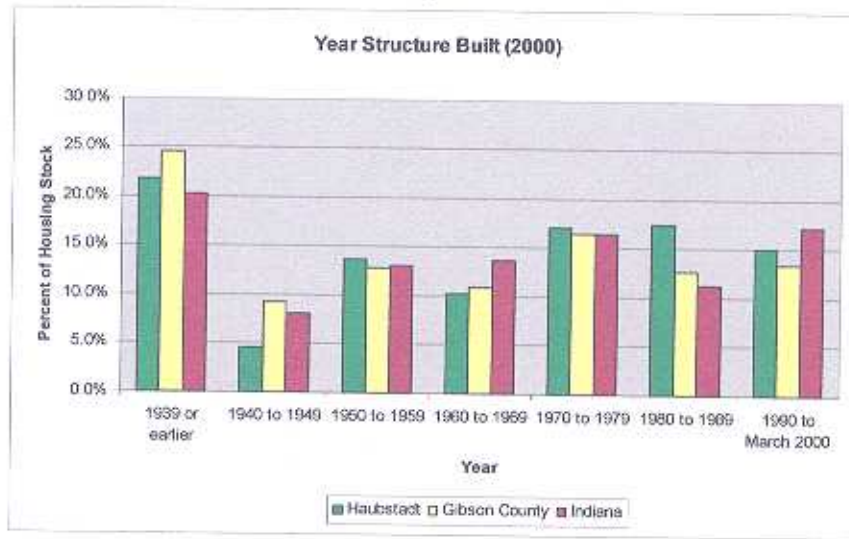


Figure 5



New homes constructed in the Town of Haubstadt between 1990 and 2000 included both single-family residential and multi-family residential in the form of duplexes. In 1990, less than one percent (3 units) of the community's housing stock consisted of duplexes, whereas by 2000, duplexes had increased to over three percent (20 units). As a result, the Town's housing stock is more in line with breakdowns observed in the County, the Region and the State. Refer to Tables 8 and 9 below.

Table 8

Structure	Housing Type (1990)							
	Haubstadt		Gibson County		Region		Indiana	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Single-Family	470	82.9%	10,193	75.8%	133,371	74.2%	1,631,605	72.6%
Duplex	3	0.5%	222	1.7%	6,214	3.5%	81,406	3.6%
Multi-Family	58	10.2%	901	6.7%	24,575	13.7%	356,949	15.9%
Mobile Home	32	5.6%	1,963	14.6%	14,195	7.9%	156,821	7.0%
Other	4	0.7%	175	1.3%	1,355	0.8%	19,265	0.9%

Table 9

Structure	Housing Type (2000)							
	Haubstadt		Gibson County		Region		Indiana	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Single-Family	505	78.7%	10,803	76.5%	145,278	75.0%	1,676,483	74.1%
Duplex	20	3.1%	233	1.6%	6,353	3.3%	84,902	3.4%
Multi-Family	67	10.4%	1,168	8.3%	25,071	13.4%	402,424	15.9%
Mobile Home	50	7.8%	1,890	13.4%	15,897	8.2%	186,733	6.6%
Other	0	0.0%	31	0.2%	258	0.1%	1,777	0.1%

The same trend is true with respect to housing tenure. The Town's number of renter occupied housing units also increased during the same time period, again bringing the Town's housing stock in line with breakdowns seen throughout the County, the Region and the State. Refer to Tables 10 and 11 below.

**Table 10**

Housing Tenure (1990)					
Place	Owner		Renter		Total # of Units
	#	%	#	%	
Haubstadt	454	83%	92	17%	546
Gibson County	9,672	79%	2,627	21%	12,299
Region	120,579	73%	44,573	27%	165,152
Indiana	1,450,898	70%	614,457	30%	2,065,355

**Table 11**

Housing Tenure (2000)					
Place	Owner		Renter		Total # of Units
	#	%	#	%	
Haubstadt	489	79%	129	21%	618
Gibson County	10,014	78%	2,833	22%	12,847
Region	132,289	74%	46,224	26%	178,513
Indiana	1,669,162	71%	667,144	29%	2,336,306

**Median Housing Value (2000)**

Haubstadt, \$101,500 (up 23% from 1990)  
 Gibson County, \$74,700 (up 28% from 1990)  
 State of Indiana, \$94,300 (up 33% from 1990)

As previously discussed, new homes, both single-family and multi-family, are being constructed in and around the Town of

Haubstadt. Compared to the County and the State, new homes within the Town of Haubstadt have a higher median housing value. While the Town of Haubstadt has historically had a higher median housing value compared to the County and the State, both the County and the State are closing in. The median housing value of the County and the State experienced a greater increase between 1990 and 2000, than did the Town of Haubstadt. A higher housing value is good from a tax base standpoint. A higher housing value is also a sign of overall community wealth. Refer to Tables 12 and 13 on the following page.

