

City of Bristol Tennessee

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City Officials Holding Open House Meetings for Land Use Plan and Policies

The City of Bristol is reviewing its Land Use Plan and Policies and wants to invite the public to participate. Tennessee Code dictates that it is the function and duty of a regional planning commission to make and adopt a general regional plan for the physical development of the region. It is the opinion of City leaders that there is significant importance in involving the community in discussions on major issues such as those involved in a Land Use Plan. "The Land Use Plan and its Policies guide the development of the region in a coordinated, rational and efficient manner," Shari Brown, Director of Community Development said. "The plan provides a vision for the community's future. We hope these meetings will provide a platform for lots of public input and we encourage everyone to come out," Brown continued.

City Officials have set-up community Open House meetings in each of the city's school districts in an effort to gather input from the neighborhoods that make up the city.

The meetings have been set for:

September 11 at Avoca Elementary School
September 12 at Anderson Elementary School
September 13 at Fairmount Elementary School
September 19 at Holston View Elementary School
September 20 at Haynesfield Elementary School

All the meetings will begin at 6:00 PM and be hosted in the school's cafeteria.

Some of the topics up for discussion are:

- Where the city should expand its commercial corridors
- How the city should better utilize underused or vacant industrial/commercial areas
- What types of housing we need and where they should be built

For more information on the Open House meetings and on the Land Use Plan and Policies itself please go to www.bristoltn.org/landuseplanopenhouse or contact the Community Development Office at 423-989-5514.

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