



Cedar Lake, Indiana - Vision Meeting #1 – 1/24/18

Attendees: Cedar Lake Town Council, Jill Murr (Town Administrator), Tim Jensen (Veridus), General public audience of about 60 people

Stake holders

- Cedar Lake Residents
- Business Owners
- US Army Corp of Engineers
- NWI – RDA
- IDNR
- IDEM
- School systems
- Kubal Family (land owners)
- Town employees
- First Responders
- Cedar Lake Historical Association
- Developers / Investors
- AIM
- Chamber of Commerce
- Cedar Lake Enhancement Association
- Local Churches
- Tourists / Visitors
- South Shore Convention and Visitors Association
- Summer Residents
- Potential residents
- Youth
- All – ages of residents
- Thrill seekers
- Lake County
- State of Indiana

Good Qualities of Cedar Lake

- The Lake
- Cedar Lake residents
- Low crime
- Healthy neighborhoods
- Churches
- Good schools
- Close-knit community
- Affordable housing
- First responders
- Location (proximity to other cities)
- Workforce

Not-So Good Qualities

- Public Infrastructure
- Bike paths
- Job availability
- Lake accessibility
- Planning / Layout
- Recreation and parks
- Unsafe buildings / blight
- Wages
- Traffic
- Senior housing options
- Transportation
- Tax base
- Public beach access
- Recreation



Cedar Lake is known for...

- Lighthouse restaurant
- Cedar Lake Ministries
- Fastest growing town in Lake County
- Reputation of improvement
- Pizza restaurants (1/1000)
- Summerfest
- Cardboard Boat Race
- Yacht Club (shows and races)
- Public Lake
- Museum
- Improvement of the lake
- Parade of lights
- Flag Day events
- NWI Symphony Orchestra
- Moto on Ice
- Bugaboos
- Operation Combat Bike Saver
- Sandbar restaurant
- Civic engagement
- South Shore Country Club
- Lemon Lake County Park
- Boat launch
- Pine Crest Fishing Derby

Which communities do we admire?

- Branson, Mo – Branson Landing
- Whiting, IN
- St. Joseph, MI – Fountain and walkable venues
- Hammond, IN – band shell
- Lake Geneva, WI – downtown
- Valparaiso, IN – park and band shell
- Schaumburg, IL – river walk
- Clearwater Crossing, Indianapolis, IN
- Griffith, IN – Downtown
- San Antonio, TX – River walk
- League City, TX

Which communities need improvement?

- Association with Lake County
- Schererville – traffic
- St. John - housing

If cost was not an issue, we would...

- Build a comprehensive bike path around the lake
- Find a different location for redevelopment
- Dredge Cedar Creek
- Dredge to Cline Ave.
- Complete curbs and sidewalks throughout Town
- Dredge the Lake (Eco-restoration)
- Develop an entertainment venue
- Construct a hotel
- Have a variety of restaurants
- Create more public access to the lake
- Combine school districts
- Develop a medical/education campus on US 41
- Construct a 3-lane road with paths around the lake
- Construct a turning lane on US 41
- Secure a train stop in town



Vision Principles:

The Town of Cedar Lake is considering redevelopment in certain areas of Town (yet to be determined) in order to accomplish the following:

1. **Create** a connection point for our current businesses and residents to live, thrive, explore, relax and come together as a community.
2. **Establish** a new lifestyle center development to include mixed-use, office, retail, conference, convention and lodging options in order to build a diversified tax base capable of serving and meeting the needs of our community.
3. **Enhance** the natural views, public interaction with and access to lake while improving property values and marketability of our community.
4. **Develop** a sustainable approach to development to allow us to be proactive in guiding our growth, improving our quality of life and enhancing the future of our community.

