Agenda Items for Union Township**

##### ***Greenspace & Environmental:***

- Integrate greenspace areas into mixed use areas and urban street systems.
- Reduce Flood Hazards and moderate urban storm runoff.
- Preserve land in river plains for agriculture or open space.
- Reestablish forested streamside corridors along the Little Miami River/East Fork to preserve and enhance water quality.
- Preserve environmentally sensitive areas.

- Preserve existing parks and open space, and create new parks and public open space for under-served areas.
- Incorporate storm water management practices with urban greens, streetscapes, and greenways.

### ***Accessibility/Safety:***

- Create connectivity improvements and provide for better access across the Route 32 Corridor.
- Reinforce access connection between Mt. Carmel and the “Aicholtz/Ferguson Properties” area.
- Reassess and refine Eastgate’s local access plan in regard to land use issues.
- Better connect each quadrant of Eastgate “center” together with local access.
- Future highway configuration needs to accommodate easy access for both local areas and outside communities/jurisdictions.
- The new transportation corridor should accommodate pedestrian and passenger rail access.
- Explore alternative modes of transportation to accomplish local accessibility
- Improve transportation and reduce congestion along Route 32 and eliminate bottleneck at I-275 interchange.
- Eight Mile Road dead ends into Route 32 at dangerous intersection. Consider and evaluate feasibility of connecting Eight Mile to Beechwood to reduce conflicts and improve safety.
- Make Mt. Carmel /Tobasco Road a functional and efficient secondary connection between Route 32 and Route 125.
- Potential rail stops near Eastgate/Mt. Carmel are important for future investment and Transit Oriented Development (TOD), locate in concert with land use.
- TOD’s should be located to energize the Mt. Carmel District/ Union Government Center and Ancor areas.
- Create better pedestrian connections between Mt. Carmel area and local businesses.

### ***Streetscape/Gateways:***

- Explore creating a gateway to Union Township and Clermont County in the Mt. Carmel district.

### ***Economic/Land Use Development:***

- Increase development density around the Eastgate area and encouraging creative infill with more mixed use development.
- Direct development pressure away from residential areas near Eastgate.
- Create niche retail and improve pedestrian connectivity to local businesses in Mt Carmel.
- Encourage local restaurants in the south quadrant of the Eastgate area to extend the hours of operation and activity.
- Locate a community facilities center that would include amenities such as a library, YMCA, etc.

- Revitalize Neighborhood Center in Mt. Carmel, along Old 74 and Mt. Carmel Tobasco Road with a mixture of office, retail, and residential uses.
- Provide a diversity of housing types along Eight Mile/ Beechwood and 32 Corridor near Mt. Carmel Business District.
- Create Sense of Place at Clough Crossings, along Mt. Carmel - Tobasco Road and Clough Road.
- Strengthen the “Town Center” in south-eastern quadrant of Eastgate area.
- Consider the creation of pedestrian-friendly mixed-use development in appropriate locations in Union Township. Possible locations include Clough Pike and Gleneste-Withamsville with senior housing and other residential development, and Aicholtz and Ferguson with office with some local retail use.
- Create a mixed-use development along Clough Pike near McMann and Bach-Buxton with primarily office and industrial uses.
- Encourage more intense development where mixed use now exists in Mt. Carmel.

### **Land Use and Economic Development Recommendations by Districts:**

The committee chose to outline future development options by geographical area in West Union Township as follows:

#### **Eastgate NE of I-275 and Ohio 32:**

Future land use and development goals, create a mix of the following:

- Regional Retail
- Destination Entertainment
- Office
- Restaurants

#### **Eastgate SE of I-275 and Ohio 32:**

Future land uses and development goals; create a mix of the following:

- Office
- Business
- Retail
- Residential
- Local Entertainment
- Creative Infill Development

#### **Mt. Carmel NW of I-275 and Ohio 32:**

Future land uses and development goals: create a mix of the following:

- Neighborhood Focused Business District
- Niche Retail
- Entertainment

#### **Mt. Carmel SW of I-275 and Ohio 32:**

Future land uses and development goals; create a mix of the following:

- Neighborhood Focused Business District
- Niche Retail

- New Housing Units
- Upgraded Residential Units

### **Green Infrastructure**

- Regional stormwater management
- Hillside buffers and conservation
- Urban “Greens”
- Complete Streets/Bikeways
- Streetscape Greenery

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# Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 3 Agenda

