

New Harmony Comprehensive Plan

Public Workshop
September 30, 2024

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Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Comprehensive Plan
3. New Harmony Parks and Trails Master Plan
4. Demographic information
5. Activities
6. Next steps

REA team members



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Principal-in-Charge, Planning Director

- National perspective of planning trends with strong knowledge of comprehensive plan best practices
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Project Manager, Senior Planner

- Former city planner in local government
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- Professional Landscape Architect
- Experience with 5-year parks plans and place-type comprehensive plans

Comprehensive Plans

- What is a Comprehensive Plan?
- Why create a Comprehensive Plan?
- How will the Comprehensive Plan be developed, adopted, and used?



What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A comprehensive plan provides a vision for the future of the community along with the steps that are needed to make that vision a reality.

It is the basis for land use regulations and provides a nexus between the community's future vision and the regulation of private property.



What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- A plan: forward-looking
- Establish a vision for the future
- Create goals that serve your vision
- Identify where land uses can occur in your community



Why create a Comprehensive Plan?

- Where are you going?
- What do you want New Harmony to be like in 20 years? In 5 years?
- Create a shared vision and goals for the future.



Why create a Comprehensive Plan?

- In 20 years, so much can change!
- Creating a vision and setting goals allows you to respond to changes based on your community vision and goals.
- We can't fully control what changes arise, but we have the opportunity to evaluate how to utilize changes in service to your vision and goals.



Why create a Comprehensive Plan?

Even more reasons...

- Guiding document for policy decision and zoning
- To be eligible for grant funding



4-Phased Approach



DISCOVERY

Data collection, demographics, physical condition analysis, market analysis, housing trends and gaps



June - August



VISIONING

Create vision statement, identify community values & themes, development of overarching goal statements for each theme



August - October



FRAMEWORK

Develop framework plans that build on technical analysis, create draft land use and transportation concepts, brainstorm policy recs, develop sub-area studies



October - January '25



ACTION

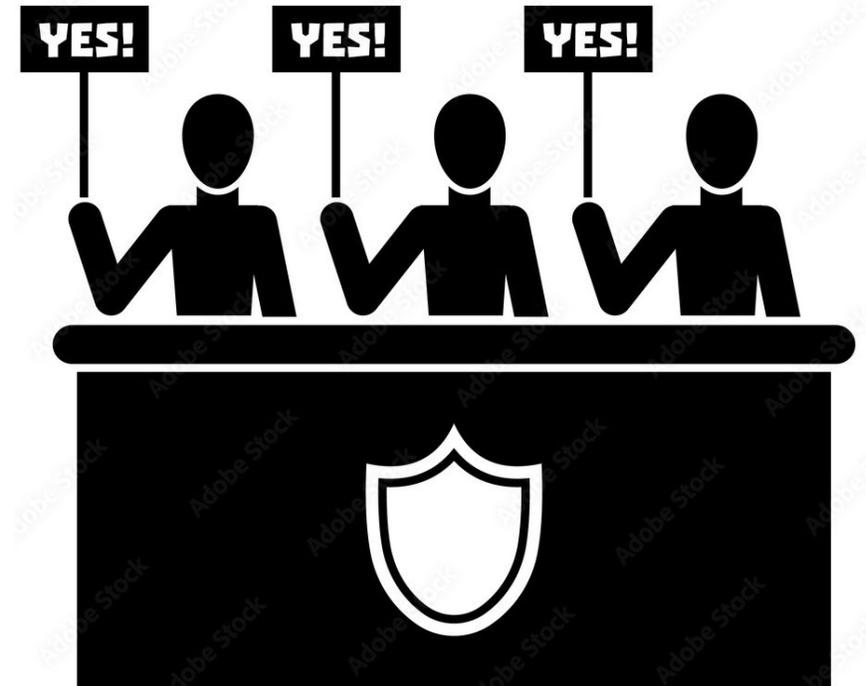
Draft plan with refined framework plans, recommendations, and implementation strategies, public open house review



January - March '25

How to create a Comprehensive Plan?

- Adopting the Comprehensive Plan
- The Plan will be reviewed by and adopted by the Town Council





How to create a Comprehensive Plan?

How to use the Comprehensive Plan

1. Proactively

- As a guiding document and vision for the community
- Identify capital projects
- Identify priority legislation (update the zoning code)
- Identify other key projects

2. Reactively

- As a reference for land use decisions
- As a guiding document for elected officials making decisions—does this support our community vision and goals?

3. General support

- As a guide and supporting document for grants
- As a guide and supporting document for economic development and housing



How to create a Comprehensive Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan...

- Is a guiding policy document.
- Is a tool to plan for buildings— where they are, where businesses and homes can be located.
- Is used by staff, elected officials, and developers to guide decision-making.
- Is used as the basis for zoning code updates and decisions.
- Has legal weight for policy decisions.

A Comprehensive Plan...

- Is **not** law.
- Does **not** guarantee that private businesses will be built.
- Can **not** singularly solve complex social issues.

New Harmony Parks and Trails Master Plan



What is a 5-Year Parks Plan?

- Comprehensive approach to decision making
- Improved funding opportunities (LWCF)
- Ensures that the public wants the facilities that are developed
- Clear sense of direction



What is a 5-Year Parks Plan?

