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COMP-2026-0009

BILL NO. G-26-04-15

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. G-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.07 OF
CHAPTER 153 "PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OF
THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, CODE OF
ORDINANCES)

WHEREAS, Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne adopted a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Fort Wayne (All-in-Allen), in accordance with the statutes of the State of Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2026, the Fort Wayne Plan Commission initiated the amendment of the Comprehensive Plan to adopt the goals and policies of the Waynedale 2040 Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to amend Section 153.07 to recognize the amendment of the Waynedale 2040 Plan to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission, in accordance with the Planning Statutes of the State of Indiana held a public hearing on the Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance is to establish an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to include the goals and policies of the Waynedale 2040 Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. Section 153.07 of Chapter 153 (Planning & Development) of the City of Fort Wayne is amended by including the following subsection and relettering the other subsections accordingly:

(O) *Waynedale 2040 Plan*. The Comprehensive Plan is amended by adding the goals and policies of the "Waynedale 2040 Plan" as set forth in that Plan.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

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Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Malak Heiny, City Attorney

City of Fort Wayne Common Council
DIGEST SHEET

Department of Planning Services

Title of Ordinance: Amendment to the All in Allen Comprehensive Plan
Case Number: COMP-2026-0009 – Waynedale 2040 Plan
Bill Number: G-26-04-15
Council District: 4 – Dr. Scott Myers and 5 – Geoff Paddock

Introduction Date: April 28, 2026

Plan Commission
Public Hearing Date: May 11, 2026

Next Council Action: Ordinance will return to Council after recommendation by the
Plan Commission

Synopsis of Ordinance: A proposal to amend the All in Allen Comprehensive Plan by
including the goals and strategies of the Waynedale 2040 Plan.

Location: Generally, the incorporated area of Fort Wayne, south of the CSX
Railway, west of the St. Mary’s River and east of Smith Road.

Applicant: The City of Fort Wayne Division of Community Development

Related Petitions: Resolution R-26-04-16

Effect of Passage: Adopting the goals and strategies of the Waynedale 2040 Plan will
help fulfill a request of the Waynedale 2040 Plan, providing an
updated strategy for development and redevelopment. The plan covers
topics related to the Neighborhood and Safe Community, History and
Heritage, Housing, Place, and People.

Effect of Non-Passage: The All in Allen Comprehensive Plan will continue to guide
development, but will not include the updated strategies for the
Waynedale Area.



CITY OF FORT WAYNE

SHARON TUCKER, MAYOR

April 7, 2026

Ben Roussel, Director
Allen County Department of Planning Services
200 East Berry Street, Suite 150
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

In alignment with the *All in Allen Comprehensive Plan* — specifically, Housing & Neighborhoods, Goal 1: Support and Strengthen Complete Neighborhoods, and Policy 1.6: Encourage Neighborhood Activation and Planning — the City of Fort Wayne, in partnership with the Waynedale 2040 Planning Committee, has developed the **Waynedale 2040 Neighborhood Plan**.

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Waynedale 2040 includes updated demographic data, along with goals and policies, and reflects the community's current priorities. It also focuses on key areas, including neighborhood safety, walkability, access to recreation and wellness, and celebrating the neighborhood's history and community.

On **March 16, 2026**, the Fort Wayne Plan Commission formally initiated the adoption process for the Waynedale 2040 plan. As part of the next steps, the plan is set to be introduced to Common Council on **April 28, 2026**, followed by a public hearing hosted by the Plan Commission on **May 11, 2026**.

Staff members from the City of Fort Wayne's Department of Neighborhoods will prepare the Staff Report and provide all necessary documentation for the public hearing process.

If you have any questions regarding the Waynedale 2040 Neighborhood Plan, please do not hesitate to contact me at (260) 427-5694 or dan.baisden@cityoffortwayne.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Baisden".

Dan Baisden



Waynedale

2040 NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

WELCOME TO

WAYNE DALE PARK

WHAT IS WAYNE DALE 2040?

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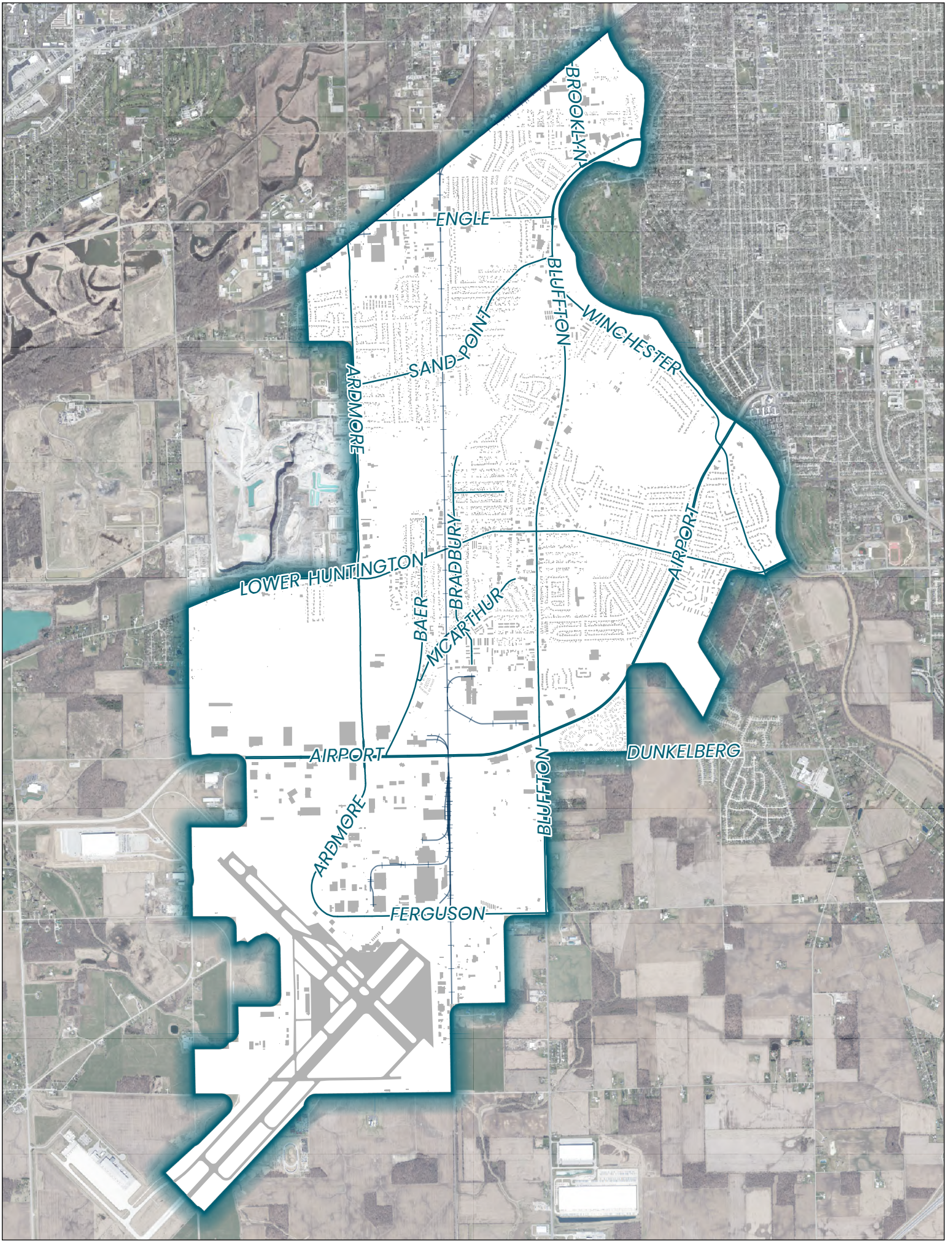
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Planning Principles:

