



## 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:**

Curt Cosby, Mayor

Paul Frede

Chuck Short

Mark Kobasuk, Not Present

Joe Motz, Not Present

John Russell

Jack Kraeutlor

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 east 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.

**Additions / Corrections need to be forwarded to Emalee Ridgway or Gary Meisner**

*Prepared by Meisner + Associates/ Land Vision and ENTRAN October 8, 2009*