- Goals & Objectives
- Features of the Community
 - Natural & Landscape
 - Man-made, Historical & Cultural
 - Social & Economic
- Accessibility
- Public Participation
- Draft Plan due 11/15 to IDNR



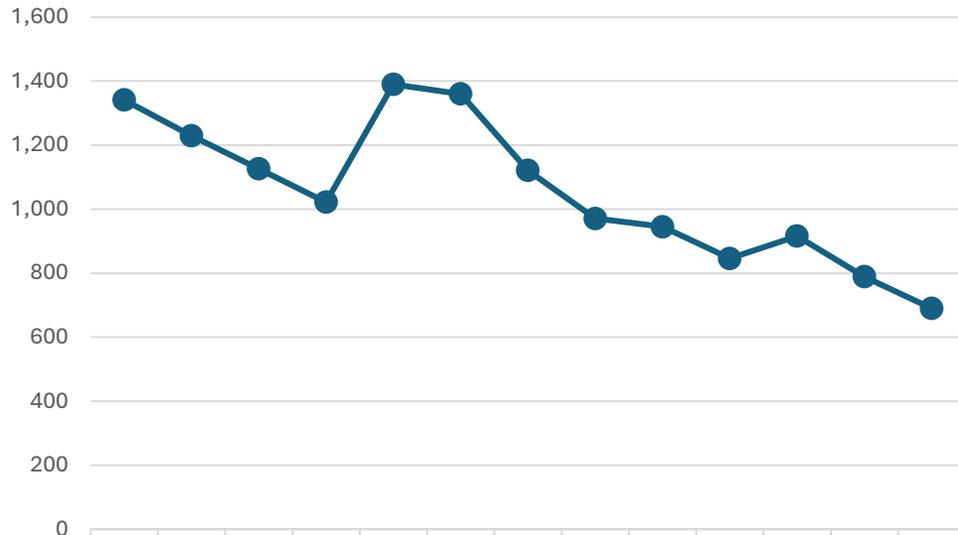
Demographic information

- Population
- Household sizes
- Jobs
- Education



Demographics: Population and people

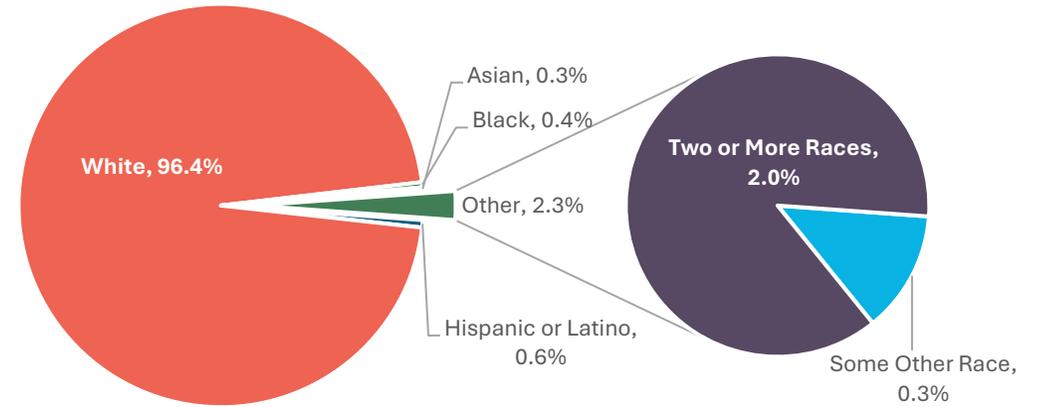
Population 1900-2020



	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
New Harmony town	1,341	1,229	1,126	1,022	1,390	1,360	1,121	971	945	846	916	789	690

Year	2010	2020
Population	789	690

Race

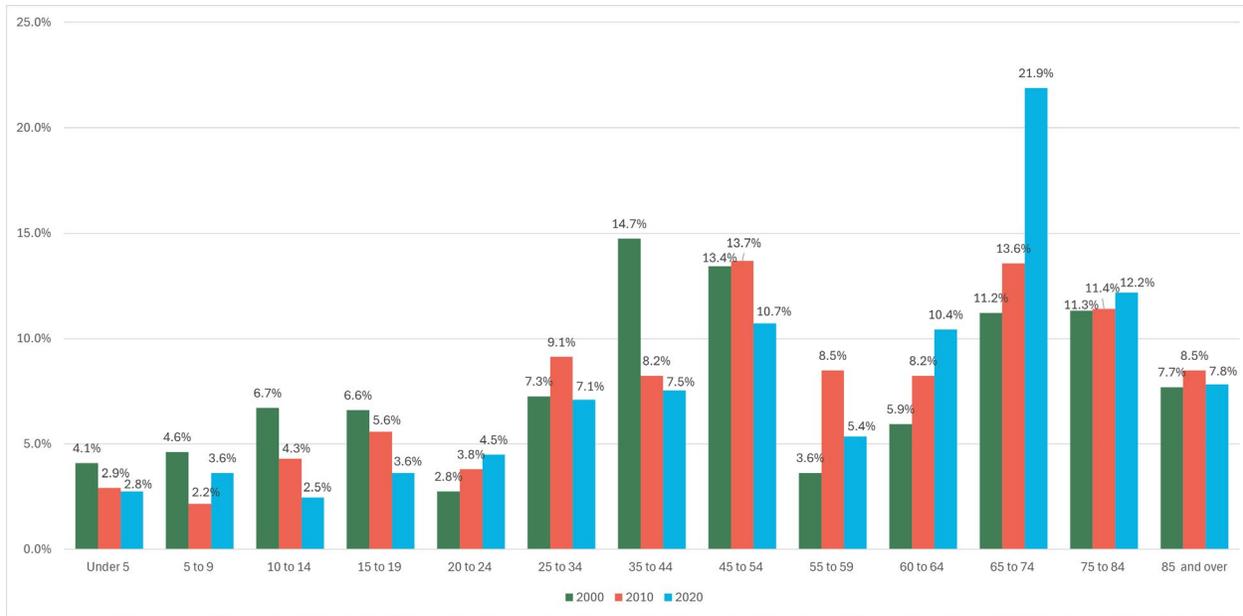


■ Hispanic or Latino
 ■ White
 ■ Black
 ■ Asian
 ■ Some Other Race
 ■ Two or More Races