A Safer Waynedale

People should feel safe in their neighborhoods. This aims at prioritizing strategies that help strengthen public safety, create inviting public spaces, and encourage community involvement. By fostering a greater connection, visibility, and sense of trust, it aims to enhance safety perceptions and a greater peace of mind in Waynedale.

A Vibrant Waynedale

A flourishing business community can provide a lot of value to neighborhoods. From a local ice cream shop to a long-standing retail store, supporting strategies that can help lay groundwork for new businesses, and elevate, celebrate, and guide existing businesses is crucial to the area. This principle looks to provide clarity on supporting local businesses and elevating current those who have paved the way for decades.

A Connected Waynedale

Physical and developmental changes often support and influence greater connections. Sidewalks and trails allow for physical connections to key parts of the neighborhood, while developmental changes can provide destinations to open up more social or economic connections. Providing ways to safely connect and bring community together are an important part of moving forward with neighborhoods in mind.

A Resourceful Waynedale

Neighborhoods can have many strengths, but their ability to be both resourceful and resilient can showcase the true power of community connections. Leveraging internal resources like businesses, faith organizations, parks, and neighborhoods are powerful tools that Waynedale has. Using those resources to enhance those strengths through can open unseen potential and further advance community relationships.

A Celebrated Waynedale

Neighborhoods are places that should not only feel like home, but are places that should celebrate its identity, pride, and unique strengths. Allowing a place to tell stories through art, literature, history, and community help to show pride-in-place. Waynedale has a deep sense of community pride, and it is important that this plan addresses ways in which those voices are shared, heard, and amplified.



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GOAL TWO: WAYNEDEALE NEIGHBORHOODS ENJOY A THRIVING AND ACTIVE BUSINESS COMMUNITY FOR BOTH RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

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- 2.3** Foster Business Attraction and Growth Through Safe and Attractive Commercial Corridors

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- 5.1** Support Youth Development Opportunities
- 5.2** Encourage Neighborhoods to Form Partnerships with Community Institutions
- 5.3** Support the Activation of Inactive Neighborhood Associations in Waynedale

GOAL SIX: WAYNEDEALE NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY PARKS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

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- 6.3** Support the Development of a Park in the Lakeshores Neighborhood as Recommended in the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan

GOAL SEVEN: WAYNEDEALE'S HISTORY AND IDENTITY ARE A SOURCE OF COMMUNITY PRIDE

- 7.1** Use Public Art and Placemaking to Create a Sense of Place within Waynedale Neighborhoods and Along Corridors
- 7.2** Encourage the Use of the Waynedale Brand Throughout Neighborhood, Commercial Corridors, and at Local Businesses
- 7.3** Celebrate Waynedale's Unique Identity through Marketing and Storytelling

FACT SHEET

Case #COMP-2026-0009 Bills # G-26-04-15 Project Start: April 2026
#R-26-04-16

PROPOSAL:	Comprehensive Plan Amendment COMP-2026-0009 Waynedale 2040 Plan
APPLICANT:	City of Fort Wayne Division of Community Development
REQUEST:	To amend the All-in-Allen Comprehensive Plan by adopting the goals and policies of the Waynedale 2040 Plan
LOCATION:	Generally, the incorporated area of Fort Wayne, south of the CSX Railway, west of the St. Mary's River and east of Smith Road.
COUNCIL DISTRICT:	5 – Geoff Paddock and 4 – Dr. Scott Myers
SPONSOR:	Fort Wayne Plan Commission

May 11, 2026 Public Hearing

- Three residents spoke in support at the hearing and eleven support letters were received.
- No one spoke in opposition or with concerns.
- Amos Norman was absent.

May 18, 2026 Business Meeting

Plan Commission Recommendation: DO PASS

A motion was made by Scott Myers and seconded by Rachel Tobin-Smith to return the Ordinance with a Do Pass recommendation to Common Council for their final decision.

9-0 MOTION PASSED

- All members were present.

PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY:

Presenter:

Michael Terronez and Dan Baisden, Neighborhood Planning and Activation, presented the petition to the Plan Commission as summarized below.

Public Comments:

Alex Cornwell (7222 Knightswood Dr) - Support
Camille Garrison (704 Snowfall Rd) – Support
Paul Maurer (9126 Almond Tree Ct) - Support

Fact Sheet Prepared by:
Karen Couture, Principal Land Use Planner
May 28, 2026

FULL STAFF REPORT

The goals and recommendations of the Waynedale 2040 plan are structured to expand on the goals of the All in Allen – Allen County-Fort Wayne Comprehensive Plan, specifically those which address Land Use & Development, Housing & Neighborhoods, Economic Development, Transportation & Mobility, Public Facilities & Infrastructure, and Parks & Environment. The following specific strategies of the All in Allen Comprehensive Plan support the proposed amendment of Waynedale 2040.

