

"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education."

--Thomas Jefferson 1820

*Managing the Challenges of Change
and Planning for the Future*

**Participatory Community Design and Planning
AKA: *Vision Planning***

Methods:

- . *A facilitated process* conducted through a series of public workshops
- . Small group activities *specifically designed for your community*
- . Highly visual and interactive materials

Goals:

- . Clarifying community values
- . Clarifying community issues
- . Developing a Vision and Goals *with enough specificity to suggest action*
- . Enhancing group process, consensus building, and decision making skills
- . Cultivating an informed and active citizenry

Mapping:
“Valued Places” and
“Opportunities for Improvement”



Past and Future:
What's Missing?



Location Logic:
Matching Opportunities with
“What’s Missing?”



Vintondale
from US Geological Survey
Vintondale Vision Planning Workshops



A Vision for the Village of Endeavor
 A "Rural Small Town Village" Surrounded by Agricultural Lands and Natural Open Space

Vision Statement:
 The residents of the Village of Endeavor envision a future that maintains the best characteristics of a "Rural Small Town Village" while encouraging the development of a diversity of new housing, employment, recreational, and educational opportunities, and increasing access to diversity of goods and services for the residents of the village and the surrounding towns.



The Community Vision Workshops were held March 18th, April 15th, and April 29th, 2002, in the Endeavor-Monmouth Fire Station. A complete report of the workshop activities, participants, and results is available at the Village of Endeavor. All residents are encouraged to contribute to next phase of the comprehensive planning process by participating in the new Citizens Advisory Group.

Points to Guide New Development:

- 1. New Development Builds on Existing Patterns and Resources**
 Efforts to attain the future envisioned by the residents of the Village of Endeavor will support existing business, industry, and nearby agriculture while building on existing patterns of land use, undeveloped natural resources, and underutilized lands, buildings and infrastructure.
- 2. New Opportunities for Resident Participation**
 Efforts to attain the future envisioned by the residents of the Village of Endeavor will support existing community groups and activities while cultivating new opportunities for participation in social, cultural, recreational, volunteer, and civic organizations and community decision-making.




**Results 1:
 Specific Projects and Policies**



**Results 2:
Information for a Comprehensive Plan**



- Character Photo #1: Specific characteristics illustrated in this photograph include:**
- . Appropriate size settlement surrounded by agricultural, natural, and recreational openspace.
 - . Appropriate village residential density in spacing of houses and size of yards.
 - . Nicely maintained buildings and yards.
 - . Well maintained roads, street trees, and sidewalks.

Results 3: An Informed and Active Citizenry

Responses to some questions on the post-process evaluations:

1. Please tell us if your understanding of community planning has changed as a result of your participation in the community vision workshops.

<u>I am more confused</u>	<u>No change</u>	<u>A little more clear</u>	<u>Very clear understanding</u>
1	4	13	14

2. Are you willing to serve on a new Citizen Advisory Committee to help guide the results of the community vision workshops into the comprehensive plan?

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>BLANK</u>
24	7	1

3. Have you ever served on a committee or board for any community group before?

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>BLANK</u>
12	16	4

The interactive Slide Show

“Is this your Community Character?”

Issue Rank: Post-workshop		Mean
#1	Improving the quality of life for next generations	4.80
#2	Attracting good paying jobs	4.53
#3	Protecting groundwater	4.53
#4	Citizen participation in land use planning and decision making	4.47
#5	Attractiveness of the community to visitors	4.47
#6	Preserving and rehabilitating old or historic sites	4.27
#7	Protecting streams and/or wetlands	4.27
#8	Increasing outdoor recreation opportunities	4.20
#9	Protecting woodlands	4.13
#10	Protecting private property rights	4.07
#11	Protecting agricultural lands	3.87
#12	Attracting new home construction	3.87
#13	Affordable housing	3.80
	difference in spread: 4.80-3.80 =	1.00
	mean average:	4.25

“This community has an idea of itself as being very divided, but get us all around a table, and I guess we really are not that far apart.”

An observation voiced by one participant at the end of the public participation process.