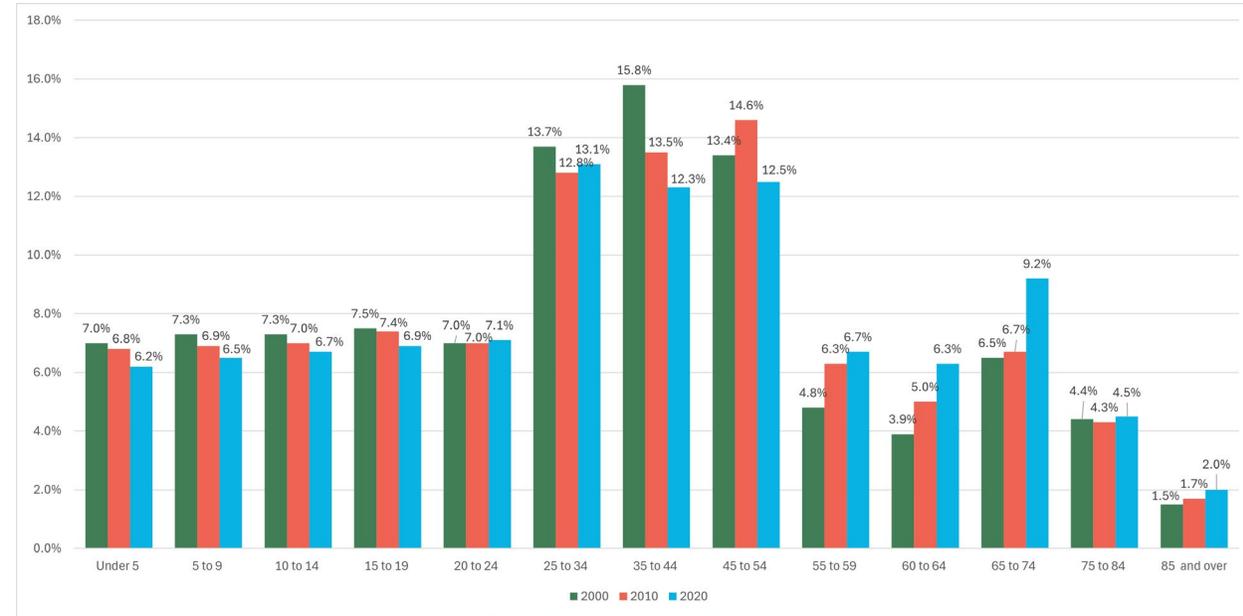
Demographics: Population and people

Age Distribution

New Harmony Age Distribution



Indiana Age Distribution

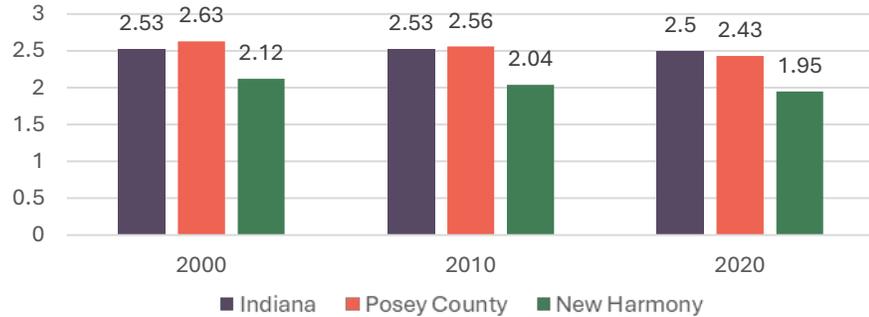


Demographics: Households

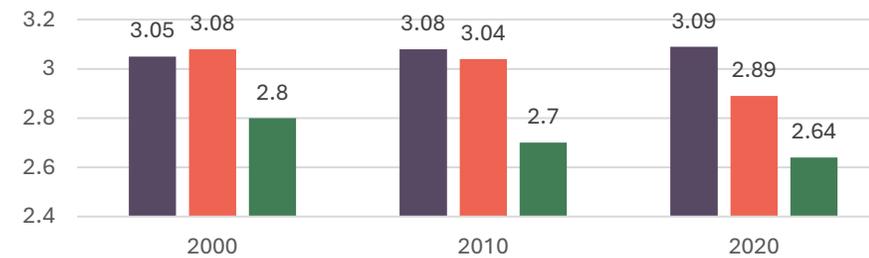
Households and Families



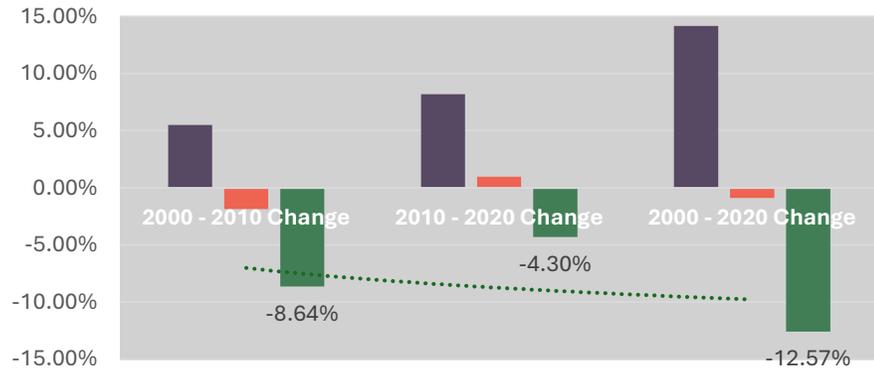
Average Household Size



Average Family Size



Growth in Total Households



Housing Characteristics



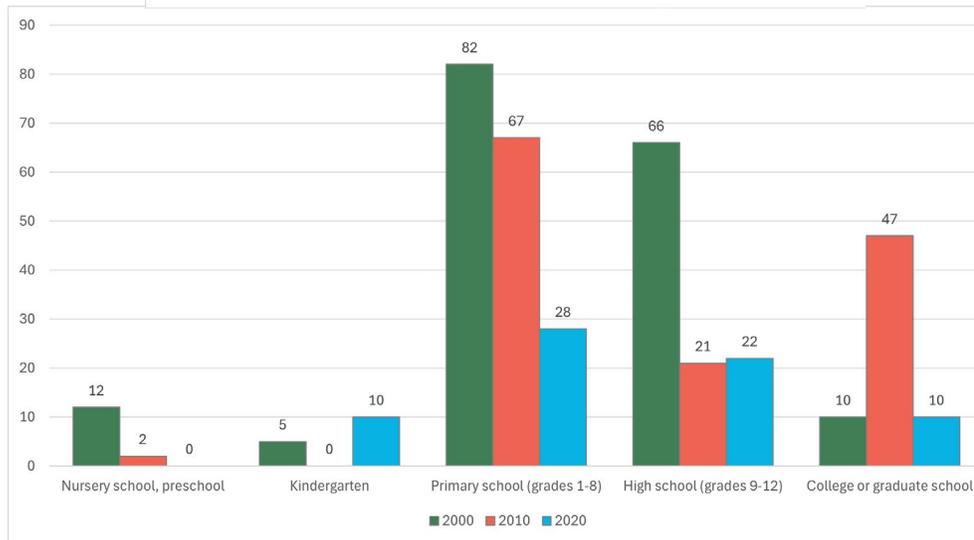
