

# APPENDIX D

Town of Ft. Branch  
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 Ft. Branch, IN 47648

Princeton Daily Clarion  
 P O Box 30  
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*Marietta Nelson*  
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 Business Manager

Date: October 23, 2007

**PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT**

State of Indiana                      )  
 Gibson County                      ) \*\*

Personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for said county and state, the undersigned Marietta Nelson who, being duly sworn, says she is the Business Manager of the Princeton Daily Clarion a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the English language in the (city) (town) of Princeton, Indiana in state and county aforesaid, and that the printed matter attached hereto is a true copy, which was duly published in said paper for 1 time, the date of publication being as follows:

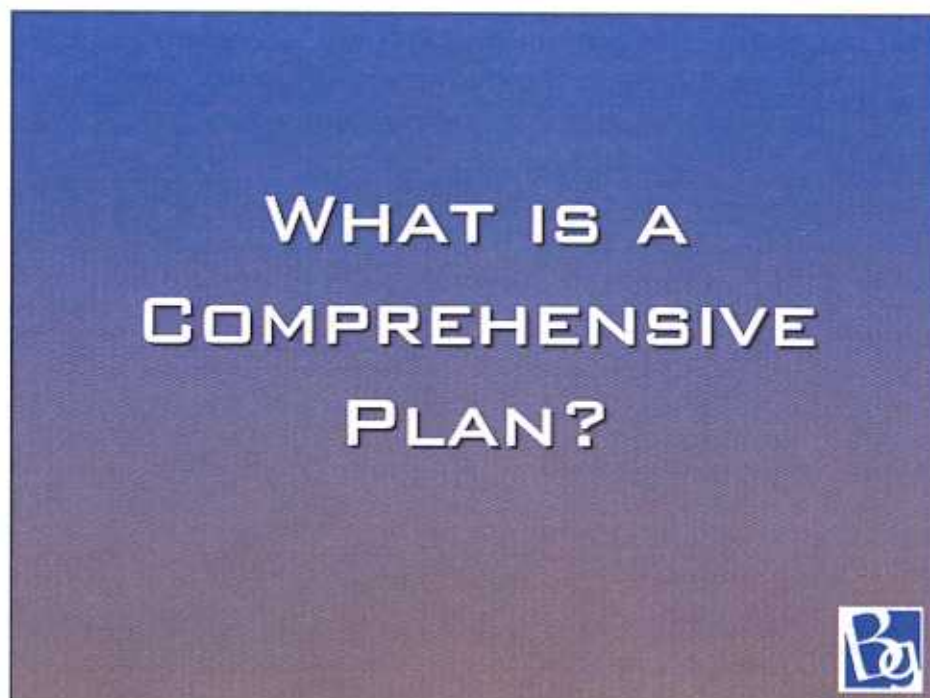
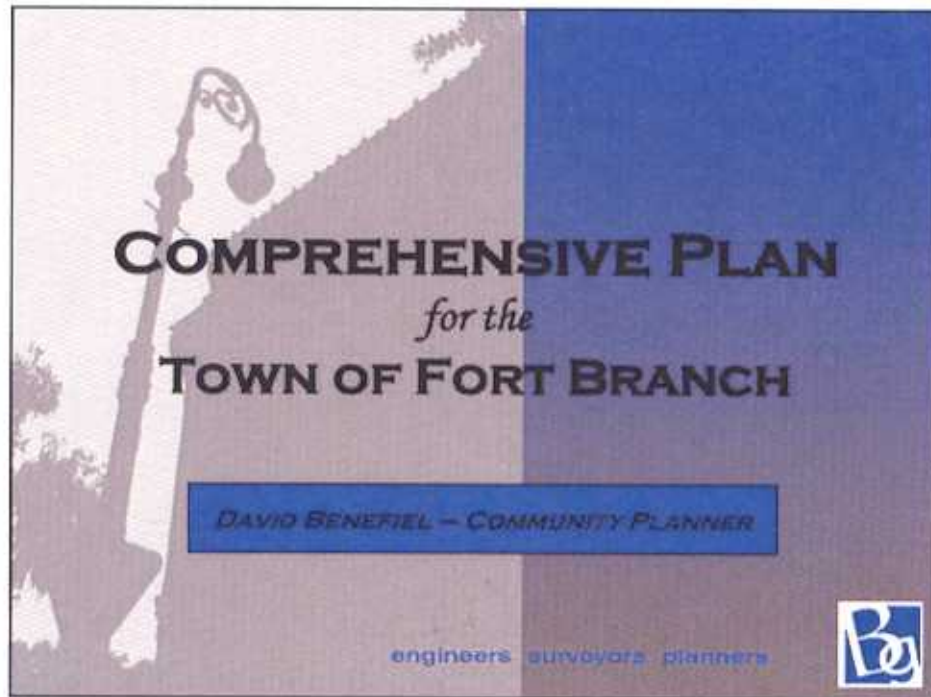
October 23, 2007

*Marietta Nelson*  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me the 23rd day of October, 2007.