# Income

# 02 Community Profile

Table 12

Median Housing Value (2000)				
Value	Haubstadt		Gibson County	
Less than \$50,000	37	8.4%	1,877	24.2%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	176	40.1%	3,807	49.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	172	39.2%	1,444	18.6%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	44	10.0%	397	5.1%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	8	1.8%	205	2.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2	0.5%	35	0.5%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
\$1,000,000 or more	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7,765</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 13

Median Housing Value (2000)				
Value	Region		Indiana	
Less than \$50,000	19,277	18.1%	156,936	11.4%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	50,865	47.7%	605,074	43.9%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	21,716	20.4%	360,943	26.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	8,304	7.8%	141,084	10.2%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	4,551	4.3%	78,658	5.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,414	1.3%	27,098	2.0%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	384	0.4%	7,264	0.5%
\$1,000,000 or more	80	0.1%	1,821	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>106,591</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,378,878</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Income

Housing values are often a function of median household incomes. Typically, the more a household makes, the more they have

**Median Household Income (2000)**  
 Haubstadt, \$42,837 (up 2% from 1990)  
 Johnson Twp, \$51,422 (up 17% from 1990)  
 Gibson County, \$37,515 (up 7% from 1990)  
 State of Indiana, \$41,567 (up 7% from 1990)

to spend on housing. The Town of Haubstadt has historically had a higher median household income as well. Like the median housing value, however, the County and the State are closing in on the Town's median household income as well. Johnson Township on the other hand has a significantly higher median household income; most likely the result of a 17 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. Table 14 on the following page illustrates the household income breakdowns for the Town of Haubstadt, the County, the Region and the State.



**Table 14**

Household Income (2000)								
Income (in 1999 dollars)	Haubstadt		Gibson County		Region		Indiana	
Less than \$10,000	59	9.5%	1,157	9.0%	16,435	9.2%	188,408	8.1%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	35	5.6%	968	7.5%	13,159	7.4%	145,493	6.2%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	72	11.6%	2,026	15.8%	25,666	14.4%	314,893	13.5%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	85	13.0%	1,794	14.0%	25,343	14.2%	319,762	13.7%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	113	18.1%	2,407	18.7%	32,104	18.0%	417,546	17.9%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	158	25.4%	2,701	21.0%	37,172	20.8%	499,717	21.4%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	55	8.8%	1,082	8.4%	15,674	8.8%	237,299	10.2%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	28	4.5%	560	4.4%	8,782	4.9%	147,845	6.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6	1.0%	76	0.6%	1,879	1.1%	31,687	1.4%
\$200,000 or more	12	1.9%	67	0.5%	2,190	1.2%	34,579	1.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>12,838</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>178,404</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,337,229</b>	<b>100%</b>

Tables 15 and 16, below, illustrate the types of household income reported by the Town, the County and the State of Indiana. A greater percentage of Haubstadt's household income comes from interest, dividends, or net rental income (49 percent), and Social Security income (33 percent) when compared with the County and the State. This supports data indicating that Haubstadt has a relatively older population, as does the Town's increase in the percentage of households receiving Social Security between 1990 and 2000.

**Table 15**

Income by Type (2000)						
Income (in 1999 dollars)	Indiana		Gibson County		Haubstadt	
	# of HH	% of HH	# of HH	% of HH	# of HH	% of HH
With earnings	1,912,394	82%	9,902	77%	500	80%
With wage or salary income	1,862,237	80%	9,645	75%	478	77%
With self-employment income	257,916	11%	1,414	11%	89	14%
With interest, dividends, or net rental income	633,024	36%	4,900	38%	303	49%
With Social Security income	606,888	26%	4,097	32%	203	33%
With Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	80,695	3%	466	4%	36	6%
With public assistance income	61,883	3%	254	2%	10	2%
With retirement income	388,452	17%	2,569	20%	82	13%
With other types of income	287,228	13%	2,017	16%	118	19%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,337,229</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>12,838</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>(X)</b>

**Table 16**

% Change in Income by Type 1990 to 2000			
Income	Indiana	Gibson County	Haubstadt
With wage or salary income	1%	2%	-1%
With self-employment income	-3%	-6%	-5%
With other types of income	3%	4%	15%

Eighty percent of Haubstadt's households earn a living. This is similar to what is seen across the County and the State. Like the County and State, the vast majority of Haubstadt's workers drive to work, alone, by car, truck or van. Refer to Table 17 on the following page.



