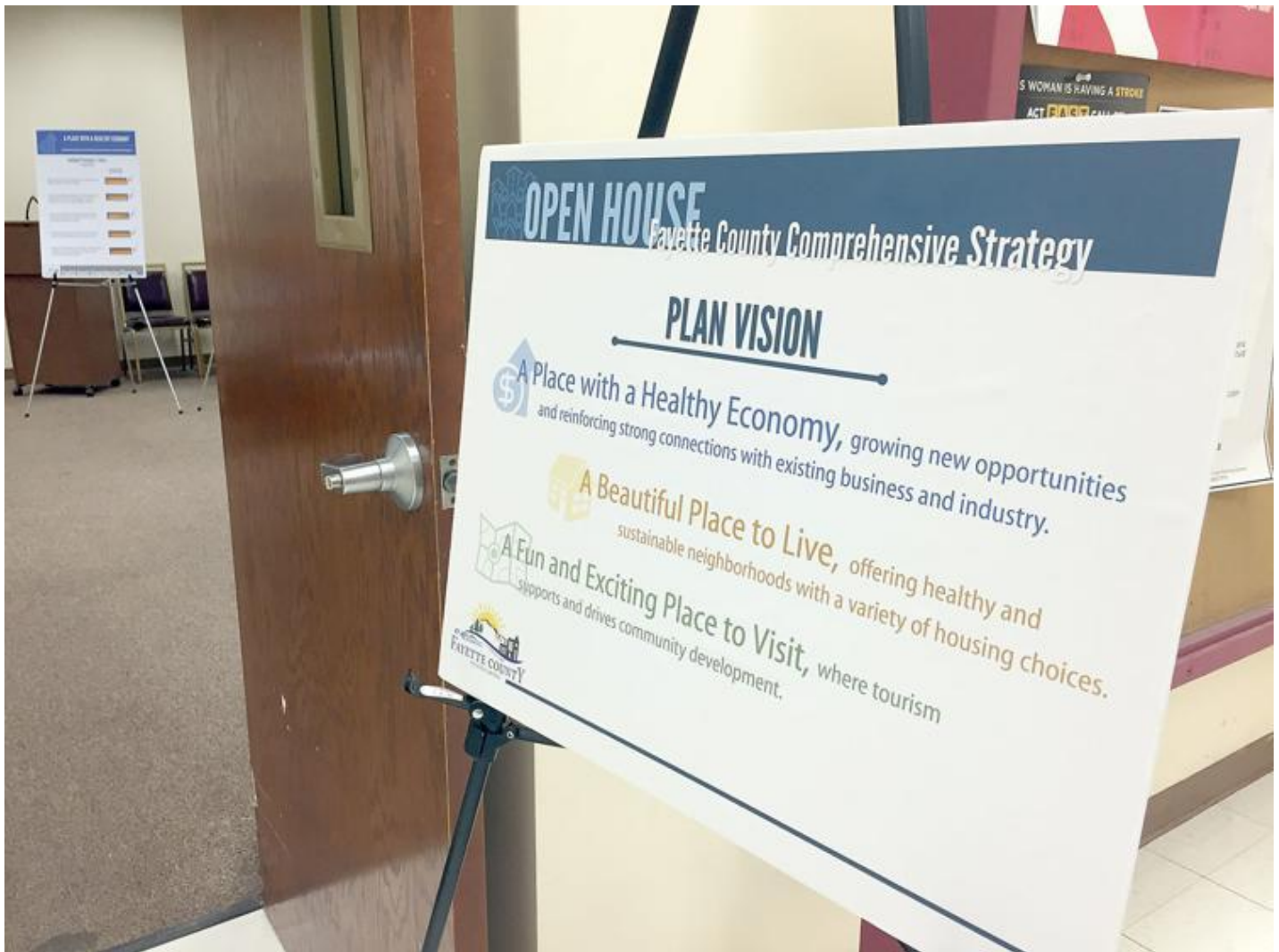


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Residents urged to view, comment on Fayette's decade-long growth plan

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Mackin Engineering and Fayette County officials have put out a call for final comments on the proposed comprehensive plan. Residents are urged to review the plan, and offer suggestions by Monday.

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Once every decade, the county must update its comprehensive plan – a document that acts as a guide for growth and development across Fayette County.

While drafting the plan is a time-consuming process, as the commissioners prepare for its adoption, they're hopeful residents will come forward to review what they've done and offer any final comments or suggestions on how it can be improved.

"I cannot stress enough about on how important it is for residents' involvement with the comprehensive plan process," said Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink. "Communities make our county and, without the input of the residents, decisions will be left to a few, so please become engaged."

"It's pretty much the guidelines on how to build the county and making it better," said Commissioner Dave Lohr.

The proposed plan addresses many areas, including the county's economy, housing, recreation, health and tourism.

Officials held several meetings during the plan's development and took into consideration the input they received. The final draft is on display in the county's planning office at the courthouse, at the Connellsville and Uniontown libraries, and posted on the county's website, www.FayetteCountyPA.org under the "news" tab. Residents have until Monday, Aug. 5 to offer any final recommendations.

"We've received a very solid amount of input, but this is final phase of this and if there's anything anyone want to add or comment or provide input, this is their last chance," Commissioner Vincent Vicites said.

Of the input received by Mackin Engineering, the firm hired to draft the county's comprehensive plan, Vicites said public comments included concerns for economic development, parks, historic sites and the National Road.

Vicites said Mackin has been doing a good job listening to concerns and suggestions, and tweaking the plan accordingly.

He said he believes the plan will serve the county well for the next 10 years.

Lohr said the plan is a good tool to have in place when applying for both state and federal grants. He noted that the county's updated plan can also work as a guide for municipalities that need to update their plans.

Vicites said he anticipates adopting the plan at the September commissioners meeting.

Comments can be submitted to Brandi Rosselli in writing by Aug. 5, either via email at BRosselli@mackinengineering.com; or mailed to her attention at: Mackin Engineering Company, 103 Technology Drive, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15275.
