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## Town of Speedway Begins Planning Process for Comprehensive Plan Steps taken to gather stakeholder input for Speedway's future development

(Speedway, Ind.) The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs awarded the Town of Speedway a \$60,000 Comprehensive Planning Grant as part of the Community Development Block Grant Program. This funding allows the Town to develop a Comprehensive Plan that will strategically plan for long-term and comprehensive community development projects to be accomplished over the next decade. A Comprehensive Plan acts as a guide for the future growth of Speedway, providing a foundation for decision-making on such topics as public services and infrastructure management.

The Town has initiated a Comprehensive Plan process with the selection of a consulting team, American Structurepoint. American Structurepoint will help facilitate the planning process while working in collaboration with the Town to ensure the collection and inclusion of community input. American Structurepoint is creating a feedback survey and will be available at the following community events to provide opportunities for public input:

- Sept. 1, 2022 Market in Meadowood and Speedway Summer Concert Series featuring The Last Alpaca
- Sept. 17, 2022 Speedway Chamber Jazz Festival
- Sept. 22, 2022 Speedway Chamber Taste of Speedway
- Sept. 29, 2022 Town of Speedway Community Day & Speedway Police Department National Night Out

The Town has also formed a Review Committee as an additional means of better understanding the goals and vision of the community. The Review Committee is comprised of stakeholders including local business owners, healthcare providers, schools, major employers, organizations, and Speedway residents. "This Review Committee will provide input on what is important in Speedway, where the community wants to go into the future, and how this will be accomplished," said Town Manager Grant Kleinhenz. The Review Committee will meet 4-6 times over the life of this study.

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Comprehensive Planning Grants are designed to aid communities in assessing assets and identifying opportunities to address current needs in the areas of land use, government capacity, public services, placemaking, economic development, housing, transportation, agriculture, natural resources, broadband access, and historic resources. Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and OCRA announced in 2021 that 11 Indiana communities were awarded a total of \$623,320 in Planning Grants.

"This is an important opportunity for the Town of Speedway as this funding allows us to plan and build solid framework for future development while also investing in the betterment of the Speedway community," said Speedway Town Council President Vince Noblet. "Input from the community as a whole is vital to the success of this Comprehensive Plan and its implementation over the next decade."

To learn more about the Town of Speedway Comprehensive Plan and to stay up to date on project activities, residents may visit the project website at <a href="https://www.speedwaycompplan.com">www.speedwaycompplan.com</a>.

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