



**US ROUTE 30 MASTER PLAN
CHARRETTE WORKSHOP 1
Additional Input Form
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Your Input

At tonight's workshop, you have been asked about what is the best way to develop the demonstration site in Unity Township. Please take an additional moment to provide extra ideas or thoughts. Tell us what you think.

Vision

Express 2 to 3 words or a phrase that describes your desired future for future development along Route 30. (*What kind of development would you like to see occur on Route 30?*)

- Needs to address the needs it ___ - no more lights and under road access needed
- Look at what Frederick Law Olmstead designed
- Better secondary road access to relieve Route 30 congestion
- Family oriented centers
- Create less need for local use of Route 30, more connections
- Public transportation, improve traffic flow
- Opportunity for young adults (20-30 yrs)
- More green frontage + less junk buildings
- Coordinated
- As stated
- Aesthetically appealing, automobile friendly, appeals to all age groups
- Planned development
- No more direct access to Route 30; nodal, not strip development
- Community oriented; pedestrian friendly
- Improve transportation infrastructure
- Tempered growth

Thinking about the demonstration site and immediate surrounding areas, what do you like best?

- The ability to keep green area but allow community needs of housing + retail office in a dense area
- Handy to air transportation. It is an ideal location in a potential high growth area for industry and recreation in a very pleasant place

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- Better emergency vehicle access to housing areas
- The blending possibilities (recreation, shopping, etc)
- The green, open space, natural areas
- Access to 981 + 30
- I think it should be almost totally green around a community center
- Working to connect
- A great location
- Sport arena + Entertainment Center
- Open space/use of water/vista to chestnut ridge/close to GLSD/use of patio homes 55 and older
- Rolling terrain
- Maintaining some greenspace
- Variety of commercial choices
- View of surrounding landscape (mountains; forfeited tracts)
- Focus on mass transit tying in with existing resource of airport
- The site being the center of activity

Thinking about the site and immediate surrounding areas, what do you like least?

- Allowing people to walk to things
- Traffic tie ups
- The parking lots, ugly concrete
- Big box stores, dying strip malls
- Congestion
- The back of shopping centers
- Big Lots
- Retail stores
- More big box stores
- Big box retail/lack of access from retail complex to retail complex
- Big box stores, traffic congestion
- Congestion, sprawl, distracting visual environment
- Light intrusion from other big box development
- Using more farmland

Looking to the future, what would you like the site to become?

- See our site plan
- A national or perhaps, an international destination for planners, architects, designers to use as a model.
- Not sure yet
- I like the planning for green areas – Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve. Access to historic rural areas. Make a connection to the past.

- Keep the site as green space + revitalize downtown Latrobe/Greensburg/Jeannette/Youngstown with the ideas that were brought up tonight
- An active park for skating, dog walking – for youngsters + oldsters
- Walkable community
- Greenspace + elderly housing
- More livable + more convenient travel
- Patio homes planned community
- Mixed use for business, entertainment, attractive and affordable housing
- Light industrial/Office building area
- Some corporate business development, greenspace, some town homes
- Green open space (active or passive recreation) or mixed uses based on new urbanist principles including a grid street pattern, sidewalks, trails, major greening
- Mixed use with attractive uses for all age groups. Pedestrian friendly.
- Transportation hub
- The hub of intermodal activity

On a scale from 1-5, what issues are most important for development of the demonstration site? (1 most important, 5 least important)

MODE

2 Building form/Architectural style

1 Automobile Ingress and Egress

5 Internal traffic circulation

1 Keeping cars off Route 30 when accessing to and from neighboring development

5 Landscaping

4 Lighting

2 Maintaining green space

4 Mixed use

3 Amount of Parking

4 Signage (internal and external)

5 Stormwater management

1 The appearance from the highway

1 Transit access and service

2 Walkability (on site)

What do you see as the top three issues that need to be addressed when developing a demonstration plan for the Route 30 corridor?

- Keeping lights off route 30 – access from one side to the other, walking and biking

- It should look like it belongs there or was always there. No high rises (‘oiver 3 stories), lots of vegetation and green space. Blends in with surroundings – unobtrusive.
- Historic preservation and connection to attract tourism.
- Traffic flow, types of housing, types of businesses
- Alleviate traffic, preserve greenspace/historic integrity
- Starter homes, homes for handicapped, public transportation
- Access roads, green space, safety (lights, speed bumps, etc.)
- Coordinated Development, fewer curb cuts, greenspace development/preservation
- Roads, greenspace, walking paths
- Accessing Route 30, maintaining greenspace, convenient
- Appearance, accessibility, curbing congestions
- Feasible, Transferable, Congruent
- Traffic control
- Lack of access management, too much impervious surface
- Quality building styles, visually blending with land forms, mixed uses that allow barrier to residential
- Start with where transportation needs will be in 2030 – as history shows development follows transportation.
- Compatibility, access, mixed use facility

What advice do you have on how to address these issues?

- Think long term realism, not “hot” fashions of current trends (types of houses, businesses, etc.)
- More connecting roads, comfortable walkways/bike trails, designate greenspace outside town, create limits to sprawl, regulate mixed use zones within limits, more greenspace in town.
- Good luck!
- Local meetings
- Work on strategy to get the local governments to work together, create a regional authority
- Nodal, cluster development rather than strip. Parallel access roads. BMPs to increase infiltration and storm water
- Involve the local development groups and the local preservation historical societies. Community Development Corporation
- Seek innovative mass transit and grants, etc. to build. Then develop communities around transit.
- When thinking of ways to access this area plan for something 2-3 times bigger and leave room for expansion. Don’t get land locked.