ALL IN ALLEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Land Use & Development:

Goal 1: Encourage compatible infill development and redevelopment in the Urban Infill and Priority Investment Areas

Housing & Neighborhoods:

- Goal 1: Support and Strengthen Complete Neighborhoods
 - 1.1 Promote the creation of complete neighborhood areas through compact development, increased density, and infill
 - 1.2 Support historic preservation efforts
 - 1.3 Encourage adaptive reuse
 - 1.4 Strengthen existing neighborhoods and revitalize declining and middle-and low-income neighborhoods
 - 1.5 Enhance a neighborhood's sense of place
 - 1.6 Encourage neighborhood activation and planning
- Goal 2: Enable sustainable, diverse, and accessible housing choices along with creative design and development solutions throughout Allen County to meet the needs of all residents
 - 2.1 Promote diverse and creative housing solutions
 - 2.2 Promote the use of renewable energy resources and green infrastructure
 - 2.3 Promote accessible, attainable, and stable housing

Economic Development:

- Goal 1: Ensure all areas of Fort Wayne and other Allen County communities can prosper and meet the projected employment demand
 - 1.2 Support equitably-balanced economic investment and reinvestment
 - 1.3 Support business development and expansion, and new business attraction
- Goal 2: Continue to invest in Fort Wayne and outlying communities to improve the quality of place
 - 2.1 Support vibrant activity centers
 - 2.2 Identify and enhance key community, sports, and tourism assets
 - 2.3 Enhance the use of the three rivers, especially in the Fort Wayne urban core

- Goal 3: Coordinate key infrastructure and transportation improvements with local economic development efforts
 - 3.1 Ensure sufficient infrastructure and transportation capacity
 - 3.2 Maintain and expand key transportation assets
- Goal 4: Support efforts to continue to create a welcoming, business-friendly, and inclusive community that fosters entrepreneurship, innovation, and business growth
 - 4.1 Support targeted business attraction
 - 4.2 Develop and support innovation hubs where anchor institutions and companies are concentrated and support new business start-ups, business incubators, and accelerators
 - 4.4 Support and facilitate the development of workforce and student housing
 - 4.5 Support inclusivity and diversity
 - 4.6 Strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem

Transportation & Mobility:

- Goal 1: Support high-quality infrastructure and systems for all transportation modes that align with community needs and facilitate economic development
 - 1.1 Improve connectivity and capacity
 - 1.2 Plan for and coordinate transportation improvements with economic development priorities
- Goal 2: Plan for and integrate new transportation technology and emerging best practices into the transportation network
 - 2.1 Improve and establish regulations, design standards, and policies
 - 2.2 Prioritize the inclusion of renewable energy technologies and low environmental impact transportation modes in infrastructure planning
- Goal 3: Increase safe, attractive, multimodal transportation opportunities across the entire Allen County area
 - 3.1 Prioritize the development of safe, attractive “Complete Streets”
 - 3.2 Prioritize public transportation

Public Facilities & Infrastructure

- Goal 4: Encourage collaboration between stakeholders, organizations, and governmental entities to strengthen environmental resiliency and reduce the impact of future infrastructure
 - 4.1 Encourage green infrastructure and low-impact design
 - 4.2 Facilitate environmental stewardship collaboration
 - 4.3 Encourage environmentally responsible and sustainable infrastructure construction
 - 4.4 Support environmental resiliency outreach and education

- Goal 5: Ensure adequate public safety services through increased collaboration as part of planning for new growth and development
 - 5.1 Encourage expanded public safety input in development
 - 5.2 Promote property maintenance and crime prevention techniques to improve perceptions and reduce crime risks
 - 5.3 Promote prepared and resilient communities
- Goal 6: Improve public safety outcomes
 - 6.1 Support public safety community outreach
 - 6.2 Strengthen public safety collaboration

Parks & Environment

- Goal 1: Ensure all residents have equitable access to parks, natural areas, and trails to meet increasing current and future demand
 - 1.2 Prioritize the maintenance and improvement of existing parks
 - 1.3 Continue to promote and strategically activate existing parks and riverfront areas with active and passive recreation opportunities
 - 1.4 Identify resources needed for park, trail, and natural area maintenance, activation, improvement, and expansion
- Goal 2: Provide accessible and connected trails that offer high quality local and regional opportunities for recreation and multimodal transportation
 - 2.1 Collaborate with area communities and trail organizations to expand and enhance trail and greenway systems to create a well-connected and comprehensive local and regional system
 - 2.2 Improve trail and trail head safety and amenities
 - 2.3 Support community education on the benefits of trails
- Goal 3: Encourage community stewardship of natural and environmentally sensitive areas
 - 3.3 Encourage tree canopy expansion and protection
- Goal 4: Reduce or mitigate impacts of new development on environmentally sensitive areas
 - 4.1 Promote sustainable development practices
- Goal 5: Improve awareness of outdoor passive and active recreation and local and regional tourism opportunities within our parks, trails, riparian, and natural areas
 - 5.1 Encourage additional outreach and engagement to support local and regional recreation and tourism opportunities

Waynedale 2040: Background

Waynedale 2040 is a planning document that provides a shared vision and direction of 24 Neighborhoods located in the southeastern portion of the City of Fort Wayne. The Waynedale Plan area is rich in history and is a long-standing community moving forward a bright future. In the following pages, you will find that this plan is created to:

- Engage the residents and stakeholders of the planning area to identify and prioritize needs and aspirations

- Establish a shared vision that can guide the neighborhoods over the next decade
- Celebrate the neighborhoods' history and culture and discover its unique personality
- Develop a set of goals and implementation strategies that will guide planning and development activities, neighborhood design, public improvements, and future investments
- Provide guidance to the Waynedale area neighborhoods, the City of Fort Wayne, decision makers, public agencies, developers, investors, for-profit corporations, and non-profit corporations

Waynedale 2040: Process

The **Waynedale 2040** began in the fall of 2024, due to this area's expected future investments and growth, additionally, from the interest of neighborhood residents to establish a neighborhood plan. Since then, city staff and a dedicated volunteer steering committee have diligently worked to gather extensive community input from residents, business owners, and stakeholders in the neighborhood.

Waynedale 2040 is founded on stakeholder and resident contributions. From 2024-2026 over nine hundred community members have been engaged including youth, property owners, renters, elected officials, workers, and business owners. Over 15 events and workshops have been held in-person and online, including working group meetings, neighborhood walks, open houses, and neighborhood meetings at various locations including The Stand, Waynedale Park, Psi Ote Park, Avalon Church, and Waynedale United Methodist Church. Additional engagement included online surveys in English and Spanish. Overall, about 950 neighborhood residents were engaged in the planning process to elicit a complete picture of the community's priorities and desires.

Online Engagement: To gather residents' and business owners' thoughts and concerns about the area, direct mail was sent to every address in the planning area. The Department of Neighborhoods in collaboration with the Waynedale 2040 Planning Committee also handed out over 1,200 Engage Fort Wayne post cards at the Waynedale Memorial Day Parade. Through the Engage Fort Wayne platform, the digital survey and questionnaires received 168 responses. Those responses provided information about specific concerns as well as demographic and broad perspectives of future focus areas.

