A stylized landscape illustration in shades of green. On the left is a large building with a semi-circular roof. To the right, a line of trees of varying heights and shapes stands on a rolling hill.

Jersey Township
Village of Johnstown
City of New Albany

Western Licking County Accord

April 20, 2017 - Public Meeting #2 Presentation Summary



Protecting Our Quality of Life

The Western Licking County Accord is a collaborative initiative between Jersey Township, the village of Johnstown and the city of New Albany to proactively plan for and responsibly manage future growth in a way that protects the desirable quality of life residents enjoy and strengthens local economies. The planning process allows the three communities to pool their resources, gives people a voice in establishing a shared vision and promotes coordination of development and infrastructure improvements in areas that cross jurisdictional lines.

An accord is a nonbinding document that outlines long-range guidelines to manage growth and development in a planning area. Each jurisdiction goes through their own adoption process before acting on any accord recommendation.



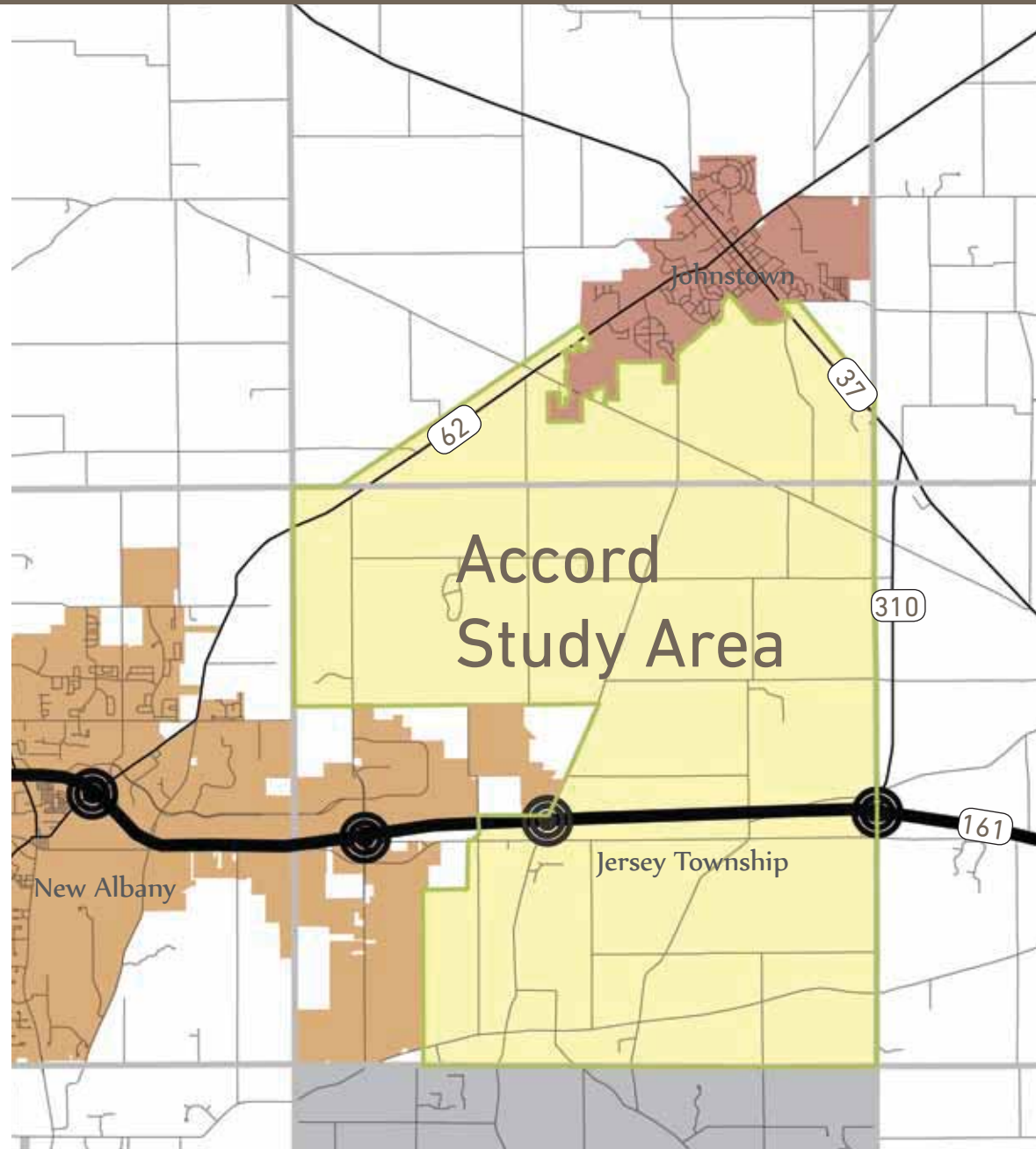
Ensuring A Shared Vision

22 meetings have been held

- » **9** Working Group Meetings
- » **4** Elected Group Meetings
- » **4** Steering Committee Meetings
- » **3** Focus Group Meetings
- » **2** Public Meetings

Dec. 13, 2016

April 20, 2017





Jersey Township
Village of Johnstown
City of New Albany

PLANNING TEAMS

WLC ACCORD WORKING GROUP

JERSEY TOWNSHIP

Jim Endsley, Township Trustee
Bud Witney, Township Zoning
Inspector
Jim Zablocki, Township Zoning
Commission Member

JOHNSTOWN

Jim Lenner, Village Manager/Planner
Jack Liggett, Service Director
Jim Blair, Zoning Inspector

NEW ALBANY

Joseph Stefanov, City Manager
Adrienne Joly, Deputy Director of
Community Development
Stephen Mayer, Community
Development Planner