*Lorri K. Rembe*  
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 Notary Public  
 Lorri K. Rembe

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
 The Town of Fort Branch will hold a public hearing on November 7, 2007, at 6:00 PM at the Fort Branch Community Center, 112 North Railroad Street, Fort Branch, Indiana, to provide citizens an opportunity to express their views on the recently completed final draft of the Fort Branch Comprehensive Plan. The Fort Branch Comprehensive Plan was paid for using Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Representatives from Bonar Group will present their findings and recommendations at the hearing. Every effort will be made to allow persons to voice their opinions at the public hearing. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact the Clerk-Treasurer, Ms. Stacy Elpers, Town Hall, Fort Branch, IN 47648, (812) 753-3824, at least seven days prior to the public hearing. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons. For additional information concerning the public hearing or the Fort Branch Comprehensive Plan please contact: Ms. Stacy Elpers, Clerk-Treasurer, at the address or phone number listed above. Written comments will be accepted at the Town Hall, P.O. Box 40, Fort Branch, Indiana 47648 until November 7, 2007. A copy of the final draft is available for public display at the Town Hall from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. PDC October 23, 2007



## A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IS A...

- DOCUMENT
- BASED ON COMMUNITY INPUT
- ROADMAP FOR THE FUTURE
- 10-15 YEAR PLAN



## INDIANA LAW SAYS...

THE PRIMARY GOAL OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

"PROMOTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
SAFETY, MORALS, CONVENIENCE,  
ORDER, OR THE GENERAL WELFARE  
AND FOR THE SAKE OF EFFICIENCY  
AND ECONOMY IN THE PROCESS OF  
DEVELOPMENT."



## WHY DO I NEED IT?

- ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY VISION
- REQUIRED BY INDIANA LAW TO UPDATE/CHANGE LOCAL LAND USE ORDINANCES AND MANAGEMENT POLICIES
- COMMUNITY SUPPORT/DIRECTION FOR FUTURE GRANT FUNDING



## WHAT IS IN IT?

- INTRODUCTION
- COMMUNITY PROFILE
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- ACTION PLAN



## OUR PROCESS...

- STEERING COMMITTEE
- COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
- GOALS & OBJECTIVES
- ACTION PLAN MATRIX
- FINAL DOCUMENT



## COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

- LIKES, DISLIKES,  
OPPORTUNITIES, & THREATS
- TOP TEN LISTS
- DOT VOTING



## MEETING RESULTS

- TABULATED VOTES FOR TOP TEN STATEMENTS
- ORGANIZED TOP TEN STATEMENTS INTO FOCUS AREAS



## FOCUS AREAS

- TRANSPORTATION
- COMMUNITY IDENTITY & APPEARANCE
- COMMUNITY SERVICES
- LAND USE
- LOCAL ECONOMY
- COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
- COMMUNITY FACILITIES



**GOAL 1  
TRANSPORTATION**

PURSUE STRATEGIC IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING RAILROAD CROSSINGS, THOROUGHFARES, LOCAL STREETS, STREET LIGHTING, AND SIDEWALK INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM WITHIN THE TOWN OF FORT BRANCH.



**GOAL 2  
COMMUNITY IDENTITY AND  
APPEARANCE**

ENCOURAGE ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES THAT PROTECT THE EXISTING CHARACTER AND IMPROVE THE APPEARANCE OF THE FORT BRANCH COMMUNITY AND PROMOTE INCREASED COMMUNITY PRIDE.





### **GOAL 3 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

CONTINUE TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES TO SUPPORT FUTURE COMMUNITY GROWTH, MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF EXISTING SERVICES, AND ADDRESS PRIORITIZED COMMUNITY ISSUES.



### **GOAL 4 LAND USE**

ENCOURAGE BALANCED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT SO THAT LAND RESOURCES ARE USED EFFICIENTLY, ENVIRONMENTALLY-SENSITIVE AREAS ARE PROTECTED, AND LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENDITURES ARE OPTIMIZED.



## **GOAL 5 LOCAL ECONOMY**

PROMOTE AN INCREASE IN LOCAL ECONOMIC INVESTMENT AND JOB GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE FORT BRANCH AREA BY ENCOURAGING THE ATTRACTION, RETENTION, AND EXPANSION OF QUALITY BUSINESSES TO PROVIDE DIVERSE EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.



## **GOAL 6 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

ENCOURAGE ADDITIONAL INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL RESIDENTS, EMPLOYERS, AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT THE FORT BRANCH COMMUNITY.



## **GOAL 7 COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

**PROVIDE CONTINUAL ENHANCEMENTS TO  
CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, PARK, AND  
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND  
OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF  
EXISTING AND FUTURE RESIDENTS OF THE  
FORT BRANCH COMMUNITY.**



## **NEXT STEPS...**

- **PUBLIC HEARING PERIOD ENDS**
- **PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDS  
PLAN TO THE TOWN COUNCIL**
- **TOWN COUNCIL OFFICIALLY  
ADOPTS THE COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN**



## THEN WHAT?

- USE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
- THINK PROACTIVELY
- COLLABORATE LOCALLY & REGIONALLY
- DEVELOP SOLUTIONS
- UPDATE THE PLAN EVERY 10 YRS.



THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR INTEREST  
IN THE FUTURE OF  
FORT BRANCH!