Stakeholder Interviews: Staff conducted over forty one-on-one stakeholder interviews to gain in-depth information about the challenges and priorities of the neighborhoods. The stakeholder interviews were conducted from Fall 2024 to Fall 2025, either through video call or at various locations throughout the neighborhood. Interviewees were selected through "snowball sampling" with the steering committee providing the first residents to contact and each interviewee sharing additional stakeholders to interview.

Stakeholder Focus Groups: Two unique focus groups were conducted in Spring 2026 focused on priority topics uncovered through community engagement. Each event was attended by various local stakeholders in accordance with the topic. Those topics included (1) local businesses and (2) faith-based organizations. A total of 15 individuals attended the focus groups and provided feedback to influence the recommendations in the plan.

Open Houses: The City's Department of Neighborhoods hosted and participated in five well-attended events which provided residents with ample opportunities to provide feedback in the planning process. The first two were hosted at Waynedale Park and Psi Ote Park in June 2025. The other three were hosted in July at The Stand, Avalon Church, and Willow Creek Crossing. The City sent out over 6,800 direct-mail pieces to residents for all events, with over 250 residents in attendance. In addition to input, staff had one-on-one conversations with residents who had additional feedback that helped influence goals and strategies in the plan. In February 2026, the neighborhoods were invited to attend one of two open house events to review the planning strategies and provide any additional outstanding input. Over 110 residents attended the two sessions held at the Waynedale Allen County Public Library. The Department also attended the Avalon Fall Fest, and helped host the Town Hall in the early part of this process, which collectively provided an additional 175 responses from residents and families.

Engagement Outcomes: It was evident through all engagement levels that safety and lack of infrastructure were the residents' top priority, followed by local business support and a large sense of community. In total, over 980 people provided input, suggestions, and ideas for the plan, which makes up roughly 7% of the planning areas total population. Additionally, a well-rounded steering committee made up of neighborhood residents and business owners helped shape the plan with support from City staff. The goals and strategies outlined in the plan reflect the most commonly heard needs and desires of the neighborhood to enhance the community and prepare it for the next decade ahead.

Waynedale 2040: Recommendations

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A RESOURCEFUL WAYNEDEALE

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Waynedale 2040: Implementation

Measuring the success of any plan is traditionally based on the achievement of its goals and policies through decision making and implementation of defined action steps. While the goals and strategies provide guidance for decision making, the completion of action steps will be the benchmarks of success. The adoption of the goals and strategies of the plan as an amendment to the All In Allen Comprehensive Plan ensures that the needs of the community are considered during infrastructure

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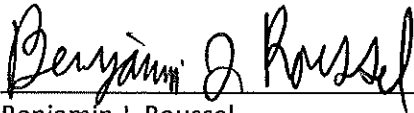
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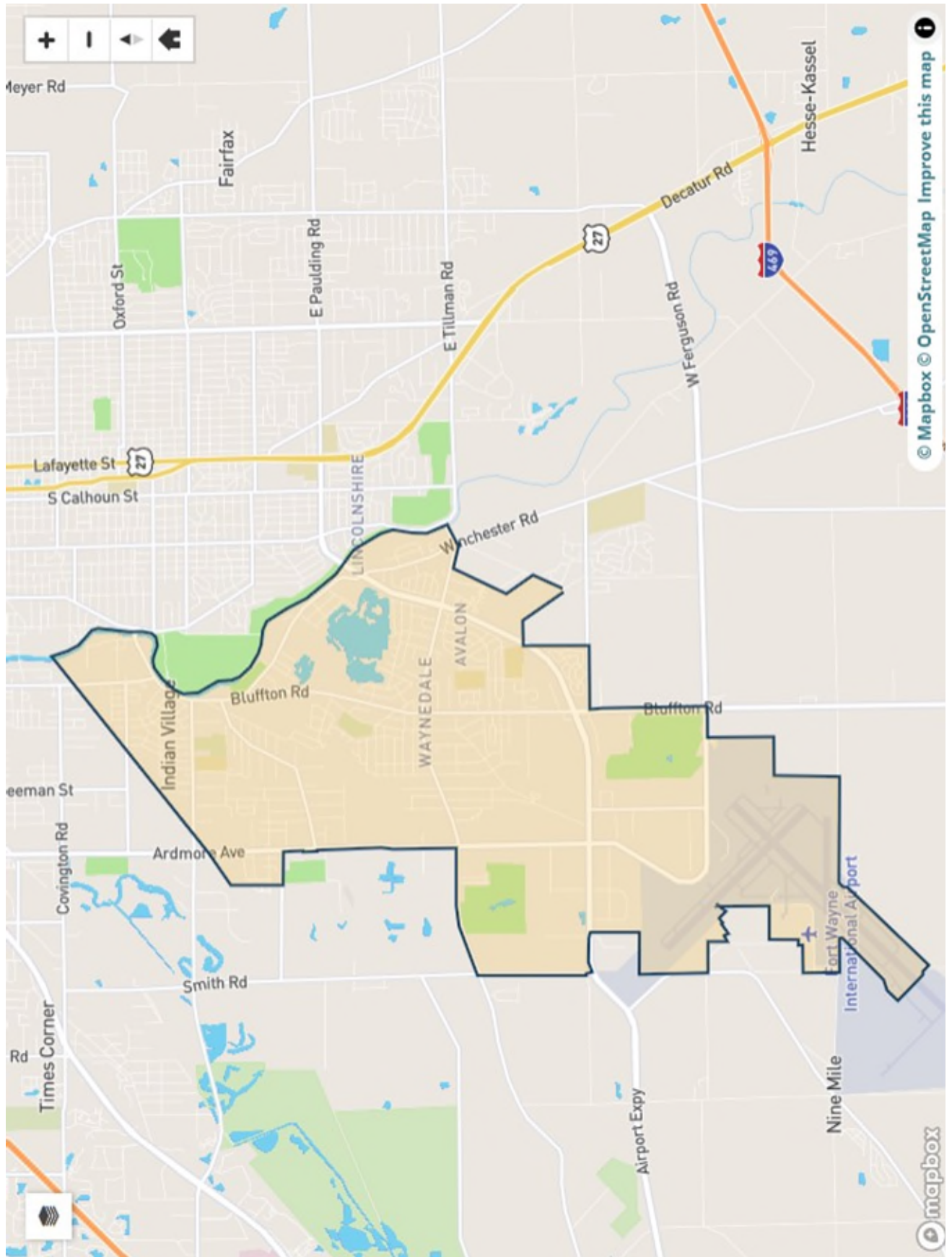
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REQUEST: Waynedale 2040 Neighborhood Plan
AFFECTED AREA: City of Fort Wayne Jurisdiction

The Plan Commission recommends that COMP-2026-0009 be returned to the Fort Wayne City Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation.