November 12, 2009  
Anderson Center 4:00 pm

## **Jurisdiction: Anderson Township**

### **Committee Members:**

#### *Township Staff*

Henry Dolive, Township Administrator  
Vicky Earhart, Township Administrator  
Steve Sievers, AICP  
Paul Drury, AICP

#### *Development Advisory Committee*

Mr. Dale Bartholomew  
Mr. Frank McCune

#### *Transportation Advisory Committee*

Mr. Tom Caruso  
Mr. Dennis Connair  
Mr. Mike Niehaus

#### *Board of Zoning Appeals*

Mr. Bruce Brandstetter  
Mr. Rick Oberschmidt

#### *Zoning Commission*

Mrs. Anne McBride  
Mr. Matt Van Sant

#### *Street Tree Committee*

Mr. Paul Braasch

#### *Greenspace Advisory Committee*

Mr. Ronald Edgerton

#### *Economic Development Committee*

Mr. Paul Kitzmiller

### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

### **Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the day
- Recap Meeting #2
- Continue Committee on Land Use, Green Infrastructure, Economic Development,
- Summarize meetings

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 3 Summary**

**November 12, 2009**  
Anderson Center 4:00 pm

### **Jurisdiction: Anderson Township**

#### **Attendance:**

*Anderson Twp. Committee*

Steve Sievers

Bruce Brandstetter

Rick Oberschmidt

Ron Edgerton

Tom Caruso

Matt Van Sant

Paul Braasch

*Several committee members were not present*

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

John Cox, *ENTRAN*

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and further discuss and finalize Anderson Action Agenda items for the Township. The updated Action Agenda items discussed in the meeting are listed below.

### **Action Agenda Items for the Anderson Township**

#### ***Green Space and Environmental:***

- Future green space and acquisitions should consider the updated Trails Plan, Comprehensive Plan, Anderson Parks plans, and the Greenspace program.
- Reduce flood hazards.
- Reduce urban storm water runoff.
- Encourage land in river plains for agriculture, or open space.
- Re-establish forested streamside corridors along the Little Miami River and Ohio River to enhance water quality.
- Preserve environmentally sensitive areas, hillsides, flood plains, and link them with green space corridors.
- Preserve existing parks and open space, and create new parks and public open space for under-served areas of the Township.
- Promote Tree City Certification of Township.

#### ***Accessibility and Safety:***

- Create and maintain needed connectivity improvements.
- Preserve rail for passenger and freight, which is important for economic development.

- Long range planning needs to ensure that the street system and transportation network are mutually supportive.
- Future accessibility should incorporate the Anderson Trails Plan.
- Future efforts should include partnership(s) between Anderson Township and other organizations to help complete trails and conduct trail planning studies along the Little Miami and Ohio Rivers.
- Create new bike trail connections from neighborhoods to Little Miami Bike Trail, Ohio River Bike Trail, and Five Mile Trail.
- Develop and redevelop areas with pedestrian friendly destinations within walking distances.
- Reduce congestion and enhance pedestrian friendly character.

### ***Economic/Land Use Development***

- Promote Five Mile Road as a Gateway into Anderson Township.
- Future land uses should follow the Anderson Township Comprehensive Plan.
- Develop the Ancor area with a mix of office, industrial, and recreational uses.
- Encourage redevelopment/involvement along the Clough Pike Neighborhood Business District between Hunley and Berkshire and the Eight Mile Road/Clough Pike intersection.
- Encourage redevelopment along Salem Road Corridor between Sutton Road and Beechmont Ave.
- Emphasize development/redevelopment of the area between Five Mile Road and Asbury Road on Beechmont Avenue as “Downtown Anderson”.
- Encourage development within opportunity areas consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- Encourage land in river plains for agriculture.
- Identify opportunities for diversifying and developing new housing in Anderson Township.
- Encourage redevelopment of the Beechmont Corridor.
- Promote cross-jurisdictional planning and implementation strategies.

*Meisner + Associates November 25, 2009*





## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 3**

**November 9, 2009  
Newtown Village Hall 6:30 pm**

### **Jurisdiction: Village of Newtown**

#### **Committee:**

Kurt Cosby, Mayor  
John Russell  
Chuck Short  
Turpin Fischer

Daryl Zornes  
Jack Kraeutler  
Allen Freeman

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision  
Jon Cox, *ENTRAN*  
Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the day
- Recap Meeting #2
- Continue Committee on Land Use, Green Infrastructure, Economic Development,
- Summarize meetings

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 3 Summary**

**November 9, 2009  
Newtown Village Hall 6:30 pm**

### **Jurisdiction: Village of Newtown**

#### **Committee Attendance:**

*Newtown Village Committee*

Curt Cosby, Mayor

Jack Kraeutler

Chuck Short

Turpin Fischer

John Russell

Allen Freeman

Daryl Zornes

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

John Cox, *ENTRAN*

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and further discuss and finalize the Village of Newtown Action Agenda Items. The updated Action Agenda items discussed in the meeting are listed below.