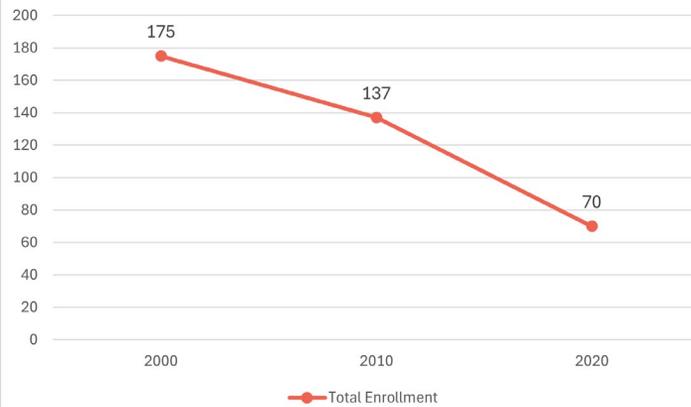
Location	Owner-Occupied	Renter-Occupied	Median Home Value	Median Household Income
New Harmony	76%	24%	\$120,300	\$45,208
Posey County	81.8%	18.2%	\$150,900	\$64,983
Indiana	68.4%	31.6%	\$148,900	\$58,235

Demographics: Education

School Enrollment (2020)



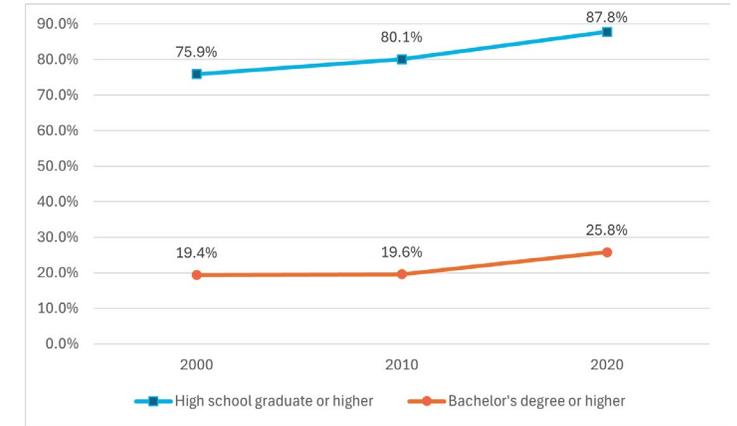
School Enrollment
(3+ Years Old)



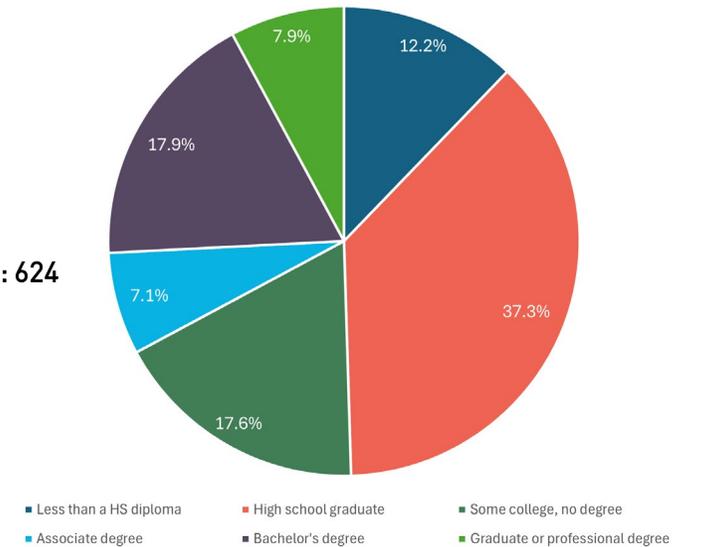
Educational Attainment (2020)



Educational Attainment
(25+ Years Old)

