

## Comprehensive Plan Update

# PUBLIC WORKSHOP #1 – ISSUES & GOALS

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## Public Workshop Participant Kit

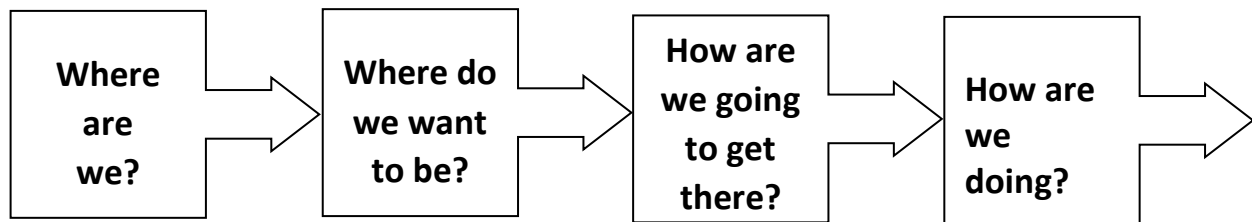
### Agenda

- Arrival, Sign-in, Browse Maps on Display 7:00-7:15
- Introduction & Workshop Overview 7:15-7:25
- Group Exercise 7:25-9:05
- Adjourn 9:05-9:15

### What is the Comprehensive Plan?

The comprehensive plan is a planning tool that serves as the long-range policy vision for the township. It assesses the township's existing conditions, outlines community goals, and provides recommendations and strategies aimed at achieving those goals. It is enabled by state legislation, which stipulates that the comprehensive plan must be reviewed every ten years and must include such issues as land development and preservation, housing, transportation systems, community facilities, and protection of natural and historic resources.

The comprehensive plan process...



### Public Participation

Public participation is at the heart of this comprehensive plan. Township officials are obtaining input from residents about challenges and opportunities facing the township and ideas for how to move forward into the future. The ultimate goal is to produce a plan that is responsive to residents and achievable within the framework of good planning practice and land use law.

Please check the township website for future public participation events: [www.westgoshen.org](http://www.westgoshen.org)

**THANK YOU!**

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**WORKSHOP INSTRUCTIONS**

**Objectives**

1. To gather residents' thoughts on **issues** (i.e., strengths and weaknesses) and **goals** (i.e., what would you like the township to do) related to transportation/circulation, environment, historic resources, community facilities and utilities, and land use and housing.
2. Data gathered at this Public Workshop will be used as input to the comprehensive plan.

**Instructions**

1. Select someone from the group at your table to be the group leader. The group leader is responsible for keeping the discussion moving along, ensuring all community members at their table have an opportunity to express their views, and filling-in answers to the questions on the following pages of this participant kit.
2. Six pages follow. The first five pages are devoted to a specific comprehensive plan topic: (1) transportation/circulation, (2) environmental resources, (3) historic resources, (4) community facilities and utilities, (5) land use and housing. There are three questions for each topic. The group will discuss each topic, one-by-one, to answer the questions. The last page asks you to prioritize the issues.
3. The group leader will record the answers to the questions based on the group discussion.
4. Please feel free to draw on the map at your table. Use the provided markers and post-it notes to draw and make notations on the map. If you draw on the map, please clearly explain what the drawing represents. For example, if you circle a road intersection on the map, you can attach a post-it note next to the circle with a detailed explanation of your concern/idea related to that intersection.
5. Twenty minutes of discussion time is allotted to each topic. Please stick to this time allotment to ensure that the group answers the questions for all five topics. You can always go back to finish discussion on any topic.
6. When finished, please leave the map, markers, post-it notes, and this participant kit, with answers filled-in, on the table so that we can collect them.

**Ground Rules**

- Be respectful of others in the group
- Keep comments brief and to the point to allow others time to speak
- Listen to what others have to say
- Stay on task – keep the discussion moving along







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**TOPIC: COMMUNITY FACILITIES & UTILITIES**

**Parks and Recreation, Emergency Services, Municipal Services, Schools, Sewer and Water**

1. What are the **strengths** or positive aspects of the township's community facilities and utilities?

2. What are the **weaknesses** or negative aspects of the township's community facilities and utilities?

3. **What would you like the township to do** with regard to its community facilities and utilities?

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**TOPIC: LAND USE & HOUSING**

**Land Development and Redevelopment, Open Space Preservation, Housing**

+ Land Development/Redevelopment = residential, retail, office, industrial, institutional

+ Housing = condition, types, supply and affordability

1. What are the **strengths** or positive aspects of the township’s land use and housing?

2. What are the **weaknesses** or negative aspects of the township’s land use and housing?

3. **What would you like the township to do** with regard to land use and housing?

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**PRIORITIZE THE ISSUES**

Based on your answers to the previous questions, please list in order of priority what you feel are the five most important issues the township should address.

Most important issues:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Is there anything else your group would like to add, which was not covered in this exercise?