MKSK

Chris Hermann, Principal
Aron Fraizer, Associate
Justin Goodwin, Associate

ELECTED OFFICIALS GROUP

JERSEY TOWNSHIP

Jim Endsley, Township Trustee
Ed Bright, Township Trustee
Derek Meyers, Township Trustee

JOHNSTOWN

Sean Staneart, Mayor
Carol Van Deest, Village Council

STEERING COMMITTEE

JERSEY TOWNSHIP

Rudy Shaffer
Debbie Carr
Danny Howser
Karen Kitts

JOHNSTOWN

Bill Van Gundy
Bob Orsini
Elizabeth Schwartz
Jay Hazelbaker

NEW ALBANY

Neil Kirby
Marlene Brisk
Tom Rubey
Francis Strahler
Mike Durik

Vision Statement

The Western Licking County Accord provides a comprehensive, shared vision for Western Licking County that guides growth and development in a way that celebrates and preserves the rural, small-town character of the area.



Community Input Summary



Community Input

Dec. 13th Public Meeting and Online Survey (Dec. thru Jan. 31st)

- » More than **150** Participants
- » Over **1,000** Comments



Survey Participants

In which jurisdiction do you live?

Jersey Township

Johnstown

Monroe Township

New Albany

Other?

» St. Albans Township

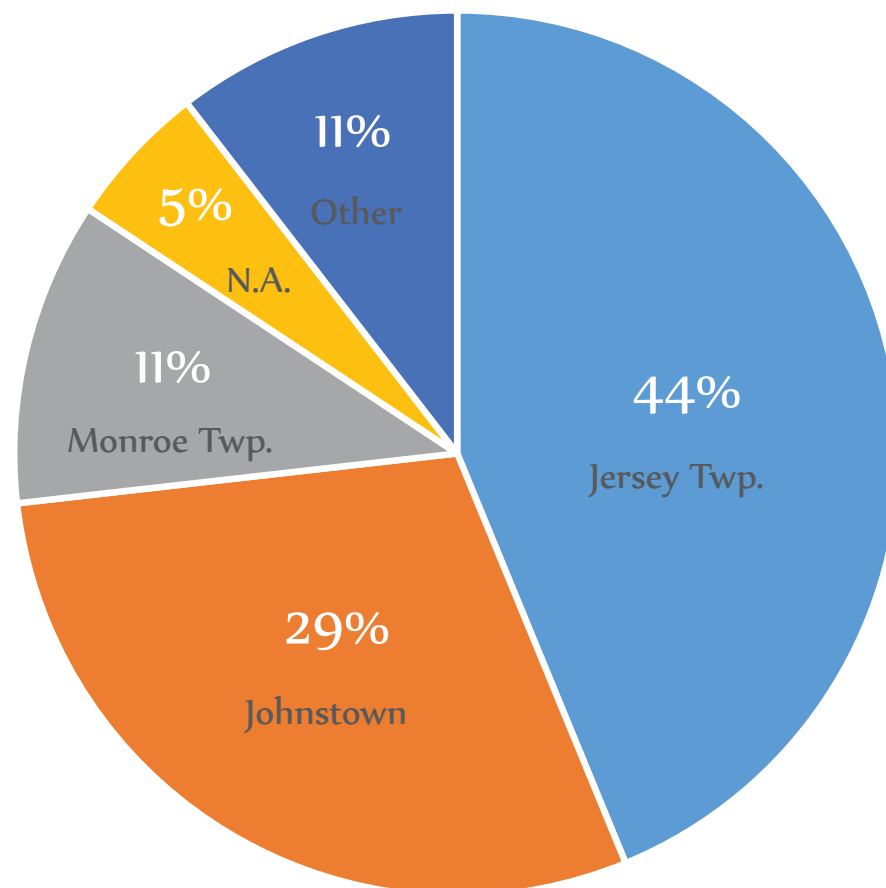
» Liberty Township

» Pataskala

» Granville Township

» Grow Licking County

» Licking County Soil and Water



153 Total Responses

Vision Statement

Do you agree with the draft Vision Statement?

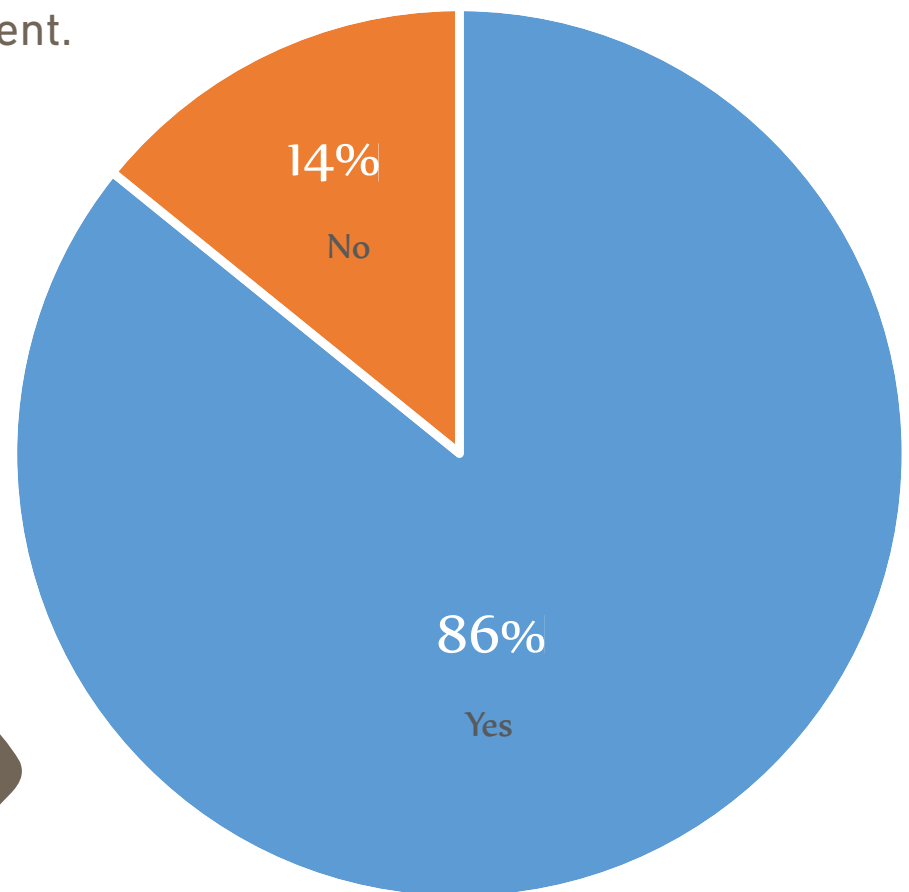
 Yes, I agree with the draft Vision Statement.