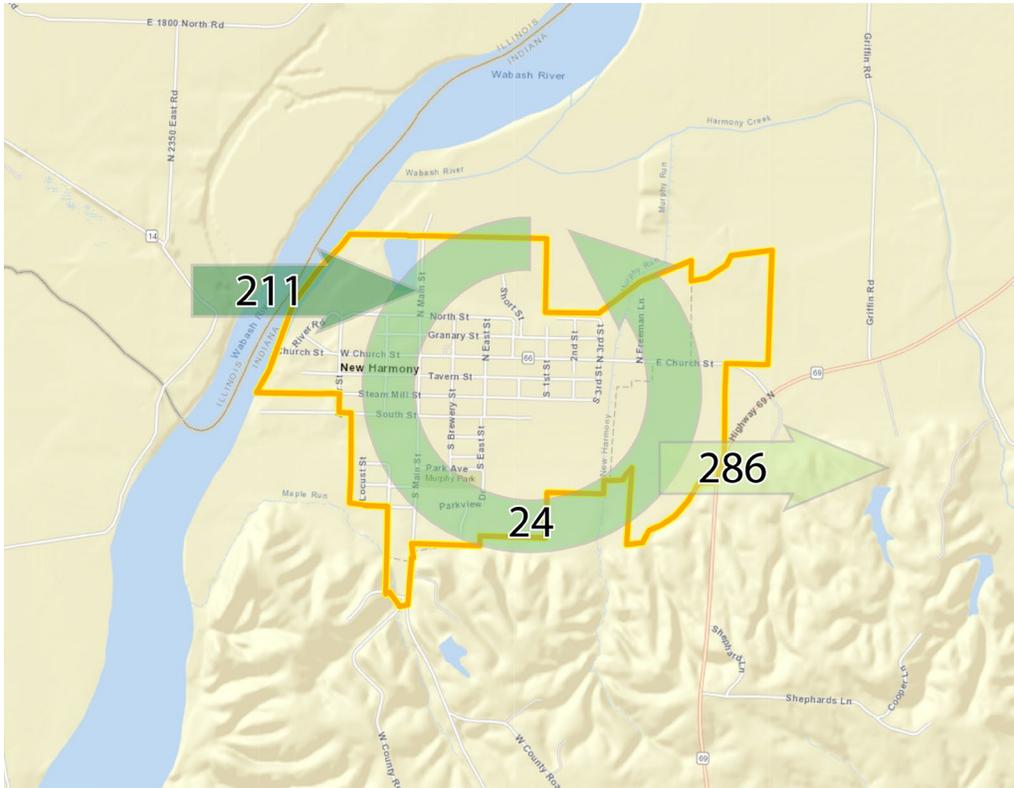


Population 25+ Years Old: 624



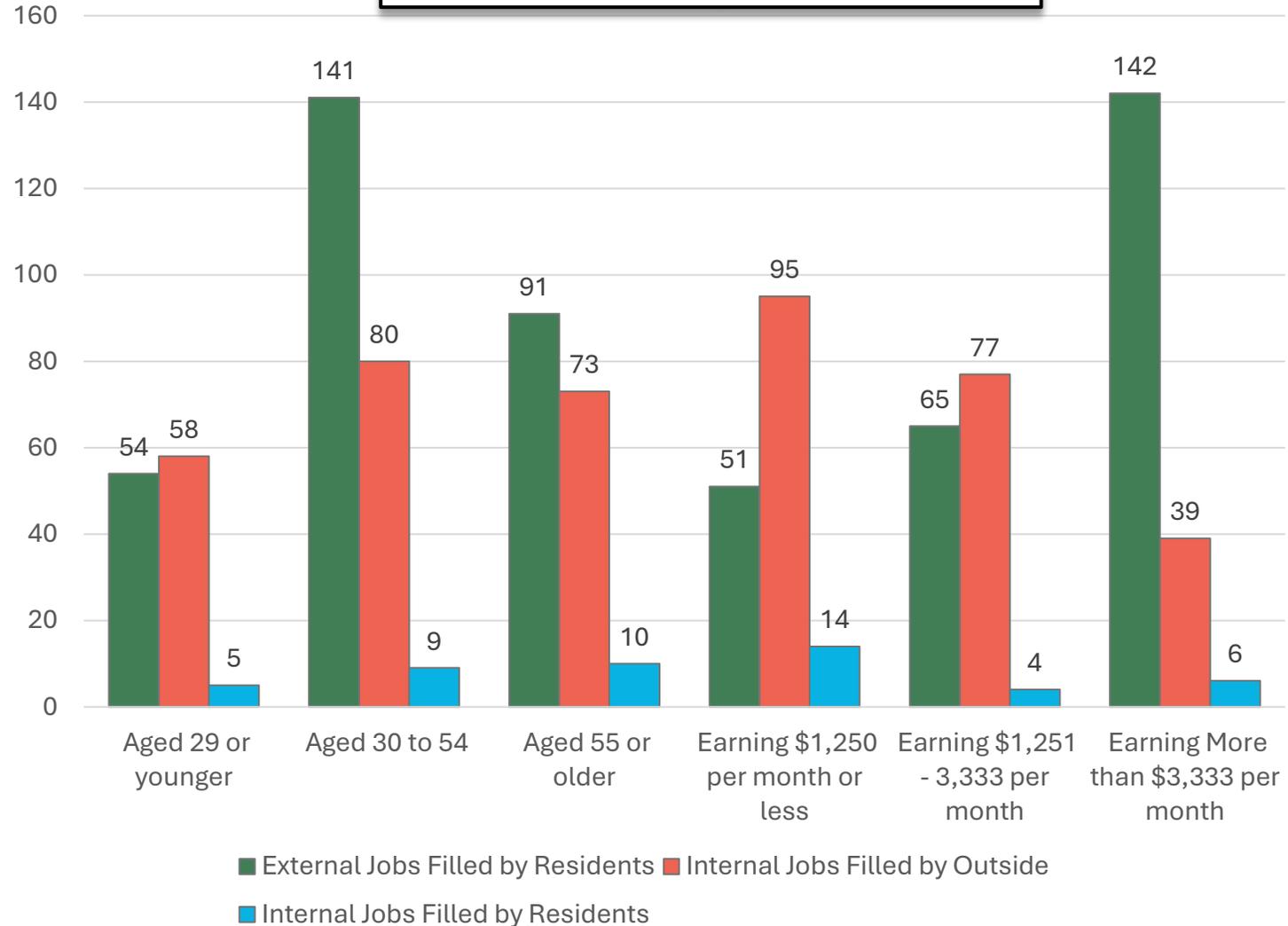
Demographics: Employment

Inflow/Outflow (Primary Jobs, 2020)