# Employment

# 02 Community Profile

## Employment

**Table 17**

Mode of Transportation to Work (2000)						
Mode of Transportation	Haubstadt		Gibson County		Indiana	
Car, truck, or van – drove alone	681	87.0%	13,056	83.8%	2,379,989	81.8%
Car, truck, or van – carpooled	47	6.0%	1,595	10.2%	320,910	11.0%
Public transportation (including taxicab)	0	0.0%	32	0.2%	29,792	1.0%
Walked	10	1.3%	417	2.7%	69,184	2.4%
Other means (including motorcycle and bicycle)	6	0.8%	132	0.8%	26,754	0.9%
Worked at home	39	5.0%	350	2.2%	83,983	2.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>15,592</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,910,612</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Mean Travel Time to Work (2000)

Haubstadt, 23.3 min (up 26% from 1990)  
 Gibson County, 23.7 min (up 17% from 1990)  
 State of Indiana, 22.6 min (up 11% from 1990)

Between 1990 and 2000, the mean travel time to work for residents of Haubstadt increased by 26 percent.

While this is a significantly greater increase than those experienced by the residents of the County and the State, it has merely brought the commute time of Haubstadt's residents in line with those of the other two geographical areas. It also means that the majority of Haubstadt's employed residents work somewhere outside of Haubstadt.

Seventy-seven percent of Haubstadt's residents work outside of Haubstadt. This is up just slightly from that which was reported in 1990 (76 percent). This is a significantly higher percentage of the working population compared to the County and the State as a whole. Refer to Tables 18 and 19 below.

**Table 18**

Place of Work (1990)						
Place of Work	Indiana		Gibson County		Haubstadt	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Worked in place of residence	967,716	37%	2,998	21%	181	24%
Worked outside place of residence	696,938	27%	4,662	32%	569	76%
Not residents of the Place	922,528	36%	6,742	47%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,587,182</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>14,402</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 19**

Place of Work (2000)						
Place of Work	Indiana		Gibson County		Haubstadt	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Worked in place of residence	972,782	33%	2,769	18%	179	23%
Worked outside place of residence	904,464	31%	5,273	34%	604	77%
Not residents of the Place	1,033,366	36%	7,550	48%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,910,612</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>15,592</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 20, and Figures 6 and 7, on the following page, identify and illustrate commuting patterns for Gibson County and the surrounding areas. With the exception of Vanderburgh County, or most likely Evansville, a greater percentage of the workforce commutes into Gibson County from surrounding areas for work.

**Table 20**

Commuting Patterns - Top 5 in 2003					
Into Gibson FROM	Number	Percent	Out of Gibson TO	Number	Percent
All Areas	7,681	30.8%	All Areas	5,191	23.2%
Vanderburgh Co	2,120	8.5%	Vanderburgh Co	3,362	15.0%
Illinois	1,810	7.3%	Warrick Co	300	1.3%
Warrick Co	1,090	4.3%	Knox Co	291	1.3%
Pike Co	575	2.3%	Pike Co	246	1.1%
Knox Co	503	2.0%	Dubois Co	218	1.0%

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

**Figure 6**

**Workers 16 and Older  
Commuting Out of  
Gibson**



**Figure 7**

**Workers 16 and Older  
Commuting Into  
Gibson**



The Town of Haubstadt's employment status mirrors those of the County, the Region and the State of Indiana as a whole. A greater percentage of Haubstadt's population is in the labor force. Refer to Tables 21 and 22 below. This further supports the facts that, when compared to the County and the State, Haubstadt has a higher median household income.

