



*Bowling Green*

# COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN



**TASK FORCE MEETING 1**

# CAP GOALS

- **Reactive** and **proactive** City-wide neighborhood improvements
- A focus on the **East Side** neighborhood



# CAMIROS - COLLEGE TOWN EXPERIENCE



Notre Dame University



Indiana State University



UAB



Olivet Nazarene University



Bradley University



University of Chicago



University of Illinois



Lawrence University

# OVERVIEW

- Introduction to Planning Team
- CAP Overview and Goals
- What We've Heard
- Community Exercises
- Ideas for Early Action Projects
- Question and Answers



# THE TASK FORCE

**City of  
Bowling Green**

**Community  
Residents**

**Apartment  
Owners and  
Managers**

**Business  
Representatives**

**Camiros**

**Services  
Providers**

**Education  
Leaders**

**Public Officials**

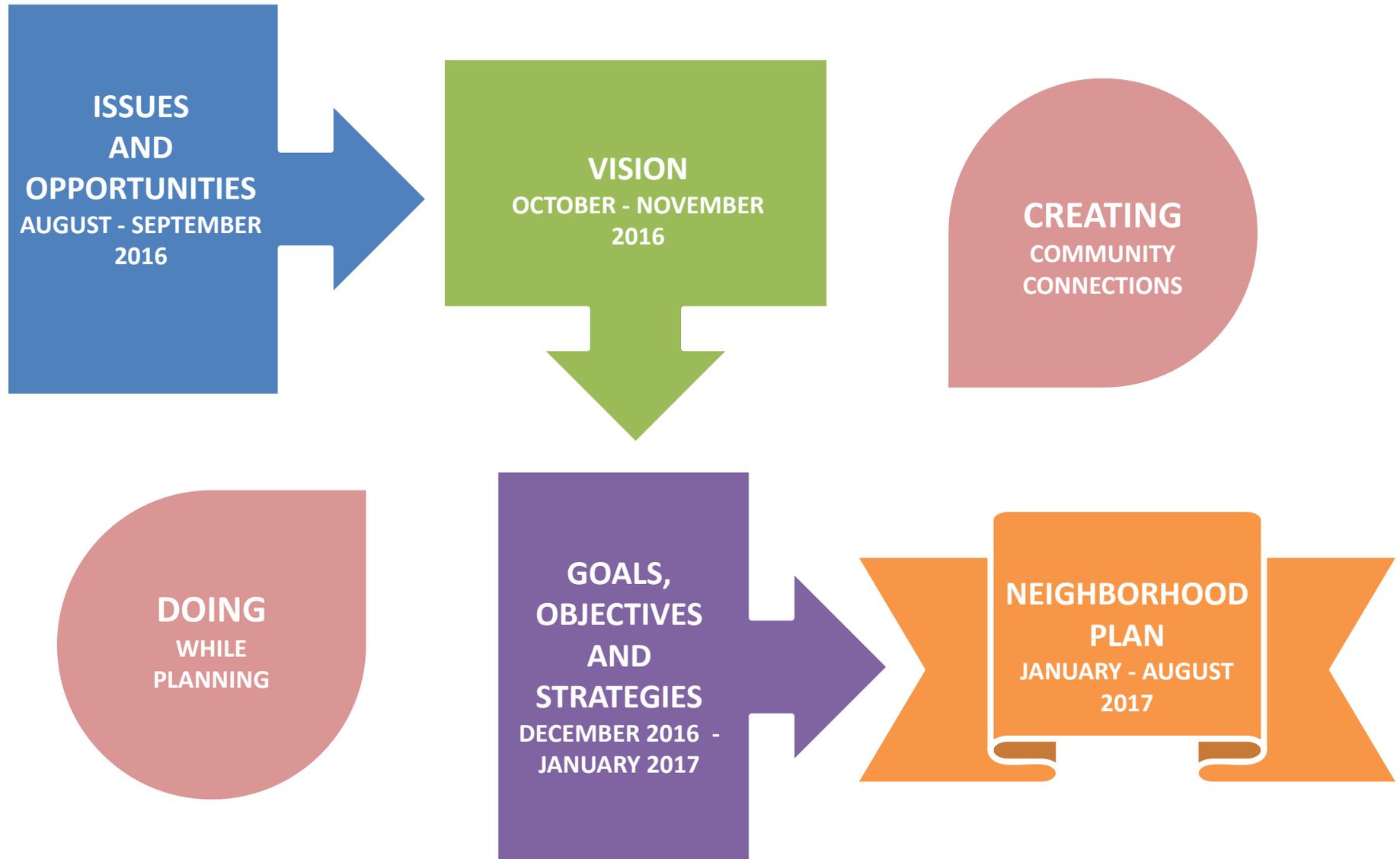
# TASK FORCE ROLES

- Identify **resources** or provide information regarding conditions within the neighborhood;
- Assist in **promoting** larger Community Meetings to a broad range of community members;
- Provide **information** about agencies, businesses or other entities that could assist in neighborhood improvement;
- Reflect **concerns** brought to community meetings and otherwise by local and citywide residents and businesses; and
- **Generate and vet ideas** for projects in order to make recommendations on the strategies and projects that merit consideration for inclusion in the Community Action Plan.