Net Job Outflow: -75

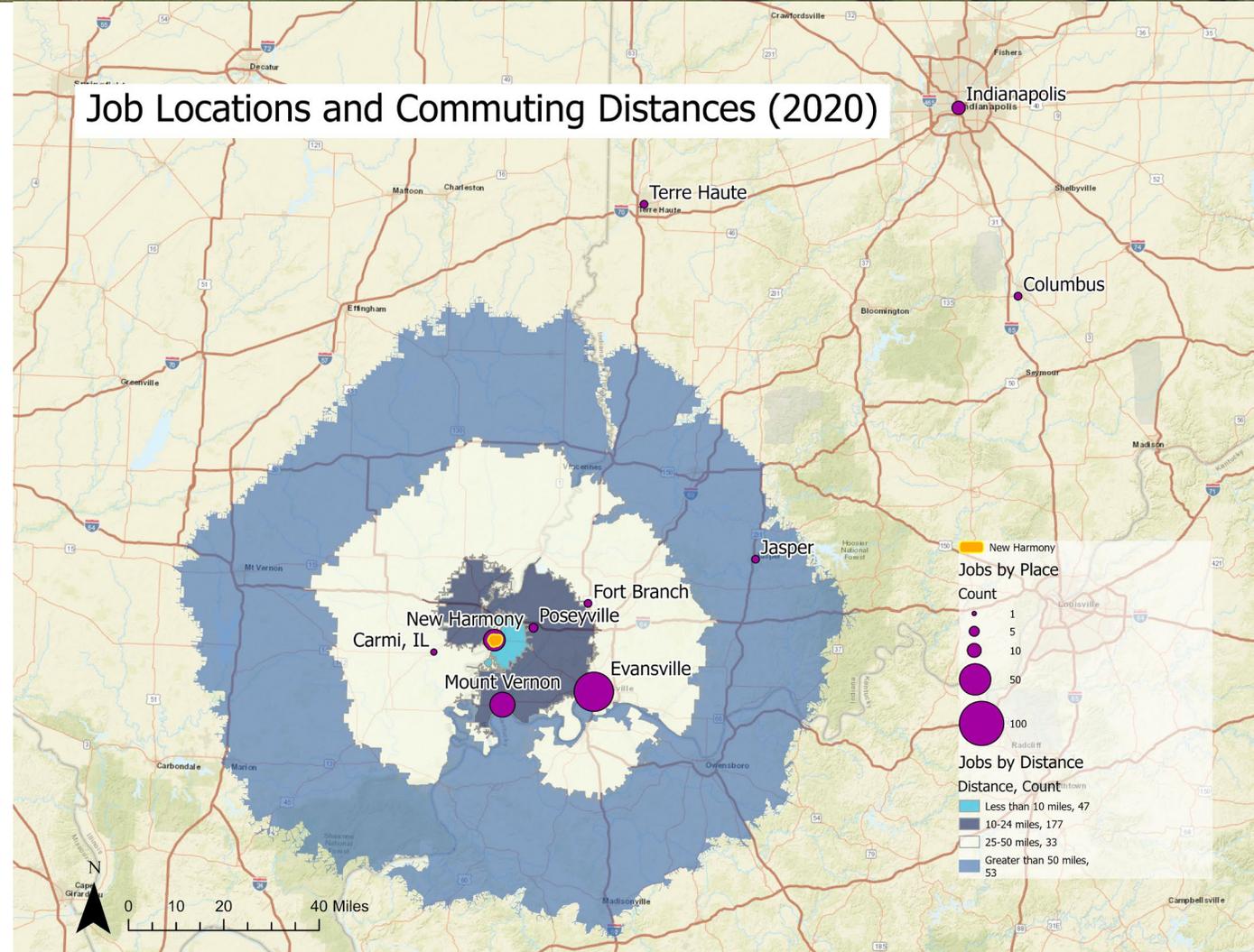
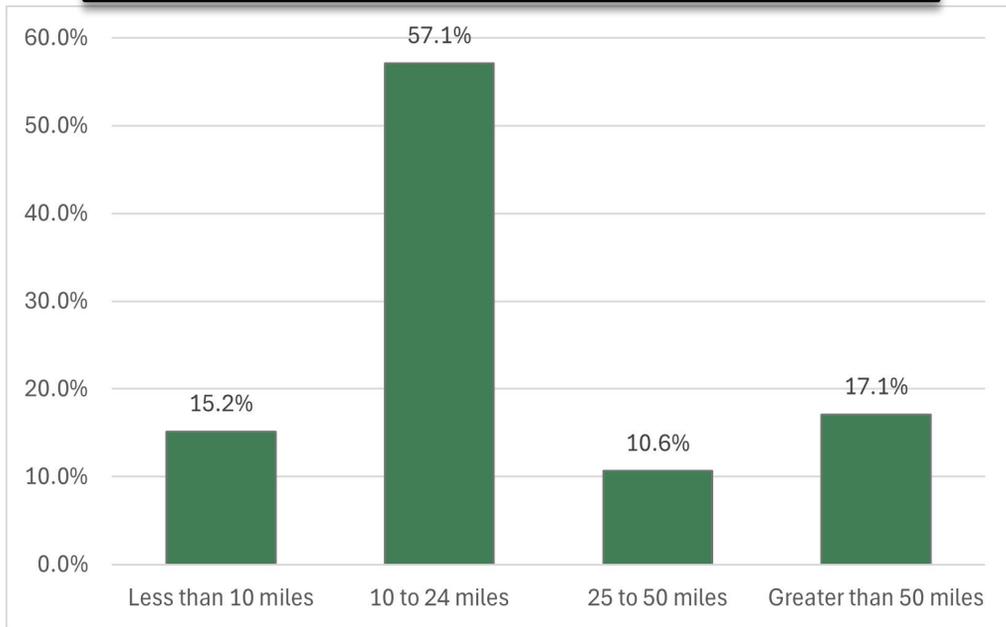
Inflow/Outflow Key Worker Statistics



■ External Jobs Filled by Residents
 ■ Internal Jobs Filled by Outside
 ■ Internal Jobs Filled by Residents

Demographics: Employment

Jobs by Distance



Demographics: Employment

New Harmony Residents Employment by Industry (2020)

Industry	Count	Percent
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	0	0.0%
Construction	15	4.3%
Manufacturing	28	8.1%
Wholesale trade	23	6.6%
Retail trade	50	14.4%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	8	2.3%
Information	27	7.8%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	52	15.0%
Professional, scientific, and management, and admin. and waste management services	15	4.3%
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	34	9.8%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	25	7.2%
Other services, except public administration	51	14.7%
Public administration	19	5.5%

Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates | Table DP03. Civilian employed population 16 years and over

Inflow/Outflow Key Statistics

	Count	Percent
Net Job Inflow (+) or Outflow (-)	-75	-
External Jobs Filled by Residents	286	100.0%
Workers Aged 29 or younger	54	18.9%
Workers Aged 30 to 54	141	49.3%
Workers Aged 55 or older	91	31.8%
Workers Earning \$1,250 per month or less	51	22.7%
Workers Earning \$1,251 - 3,333 per month	65	27.6%
Workers Earning More than \$3,333 per month	142	49.7%
Internal Jobs Filled by Outside Workers	211	100.0%
Workers Aged 29 or younger	58	27.5%
Workers Aged 30 to 54	80	37.9%
Workers Aged 55 or older	73	34.6%
Workers Earning \$1,250 per month or less	95	45.0%
Workers Earning \$1,251 - 3,333 per month	77	36.5%
Workers Earning More than \$3,333 per month	39	18.5%
Internal Jobs Filled by Residents	24	100.0%
Workers Aged 29 or younger	5	20.8%
Workers Aged 30 to 54	9	37.5%
Workers Aged 55 or older	10	41.7%
Workers Earning \$1,250 per month or less	14	58.3%
Workers Earning \$1,251 - 3,333 per month	4	16.7%
Workers Earning More than \$3,333 per month	6	25.0%