Table 21

Employment Status (1990)								
Level	Haubstadt		Gibson County		Region		Indiana	
In labor force	784	69.9%	15,574	63.3%	214,955	64.3%	2,798,370	65.9%
Civilian labor force	784	100%	15,563	99.9%	214,565	99.8%	2,788,838	99.7%
Employed	759	96.8%	14,674	94.3%	202,121	94.2%	2,628,695	94.3%
Unemployed	25	3.2%	889	5.7%	12,444	5.8%	160,143	5.7%
Armed Forces	0	0%	11	0.1%	390	0.2%	9,532	0.3%
Not in labor force	337	30.1%	9,020	36.7%	119,114	35.7%	1,450,553	34.1%
Total	1,121	100%	24,594	100%	334,069	100%	4,248,923	100%

Table 22

Employment Status (2000)								
Level	Haubstadt		Gibson County		Region		Indiana	
In labor force	809	68.1%	16,657	65.9%	234,905	66.1%	3,120,903	66.6%
Civilian labor force	809	100%	16,653	100.0%	234,784	99.9%	3,117,897	99.9%
Employed	795	98.3%	15,826	95.0%	223,841	95.3%	2,965,174	95.1%
Unemployed	14	1.7%	827	5.0%	12,943	5.5%	152,723	4.9%
Armed Forces	0	0%	4	0.0%	121	0.1%	3,006	0.1%
Not in labor force	379	31.9%	8,617	34.1%	120,217	33.9%	1,562,614	33.4%
Total	1,188	100%	25,274	100%	355,122	100%	4,683,717	100%

In addition to mirroring those of the County, the Region and the State, the Town of Haubstadt's employment industry is extremely diversified. The Town does have a higher percentage of its labor force in the construction industry, which would support evidence surrounding an increase in new home construction in the area. Refer to Tables 23 and 24, as well as Figure 8, on the following page.

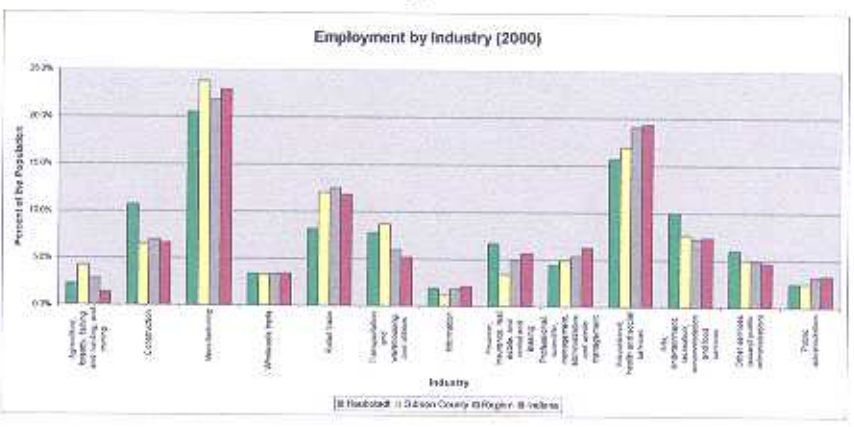
Table 23

Employment by Industry (2000)				
Industry	Haubstadt		Gibson County	
	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	18	2.3%	671	4.2%
Construction	85	10.7%	1,035	6.5%
Manufacturing	163	20.5%	3,762	23.0%
Wholesale trade	27	3.4%	516	3.3%
Retail trade	66	8.2%	1,801	12.0%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	62	7.8%	1,360	8.7%
Information	15	1.9%	179	1.1%
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	53	6.7%	541	3.4%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services	36	4.4%	774	4.9%
Educational, health and social services	125	15.7%	2,677	16.9%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	79	9.8%	1,207	7.6%
Other services (except public administration)	48	6.0%	794	5.0%
Public administration	20	2.5%	395	2.5%
Total	796	100%	15,826	100%

**Table 24**

Employment by Industry (2000)				
Industry	Region		Indiana	
	#	%	#	%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	8,433	2.6%	42,041	1.4%
Construction	15,532	7.0%	196,152	6.8%
Manufacturing	48,517	21.8%	678,078	22.9%
Wholesale trade	7,455	3.3%	101,505	3.4%
Retail trade	27,880	12.5%	348,133	11.8%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	11,250	6.0%	153,421	5.2%
Information	4,177	1.9%	82,714	2.7%
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	11,044	5.0%	187,715	6.2%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services	11,821	5.3%	188,104	6.3%
Educational, health and social services	42,521	19.1%	572,821	19.3%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	16,113	7.2%	217,830	7.3%
Other services (except public administration)	10,814	4.9%	159,079	5.3%
Public administration	7,144	3.2%	98,481	3.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>222,841</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,966,174</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Figure 8**