 No, I do not agree with it.

"If that is truly what is happening with maintaining our rural farm land, then yes I agree."

"Jersey Township needs to remain rural residential and agriculture, and needs to be protected as such."

"Leave it alone."



153 Total Responses

Most Common Responses

What is your **VISION** for the future of this area?
What do you see as the short-term and long-term opportunities?

**Preserve the Small-Town/
Rural Character**

(78 responses)

Are there missing community uses you'd like to see in the study area? Are there community-oriented uses you'd **LIKE TO SEE MORE** of?

**Parks and/or
Recreation Center**

(82 responses)

What do you see as the short-term and long-term **THREATS** to the study area?

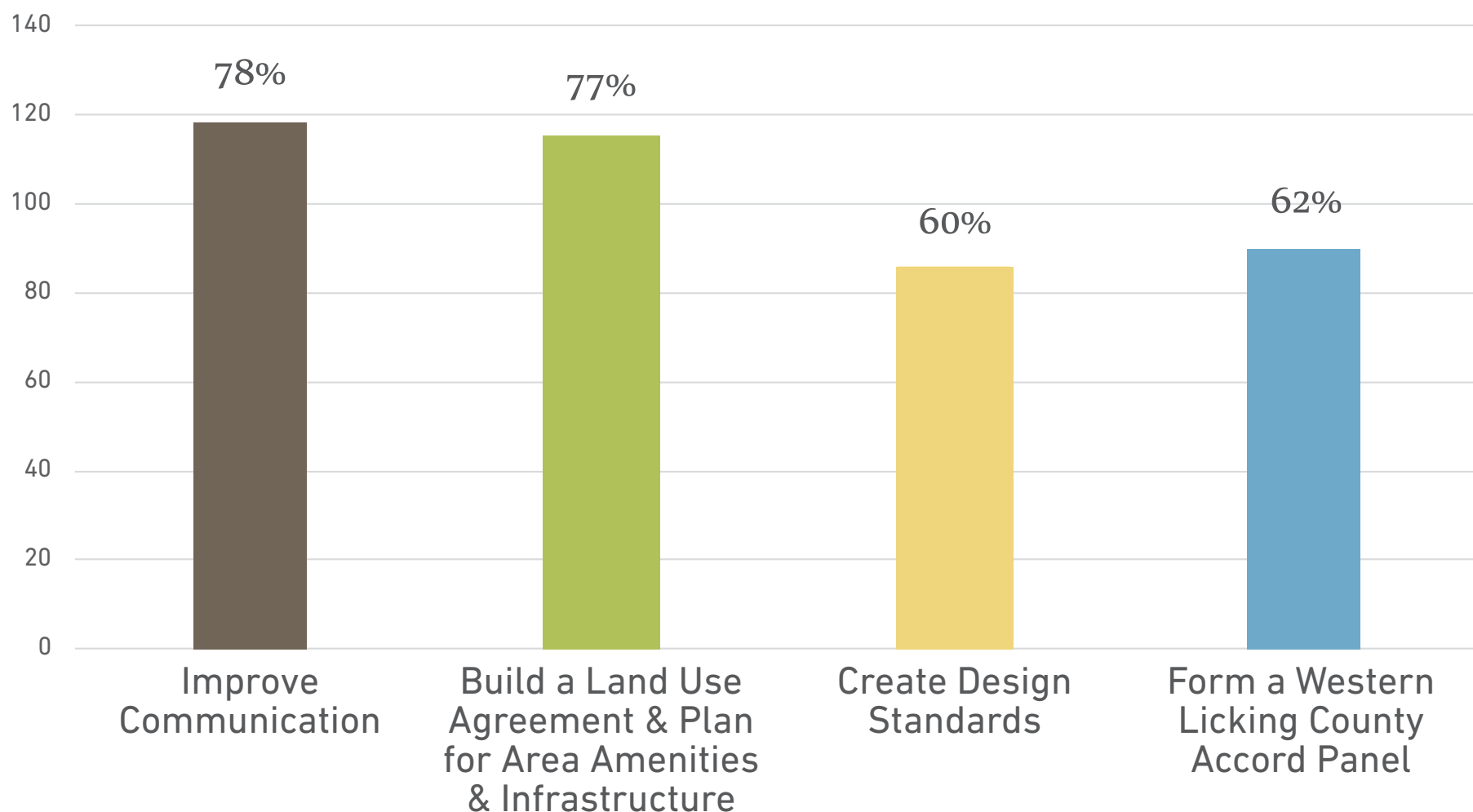
**Lack of Growth
Management**

(23 responses)



