

## **Williamsport Public Meeting Overarching Themes**

- \* **Provide more welcoming gateway**
  - Encourage screening of large industrial properties (such as Wire Rope)
  - Consider relocating industrial properties to more appropriate areas within the city or county
  - Provide pedestrian amenities such as tree plantings, sidewalks, etc.
  - Develop more transportation corridors like Via Bella (attractive landscaping, etc.)
  - Consider a flag corridor to represent Little League teams
  
- \* **Build upon Penn College**
  - Encourage support amenities such as small scale retail, restaurants, internet cafes, pool halls, etc. for college students
  - Connect college to recreational amenities such as the River Trail
  - Consider attracting support industries / businesses for college programs (i.e. internships, etc.)
  
- \* **Develop more mixed use – commercial / retail / residential – atmosphere**
  - Lifestyle center
  - Encouraging building up and not out (i.e. buildings with upper stories rather than using more land)
  - Additional residential could support more retail
  - Develop using green technology / environmentally friendly building
  - Bring in more jobs – support for growing energy sector (i.e. natural gas)
  - Provide support businesses for trail – bike hostel, bike rental, bed and breakfasts
  
- \* **Encourage additional recreational opportunities**
  - Connect the corridor with the river through greenspace / trail development
  - Provide more recreational activities for youth – ice skating rink, skate parks, etc.
  - Provide more greenspace connections between uses in the corridor

## Montgomery Public Meeting Overarching Themes

- \* **Provide recreational / cultural opportunities**
  - Encourage youth and family activities through an indoor recreation center (with a pool, community center, Arcade, skating rink, etc.)
  - Build upon the borough's access to the river – provide connections between downtown, through the Old Mill Corridor to the river (and campers)
  - Farmer's market for Amish and others to sell their goods (similar to Lewisburg)
  - Provide additional ball fields and managed open space
  - Utilize the former office building as office / museum space for the Historical Society
  - Link to the Lumber Heritage and PA Wilds initiatives
  - Deeper flooding area could be used for storm water retention or a park
  - Connect to Heritage Park
  - Build upon the greenway with the West Bank River Trail
  
- \* **Provide Economic Development opportunities**
  - Partner with local colleges to build a training facility or satellite campuses (i.e. Penn Tech, ITT, Newport Business, McCann)
  - Develop a business incubator to create jobs for area residents
  - Improve access to the site especially for larger vehicle
  - Reintroduce Rail Spur issues to improve rail access and address environmental to attract developers
  - Work with gas industry (Marcellus Shale) – they could use the deeper flooding areas for storage
  - Reuse old buildings for office or studio space
  
- \* **Provide Residential / Mixed Use options**
  - Provide senior housing or assisted living with parking underneath (to address flooding concerns)
  - Provide a multi-use site with residential, recreation, and small shops

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