

Community Small Area Study

**Please Attend
Interactive Design Workshop**

Informational Meeting
Independence City Hall
Thursday, February 22, 2007 @ 7-9pm

Citizen/Stakeholder Questionnaire

Return to the City of Independence
Municipal Building by February 9, 2007

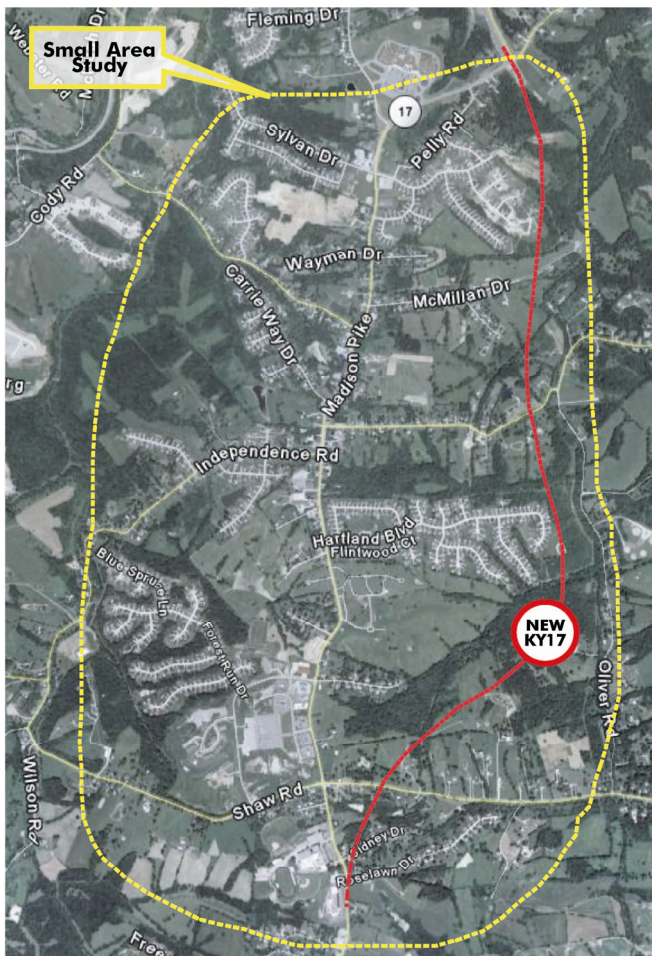
Interactive Design Workshop
St. Cecilia School Cafeteria
Saturday, February 24, 2007
@ 10-11:30am & 3:30-5pm

Design Workshop Presentation
Independence City Hall
Monday, February 26, 2007 @ 7-9pm

Project Summary:

The City of Independence is the largest City, geographically, in Kentucky and is experiencing unprecedented growth and development due to improved road systems and its location. The goal of this study is to provide more detailed guidance for future land use in the study area surrounding the Madison Pike corridor. The small area plan will build upon, augment, and refine the policies and vision of the City that will be folded into Kenton County's comprehensive plan.

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As a part of this community planning effort, the design team seeks your comments regarding your ideas and opinions of issues and opportunities within the Independence Small Area. We have divided the questions into three areas:

1. **Amenities:** The features of a neighborhood which make it a desirable place to live such as nearby parks, playgrounds, retail, grocery, restaurants, community centers, health care, banks etc.
2. **Neighborhood Integrity and Appearance:** These are the surroundings, the circumstances, objects, and conditions such as general community character, street and sidewalk design, street lighting, wayfinding, green spaces, landscaping etc.
3. **Growth Management/Development:** Examples are restrictions, recommendations and/or design guidelines that affect the character of community. These can include the location, extent and type of land use suitable for an area.

Your input regarding the following questions will be invaluable to the design team for drafting principles and making recommendations for the downtown development.

1. Do you live in the study area? Yes No
- a. If yes, How long have you lived in the area? Less than a Year 1-5 Years 5-10 Years 10+ Years
2. Do you own or rent your residence? Own Rent
3. What is your current occupation? Student Employed Self-employed/Homemaker
 Retired
4. Do you work in the study area? Yes No
5. What is your age? 24 or under 25-64 65+

AMENITIES

6. How important do you think the following issues are for revitalization of the Independence's downtown area in meeting residents' needs?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Sure
a. Neighborhood services like banks, post-office, doctor's office, convenient stores for daily activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. More retail choices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. More recreational choices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The ability to walk to neighborhood shops and amenities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Housing opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Entertainment/Restaurant choices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Using Public Transit (TANK etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NEIGHBORHOOD INTEGRITY AND APPEARANCE

7. How important do you feel the following are for improving the street and neighborhood environment?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Sure
a. Addition/Improvement of pedestrian sidewalks & bikeways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Streetscape enhancements: street trees, pavers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Creation of interconnected open space system with bike and pedestrian trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Pedestrian amenities: benches, trashcans etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Central public areas that promote social activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Reduce visual clutter such as signs, wires, and utility poles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Landscaping in medians, sidewalks and public spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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| h. | Attractive gateway feature defining the entry points to the neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. | Wayfinding and signage system to direct residents/visitors to shopping, recreation and amenities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j. | Community brand identity, graphic design logo which identifies downtown and promotes sense of place | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| k. | Traffic and congestion on Madison Pike | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

GROWTH MANAGEMENT / DEVELOPMENT

8. How important do you think the following issues are for the future of the development of Independence?

- | | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not Important | Not Sure | |
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| a. | Coordinate land uses that are in harmony with the character of the community | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. | Enhancing the "old downtown" core as a historic district | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. | Preservation of wooded areas and open spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. | Allowing large discount or home improvement stores (Lowe's, Wal-mart) to develop | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. | Zoning to allow for business parks and industrial and office development | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. | Promotion of conservation subdivisions for future residential development | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

9. What are some of the things you would like to see changed about Independence's small downtown area including the new KY17?

10. What are some of the things you would like to see preserved about Independence's small downtown area including the new KY17?

Please use the back of the questionnaire if you have additional comments. You can also email your comments to Emalee Listerman, Principal Planner, Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (NKAPC) at elisterman@nkapc.org, or fax to (859) 331-8987 or fill out the survey online at <http://www.nkapc.org/lr-studies.html>.

Please drop this questionnaire off at the City of Independence Municipal Building at 5409 Madison Pike, Independence, KY 41051 by February 9, 2007.