

### September Saturday Events

**September 17 and 24, 2022**

**Douglas County Courthouse**

#### **Event Summary**

September Saturdays is the largest annual festival and community event in Douglas County. The event is presented by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners over two consecutive Saturdays in September. Hosted at the Douglas County Courthouse, the events highlight the activities of County departments and local vendors, including food trucks and entertainment. The event attracts wide participation from County citizens. This year, the Comprehensive Plan Update team was present at the event with a staffed tent and boards to raise awareness for the plan, educate participants on the process and collect input.

Multiple citizens were engaged, with over 70 comments received. Citizens could provide their input regarding needs and opportunities of the County by posting comments on a county map or on display boards depicting the six priority areas from the recently completed Strategic Plan.



## **Comment Summary**

The major themes from the comments are summarized below, around the six goals of the strategic plan. All comments will be considered in the development of the plan.

### **1. Public Safety**

- Support for fire, police and emergency personnel is important
- Increase police to keep up with population
- Maintain high quality of life

### **2. Infrastructure:**

- Sidewalks are needed to fill gaps and around schools
- Potholes need to be addressed
- Sewer and roads need to keep up with development
- More traffic lights and traffic calming
- More transit stops

### **3. Economic Development**

- There is enough industrial development
- Would like to see a more diverse mix of jobs
- Would like to see a more diverse mix of retail, restaurants, and entertainment
- Would like to see a more affordable housing for people at all stages of life

### **4. Public Health**

- Need senior housing and assisted living housing
- Need more programs for special needs citizens
- More holistic health options

### **5. Recreation:**

- Like the parks and trails
- Would like to see more investment and active options
- Excitement about Punkintown Park

### **6. Governance**

- More programs to assist renters and homeowners with housing costs
- Better utilization of existing buildings
- More transparency in information-sharing