Potential Accord Outcomes

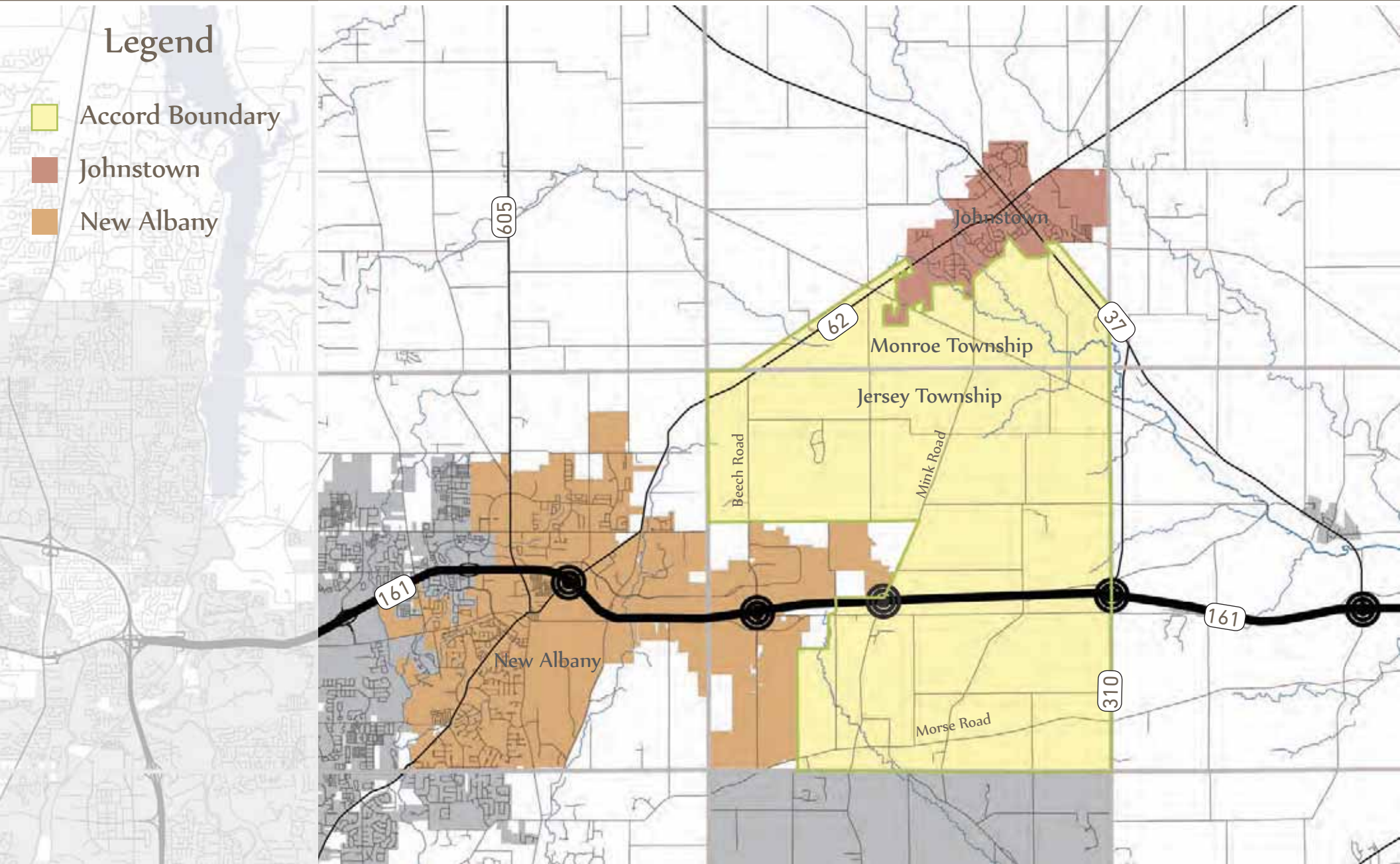
There are several outcomes that could result from this effort. Please mark those you'd like to see happen. Mark all that apply.



