



DeKalb County Comprehensive Plan

Focus Group: Housing

March 06, at 3:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Introductions

2. Project Overview

- What is a Comprehensive Plan?
- Planning Process

3. Potential Discussion Topics

- Who can and cannot afford to live in DeKalb County?
- Are special-needs populations given adequate housing options?
- Can our children afford to remain in, or return to, the community as they start their own households?
- Should owning a house be a life goal, and what is needed to make that goal attainable?
- How does housing availability in the community relate to traffic or school quality?
- Who is most affected by housing issues in our community?
- What are the goals of our community's housing strategy?
- What are the main barriers to housing in our community?
- How can we improve community engagement in housing decisions?
- What is the appropriate level of government involvement in providing affordable housing?
- What role do businesses and nonprofits play in addressing housing and homelessness?
- What kinds of changes to the community would you expect if there were different kinds of housing options?

4. Next Steps

- Public Workshops
 - Tonight, JAM Center 5 - 7pm
 - Thursday, April 3rd; 5pm - 7pm at Butler City Hall Community Room (215 S Broadway St, 2nd Floor, Butler, IN 46721)
- DIY Meeting Toolkit – coordinate with Chris Gaumer
- Big Idea Open House – tentatively September 2025

5. Online Public Engagement

If you have not done so already, please complete the Public Survey and share with others!



Direct Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dekalb2040>