

Martin County, IN

Comprehensive Plan Public Workshop

Event Date: Mar. 31, 2025

USI Project Number: 2023-0193

1. Event Summary

On March 31st, USI hosted a Comprehensive Plan Public workshop at the Bowling Manufacturing building. The event ran from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm providing the community time and space to provide feedback and opinions on the project.

- Total number of attendees: 11
- Additional surveys collected at the event: 5
 - Median Age Range – 45-54 years
 - 100% have lived in Martin County for 15+ years
 - 40% live in Shoals, 40% in Loogootee, and 20% in Rural
 - 60% work outside of Martin County (Monroe, Clark, and Dubois), 40% work in Martin County.

2. Event Topics

- Housing Preferences – *“Please place a sticker dot within the boxes of three photos that best echo the type of residential housing Martin County needs more of.”*
 - Single-Family – 9 (32%)
 - Senior Housing/Assisted Living – 9 (32%)
 - Apartment/Multi-Family – 3 (11%)
 - Duplex – 3 (11%)
 - Townhouse – 3 (11%)
 - Workforce Housing – 1 (3%)
 - Modular/Manufactured Home – 0
 - Farm House/Rural Cabin – 0
- Conservation Priorities – *“Please place a sticker dot on the map where you feel historic, natural, or land types should be protected or conserved.”* See attached map.
 - Primary concentration within and around Shoals
 - Hindostan Falls identified for natural and historic preservation
 - West Boggs identified for natural conservation

- Recreation Preferences – *“Please place a sticker dot within the boxes of three photos that best echo the type of recreational opportunities Martin County needs more of.”*
 - Seasonal Community Events – 7 (24%)
 - Walking and Biking Trails – 6 (21%)
 - Water-Based Recreation – 5 (17%)
 - Playgrounds and Natural Play Areas – 3 (10%)
 - Community Recreation Center – 3 (10%)
 - Cultural and Arts Spaces – 3 (10%)
 - Parks and Green Space – 2 (8%)
 - Sports Facilities – 0

- Transportation and Land Use Priorities – *“Please place a sticker dot where you believe the following topics, land-use and transportation, should be located.”* See attached map.
 - Heavy concentration of residential land-use around Shoals, primarily east of shoals along route 50
 - Calls for additional recreation south/south-west of Shoals and at Hindostan Falls
 - Former USG Railroad has been converted to a rail to trail in Lawrence County. Calls to extend this trail into Martin County
 - Prioritize repairs of primary routes through Martin County

- Vision for the Future – *“What would you like to see in Martin County in the next 5-10 years? Post your ideas here!”* A summary of topics can be found below. See attached image.
 - Trails
 - Revitalization of downtowns
 - Historic building preservation
 - More housing
 - Public gathering spaces
 - Public transit options
 - Leveraging existing assets



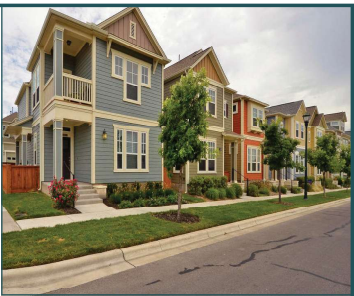
RESIDENTIAL TYPE

PLEASE PLACE A STICKER DOT WITHIN THE BOXES OF **THREE** PHOTOS THAT BEST ECHO THE TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSING MARTIN COUNTY NEEDS MORE OF.