These findings approved by the Fort Wayne Plan Commission on May 18, 2026.



Benjamin J. Roussel
Executive Director
Secretary to the Commission





Waynedale

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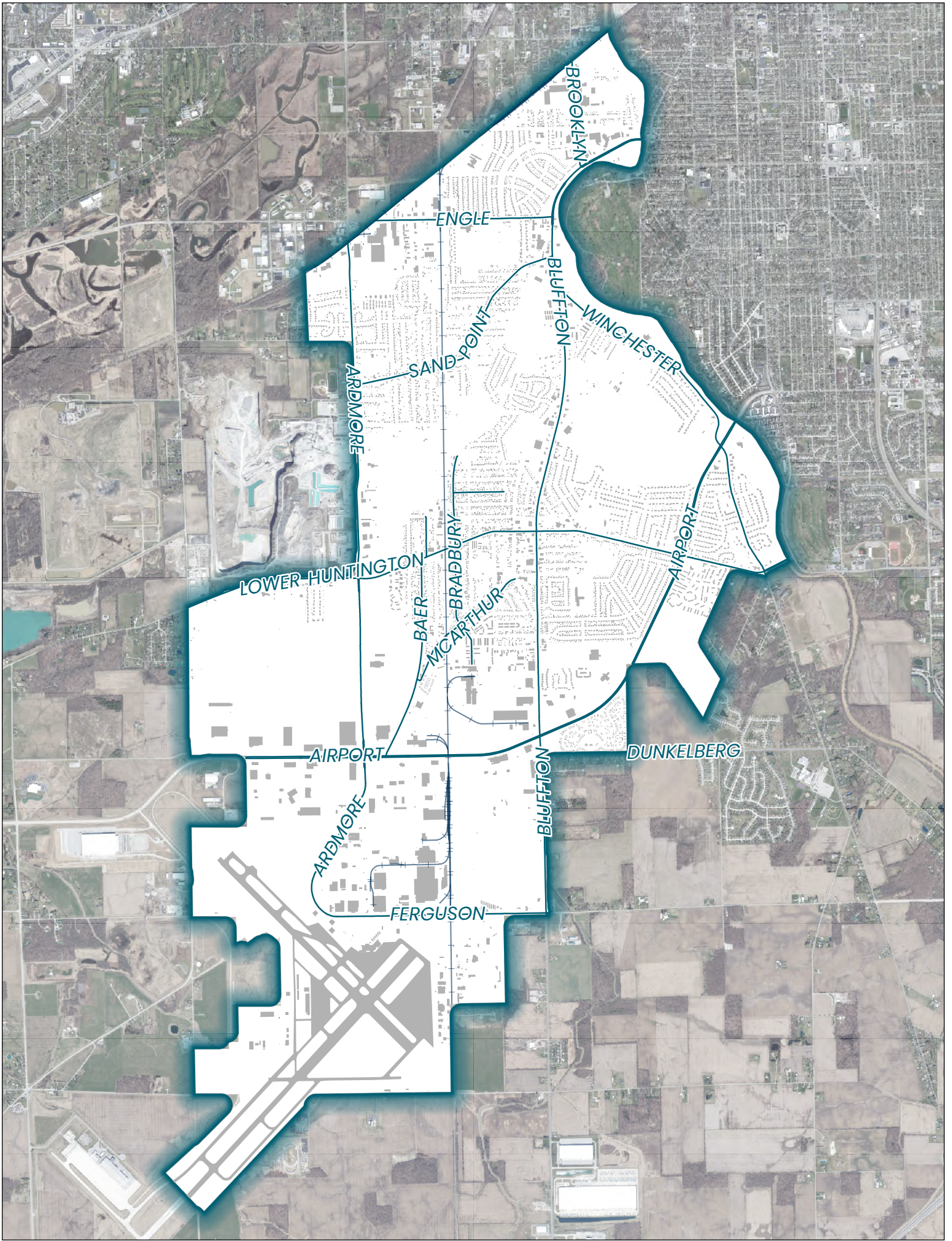
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People should feel safe in their neighborhoods. This aims at prioritizing strategies that help strengthen public safety, create inviting public spaces, and encourage community involvement. By fostering a greater connection, visibility, and sense of trust, it aims to enhance safety perceptions and a greater peace of mind in Waynedale.

A Vibrant Waynedale

A flourishing business community can provide a lot of value to neighborhoods. From a local ice cream shop to a long-standing retail store, supporting strategies that can help lay groundwork for new businesses, and elevate, celebrate, and guide existing businesses is crucial to the area. This principle looks to provide clarity on supporting local businesses and elevating current those who have paved the way for decades.

A Connected Waynedale

Physical and developmental changes often support and influence greater connections. Sidewalks and trails allow for physical connections to key parts of the neighborhood, while developmental changes can provide destinations to open up more social or economic connections. Providing ways to safely connect and bring community together are an important part of moving forward with neighborhoods in mind.

A Resourceful Waynedale

Neighborhoods can have many strengths, but their ability to be both resourceful and resilient can showcase the true power of community connections. Leveraging internal resources like businesses, faith organizations, parks, and neighborhoods are powerful tools that Waynedale has. Using those resources to enhance those strengths through can open unseen potential and further advance community relationships.

A Celebrated Waynedale

Neighborhoods are places that should not only feel like home, but are places that should celebrate its identity, pride, and unique strengths. Allowing a place to tell stories through art, literature, history, and community help to show pride-in-place. Waynedale has a deep sense of community pride, and it is important that this plan addresses ways in which those voices are shared, heard, and amplified.



GOAL ONE: WAYNEDEALE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE A SAFE AND THRIVING PLACE FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO LIVE, WORK, AND EXPLORE

- 1.1** Implement Proven Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Strategies That Enhance Safety and Security in Waynedale Neighborhoods
- 1.2** Enhance the Appearance and Promote Vibrant Neighborhoods through Community Led Cleanup Initiatives

GOAL TWO: WAYNEDEALE NEIGHBORHOODS ENJOY A THRIVING AND ACTIVE BUSINESS COMMUNITY FOR BOTH RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

- 2.1** Support and Promote Existing Businesses in Waynedale
- 2.2** Attract Entrepreneurs and Foster Small Business Growth and Development
- 2.3** Foster Business Attraction and Growth Through Safe and Attractive Commercial Corridors

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- 3.1** Support Safe Pedestrian Connectivity Through Sidewalk Improvements
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- 4.1** Align and Modify Zoning Designations to Support Recommendations in the Waynedale 2040 Plan
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GOAL FIVE: WAYNEDEALE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE SOCIALLY CONNECTED AND CIVICALLY ENGAGED

- 5.1** Support Youth Development Opportunities
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- 5.3** Support the Activation of Inactive Neighborhood Associations in Waynedale

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GOAL SEVEN: WAYNEDEALE'S HISTORY AND IDENTITY ARE A SOURCE OF COMMUNITY PRIDE

- 7.1** Use Public Art and Placemaking to Create a Sense of Place within Waynedale Neighborhoods and Along Corridors
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- 7.3** Celebrate Waynedale's Unique Identity through Marketing and Storytelling



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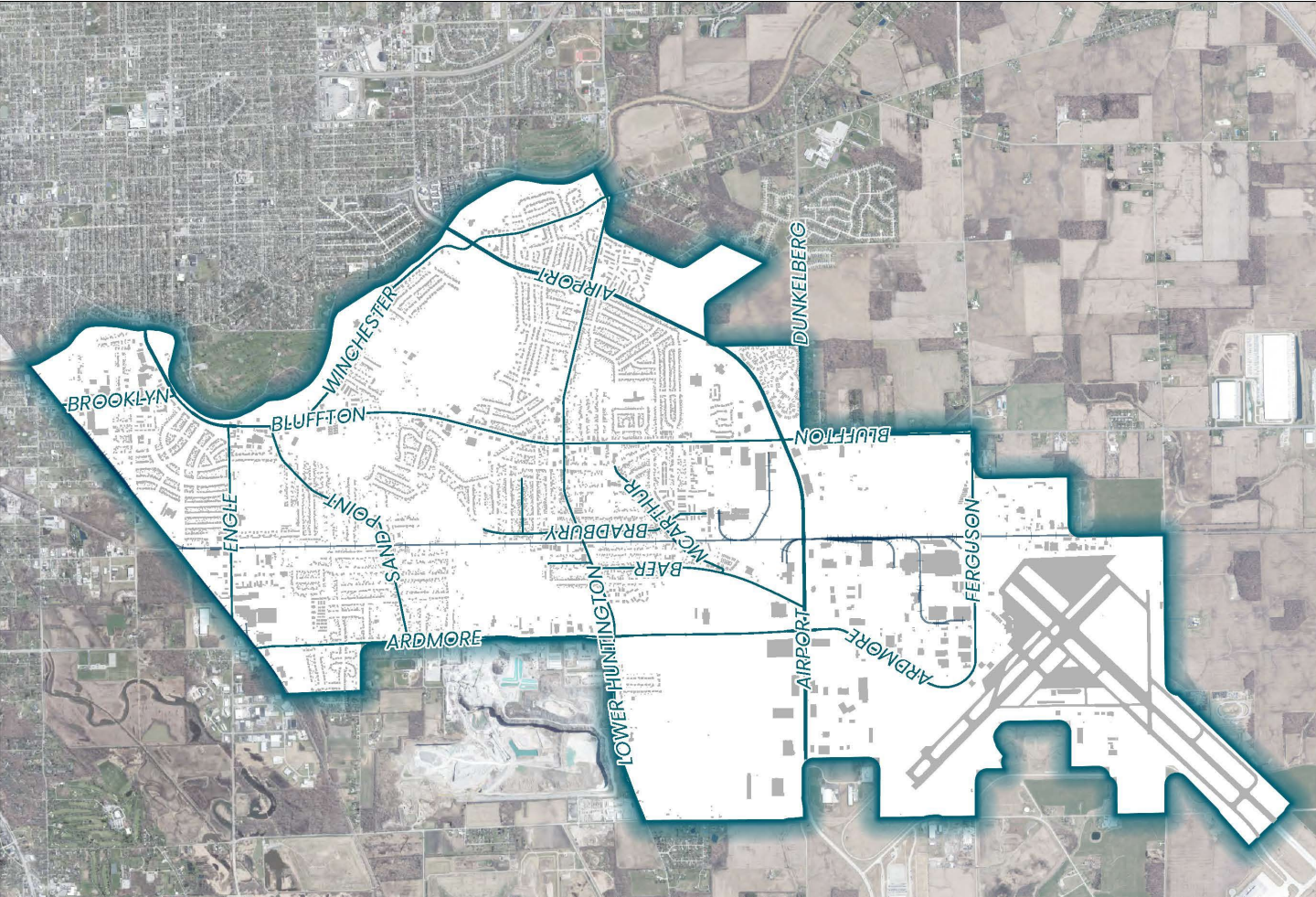
NEIGHBORHOODS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Planning Committee

Amy Carsten	Alex Cornwell	Bill Garver
Camille Garrison	Dean Kinter	Doug Koerner
Beulah Matczak	K.Paul Maurer	Amy Mays
Kirk Moriarty	Laura Oberholtzer	Clare Patano
Brad Sebring	Terri Shimp	Victor Small
Debbie Sorg	Ron Wyss	

Neighborhoods

Ardmore Knolls	Indian Village	South Stone Lake
Avalon Civic	Knolls of Ardmore	Southeast Waynedale
Bella Vista/Allendale	Kyle Road	Southwest Waynedale
Broadview Terrace	Lake Shores Community	Stone Lake
Elmcrest	Lakewood Park	Vesey Addition
Elmhurst	Old Trail	Willow Creek Crossing
Ferndale	Sandpoint	Winterset Community
Hopewell Point	St Marys River - Winchester Civic	Winterset Square



Waynedale 2040

PLAN PROCESS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- More than **980 residents, businesses, and stakeholders** were involved throughout the plan engagement process (about 7% of the population)
- Over **170 Residents** provided input through online engagements and surveys
- More than **40 stakeholder interviews** were completed
- Staff attended and conducted over **15 neighborhood walks** and **neighborhood meetings**
- Seven public open house events were held, and over **360 residents** provided in-person feedback

TIMELINE

- **Summer 2024** – Plan/Online Engagement Kick-Off and Committee Search
- **Winter and Spring 2025** – Committee begins meeting
- **Summer and Fall 2025** – In-Person Engagement
- **August 2025 to January 2026** – Waynedale 2040 Planning Committee discuss Goals and Strategies
- **March 2026** – Plan Initiation began
- **May 11, 2026** – Plan Commission Presentation and Public Comment
- **June 2nd or June 9th, 2026** – Discussion and Adoption at Fort Wayne City Council



