

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION 3.0



Steps Toward a Sustainable Future for Our County

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Community Conversation

Goals:

- Explore social & economic needs of Kosciusko County
- Engage community members and leaders for input
- Identify and support resultant Calls to Action
 - The Alley Activation



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- Held at the MOCC with approx. 130 participants
- Aired & discussed the Indiana Humanities film, *“Hoosiers: The Story of Indiana – The Next Indiana”*

TIMES UNION
Seeking To Improve Community, 'Conversation' Draws Crowd





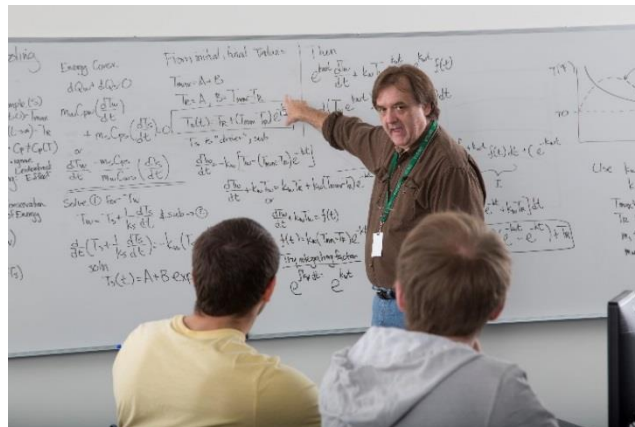
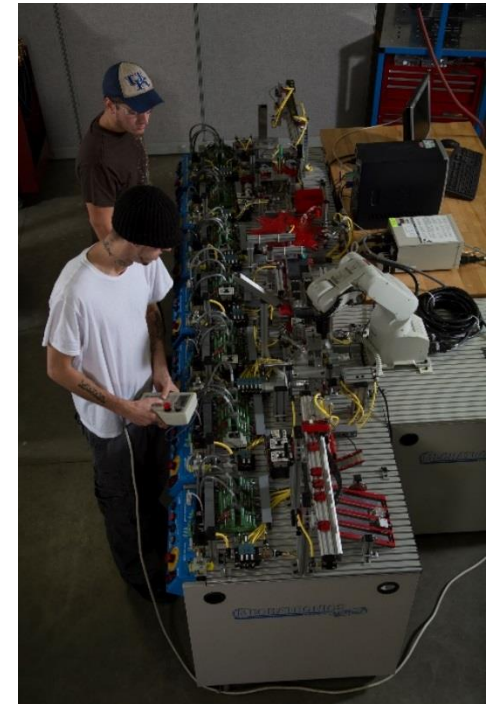
- Held at Chamber Offices with small group of community leaders and subject experts
- How will education support the future of our manufacturing backbone?
- Topics:
 - Broadband & Technology
 - Manufacturing Diversity & Sustainability
 - Millennials & Education





Current Initiatives:

- Broadband on school buses
- Technical programs with OAMTC
- Job shadowing and internships





Calls to Action:

- Increased Broadband Internet access
- Encourage planning & skills training for agriculture, automotive, construction, & manufacturing
- Community college branding focus on “career” emphasis vs. “vocational”
- Schools target small group communication to encourage technical education & get them exposed to opportunities earlier

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- Held at Chamber Offices with small group of community leaders and subject experts
- How do we not only attract people here but keep them here as well?
- Topics:
 - Community & Housing Availability
 - Active Lifestyle Options
 - Cultural Diversity



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Current Initiatives:

- Little Crow Lofts (41, 1 & 2 bedroom lofts)
- Buffalo Street extension project ready to break ground (52 townhomes plus leisure space and commercial storefronts)
- K21 researching ice rinks
- KCCF & the Chamber working with local childcare providers on subsidies and workforce training
- Orthoworx engaged in diversity initiatives for recruitment





Calls to Action:

- Taskforce to investigate other areas approach to affordable housing concerns
- Bike Trail to connect Warsaw to smaller outlying towns
- Welcome new residents with a “City Concierge”
- Communicate progress to the public
- Continue to pursue sports/leisure options with the mentality of “if you build it, they will come”

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Current Status:



Proposed:

