

Introduction

On November 12, 2013 the Town of Ledgeview hosted a *Community Engagement Session* kicking off the process of updating the community's Comprehensive Plan and Parks & Recreation Plan. The event was held at the De Pere Middle School and was attended by more than 40 residents, landowners, and town officials. Community Planning & Consulting LLC (CPC), the firm hired by the Town to assist in the planning process, facilitated the meeting. Issues presented and discussed included:



- Summaries of the *2009 Comprehensive Plan* and *2007 Parks & Recreation Plan*
- Updated demographic data from the 2010 U.S. Census
- Preliminary results of the *Community Survey* distributed to each household in mid-October
- *Visioning & Nominal Group Exercise*

The following pages provide a summary of the information gathered during the visioning portion of the session. The final results of the Community Survey will be available once all of the returned surveys have been tabulated.

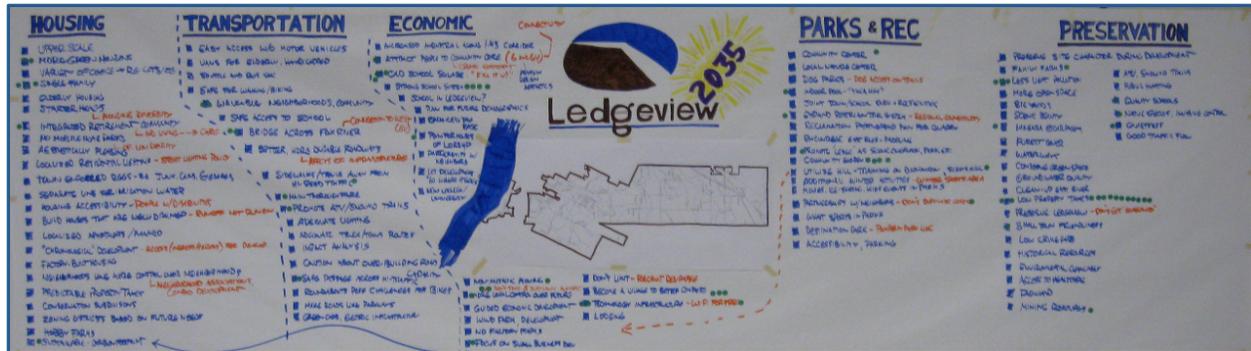


Visioning & Nominal Group Exercise

During the second half of the meeting, CPC led those in attendance through a visioning exercise utilizing a process known as *graphic recording*. Particularly effective within group settings, the technique encourages freethinking and the rapid generation of ideas. Participant comments are recorded on a large wall graphic that aids in establishing the group's memory of the flow and content of the discussion. This method of meeting facilitation evokes enthusiasm, encourages interaction and cooperative participation, and leads to informed consent since participants are able to visualize their ideas and build upon each other's comments. The image of the finished wall graphic presented on the following page will be incorporated within the updated Comprehensive and Parks & Recreation Plans.

During the visioning session, CPC led participants through an exercise intended to visualize Ledgeview's ideal future. Participants were asked to imagine that it was the year 2035 and describe, through a series of directed questions, how Ledgeview looks like with respect to various land-use categories (housing, transportation, parks and recreation, etc.). When participants completed the visioning portion of the meeting they were asked to participate in a *nominal group* scoring process during which each person was given three green adhesive dots and asked to place them onto the wall graphic next to the vision or visions they deemed most important.





The results of the visioning and nominal group exercises will be used as a foundational element (along with the results of the Community Survey and Mapping Forum), of the updated Comprehensive Plan and Parks & Recreation Plan.

Visioning Exercise Results

The visioning exercise focused on five general land use categories: housing, transportation, economic development, parks and recreation, and preservation. The results of the exercise, along with digital images of various sections of the wall graphic, appear below and on the following pages. Numerals appearing in parentheses to the right of responses indicate the number of participants who placed an adhesive dot next to that particular vision.

By 2035, housing in the Town of Ledgeview includes...