### **Action Agenda Items for the Village of Newtown**

#### ***Land Use / Economic Development:***

- Preserve unique small town feel of Newtown it's a "gem".
- Preserve Newtown neighborhoods and business.
- Preserve historic architectural elements.
- Protect and enhance existing businesses and economic base.
- Conserve and protect existing residential neighborhoods.
- Protect and enhance existing property values.
- Encourage investment in Newtown Neighborhood Business District.
- Optimize undeveloped areas with a mix of office, industrial, and commercial development.
- Take advantage of TOD – light rail station in Newtown.
- Create new infill and office development where appropriate.
- Develop and infill re-develop areas with pedestrian-friendly destinations in walking distance.

#### ***Accessibility & Safety:***

- Improve walking and bike trail connections from neighborhoods to Little Miami Bike trail, Lunken Airport Bike Trail and Ohio River Bike Trail.
- Manage impact of peak flow traffic on existing roads.

- Enhance pedestrian-friendly character of the Village.
- Create passenger rail access.
- Create “park and rides”.

### ***Greenspace & Environmental:***

- Integrate greenspace areas into mixed use areas and urban street systems.
- Reduce Flood Hazards and moderate urban storm runoff.
- Preserve land in floodway for agriculture or open space.
- Reestablish forested streamside corridors along the Little Miami River/East Fork to preserve and enhance water quality.
- Preserve environmentally sensitive areas.
- Preserve existing parks and open space and explore the feasibility for parks and open space for underserved areas.
- Incorporate storm water management practices with urban greens, streetscapes, and greenways.

### **Land Use/Economic Development Recommendations:**

The committee chose to outline the following next step concerning the new transportation corridor within the Village.

- Prepare an economic study analyzing impact of future transportation improvements on the Village of Newtown and Hamilton County.

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 3 Agenda**

**November 17, 2009  
Union Township Civic Center 6:00 pm**

### **Jurisdiction: Union Township**

#### **Committee Members:**

Cory Wright, Assistant Twp. Administrator  
& Planning Director

Matthew Beamer

Brian Neltner

Calvin Aicholtz

Bill Shannon

Brian Ford

Eric Louis

Tom Hanrahan

Chris Smith

Mike Zins

Joe Murdock

#### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

Deborah Osborne, *ENTRAN*

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

Fred Lutt, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

#### **Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Goals for the day
- Recap Meeting #2
- Continue Committee on Land Use, Green Infrastructure, Economic Development
- Continue Committee input on Prioritization of Land Uses, Green Infrastructure

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## **Eastern Corridor 2009 Jurisdictional Work Land Use Vision Plan /Green Infrastructure Plan Meeting # 3 Summary**

**November 17, 2009**  
Union Township Center 6:00 pm

### **Attendance:**

#### *Union Township Committee*

Cory Wright, Assistant Union Twp. Administrator  
& Planning Director

Matthew Beamer

Joe Murdock

Calvin Aicholtz

Bill Shannon

Brian Ford

Eric Louis

Tom Hanrahan

Chris Smith

Mike Zins

### **Facilitators:**

Gary Meisner, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

Steve Shadix, ENTRAN

Emalee Ridgway, Meisner + Associates / Land Vision

### **Intent of the Meeting:**

To review and further discuss and finalize Union Township Action Agenda Items. The updated Action Agenda items discussed in the meeting are listed below.

### **Action Agenda Items for Union Township**

#### ***Greenspace & Environmental:***

- Integrate greenspace areas into mixed use areas and urban street systems.
- Reduce flood hazards and moderate urban storm runoff.
- Preserve land in floodway for agriculture or open space
- Reestablish forested streamside corridors along the Little Miami River/East Fork to preserve and enhance water quality.
- Preserve environmentally sensitive areas.
- Preserve existing parks and open space and explore the feasibility for parks and open space for underserved areas.
- Incorporate storm water management practices with urban greens, streetscapes, and greenways.

