



Envision East Palestine

Vision

The purpose of articulating a long-term vision is to provide direction, inspire action and position the Village of East Palestine for sustained success and resilience in the face of challenges and opportunities.

We envision a vibrant, safe and cooperative community utilizing our diversified talents. This vision propels us into a future rich with optimism and innovation, positioning East Palestine as a beacon of opportunity and a shining example of community revitalization.

Strategic Priorities

Strategic priorities are the key areas of focus to guide the actions of the Council towards achieving the long-term success outlined in the community vision. They provide a clear direction for decision-making and resource allocation, ensuring that efforts are concentrated on the areas that will have the greatest impact on realizing the desired future for East Palestine.

1. Create a dynamic downtown: Cultivating a bustling downtown area, enriched with locally-owned shops, restaurants and entertainment venues that serves as a hub for both residents and visitors alike.
2. Create attractive housing and amenities: We will advocate for the development of attractive housing and amenities to attract young families, youth, allow seniors to age in place with dignity and small manufacturers who appreciate our geographic advantage and work ethic.
3. Educational excellence: Create a community of life-long learners by building a robust educational system that is a cornerstone of the community, preparing students and adults for future high-tech careers and entrepreneurial opportunities.
4. Hub for innovation and business: Positioning East Palestine as an ideal location for start-ups and small businesses, leveraging the community's educational strengths and entrepreneurial spirit.

The next steps involve a collaborative effort between the Think Tank, Village leadership, organizations and other stakeholders to further refine the strategic priorities into actionable goals and initiatives. As part of this effort, we will be hosting an open-house workshop to get feedback from residents on the vision statement as well as priority actions related to the strategic initiatives. ***This workshop will be held on May 28th from 4-8 pm and May 29th from 9 am-5 pm at the Way Station, 109 W. Rebecca St.*** Stop in at your convenience to share your thoughts and ideas with us!

The visioning process was facilitated by the East Palestine Think Tank:

... is a dynamic and collaborative assembly of individuals that has been strategically curated to serve as the driving force behind a transformative process. Our collective expertise spans various facets of community life encompassing leadership, social services, education and business. United in purpose, we aim to spearhead initiatives that foster innovation, inclusivity and positive growth within the Village of East Palestine. Through thoughtful collaboration, targeted public engagement and comprehensive representation, we aspire to shape a future that reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of our community members, ensuring a vibrant and thriving community for all.

*A report detailing the planning process is available in the Village office.