Single-Family

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Townhouse

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Apartment/Multi-Family

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Modular/Manufactured Home



Duplex

● ● ●



Farm House/Rural Cabin



Senior Housing/Assisted Living

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Workforce Housing

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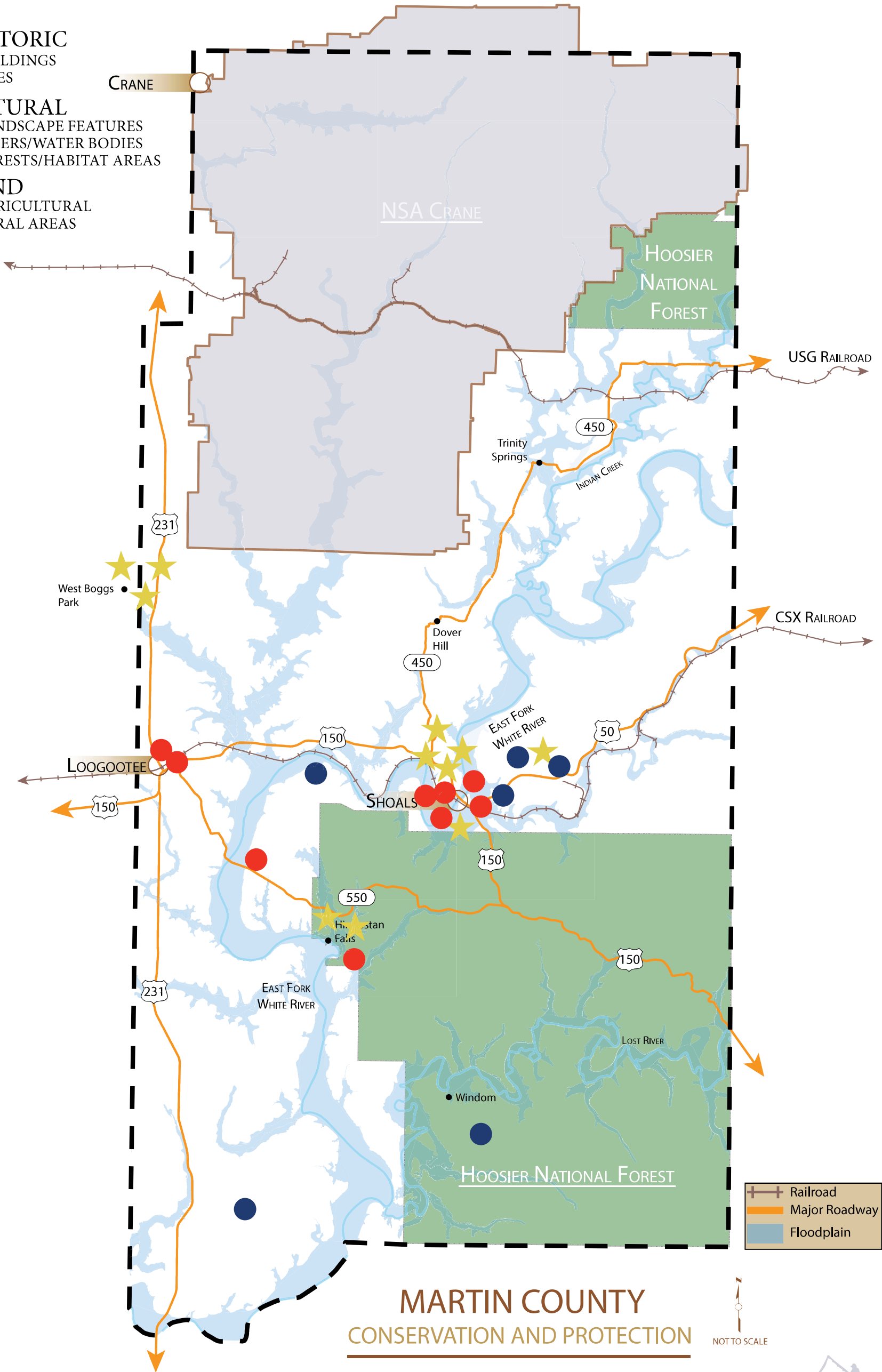




Conservation Priorities

PLEASE PLACE A STICKER DOT ON THE MAP WHERE YOU FEEL HISTORIC, NATURAL, OR LAND TYPES SHOULD BE PROTECTED OR CONSERVED.

- HISTORIC BUILDINGS SITES
- NATURAL LANDSCAPE FEATURES RIVERS/WATER BODIES FORESTS/HABITAT AREAS
- LAND AGRICULTURAL RURAL AREAS



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Recreation Opportunities

PLEASE PLACE A STICKER DOT WITHIN THE BOXES OF **THREE** PHOTOS THAT BEST ECHO THE TYPE OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES MARTIN COUNTY NEEDS MORE OF.



Parks and Green Space



Walking and Biking Trails



Water-Based Recreation



Playgrounds and Nature Play Areas



Community Recreation Center



Sports Facilities



Cultural and Arts Spaces



Seasonal Community Events





TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE BOARD

PLEASE PLACE A STICKER DOT WHERE YOU BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS, *LAND-USE AND TRANSPORTATION*, SHOULD BE LOCATED.

LAND-USE

- RESIDENTIAL
- COMMERCIAL
- INDUSTRIAL
- AGRICULTURAL
- RECREATION

TRANSPORTATION

- PRIORITIZE REPAIRS HERE
- PRIORITIZE NEW ROADWAYS HERE