Accord Framework



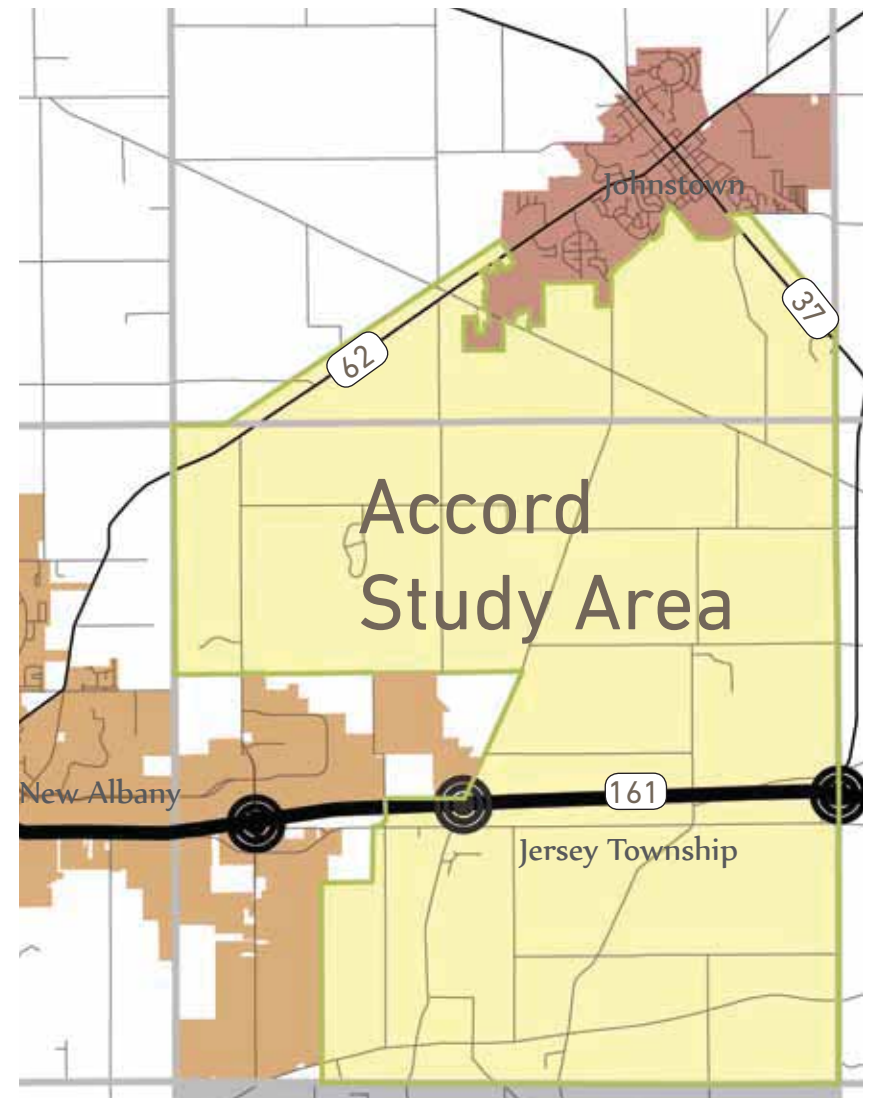
Accord Study Area



Six Objectives Guide Accord Plan

Based upon the feedback, six objectives to preserve the rural, small-town character of the accord study area will guide development of the draft plan.

- » Maintaining each community's heritage and identity
- » Protecting natural features and rural corridors
- » Managing residential growth, building upon the area's agricultural roots
- » Encouraging commercial development in appropriate locations
- » Expanding parks and leisure trails



Heritage and Identity

Jersey Township



Johnstown



New Albany



Heritage and Identity

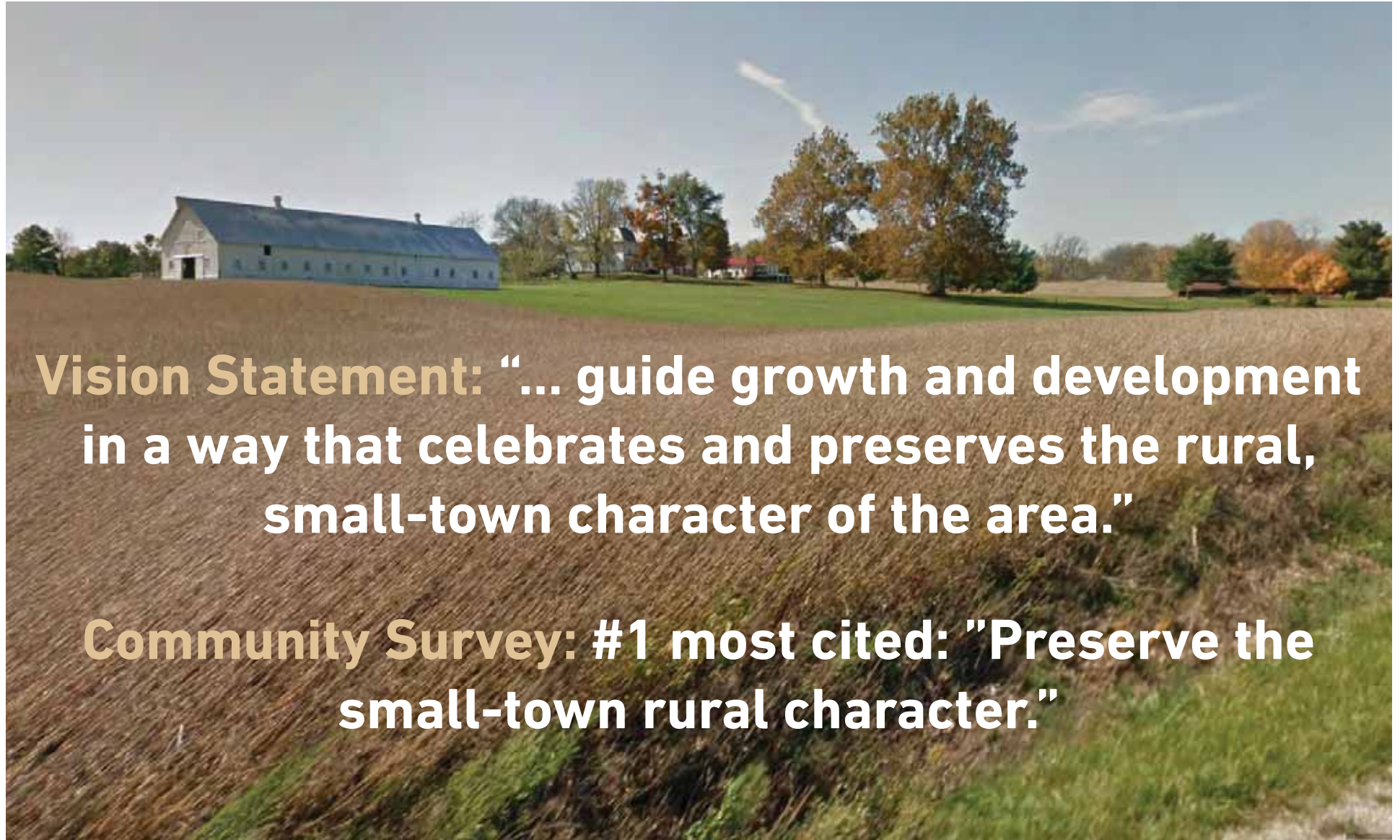


Potential Strategies

Goal #1: Recognize and Maintain Each Community's Unique Heritage and Identity

- » **Each jurisdiction identify its unique, defining characteristics**
- » **Establish Accord Design Guidelines for new development and public improvements**
- » **Update Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Codes, Development Standards, and Comprehensive Plans at county and local level**
- » **Identify transition areas and thresholds**
- » **Reflect heritage and identity in natural & built environment, and signage & wayfinding**

Rural Character



Vision Statement: "... guide growth and development in a way that celebrates and preserves the rural, small-town character of the area."