Waynedale 2040

PLANNING AREA OVERVIEW

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

- Between 1980 to 2010 the Waynedale Area saw a large decline in population of about **12.6 %** (about 1,900 residents); Since 2010, it has added roughly 750 residents.
- 2020 total population was **13,852**
- 2020 Waynedale Area poverty rate was **13.9%** which is below Fort Wayne's average of **15.9%**
- Median Household Income in 2020 (when adjusted for inflation) was **\$56,006** compared to the city-wide average of **\$65,125**
- About **56%** of occupied houses are owner-occupied
- Roughly **44%** of residents have educational attainment of high school diploma or less, while about **25%** have some college, but no degree

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **57%** decrease in total crime from 2006 to 2025
- **59%** decrease in nonviolent crime from 2006 to 2025
- Violent crime rate has remained steady over the past 20 years, though 2025 was a record low with only **18** instances compared to peaks of 39 and an average of 29 instances in the past twenty years



Waynedale 2040

STRENGTHS & OPPORTUNITIES

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- Access to broader Fort Wayne (airport, interstate, highways, grocery, restaurants, etc.), **City parks & trails** (Waynedale Park, Psi Ote Park, etc.)
- Majority of respondents noted the **parks, library, neighborhood people, and local businesses** as top assets
- Majority of the residents deeply value the area's **social events** (like the Memorial Day Parade)
- Significant **social identities** and **business corridors** (Bluffton corridor, Lower Huntington corridor) help set the area apart

OPPORTUNITIES

- Establishing and **enhancing the relationships** with various neighborhoods, businesses, and organizations
- Improving and **creating safer connections** to recreation, parks, trails, schools, and businesses
- Celebrating the culture, history, and pride of the Waynedale area
- Creating safer and more **accessible neighborhoods**



Waynedale 2040

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CITY OF FORT WAYNE

SHARON TUCKER, MAYOR

MEMO

TO: The City of Fort Wayne Plan Commission
FROM: Fort Wayne Community Development
DATE: March 9, 2026
RE: Waynedale 2040 Initiation Process
CC:

Waynedale 2040 is a planning document that provides a shared vision and direction for the 24 neighborhoods located in the southwestern area of the City of Fort Wayne, informally known as Waynedale. The Waynedale 2040 planning area is a place rich with history, and has represented itself as a longstanding community that looks to preserve and enhance its neighborhoods, while welcoming a bright future.

The Waynedale 2040 Neighborhood Plan was created with input from over 900 residents and accomplishes these goals:

- Engage the residents and stakeholders of the area to identify and prioritize needs and aspirations,
- Establish a shared vision that can guide Waynedale neighborhoods
- Celebrate the area's history and connectivity, and share its unique personality,
- Develop a set of goals and implementation strategies that will guide planning and development activities, neighborhood design, public improvements, and future investments, and
- Provide a guide to the Waynedale neighborhood associations, the City of Fort Wayne, decision-makers, public agencies, developers, investors, for-profit corporations, and non-profit organizations.

We ask that the City of Fort Wayne Plan Commission consider the initiation of the Waynedale 2040 Plan as an amendment to the All In Allen Comprehensive Plan.



Avalon Missionary Church
1500 Lower Huntington Rd
Fort Wayne, IN 46819

February 12, 2026

Fort Wayne Plan Commission
Fort Wayne City Council

Dear Members of the Plan Commission and City Council,

As a faith community rooted in Waynedale, we are grateful for the opportunity to express our support for the **Waynedale 2040 Plan**. Our congregation has long been part of the spiritual and civic life of this area, and we care deeply about the direction in which our neighborhoods are headed.

We believe vibrant communities do not happen by accident — they are built through intentional planning, responsible leadership, and a shared commitment. The Waynedale 2040 Plan provides a thoughtful framework to guide growth while honoring the character and history that make this community distinct. Its focus on neighborhood vitality, community relationships, and long-term stability aligns with our desire to see Waynedale continue to flourish.

Each week, we serve families, children, seniors, and individuals who call this area home. We see firsthand the importance of safe neighborhoods, accessible infrastructure, and a strong local community. A clear and unified vision for the future will help ensure that Waynedale remains a place where people can thrive.

We respectfully encourage you to adopt the Waynedale 2040 Plan and continue working toward a future that strengthens both the physical and relational fabric of our community.

Thank you for your service and for your dedication to the people of Waynedale.

Sincerely,

K.Paul Maurer
Senior Pastor
Avalon Missionary Church

Broadview Terrace Community Association
Fort Wayne, Indiana
April 30th, 2026

Fort Wayne Plan Commission
Fort Wayne City Council

Dear Members of the Plan Commission and City Council,

On behalf of the **Broadview Terrace Community Association**, we write to express our strong support for the adoption of the **Waynedale 2040 Plan**. Our association represents residents who have strong roots here in Waynedale. We are committed to the long-term health, upstanding character, and success of the Waynedale community, and we believe this plan provides a clear and exciting vision for its future.

The Waynedale 2040 Plan thoughtfully balances the importance of maintaining the neighborhood's identity while planning for important improvements in safety, infrastructure, community relationships, and public spaces. We champion the plan's emphasis on neighborhood stability and its focus on creating a community that is safe, accessible, and welcoming for current and future residents.

The Waynedale community was given opportunity to express their thoughts and the planning committee listened well. The inclusion of resident voices and local perspectives strengthens the plan and ensures that its recommendations align with the priorities of those who live, work, and invest in Waynedale on a daily basis.

We respectfully urge the Plan Commission and City Council to support and adopt the Waynedale 2040 Plan.

Thank you for your tireless leadership and your unwavering commitment to the future of our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Amy Mays
Board President
On behalf of the Broadview Terrace Community Association

Camille Garrison
704 Snowfall Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46819
4/17/26

Fort Wayne Plan Commission
Fort Wayne City Council

Dear Members of the Plan Commission and City Council,

I moved to Waynedale in 2009 because I was drawn to its hometown community feel, the pride shown by its residents and businesses, and its convenient location. Waynedale has a history and character unlike any other community in Fort Wayne.

My profession led me to become more actively involved in supporting this neighborhood through trail committees, co-organizing community events that promote unity and fun, and continually advocating for the place we proudly call home.

It has been an honor to participate in the Waynedale 2040 planning process. We have appreciated the leadership and support from the City of Fort Wayne and the willingness to partner with our community as we work toward thoughtful growth. Through this process, we gathered valuable input from residents and worked carefully to identify improvements that will best support Waynedale's future. The effort has generated enthusiasm, momentum, and excitement as the plan continues to move forward.

I strongly urge you to adopt the Waynedale 2040 proposal. This plan outlines important steps to help ensure a strong future for our residents, neighborhoods, and businesses so they can continue to grow and flourish.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your commitment to the Waynedale community.