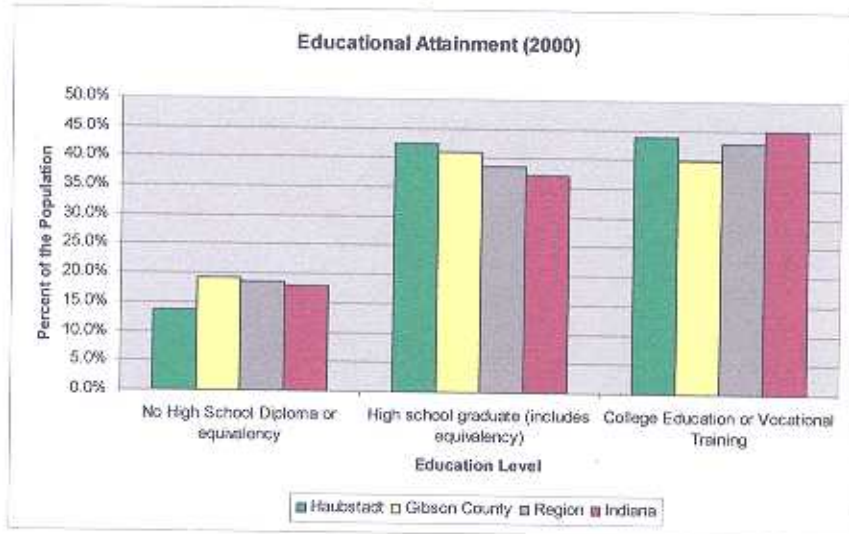


The economic development of a community often depends on the educational attainment of its labor force. The Town of Haubstadt has positioned itself well in terms of the educational attainment of its labor force. When compared to the County and the Region, a greater percentage of Haubstadt's labor force have graduated from high school and/or gone on to achieve vocational training or formal education. Refer to Figure 9 on the following page.





Figure 9



Summary

In summary, the Town of Haubstadt is experiencing a growth in its overall population. The Town's increase in population has outpaced the otherwise stagnate populations of the County and the Region. The growth of the Town's population has contributed significantly to the Townships population growth, which outpaced the State's population increase between 1990 and 2000. The population increase in and around the Town of Haubstadt has undoubtedly contributed the fact that the Town of Haubstadt, and Johnson Township as a whole, have seen a larger increase in the number of households. The 2025 population projection for the Town of Haubstadt is approximately 1,730 people.

Also, the population of Haubstadt is aging. This is supported by the fact that the town has a relatively older median age as well as the fact that the town has the lowest average household size. In addition, a larger percentage of the Town's household income comes from either interest/dividends/net rental incomes or from Social Security income. Given that a greater percentage of Haubstadt's 20 to 24 year olds are missing from the Town's age distribution, it is unlikely that the Town will grow from within. The future growth of the community will need to be the result of immigration into the community.

Housing needs are emerging as a result of population changes. A decrease in the average household size can result in the need for additional housing units separate from a need for additional housing units as a result of population increase; Haubstadt is experiencing both. The Town of Haubstadt, and Johnson Township as a whole, captured the largest percentage of the County's new home construction. New home construction in and around the Town has included single-family and multi-family construction.

The Haubstadt community has a fair amount of community wealth. When compared to the county and the State, the Town of Haubstadt has, and has historically had, a higher median housing value, as well as a higher median household income. This is likely the result of the fact that a greater percentage of Haubstadt's educated population is employed, in diverse occupations within various industries, and earning a living.

### Overview

Comprehensive planning requires that communities develop and document policies, goals, and objectives for the community's future growth and development. Residents of the Town of Haubstadt were involved at nearly every stage of the planning process. First citizens of the Town of Haubstadt and the surrounding areas were asked to serve on the Haubstadt Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Second, citizens of the community and surrounding areas were invited and encouraged to attend the public kick-off meeting and the two public workshops that followed. Third, citizens that had indicated further interest during the public workshop phase were later asked to serve as members of the individual taskforces. Finally, a copy of the final plan was made available for the public to review prior to public hearings in which both the Haubstadt Plan Commission and the Haubstadt Town Council heard public testimony regarding the Haubstadt Comprehensive Plan.

Members of the Haubstadt Plan Commission and the Haubstadt Town Council will need to continue to obtain public input as they move forward with future revisions in order to ensure that the plan continues to reflect the viewpoints and ideas of its residents. Thus the Plan Commission, and if necessary the Town Council, will need to determine who to involve and how best to facilitate the ongoing process of obtaining public input.

### Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Membership on the Haubstadt Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee consisted of various community representatives including citizens and public officials alike. The committee was formed to assist the Plan Commission in the development of the Haubstadt Comprehensive Plan. It is the intent of the Plan Commission and the Steering Committee to use the Comprehensive Plan as a means to set forth community-derived policies and objectives relative to the present and future development of the Town. Furthermore, while its membership may change over time, it is the intent of the Town and the Haubstadt Plan Commission to call upon the assistance of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee in order to evaluate the plan and cause revisions to be made on a periodic basis. Such revisions shall ensure that the plan stays current with changing community conditions and, therefore, continues to promote appropriate development responses.

Members of the Steering Committee chaired 7 separate taskforces. These taskforces were formed to aid in the creation of action plans to implement the Plan. The goals, objectives and action plans set forth herein were developed by the following taskforces:

- Physical Heritage: Land Use and Growth
- Economic Development
- Transportation

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

#### Special Thanks to Members of the Haubstadt Steering Committee...

Kenny Reinbrecht, Bonnie Wagner, Harry Martin, Bev Staggs, George Hoffman, Bo Ross, David Hipp, Linda Hoover, Mike Ballard, John Anslinger, Fr. Tony Ernst, Shelia Meyer, Bob Seib, and Jim True.

#### Special Thanks to Members of the Taskforces...

##### Physical Heritage: Land Use and Growth

John Anslinger

##### Economic Development

David Hipp

##### Transportation

Robby Powers, Joe Gilpatrick, Bryon Will and Jim Dunning

##### Public Safety

Bo Ross, Stephen Hisch, Rob Wilson, Paul Goedde and Glenn Stratman

##### Cleanliness & Cultural Heritage

Bonnie Wagner, Chris Young, Robert Halbig, Judy Schmitt, Laurette Faraone, and Faye Sheridan

##### Civic Involvement & Leadership

Bev Staggs, Diane Lamey, Debbie Martin, Melissa Seib, Bob Seib, Eric Harper, and Alice Chamberlain

##### Community Pride

Kenny Reinbrecht, George Hoffman and Fr. Tony Ernst

#### Special Thanks to the Haubstadt Town Council

#### Special Thanks to the Residents of the Town of Haubstadt and the surrounding area.

**Public Participation  
Consensus Building Methodology**

Upon registration at each of the public workshops, participants received Avery dots; 4 blue, 1 red and 4 green. The blue and red dots were used during the S.W.O.T. exercise and the green dots were used during the visioning exercise.

The red dot allowed participants to vote for their number one concern regardless of whether or not it was a strength, an opportunity, a weakness or a threat of or to the Haubstadt community. This was intended to be the one thing that they cared most deeply about. Participants then used their blue dots to vote for any other strengths, opportunities, weaknesses or threats that they felt were the most important. They could spend their blue dots in any way they wished. If they felt strongly about one thing, they were instructed to place all four of their blue dots on that item. Otherwise they could vote for up to four other strengths, opportunities, weaknesses or threats.

The green dots were used during the visioning exercise in the same way that the blue dots were used during the S.W.O.T. exercise.

The "votes" were then tallied to reveal the community's highest priorities. These issues became the sections that make up the remainder of this plan.

- Public Safety
- Cleanliness & Cultural Heritage
- Civic Involvement & Leadership
- Community Pride

**Department Head Interviews**

The water/sewer superintendent, the street superintendent and police personnel were interviewed, independently of their participation on the Steering Committee and/or taskforces to ensure that the needs of their respective departments were being accounted for in the planning document. Topics of concern included, but were not limited to, public utilities, public safety, and local roads and streets.

**Public Workshops**

A public kick-off informational meeting was held on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Attendees were informed of the reasoning behind the Town's desire to develop a comprehensive plan. In addition to being informed about the numerous opportunities they would have to become active participants in the planning process, attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions about the comprehensive planning process, and planning tools such as zoning and subdivision control ordinances.

The socio-economic data identified during the community analysis and inventory phase was used to make reasonable assumptions about the Town's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. This information was passed out at the first public workshop held on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Participants of this workshop heard a brief presentation of the findings of the community profile and then worked in both large and small groups to create the Haubstadt Vision and further identifying the strengths weaknesses and opportunities of and the threats to the community. This was done through a group consensus exercise called a S.W.O.T. analysis.

