

Focus Group 3
March 25, 2026

Meeting Summary

The project team held the second Focus Group Meeting for the Horizon 2035 Miami County Comprehensive Plan on March 25, 2026 virtually. The meeting was held from 2pm to 3pm. The purpose of the meeting was to gather insight from key members of the community to get a variety of perspectives on different topics within Miami County.

Project Team –

- Sam Wiser (TSW)
- Daniel Blondet (TSW)

Attendees –

- Corey Roser (Miami County – Planning Department)
- Chris Dodd (Vice-President Miami Sewer Regional Sewer District (MSRSD)/Bunkerhill Building Commissioner)

Overview

The project team opened with introductions. Everyone went through and introduced themselves. The project team explained where the project is in the planning process. The project is currently in the existing conditions phase. During the meeting, key questions were asked to gather insight about the county.

Opening Questions

1. What is the identity of Miami County and what why do people come here?
 - No taxes and no representation
 - Low property taxes
 - Know neighbors

Topic Related Questions

2. What challenges might Miami County have moving forward?
 - Lack if housing
 - Lack of childcare
 - Draw the right businesses
3. Are there collaborative efforts regarding utilities with the county?
 - Yes. Working together to see what the future looks like



4. If development happens, where should it happen?
 - No strong opinion
 - Great job with the industrial complex in Grissom
 - Oversight is needed to see what is going on
5. Are there any issues or projects in the works regarding utilities?
 - Utilities are diversified through providers
 - Some of the best roads in the county
 - No issues as far as expansion
 - Wells are not going dry
 - Expansion is a good thing
6. Do you have information for why the most recent development was in Bunker Hill?
 - Geographic location and available utilities. (halfway between Kokomo and Peru)
7. What do you envision for the future of US 31?
 - Not opposed to making US 31 an interstate.
 - There are a couple dangerous lights (218).
8. Are there any programs or recreational activities that should be expanded or started?
 - Bring things to make the community better
9. Are there any emergency response / communication that reach the community?
 - Transportation is a need for some
 - More community involvement and less time on internet

Closing

10. Are there any topics that we have not discussed that you would like to comment on?
 - There is a challenge for farmers to cross US 31. We need to represent the far.
 - More of a comprehensive idea for US 31 on paper.
 - Physical change that will affect the community and soften the blow of change.

The project team shared the project website. The project timeline was highlighted. Currently, the project is at the end of the first phase, Existing Conditions & Visioning. The information gathered from the focus group meeting, stakeholder meetings, and public meetings will be used to create goals and strategies for the plan in the next phases. The public survey was shared and the focus group members were encouraged to share it and participate in it. Participants were thanked for their time and the meeting ended.