Demographics: Key Takeaways

Population and People

Population has decreased over time.
Highest: **1,400 people**
2020: **700 people**



Education

87.8% of people have a high school diploma. **28%** have a bachelor's degree or higher



Educational Attainment
(25+ Years Old)

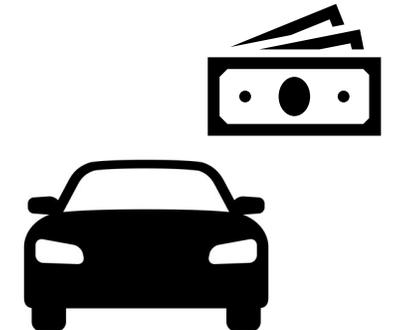
Housing

76% of people own their homes and **24%** are renters



Economics

Of the local workforce, about 8% work within New Harmony and **92% work outside of New Harmony.**



Activities

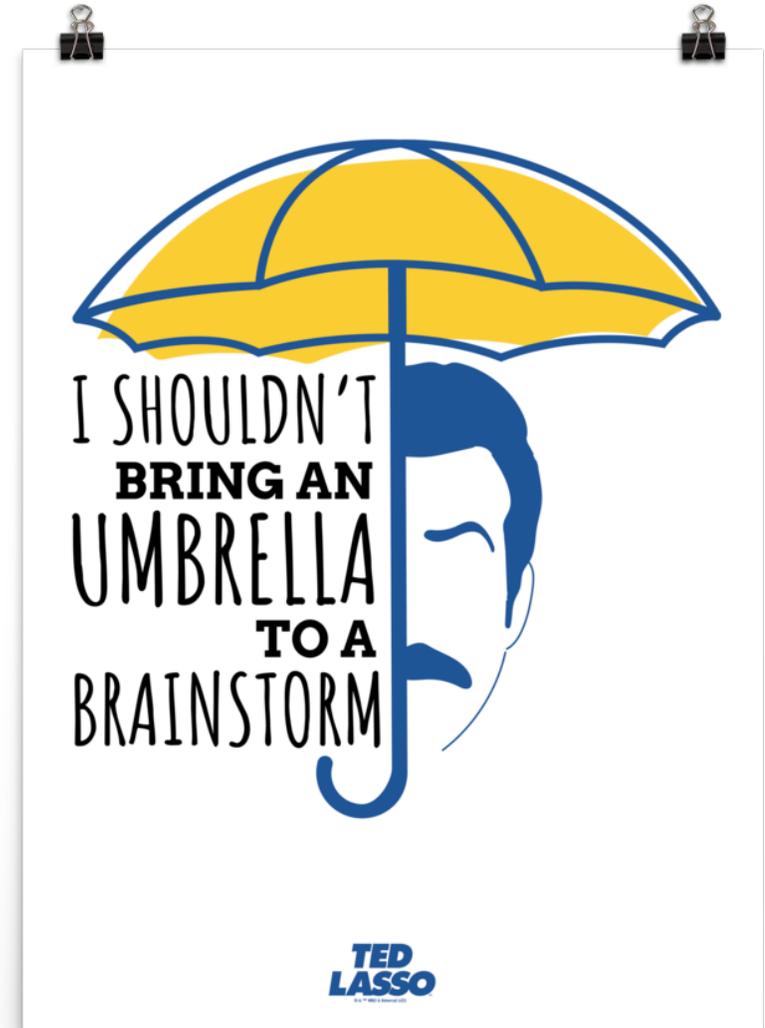
- Table activities
- Roles
- Report back
- Next steps



Next Steps:

Strong Preparation for a great plan

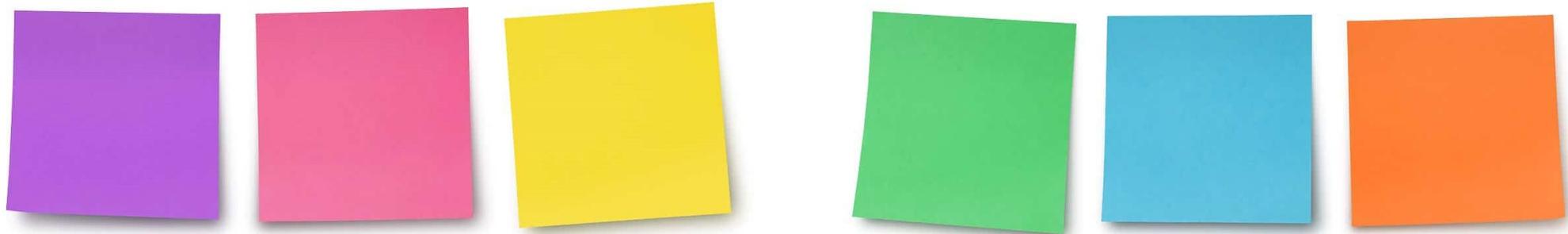
- **Ideas are welcome**
 - Everyone can write ideas on post it notes.
 - Don't bring an umbrella to a brainstorm.
 - Later, we'll use constraints, but not yet.
- **Agree/Disagree with ideas**
 - Share your ideas, strengths, challenges, etc.
 - Disagreeing is ok! We aren't solving anything today.
 - Focus the disagreement to the *idea*.
- **Choose roles at your table**
 - Note-taker – if needed
 - Participant Captain – did everyone share? Check in!
 - Reporter – report out and share with the group



Strengths and Opportunities

What are the strengths of New Harmony? What are opportunities that New Harmony can harness?

