

Anderson Plan Implementation Committee

February 12, 2025

Township Elected Officials Present: Trustee Dee Stone, Trustee Katie Nappi, Trustee Tom Hodges

Committee Members Present: Lisa Arnett, Bruce Berno, Steve Feagins, Peg Fenner, Lindsey Griffis, John Halpin, Jay Lewis, Kevin Misiak, Paul Sheckels, Cindy Voss, Susan Wheatley

Others Present: Steve Sievers (Asst. Twp. Administrator for Operations), Paul Drury (Director of Planning & Zoning), Eli Davies (Planner I), Johnny Wettengel (UC Co-op), Maddie Hart (WeTHRIVE!), Sarah Celenza (Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce), Tom Caruso, Tom Turchiano, Andrea McLearn, Lucy Gray, Jeremy Gray, Kaden Bardone

Members Absent: Viki Beck, Katie Buchmann, Matt Chaffin, Jessica Cunningham, Duane Donohoo, Nicole Hunter, Phil Kiley, Dan O'Rourke, Paul Sian, Cindy Sieber, Karl Sieber

4:30 Committee meeting called to order

Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Davies welcomed the new and returning committee members to the meeting. He explained that the Trustees were finishing their interim meeting, but the Implementation Committee could call their meeting to order.

Mr. Davies introduced himself and the Township staff present at the meeting. He then asked committee members to introduce themselves since there were some new members in attendance. The committee members introduced themselves.

Mr. Davies explained that the purpose of the committee is to implement the Township's comprehensive plan, and that the focus of the meeting would be planning action items for 2026.

Report on Subgroup Projects

2.3.1 – Maintain, monitor and plan for Township streets and overall road network (including sidewalks, trails and bike lanes).

Mr. Davies provided a couple of updates regarding the Township's transportation projects which were also included in the Project Update Sheet available to committee members.

Mr. Drury provided more detail on the Township's sidewalk construction projects.

Mr. Davies mentioned that Anderson Center Station had opened for use as a METRO station as well as its continued use as a public garage

Mr. Sheckels asked if the Township had any information on the ridership for the reopened Park & Ride station. Mr. Wettengel replied speaking to his experience using the station to commute to work at the Township.

3.2.5 – Promote and support the development of a skilled workforce within the community.

Mr. Davies summarized the work that Township staff did at the end of 2025 to connect Forest Hills School District, Great Oaks, and the Anderson Area Chamber to promote workforce development in the Township.

Mr. Davies asked for any other updates.

Ms. Celenza provided an update on how the Chamber is partnering with FHSD to recruit more business participation in school district career awareness events. She mentioned the Aspire program at Turpin and Anderson High Schools which is a leadership and development program for high school sophomores. She also mentioned Jump Start day where junior and senior students could participate in mock interviews and attend a career fair. Another event mentioned is the March 31st awards event held by chamber. The Chamber is establishing an alternative award as opposed to student of the year. The new award is a young entrepreneur award aimed at recognizing students who excel both in the workforce and academically.

Anderson Township Board of Trustees meeting is called to order

Mr. Davies welcomed the Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer who had joined the Implementation Committee Meeting.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Mrs. Stone moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mrs. Nappi seconded the motion.
Vote: 3 Yeas

Report on Subgroup Projects (cont.)

Mr. Halpin discussed some of the programs offered by Great Oaks.

8.1.3 – Preserve and protect the natural and environmental resources found throughout the community.

Mrs. Wheatley discussed the Native Plant Initiative Event on May 17th at the Heritage Henter with more information coming out in the next edition of Anderson Insights. She mentioned that the subcommittee will be focusing on boosting participation in the Homegrown National Park program. She also mentioned that the Township has requested volunteers to help remove honeysuckle and other invasive species in Township Greenspace, but they needed more volunteers. The subcommittee wants to continue efforts on invasive species removal on Township properties.

Mr. Davies reminded the committee that the subcommittee had selected the Amsonia Bluestar as its native plant of the year for 2026.

8.3.1 – Encourage recycling and the safe use of appropriate disposal of solid waste and hazardous materials by all generators in the Township

Ms. Griffis discussed that the subcommittee has been working on establishing pill bottle recycling at the Sheriff District 5 substation. Blue, green, and orange pill bottles will be recycled with assistance from committee and ReUse Hub volunteers. The subcommittee is also working on lithium battery recycling with Township staff. The subcommittee is collaborating with the Native Plant Initiative group to promote flowerpot recycling.

Ms. Voss announced that 424 plastic temporary signs had been collected and taken to the Hub for recycling.

Mr. Halpin asked whether the subcommittee is involved in recycling. Ms. Voss replied that Queen city compost handles composting not handled by the hub, but that there is a public compost bin at the Hub. Mr. Halpin also mentioned that no compost bins are available for residents.

Ms. Celenza asked for more information regarding temporary sign regulations. Mr. Drury explained that temporary signs must be on private property, at least 10' back from the road, and that there are size restrictions. He also emphasized that the Township does not police signs for content, only size, location, and duration. He added that residents and businesses can contact Planning & Zoning with any questions about signs they see in the Township or if their sign was removed by Township staff. Mrs. Stone asked whether residents can remove signs themselves. Mr. Drury replied that residents can remove signs that are clearly in the right-of-way or on their property.

Action Items for 2026

Mr. Davies asked the subcommittees if they had goals for 2026.

8.1.3

Mr. Berno discussed how the renovation of the Township's Operations Center would impact the recycling drop off which would need to be communicated with Township residents.

Mr. Sievers added that the Pill bottle initiative should be ready in the next couple of weeks.

8.3.1

The Native Plant Initiative had an upcoming event and would discuss plans for the rest of the year.

Breakout Brainstorm Session

Mr. Davies invited the subcommittees with action items identified to spend time discussing them, while members of the committee without action items to work on would meet to brainstorm goals for 2026.

Regroup & Next Steps

Mr. Davies invited the groups to come back together and summarize their discussions.

2.3.1

Mr. Drury summarized the group's discussion which focused on the Eight Mile/Clough improvements, sidewalk construction along Beechmont Ave, and the HAWK beacon across Clough Pike at Juilfs Park.

3.2.5

Mrs. Stone stated the group discussed the Mercy Explorers program which provides career awareness in the medical field to High School juniors.

8.1.3

The group discussed the pill bottle recycling program, the closing of the recycling drop off center, and the future of recycling.

8.3.1

Mrs. Wheatley discussed interest in a partnership with local schools and the Park District to have native plant gardens, involving more community members in the Native Plant Initiative.

Updates

Mr. Drury provided updates on the status of the Comprehensive Plan update. The Township was still negotiating their contract with the consulting firm, McKenna. Once the contract was finalized, the Township would establish a steering team appointed by the Trustees. The steering team would likely include a few members of the Implementation committee, but the structure is still being determined.

Mr. Davies advised the committee that Cincinnati was developing a Mount Washington neighborhood plan with a kickoff open house at the Mt. Washington School on February 21 from 2-4pm. A virtual open house will be on the city's website after the event for those who cannot attend the meeting.

Mr. Davies encouraged committee members to review the Design Guidelines Update and briefly explained the history of the Township's Design Guidelines.

Next meetings:

- Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 4:30pm
- Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 4:30pm
- Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 4:30pm

Motion to Adjourn

Mrs. Stone moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Nappi seconded the motion. Vote: 3 Yeas.