Community Survey: #1 most cited: "Preserve the small-town rural character."

Rural Character

#2: Protect Rural Character



Rural Character – Natural Features

Waterways



Tree Stands



Tree Rows



#2a: Protect the natural features

Potential Strategies

#2a: Protect the natural features

- » **Identify critical natural features**
- » **Educate the community about their importance**
- » **Recognize property owners who maintain/preserve these natural features; possibly even provide incentives**
- » **Establish Accord Design Guidelines**
- » **Require identification and incorporation/protection of these features as part of any development plan**
- » **Update Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Codes, Development Standards, and Comprehensive Plans at the county and local level**

Rural Character – Road Corridors

#2b: Protect Rural Corridors



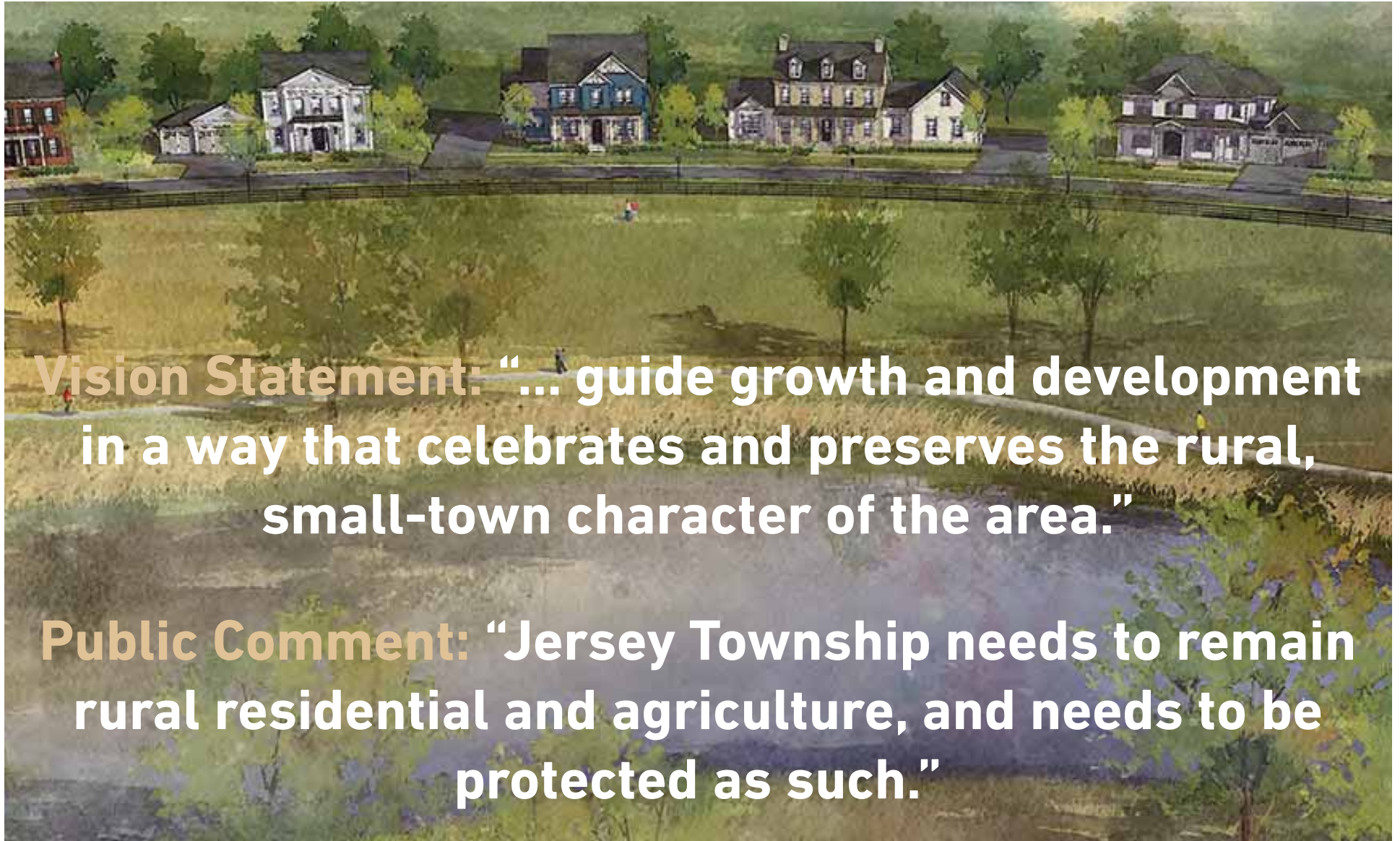
Potential Strategies

#2b: Protect Rural Corridors

- » **Identify and map critical rural corridors**
- » **Update Thoroughfare Plans**
- » **Create Guidelines for road improvement projects**
- » **Create Accord Design Guidelines**
- » **Update Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Codes, Development Standards, and Comprehensive Plans at the county and local level**



Residential Development



Vision Statement: "... guide growth and development in a way that celebrates and preserves the rural, small-town character of the area."

Public Comment: "Jersey Township needs to remain rural residential and agriculture, and needs to be protected as such."

