

***WELCOME!***

**Community Listening and Design Session  
Hart County Comprehensive Plan  
Bonnieville City Hall  
Monday, May 5, 2014  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**What are the things that set Hart County apart from other communities or places?**

- History
- civil war, first engagement of federal troops was here
- Caves
- Amish
- Only undeveloped exit off I-65
- The people
- Railroad runs through the town
- 1 Railroad spur
- Interstate
- Judicial Center

**What do you value most about Hart County?**

- A lot of loving people
- Rural
- It's quiet
- It's growing
- Christianity
- The history and culture
- School system

### **Strengths**

- Unique location – Louisville , Bowling Green close
- Rural without big city problems
- Population growing
- Courthouse
- People can make a living here
- Cost of living
- Low energy costs
- Safe community

### **Weaknesses**

- Sidewalks
- Need a bank
- Lack of community pride
- Need more for youth to do
- Need countywide zoning
- Inadequate housing
- Lacking elder housing
- Lack assisted living facility
- Lack of small businesses across the county
- Cities and counties need to speak with one voice
- Need a new high school
- Lack of vocational school

## **Opportunities**

- **Potential at the interstate**
- **Better employment opportunities**
- **Tourism – Frenchman’s Knob**
- **Need a new high school**
- **Need a vocational school**
- **Affordable housing**
- **Railroad**
- **Strong Chamber of Commerce**
- **Passenger train**
- **Economic development – need an executive director**
- **Bacon’s Creek – tourism opportunity**

## **Threats**

- **No workforce**
- **Community pride**
- **Low on funds**
- **Lack of vision**
- **Fear of failing**
- **Commitment**
- **Lack of information/education**
- **Lack of money**
- **Fear of change**
- **Training at school does not translate into good workforce**
- **Need to speak with one voice**

## Design Session

### Table #1

- Ground water protection
- Develop I-65 interchange at Bonnieville
- Protect wildlife
- Organized athletics
- Horseback riding
- Murals in the cities
- Economic development office with a director
- Multi-family housing in each city
- Duplex, single-family housing
- Job training for young people
- Develop upper story housing in downtowns
- Gateway signage into Hart County
- Rain gardens, beautification
- Wi-Fi in each city
- Create fun at the lake to attract retirees
- Lodge on the lake
- Protect endangered species
- Trails at Frenchman's Knobs
- Shop local
- Children's park
- Sidewalks in Bonnieville

### Table #2

- Bed & Breakfast development
- Multi-family housing
- More small businesses in the county
- Trail walk
- Farmers Market

- **Local tourism**
- **New development – housing, assisted living housing**
- **Wendy's at the exit – whatever we can get**
- **Take care of wildlife around national park**
- **More activities for youth**
- **Groundwater protection**
- **Welcome signage at county line**

**Most important thing we heard that could make the biggest difference:**

- **Housing**
- **Recreation for young people**
- **Economic development**
- **Vocational school**
- **Fast-food restaurants**
- **Sidewalks in Bonnieville**