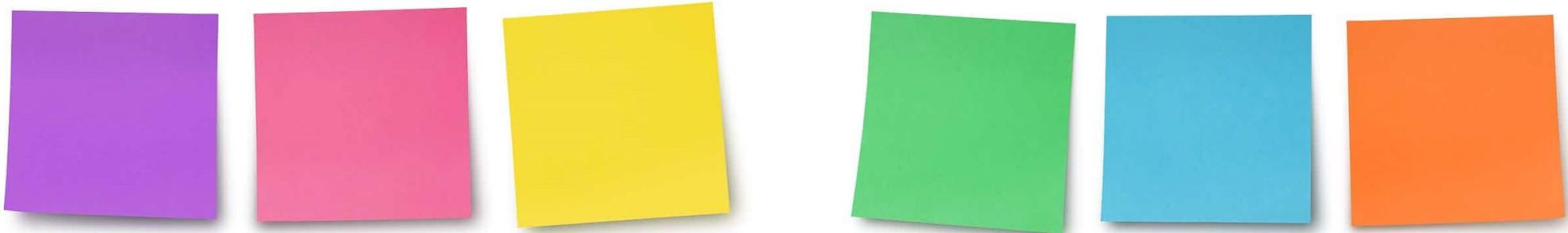
- What are you most excited to show an out-of-town visitor?
- What are you proud of about your community?
- What ideas do you have for New Harmony's future?



Barriers and Challenges

What are challenges that New Harmony needs to overcome?
What are the barriers to overcoming the challenges, improving strengths, or acting on opportunities?

- What are you nervous about for the future of New Harmony?
- What challenges do you identify to improving the community?

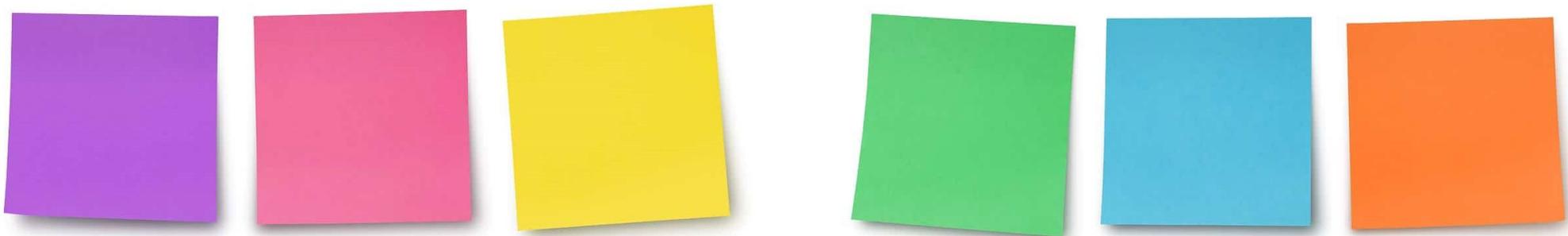


Vision in your words

Imagine New Harmony 20 years from now...

Imagine New Harmony is the best possible version of itself and describe what that looks like.

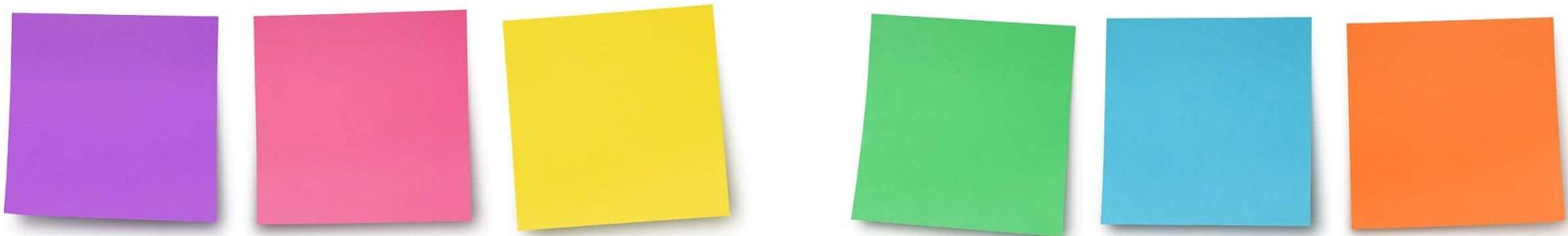
- a. Write down your what you envision and what it feels like to describe the New Harmony you're picturing.
- b. Or draw the idea (one drawing per post it)



Vision in your words

What is the big idea/your big idea needed to implement that vision? This can be preservation or something new.

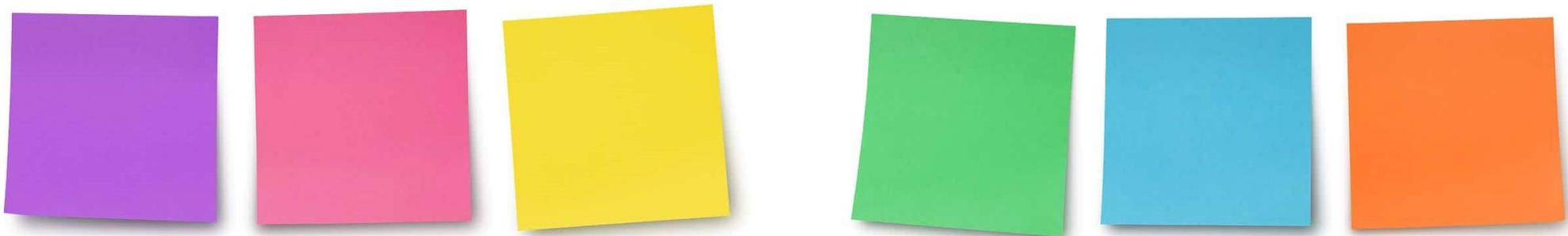
In 20 years, if only one big idea could transform the town, what would you like that to be?



Assets and issues

Preservation: Are there specific places or natural features you hope to preserve? Are there key issues you hope to address?

Place a sticky note on the map and let us you know what and why you want to preserve it!



Next Steps



Next Steps:

New Harmony Community Planning Week

 Community Workshop 2: Provide feedback on a draft community vision

- Thursday, October 3, 2024, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Opera House
- Surveys: Ask 5 people to take the online survey: **NewHarmonyPlan.com**
- Visit the website to provide feedback and for next steps



Thank you!

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