Camille Garrison

Fort Wayne Plan Commission
Fort Wayne City Council

Dear Members of the Plan Commission and City Council,

I am writing as a resident who truly cares about the Waynedale community and the future of our neighborhood. I would like to express my strong support for the adoption of the **Waynedale 2040 Plan**.

Waynedale is more than just a place to live—it is a community built on relationships, pride, and a shared sense of belonging. I value the character of our neighborhoods, the local businesses that serve us, and the people who make this area special. The Waynedale 2040 Plan reflects those values while also looking ahead with purpose and responsibility.

I appreciate that the plan focuses on preserving what makes Waynedale unique while encouraging thoughtful improvements that will strengthen our community. Planning for infrastructure, community support, and neighborhood stability is essential if we want Waynedale to remain a safe, welcoming, and vibrant place for families, seniors, and future generations.

Most importantly, this plan shows that the future of Waynedale matters. It provides a direction and a shared vision that can guide decisions in a way that respects both our history and our potential.

I respectfully encourage you to adopt the Waynedale 2040 Plan and continue supporting efforts that protect and strengthen the neighborhoods we call home.

Thank you for your service and your commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

Carol + Michael Sveceton
3106 Genesee Ave
Fort Wayne IN 46809

Dean Kinter

4035 Mound Pass in Indian Village

Fort Wayne

April 27, 2026

Fort Wayne Plan Commission

Fort Wayne City Council

Dear Members of the Plan Commission and City Council,

I am writing as a longtime resident of the Waynedale area to express my strong support for the adoption of the **Waynedale 2040 Plan**. Having lived in this community for many years, I care deeply about its future and believe this plan reflects a thoughtful and realistic vision for Waynedale's continued success.

Waynedale has always been a community with a strong sense of pride. The Waynedale 2040 Plan recognizes those strengths while also addressing the need for responsible growth, reinvestment, and long-term planning. I appreciate the focus on maintaining neighborhood character, improving infrastructure, and creating a community that remains a good place to live for current residents and future generations.

I've seen many changes in our city over the years and the care with which the recent neighborhood plans have been crafted has impressed me greatly. The neighborhood staff and the others from city government that they brought to the neighborhood planning committee were all well prepared and great at handling my semi-informed questions and concerns.

Coordinating this effort with changes to zoning and bringing news of already planned changes made the process of making a new plan much easier.

I am also encouraged by the level of community input that helped shape this plan. Knowing that resident voices were heard gives me confidence that the recommendations reflect real needs and shared priorities, rather than short-term solutions.

I respectfully encourage the Plan Commission and City Council to support and adopt the Waynedale 2040 Plan. Adoption of this plan will provide guidance for future decisions and help ensure that Waynedale continues to move forward in a thoughtful and positive way.

Thank you for your time, service, and commitment to the Waynedale community.

Sincerely,

Dean Kinter

Erin Floyd
2122 Lakewood Dr
Fort Wayne, IN 46819
April 19, 2026

Fort Wayne Plan Commission
Fort Wayne City Council

Dear Members of the Plan Commission and City Council,

I am writing as a lifelong resident of Waynedale who deeply cares about our community and its future. I would like to express my strong support for the adoption of the Waynedale 2040 Plan.

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I respectfully encourage you to adopt the Waynedale 2040 Plan and to continue supporting efforts that protect and strengthen the neighborhoods we call home.

Thank you for your service and your continued commitment to our community.

Sincerely,
Erin Floyd
Lakewood Park

Randy Plummer

5702 Fernwood Ave

Fort Wayne In

4/20/2026

Fort Wayne Plan Commission

Fort Wayne City Council

Dear Members of the Plan Commission and City Council,

My wife and I have lived in Waynedale for more than forty years, and our family has been part of this community for generations. During that time, we have witnessed significant growth and positive change, including the expansion of Ardmore Road and the development of new homes throughout the southwest area of Waynedale. These improvements have strengthened our neighborhoods and demonstrated the value of thoughtful, long-term planning.

We are encouraged by the vision outlined in the Waynedale 2040 Plan. The committee's efforts to attract new businesses—particularly additional restaurants and more community activities—reflect a strong commitment to enhancing the quality of life for current and future residents. As long-time members of this community who plan to remain here, we fully support continued investment and future enhancements that will help Waynedale thrive.

Thanks,

Randy

Fort Wayne Plan Commission
Fort Wayne City Council

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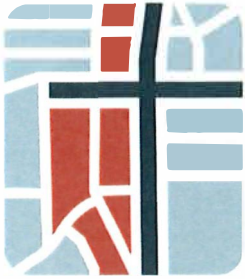
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Thank you for your time, service, and commitment to the Waynedale community.

Sincerely,

Rosie Kernly
1719 Lakewood Dr.
Ft. Wayne, In 46819



Waynedale United Methodist

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Fort Wayne Plan Commission
Fort Wayne City Council

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I respectfully encourage you to adopt the Waynedale 2040 Plan and continue supporting efforts that protect and strengthen the neighborhoods we call home.

Thank you for your service and your commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl McCormick".

Cheryl McCormick
1619 Winters Rd (46819)

“Joyfully Connecting People to Christ and Community”

Waynedale United Methodist Church
2501 Church Street
Fort Wayne, IN. 46809
February 20, 2026

Fort Wayne Plan Commission
Fort Wayne City Council

Dear Members of the Plan Commission and City Council,

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Thank you for your service and for your dedication to the people of Waynedale.

Sincerely,

Rev. William R. Garver
Senior Pastor
Waynedale United Methodist Church

Winterset Community Association
Fort Wayne, Indiana
4/18/26

Fort Wayne Plan Commission
Fort Wayne City Council

Dear Members of the Plan Commission and City Council,

On behalf of the Winterset Community Association we write to express our strong support for the adoption of the Waynedale 2040 Plan. Our association represents residents who are deeply invested in the long-term health, character, and success of the Waynedale community, and we believe this plan provides a clear and responsible vision for the future.

The Waynedale 2040 plan values neighborhood identities while planning for improvements in safety, infrastructure, community relationships, and public spaces. Neighborhood stability and safe neighborhoods are integral in promoting Waynedale as a family oriented community.

Equally important, the planning process reflected meaningful community engagement. Residents became more engaged in the planning process ensuring inclusion while prioritizing the aspirations of the Waynedale 2040 Plan.

The Winterset Community Association respectfully urge the Plan Commission and City Council to support and adopt the Waynedale 2040 Plan. Adoption will provide a framework to guide decisions and investments in the Waynedale community while creating a stronger Fort Wayne.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to the future of our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Gary Brennan
President
On behalf of the Winterset Community Association