WAYNEDALE 2040

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QUARTERLY PLAN UPDATE

WHAT:

Waynedale 2040 is a planning document that provides a shared vision of the neighborhoods located in the Waynedale area. Over time, the plan will include the history of the area, results and types of engagement accomplished, current conditions of various social and physical features, and recommendations created by the community that will guide the Waynedale area.

WHY:

Neighborhood Plans provide an opportunity for community voices to steer the direction of their neighborhoods. They help to engage residents and stakeholders of the Waynedale area to identify and prioritize needs and aspirations and celebrate its community, character, and unique identity. In turn, this develops a set of goals and implementation strategies that will guide planning and development activities, neighborhood design, public improvements, and future investments.

PLANNING PROCESS & TIMELINE

VISIONING

Using the engagement results, the Waynedale Planning Committee is beginning to draft recommendations, goals, and action steps. This will last through the end of 2025.

PROJECT KICKOFF
Waynedale Planning Committee is formed from local residents, leaders, and business owners.

RESEARCH
Understanding who calls Waynedale home. The neighborhood planning staff researches demographics, housing, and other data.

ENGAGEMENT
In-person and online engagement allows neighborhood residents to workshop ideas on what matters most for their neighborhood. This lasts from late 2024 to early 2026.

we're here!

CONFIRMING
Last chance to give input! Engaging the public to review and give feedback to the visioning efforts. This begins early 2026.

PLANNING
Bringing together conversations and research to finalize the planning document.

ADOPTION
Final plan will be presented to City Council and, if approved, adopted into ordinance.

IMPLEMENTATION
Projects begin moving forward!

2024 — 2025 — 2026









ENGAGEMENT TRACKER

600+ RESIDENTS ENGAGED!

Complete YOUR Neighborhood Input Survey Anytime at **WaynedalePlan.com**

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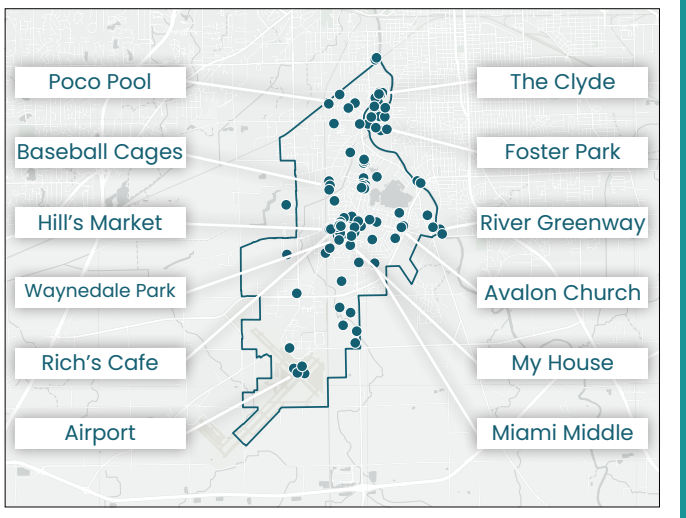
Look out for the next quarterly update to learn about Waynedale's history, demographics, and other housing and economic statistics!

What are people saying about WAYNEDALE 2040?

During summer 2025, Dept of Neighborhoods staff asked Waynedale residents and other stakeholders to describe Waynedale, what makes it unique, and how it can be improved. Staff asked for favorite Waynedale memories, what businesses and activities are supported regularly, where a visitor should go in Waynedale, and what business or activity would be supported if located in Waynedale.

Responses to these questions, combined with other mapping exercises, survey input, and resident and planning committee conversations, will be used to shape the recommendations, goals, and strategies of Waynedale 2040.

Asset Map: "What is your favorite place in Waynedale?"





WHAT ARE WAYNEDALE'S ASSETS?

Activities and businesses that people regularly support in Waynedale include local food and beverage establishments, retail and services like hardware and home improvement stores, personal services like salons and pet care, and parks and recreation activities. Events that people regularly attend include community traditions such as neighborhood picnics and holiday celebrations, markets, fairs, and school events.

These findings are reflected in the Asset Map, which asked residents to mark their favorite locations in Waynedale. Top responses include Foster Park, The Stand, Poco Pool, Hill's Market, Rich's Cafe,



The Clyde, Salvatori's, and various churches and schools like Waynedale UMC, St. Therese, and Miami Middle School. These Waynedale assets were also noted as good places for outsiders to visit.

WHAT DO RESIDENTS IN WAYNEDALE WANT?

People in Waynedale would like to see more sit-down restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries, fresh-food groceries, recreation facilities, and public services and programs in their community.

HOW DO PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT IDENTITY AND CHARACTER?

Many respondents described Waynedale as a community built on long-standing traditions with a strong sense of identity shaped by simple local activities.

During the engagement period, residents also voted on a Waynedale logo that complements community branding and identity (see below).

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WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD CONDITIONS?

According to the input survey, the highest rated neighborhood conditions are lighting, churches, and safety. The lowest rated conditions are sidewalks, trails, and neighborhood associations.

The survey also asked respondents to identify what should be addressed first to improve Waynedale. A sense of safety and sidewalk and street conditions were the highest responses. Respondents also identified good neighbors, proximity to downtown Fort Wayne, and housing affordability as Waynedale's most positive features.

Engagement is still ongoing! You can share your thoughts online anytime at WaynedalePlan.com.