



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, Twp. 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, Metro Parks 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.