#### ***Accessibility/Safety:***

- Eight Mile Road dead ends into Route 32 at a dangerous intersection. Consider and evaluate feasibility of connecting Eight Mile to Beechwood to reduce conflicts and improve safety.
- Create connectivity improvements and provide for better access across the Route 32 Corridor.

- Reinstate access connection between Mt. Carmel and the “Aicholtz/Ferguson Properties” area.
- Reassess and refine Eastgate’s local access plan in regard to land use issues.
- Better connect each quadrant of Eastgate “center” together with local access.
- Future highway configuration needs to accommodate easy access for both local areas and outside communities/jurisdictions.
- The new transportation corridor design should allow for pedestrian and passenger rail access.
- Explore alternative modes of transportation to improve local accessibility
- Improve transportation efficiency and reduce congestion along Route 32 and eliminate bottleneck at Eastgate Area
- Make Mt. Carmel /Tobasco Road a functional and efficient secondary connection between Route 32 and Route 125.
- Passenger rail stations near Eastgate/Mt. Carmel are important for future investment and transit oriented development. Locate in concert with land use.
- TOD’s should be located to energize the Mt. Carmel District and Union Government Center.
- Create better pedestrian connections between Mt. Carmel area and local businesses.

#### ***Streetscape/Gateways:***

- Explore creating a gateway to Union Township and Clermont County in the Mt. Carmel district.
- Create gateway landscapes at Eastgate blvd. and I-275 interchange
- Create a gateway at Mt. Carmel – Tobasco Road and Clough Pike.

#### ***Economic/Land Use Development:***

- Increase development intensity around the Eastgate area and encourage creative infill with more mixed use development.
- Protect established residential areas.
- Create niche retail and improve pedestrian connectivity to local businesses in Mt. Carmel District.
- Encourage local restaurants in the South quadrant of the Eastgate area to extend the hours of operation and activity as demand grows.
- Locate community facilities center that would include amenities such as a library, YMCA, etc. near the Union Government Center.
- Revitalize Neighborhood Center in Mt. Carmel, along Old 74 and Mt. Carmel Tobasco Road with a mixture of office, retail, and residential uses.
- Provide a diversity of housing types along Eight Mile/ Beechwood and 32 Corridor near Mt. Carmel Business District.
- Strengthen the “Town Center” in south-eastern quadrant of Eastgate area.
- Consider the creation of pedestrian-friendly mixed-use development in appropriate locations in Union Township.
- Encourage a mixed-use development along Clough Pike near McMann and Bach-Buxton with primarily office and industrial uses.

## **Land Use/Economic Development and Greenspace/Environmental Recommendations by Districts:**

The committee chose to outline future development options and measures for Greenspace/Environmental improvements by geographical area in West Union Township as follows:

### ***Eastgate NE of I-275 and Ohio 32:***

*Future land use and development goals, create a mix of the following:*

- Regional retail
- Destination Entertainment
- Office
- Restaurants
- Hotels
- Residential

*Future development should address the following Greenspace/Environmental issues/improvements*

- Regional stormwater management
- Hillside buffers and conservation
- Urban “Greens”
- Complete Streets/bikeways
- Streetscape greenery

### ***Eastgate SE of I-275 and Ohio 32:***

*Future land uses and development goals; create a **mix** of the following:*

- Office
- Business
- Retail
- Residential/Walkable
- Local Entertainment
- Creative Mixed Use/Urban Infill Development
- Encourage “Town Center”

*Future development should address the following Greenspace/Environmental issues/improvements*

- Regional stormwater management
- Hillside buffers and conservation
- Urban “Greens”
- Complete Streets/bikeways
- Streetscape greenery

### ***Mt. Carmel NW of I-275 and Ohio 32 Summerside:***

*Future land uses and development goals: create a mix of the following:*

- Infill Office and Commercial Development



- Health Services
- Residential

*Future development should address the following Greenspace/Environmental issues/improvements*

- Regional stormwater management
- Hillside buffers and conservation
- Urban “Greens”
- Complete Streets/bikeways
- Streetscape greenery

***Mt. Carmel SW of I-275 and Ohio 32:***

*Future land uses and development goals; create a mix of the following:*

- Neighborhood Focused Business District
- Niche Retail
- New Housing Units
- Upgraded Residential
- Medical and Professional health Services uses

*Future development should address the following Greenspace/Environmental issues/improvements*

- Regional stormwater management
- Hillside buffers and conservation
- Urban “Greens”
- Complete Streets/bikeways
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