- Single-family (3)
- More green housing (2)
- Integrated retirement community – individual living through [more intensive] care (1)
- Sustainable carbon footprint (1)
- Upper scale
- Variety of choice – regarding lot size
- Elderly housing
- Starter homes – housing diversity
- No mobile home parks
- Aesthetically pleasing
- Localized residential lighting – street lighting policy
- Town enforced regulations – junk cars, eyesores
- Separate line for irrigation water
- Housing accessibility – people with disabilities
- Build houses that are well drained – run off, not run on
- Localized apartments – planned
- Chronological development – access (ingress/egress) for development
- Factory built housing
- Neighbors have more control over neighborhoods – neighborhood associations, condo development



- Predictable property taxes
- Conservation subdivisions
- Zoning districts based on future needs
- Hobby farms

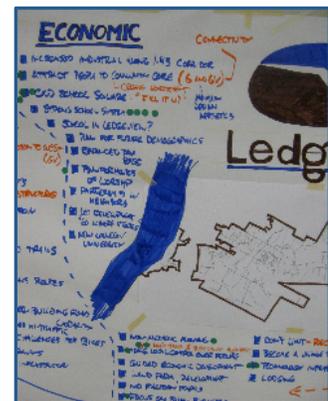
By 2035, the transportation system in the Town of Ledgeview includes...

- Walkable neighborhoods, community (2)
- Bridge across Fox River – connection to west (GV) (2)
- Sidewalks/trails away from high-speed traffic (1)
- Main thoroughfare (1)
- Promote ATV/snowmobile trails (1)
- Safe passage across high traffic roads (1)
- Easy access without motor vehicles
- Vans for elderly, handicapped
- Shuttle and bus service
- Safe for walking, biking
- Safe access to school
- Better, more durable roadways – affects of infrastructure
- Adequate lighting
- Adequate truck/transportation routes
- Impacts analysis
- Caution about over-building road capacity
- Roundabouts pose challenges for bikes
- Make roads like parkways
- Green cars, electric infrastructure



By 2035, economic development in the Town of Ledgeview includes...

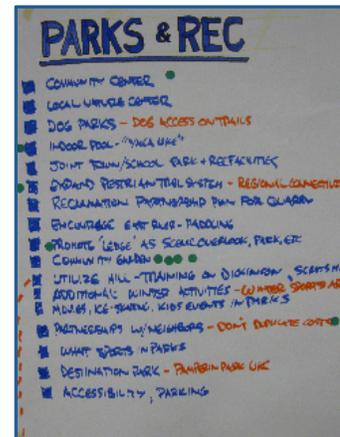
- Strong school system (4)
- Olde School Square – fill it up (3)
- More local control over future – don't take state/federal dollars just because they're available (3)
- Become a village to better compete (3)
- Technology infrastructure – wi-fi for free (3)
- Attract people to community core – G and GV, connectivity, create excitement, maintain design aesthetics (1)
- Plan for houses of worship (1)
- Nonmetallic mining (1)
- Focus on small business development (1)
- Sustainable (1)
- Increased industrial along I-43 corridor
- School in Ledgeview?
- Plan for future demographics
- Balanced tax base
- Partnerships with neighbors
- Let development go where it goes



- New college/university
- Guided economic development
- Wind farm development
- No factory farms
- Don't limit – recruit desirable
- Lodging

By 2035, parks and recreational opportunities in the Town of Ledgeview include...

- Community garden (4)
- Community center (1)
- Indoor park – YMCA like (1)
- Expand pedestrian trail system – regional connectivity (1)
- Promote 'ledge' as a scenic overlook, park, etc. (1)
- Utilize hill training on Dickinson, Scray's Hill (1)
- Partnerships with neighbors – don't duplicate costs (1)
- Local nature center
- Dog parks – dog access on trails
- Joint town/school park & rec facilities
- Reclamation partnerships plan for quarry
- Encourage East River paddling
- Additional winter activities – winter sports area
- Movies, ice skating, kids events in parks
- What sports in parks?
- Accessibility, parking



By 2035, the Town of Ledgeview has successfully preserved...

- Low property taxes (13)
- Less light pollution (3)
- Family farms (1)
- Niagara Escarpment (1)
- Small town friendliness (1)
- Mining resources (1)
- Quality schools (1)
- Native species, invasive control (1)
- Quietness (1)
- Preserve site character during development
- More open space
- Big yards
- Scenic beauty
- Forest cover
- Waterways
- Conserve green space
- Groundwater quality
- Clean-up East River
- Preserve Ledgeview – don't get swallowed



- Low crime rate
- Historical resources
- Environmental cleanliness
- Access to healthcare
- Farmland
- ATV, snowmobile trails
- Public hunting
- Good traffic flow