Residential Development

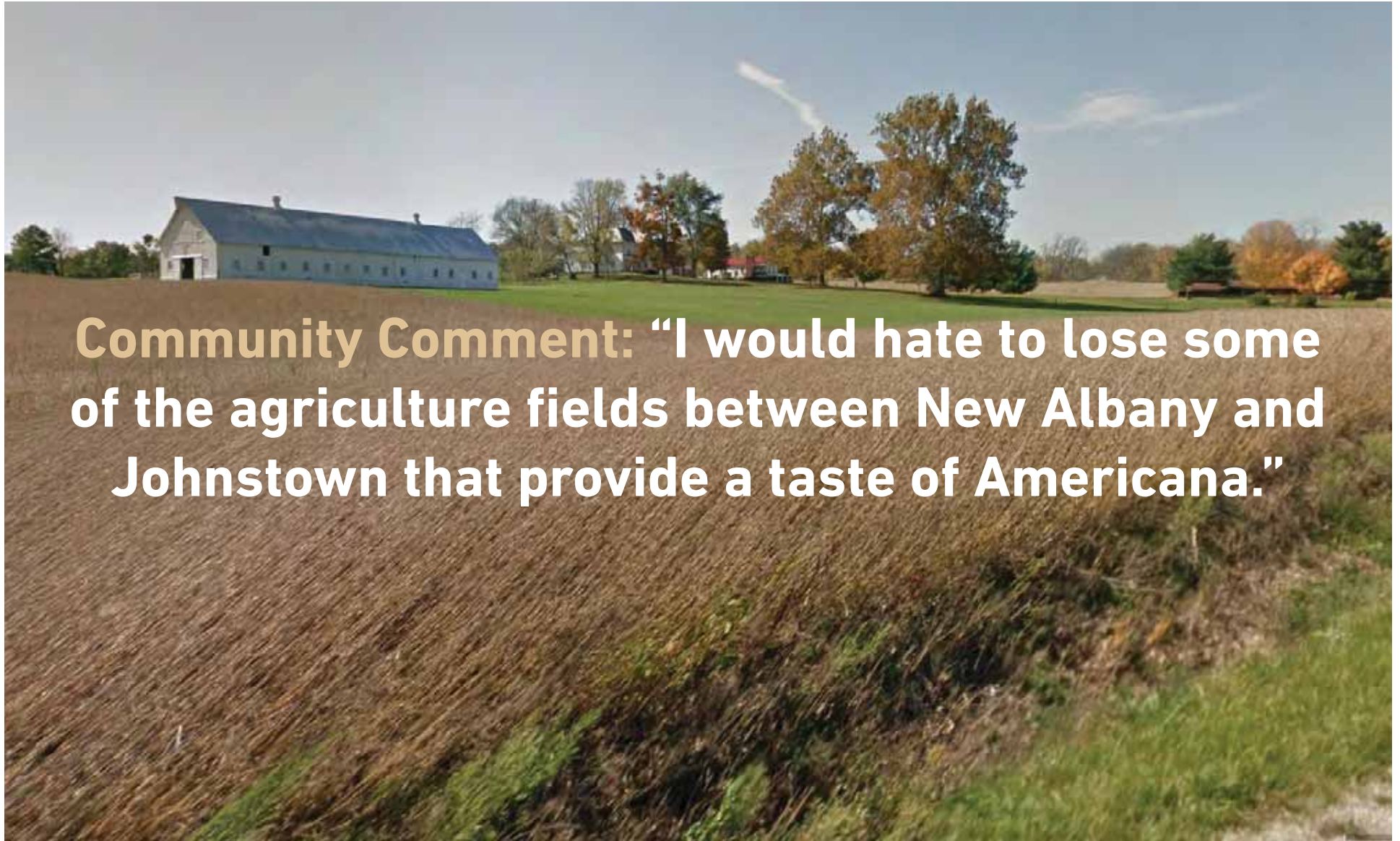


Potential Strategies

#3: Manage & Focus Residential Growth

- » **Rural residential lot splits on minimum 2-3 acre lots appropriate**
- » **Streets, trails, and green space connections if water/sewer**
- » **Accord Future Land Use Map with Conservation Development Linkage Plan**
- » **Accord Design Guidelines**
- » **Western Licking County Accord Review Panel**
- » **Conservation Development Standards**
- » **Careful, thoughtful analysis of any extension of centralized water and sewer or alternative package systems**

Agricultural Heritage



Community Comment: “I would hate to lose some of the agriculture fields between New Albany and Johnstown that provide a taste of Americana.”

Agricultural Heritage



#4: Build on Agricultural Roots

Potential Strategies

#4: Build on Agricultural Roots

- » **Explore affiliation, partnership, and grant opportunities**
- » **Examine opportunities to serve as local supplier**
- » **Participate in promotion of local agriculture within Central Ohio**
- » **Protect study area roadway use for agricultural equipment and access**
- » **Buffer new, adjacent residential development**
- » **Investigate the active farming of dedicated subdivision open space, Transfer of Development Rights, agriculture easements, agriculture-based residential development**

Employment Opportunities

Community Comment: “Bringing in new businesses but... creating aesthetics that companies must adhere to if they want to be a part of the community”



Employment Opportunities

#5: Advance Accord Area Employment Center Opportunities



Potential Strategies

#5: Advance Accord Area Employment Center Opportunities

- » **Support transportation improvements**
- » **Investigate a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD)**
- » **Build upon the economic sector strengths of the area**
- » **Direct trucking on appropriate routes to minimize impacts to Accord area**
- » **Buffer existing residential development with appropriate landscape and screening**
- » **Establish Accord Design Guidelines**
- » **Establish a Western Licking County Accord Review Panel**

Parks and Bike Connectivity

Community Comment: “Parks and bike trails would be great. Amenities to encourage outdoor recreation.”

Community Comment: “An athletic park would be nice near the developed part of the area. It would bring money to gas stations and restaurants.”



Parks and Bike Connectivity

Community Comment: “Green space in general is integral to maintaining the rural character of Jersey Township - outdoor spaces for people to gather and enjoy country life - could be parks, trails, even agritourism.”