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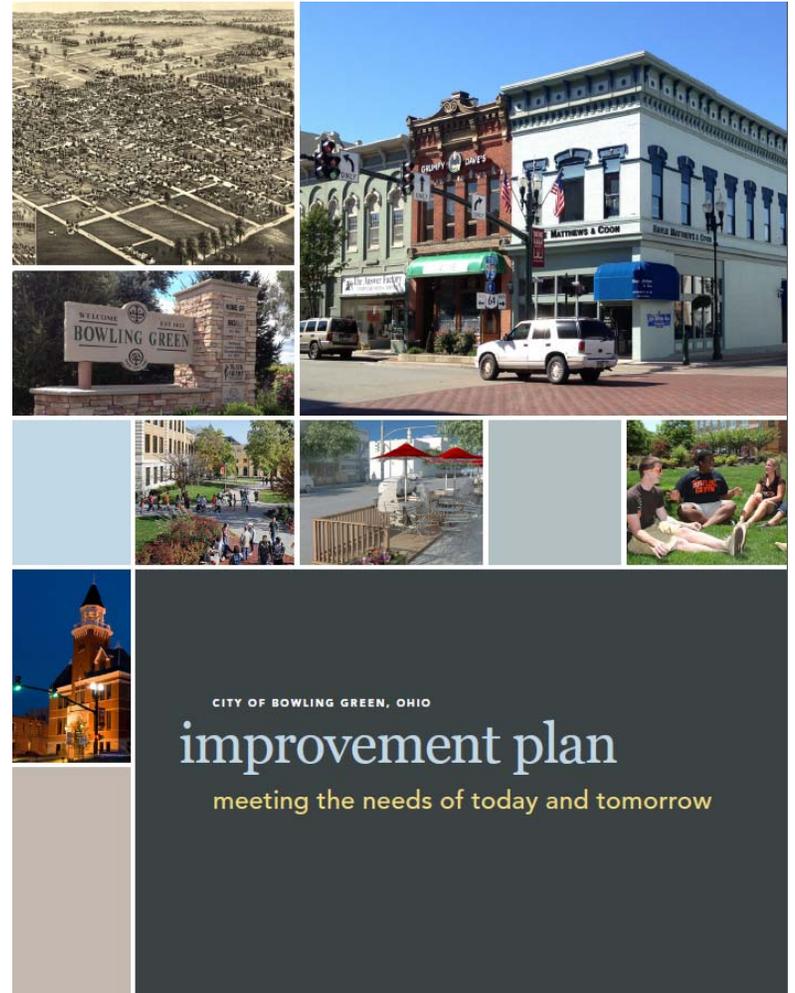
- **Review** materials provided to them during the course of the planning process
- Attend **four to five** meetings
- **Working meetings** - not intended as open public forums
- Task Force proposals and directions are considered as **guidance** to the City and planning team in the development of the Plan, but are not binding upon the final content of the Plan

# PROCESS FOR SUCCESS



# BOWLING GREEN IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- Highly livable urban form that creates / preserves a community
- Positive, appealing first impressions
- Local flavor / character
- A strong business base
- A broad housing spectrum
- “Good neighbor” neighborhoods
- Easy access to health and fitness



# COMMUNITY MEETING 1

## Community Action Plan effort takes its initial steps

Story

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Adam Rosa, of Camiros, a Chicago-based consulting group, speaks to community members during the first of a series of community meetings for the Bowling Green Community Action Plan, Tuesday evening at Crim Elementary.



Posted: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 9:12 am

By PETER KUEBECK, Sentinel-Tribune City Editor

The city's Community Action Plan project took its first steps with residents during a meeting Tuesday night.

The session, held at Crim Elementary School, was the first opportunity for much of the public to interact with members of a consulting firm working on the plan.

"This is all about you telling us about your neighborhood," said Adam Rosa of Camiros, the Chicago-based consultants hired by the city to work on the plan. "We're here to facilitate the process... but we're not here to dictate to Bowling Green what you should do. This is a community process ... to really improve our neighborhoods here in the city."

Concerns about the city's housing stock and rejuvenating neighborhoods have been discussed at various meetings over the past year, as had the possibility of hiring a consultant to help work on those issues. In June, the city hired Camiros for \$98,300 for the Community Action Plan project. Members of the firm were in town for two days in late July and spoke to approximately 30 members of the community. Rosa said that Tuesday "is really kind of day three of our work here in Bowling Green."

# HELP SELECT OUR LOGO



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# COMMUNITY ASSETS

- Neighborhood character – housing diversity and architecture
- Downtown businesses
- Walkability
- Generally well-maintained homes
- BGSU
- Parks / green space / mature trees
- Safety
- Strong sense of community
- Volunteerism
- Good schools



# COMMUNITY ISSUES

- Absent landlords
- Code enforcement
- Unmaintained properties
- Lack of bike infrastructure
- Apartmentalization of single-family homes
- Owner versus renter imbalance
- Litter
- Limited housing choices
- Lack of attention to students living off-campus



# COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- Fill housing gaps – affordable & senior
- City “conciierge”
- Home improvement grant
- Student & young professionals
- Implementation of bike improvements
- Court Street improvements – bike and pedestrian
- Wooster Street – redevelopment potential, safe pedestrian crossings
- Better management of rental properties
- Multimodal transportation

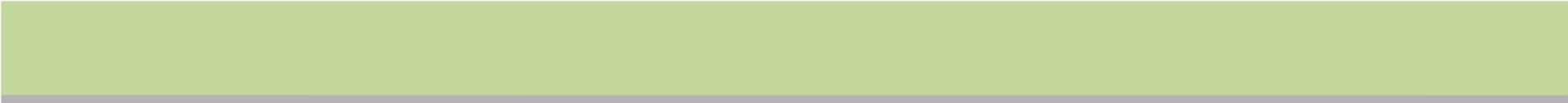


# NEXT STEPS

- Zoning Review
- Issues and Opportunities Memo
- Community Meeting 2 Visioning  
– **October**
- Task Force Meeting 2  
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