

City of Morgantown / Town of Star City

COMPREHENSIVE PLANS OPEN HOUSE

The City of Morgantown and Town of Star City have each prepared new long-term plans for the future based on the public input gathered during the *Crossroads* regional vision. We need your feedback to make sure that these plans address each community's needs. The planning team will be on hand to talk more about the plans, the planning process, and answer your questions. Hope to see you there!

Separate open house events will present each plan.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR

MORGANTOWN

7-9pm

City of Morgantown
Public Library
373 Spruce Street,
Morgantown

Monday
JAN 14
2013

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR

STAR CITY

6-8pm

Star City
Municipal Building
370 Broadway Avenue,
Star City

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Crossroads is a unique opportunity to bring residents of Morgantown, Star City, and Monongalia County together to envision and plan growth and mobility choices for the future.

For additional information contact:

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STAR CITY: Mayor Allen Sharp / 304-599-3550 / scmayor@comcast.net / www.starcitywv.com



CROSSROADS
It's time to chart our future.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS CROSSROADS? Crossroads is a program to develop land use plans for the City of Morgantown and the Town of Star City in coordination with the long-range transportation plan for all of Monongalia County. It is also a partnership among the three jurisdictions to create a transportation plan that helps these communities grow the way the public wants. The long-range transportation plan will also be coordinated with planning efforts in Westover, Granville, and portions of unincorporated Monongalia County. The first step in the process is the creation of a unified vision that can be personalized to the needs of each jurisdiction.

2. HOW IS CROSSROADS DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS EFFORTS? Previous plans were successful in capturing residents' visions of how they wished their communities to grow. But these plans were not coordinated across boundaries creating uneven expectations among area residents and they were not integrated with a regional multi-modal transportation plan. Integrating land use and transportation plans will create more efficient development, bus service, roads, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities that better meet the needs and values of our residents.

3. WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN? A comprehensive plan is a community's "blueprint" for the future. It is the vision of what a community wants to become and the steps needed to realize that vision. Comprised of policy statements, principles, goals, objectives, strategies and maps, it is the broadest policy document a community can have to guide decision-making on long-term physical, social and economic development of the municipality and its environs. This includes both private and public development. The Plan is implemented over time through many distinct decisions including annual budgeting, departmental work programs, rezoning and subdivision of land. The comprehensive plan is so important that West Virginia State Code, Chapter 8A requires municipalities and counties to adopt a comprehensive plan prior to the enactment of subdivision and land development ordinances and/or zoning ordinances. When this chapter was revised in 2004, the State mandated that comprehensive plans be updated by June 2014 and then at least once every ten years.

4. WHAT WILL THE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE BE LIKE? Come and view the plan at any time during the open house. Key elements of the plan will be summarized on large displays. You will be asked to prioritize certain elements of the plan and to submit comments in writing. Staff and members of the Planning Team will be available to answer your questions. Remember, the two plans are presented at separate open house events. The Star City Comprehensive Plan will be presented at the Star City Municipal Building, while the Morgantown Comprehensive Plan will be presented at the Morgantown Public Library.

5. ARE THERE OTHER WAYS TO PROVIDE INPUT? The draft plans will be posted on the municipalities' websites prior to the open house until the end of January. If you are unable to come to the open house, contact staff at the City of Morgantown or Town of Star City for alternative ways to submit comments.

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6. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PUBLIC INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC MEETINGS IN 2012? The outcomes of those meetings are summarized on the project website www.crossroadsmon.com and were used to inform all aspects of the Comprehensive Plans. Using this public input and technical work provided by the planning team, a citizen committee (one for Morgantown, and one for Star City) drafted the recommendations of the Comprehensive Plans.

7. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES? The public input will be reviewed by the planning committees who will consider clarifications or revisions before recommending the plan for formal adoption. Elected officials will formally adopt their community's plan.