

New Albany Plan Heading to Council

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NEW ALBANY– A recently-completed comprehensive plan for the city of New Albany is on its way to the city council for approval. The strategy includes plans for improving walkability and growing the city's downtown. The city began the process of developing the plan by interviewing community stakeholders including educators, developers, realtors and others. All residents were invited to attend a public meeting in September to provide input as well. The city also gathered input through hundreds of completed online surveys.

The plan also calls for more flexibility in zoning and code enforcement. In a release, New Albany Director of Planning and Zoning Scott Wood said, "The Comprehensive plan focuses on creating a more environmentally aware plan for future development and redevelopment of New Albany."

The report is the latest sign of economic development momentum in New Albany. Last month, W.M. Kelly Co. Inc. announced plans to expand in the Floyd County City, saying it will invest nearly \$2 million and add more than one dozen jobs by 2019. In November, two New York-based companies purchased the shuttered Pillsbury plant in the city, with plans to put the 34.5-acre property back on the market. The New Albany City Council also recently approved two projects that the city says will reconnect residents to Silver Creek.

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