A second public workshop was held on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Participants were separated into two small group discussions to brainstorm the goals and objectives necessary to realize the Haubstadt Vision. The taskforces described above used the goals and objectives developed at this second public hearing as a starting point to come up with the goals and objectives of this plan.



### Issue Summary

The following is a summary of the issues identified and addressed during the public participation phase of the planning process. Coupled with the Haubstadt Vision, these issues served as the foundation for the development of this plan.

First, members of the community identified their German-American Heritage as their most important strength. There is a great deal of pride and support throughout the community, which is evident in the remaining strengths identified during the public input process. They are as follows:

- Award winning public and private school systems;
- Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church;
- Haubstadt Chamber of Commerce;
- Cleanliness;
- Healthy family owned and operated farms; and
- Emergency services.

Second, members of the community identified the fact that existing residents often fail to reach out to newcomers as the community's number one weakness. Other weaknesses included:

- The lack of restrictions on new development;
- Weak or adversarial relationships with the County and the State, which ultimately leads to less support from both; and
- The lack of local employment opportunities.

Third, members of the community identified this opportunity – the opportunity to plan for their future – as the number one opportunity within the community. Within the plan however, they believe there are additional opportunities in that they are able to define and hopefully maintain their community's identity. They see opportunities in planning tools, such as zoning and land use control, as something that will enable them to protect and maintain their identity. They see annexation as a possibility for expanding their community.

Finally, members of the community identified unplanned growth as their number one threat. Growth, or change, in general was the focus of the remainder of the threats identified, including:

- A rise in crime and other tertiary effects of a growing population;
- Pressure from "undesirable" businesses, such as confined feeding operations and adult entertainment businesses; and
- Increased traffic congestion resulting from both S.R. 68 and U.S. 41.

**Vision Statement**

Below is the Haubstadt Vision. This vision was primarily developed by the Haubstadt Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and shall serve as the unified vision of the community when making decisions about the future growth and development of the community.

*Here it is, 2025. It is already the 61st anniversary of the Haubstadt Sommerfest first held in 1964, the longest running and most successful summer festival within a 100-mile radius. The Town is full of anticipation as the residents all organize for the festivities. A deep sense of pride is felt by all residents as they prepare to celebrate the town's German-American heritage.*

*The Town has held true to its heritage, while focusing on business partners within the community. The thriving Downtown has been renovated and new development continues. Small unique businesses align the tree lined streets.*

*The local government continues to be approachable and accountable. They truly understand the community's needs and they govern with a single vision in mind. This has led to continued support of the comprehensive plan, allowing it to retain its integrity.*

*True to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Haubstadt is, more than anything else, a place for people...a place to live, to worship, to raise families, and above all else a place to call home. Haubstadt truly is a gem among small mid-western communities.*

*The town with its tidy homes and well manicured lawns is a testament to the community's values. Neighbors never hesitate to stop and chat. The town itself feels like one big friendly neighborhood. The clean and welcoming streets complete with benches, trash receptacles, and period street lamps, are full of walkers, joggers, bicyclists and automobiles alike.*

*The community has experienced much growth, both physically and culturally, surpassing many residents' expectations. The growth of the Haubstadt community has led to even more support for one of the State's highest ranking school systems; the Haubstadt School System, which is now offering summer reading programs and continuing education courses for young adults and the like. The library has doubled in size and now officially belongs to the Town. The library offers a little something for everyone in the adjoining learning center. The old Haubstadt High School and Middle School continues to host recreational and civic functions for residents of the town and the surrounding areas. This is further supported by a system of parks and open spaces. The Town's residents take comfort in the fact that the Town has well trained police and fire personnel. They boast of the quality of service they receive from both departments and are pleased that they have been able to provide them with new facilities and equipment.*

*The growth of the town has led to the concentrated development of commercial uses along the U.S. Hwy 41 and State Road 68 corridors, and residential development; development, including everything from starter*



**Vision Statement cont.**

*homes, to transitional housing to single-family homes and senior living, has occurred to the north, east and west of town. There remains a light industrial area to the south, and yet there still exist a large number of farms around the town, which will continue to buffer the town from encroaching development.*

*All of the Town's achievements are the result of the citizen's commitment and devotion to their community. The values of its residents, those things held dear, have directed the change Haubstadt has seen, and is the sole reason for the Town's success.*



**03** Public Participation

