



St Clair Community Trust - Initial Input Meeting

November 16, 2021

Feedback provided by meeting participants.

1. How would you define a vibrant, resilient, and inclusive community? Or what is your vision of a vibrant, resilient, and inclusive community?

- At school, more inclusive, make everyone feel more comfortable
- Make sure everyone is heard
- Make sure personal beliefs are not the “main event”
- Community that can support all of your needs
- Groceries, gasoline, clothing, child care, restaurants
- Well organized school district
- Communication being better
- Making things more inclusive for all
- Discussed youth and elderly activities

How would you finish this sentence- A vibrant, resilient, and inclusive community is one {where, that, in, which}:

- Do not have to leave the community to shop
- retail
- Employment opportunities
- ability to have entertaining
- meeting daily needs

2. What is one thing we could do in this community that would make our community a more vibrant, resilient, and inclusive community?

- Job opportunities; not a ton of option in St. Clair
- Create more space for individuals with disabilities
- Economic development/opportunities lack there of
- We have the highways, great access but have not “tapped into this”
- More space for those with disabilities
- Communication like a local newspaper
- Making things with better access to all
- More youth activity that is not seasonal
- Meals on Wheels

3. How do we, together, engage more people in our community to help create a more vibrant, resilient, and inclusive community?

- Citizens being more involved in city government
- St Clair seems pretty involved
- There are not a lot of jobs in St Clair, there are not a lot of new families

- Those who are here are committed to the community
 - Keeping citizens involved, tends to be the same people doing the work
 - Trying to build and have more activity in downtown
 - The age-old question, how do we get more people involved
 - Need a root event, sport event, school event
 - Challenge to include those living out of town
 - {Once a month go out into the community to offer a free art class, bring people together. Would not always have to be within the city limits}
 - Communication, events, and activities announced so people know
 - Ample opportunities for people to be engaged
 - Would like to know more things going on at the school, local government, etc.
 - (Bulldog bulletin sent out quarterly, and maybe have web page announcements)
- 4. Are you aware of any initiatives occurring in other communities that might work in our community to make our community a more vibrant, resilient and inclusive community?**
- In Lynne they have a monthly substance abuse prevention event that is geared toward young adults. It is based on large yard game tournaments. Big turn outs!
 - Washington, huge downtown. Always something going on. Never see a vacant building
 - Union has revitalized their downtown, attracted younger people
 - First Baptist Church had a back-to-school bash and had only 15 families attended. Was right next to the library and everything was free
 - Industrial/manufacturing jobs
 - Being proactive getting new companies to come in
 - Need to be proactive, not reactive
 - Could you define inclusive
 - Appeals to a lot of different people, old, young, men, women
 - It can vary, which is why we asked regarding this question
 - {Inclusive can be centered around physical or mental disability, how to include everyone}
 - Reduce stigma of homelessness and substance abuse.
 - Increase connections to people of color
 - {Inclusive everyone is right there. Food entertainment housing, its all right there so you do not have to leave}
 - Veteran and artist get together to share art and stories
 - Summerfest in town where all ages were involved and things for all to do
 - Music festivals
 - Community art shows
 - {Participants reported they would like to see things like festivals to celebrate things that St Clair is famous for..e.g. Route 66 and the railroad