Parks and Bike Connectivity

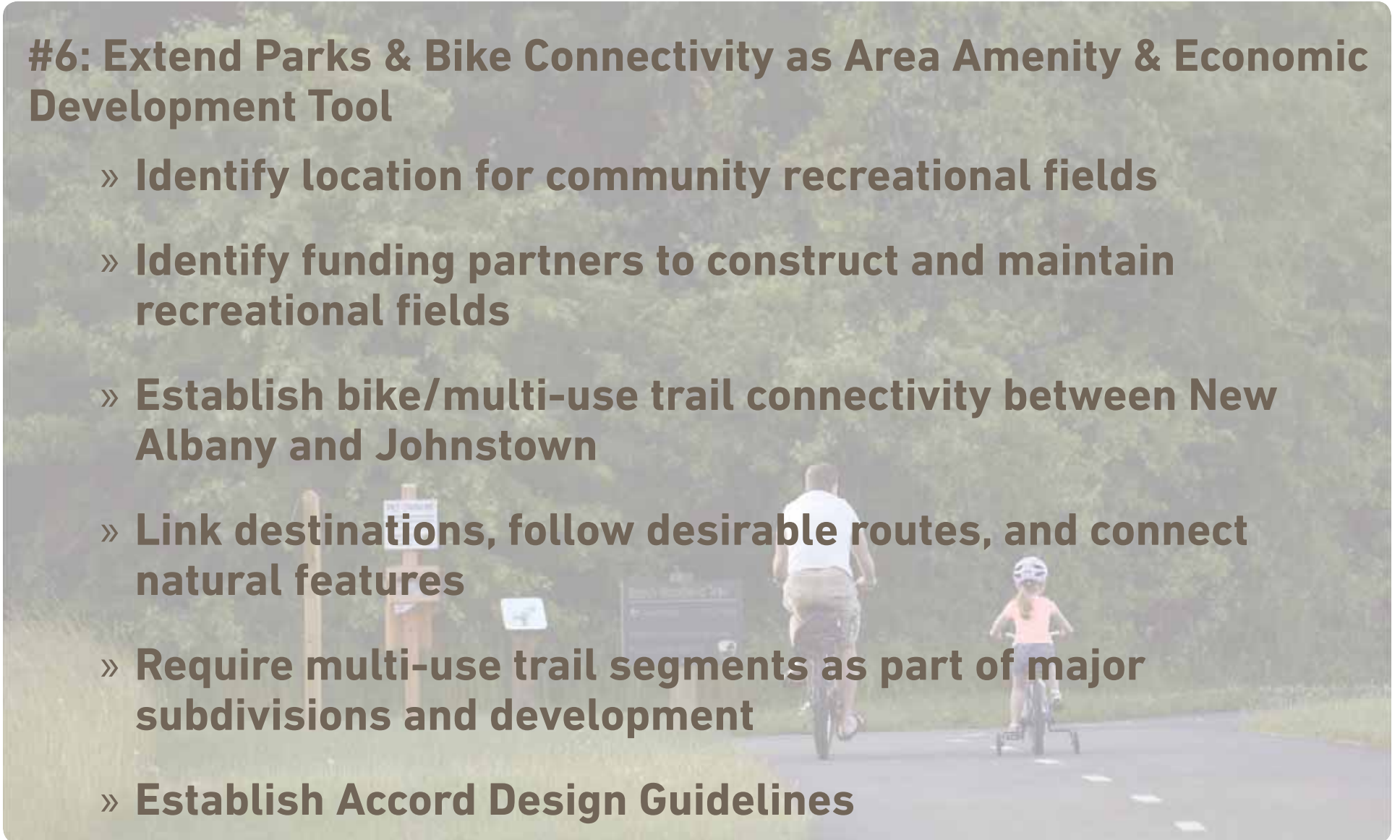
#6: Extend Parks & Bike Connectivity as Area Amenity & Economic Development Tool



Potential Strategies

#6: Extend Parks & Bike Connectivity as Area Amenity & Economic Development Tool

- » **Identify location for community recreational fields**
- » **Identify funding partners to construct and maintain recreational fields**
- » **Establish bike/multi-use trail connectivity between New Albany and Johnstown**
- » **Link destinations, follow desirable routes, and connect natural features**
- » **Require multi-use trail segments as part of major subdivisions and development**
- » **Establish Accord Design Guidelines**



Next Steps – Potential Levels of Accord Implementation

1. IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

Formalize communication protocol to keep the three jurisdictions in regular contact, share development news, and advocate for projects in their mutual interest.

2. BUILD LAND USE AGREEMENT & PLAN FOR AREA AMENITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

Create a future land use map for the study area indicating generally desirable future land uses; and create a unified plan for desired amenities, such as parks and trails, and infrastructure, such as streets.

3. CREATE DESIGN STANDARDS

Generate design guidelines or standards to ensure consistent and attractive development throughout the study area.

4. FORM A WLC ACCORD PANEL

Create procedures and process to form a panel that reviews development proposals and planning efforts, and makes recommendations to member jurisdictions.

Next Steps

May 2017

- » Frequently Asked Questions and WLC Accord information will be updated on the websites of each jurisdiction.
- » A draft Western Licking County Accord plan to be reviewed by each jurisdiction. Each jurisdiction will go through their own adoption process before acting on any plan recommendations.

Stay Involved

- » Keep up to date with the progress by checking the Jersey Township, Johnstown and New Albany's websites, and attending their public meetings.

Implementation

- » If Jersey, Johnstown and New Albany each adopt the Accord, then they will begin discussions about how to move forward. Any step they take will have its own process and opportunities to contribute your ideas, thoughts and concerns.

