August 31, 2017

Dear Property Owner:

The Vanderburgh County Commissioners, Evansville-Vanderburgh County Area Plan Commission, and Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization have partnered to create a University Parkway Corridor Management and Land Use Plan. The team of Rundell Ernstberger Associates, Lochmueller Group, and Power's Engineering Inc. were hired to assist the County throughout the planning process.

Currently the character of the Parkway area is generally agricultural and residential, along with significant tracts of open space. However, land use in this corridor will not always be as it is today. Design work is currently underway to extend sanitary sewers further into the corridor. The availability of utilities in the near future along with the University Parkway itself, which is an important arterial for north/south traffic and access to the University of Southern Indiana, will greatly improve conditions to support growth. The goal of the corridor plan is to prepare for the future by coordinating appropriate, planned development with transportation and other infrastructure investments to occur in the area over time. The project area is bounded by State Road 66 to the north; State Road 62 to the south; Schutte/Peerless Roads, and Church Road to the east; and the Vanderburgh County line to the west.

A land use plan and a transportation component will be the two main aspects of this project. The corridor land use plan will offer specific recommendations for future development, for preserving the corridor's resources, and for potential Zoning Ordinance amendments to ensure that future development meets the vision and intent of the Plan. The transportation component will focus on protecting the Parkway so it continues to efficiently, effectively and safely move traffic, and identifying any future road improvements needed. The planning process will include multiple opportunities for public input and will result in a guide to help implement the Plan.

As a stakeholder along the corridor, we are writing you today because we seek your input throughout this planning process. We will be holding our first public meeting to engage the community in the creation of the University Parkway Corridor Plan on Monday, September 18th, 2017 from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm at USI's new Griffin Center Great Hall (located on the lake), 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, Indiana 47712 (see attached map). We hope to see you there.

In addition, we have a project website located at <u>www.universityparkwayplan.com</u> where we will have periodic input surveys. Currently there is one available on the website and we would appreciate your participation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ron London or Blaine Oliver at 812-435-5226 or email at <u>Universityparkwayplan@gmail.com</u>.

Sincerely,

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