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ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT				
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Energy			Underwater turbine to generate electricity for park lighting in river. Windmills for electric. (9) Build hydro-dam at 231 (27) Wind power/sculptural areas with native plantings (75) Put a windmill along the river that would represent our new energy industry (87) Dam Wabash (hydro power) Electric power from the river (109) Facility to grow algae biofuel in conjunction with waste treatment facilities (111) Any structure should utilize rooftops for energy conservation (139)	
Habitat & Diversity	A world-class (or at least nationally-recognized) river ecology (41)	Diversity of habitat - both human and natural. Progress now on CSOs - can't wait any longer. (57) Maximize habitat over economic development to improve water quality (66) Ensure good habitat diversity for wildlife (74) Increase access and usage of the river without destroying the natural ecology (92) Respect river floodplain vegetation continuity. (83) Protection and tree enhancement (102)	Save what remaining stands of trees we have near downtown. (52) Plant many more trees in both cities (61) Air quality improvements (68) Native gardens (76) Native vegetation is essential (77) Diversify the habitat and include personal touches such as floating bridges/buildings/walkways (79) Plant more trees - protect the bank - use native plants - 50 Trees of Indiana-Botanical Area (85) Prairie Garden/Tree transitions zone plantings to bring in historical aspects (86) Historic/native gardens that represent the post-glacial age to now (87) Bird habitat improvement (89) Remove invasive species of fish (96) Unimproved, or "natural", areas that can be walked (97) inventory of fish, plants, insects in Wabash Area (98) Bird and nate areas made more acceptable to the animals. (99) Wild native plants - conservation of planting, elimination of invasive species (Japanese honeysuckle, Garlic Mustard) (125) By the way, this area regenerates naturally after flooding (for wildlife/plant concerns- Deer, eagles, hawks, ground hogs, coyotes) (140) Perennial vegetation of all O-2 floodplain (141) Maintain and restore wooded edges (144) Let the floodplane remain natural for the wildlife (165)	Clean up riverbank. Overgrowth. Protect from erosion. (21) If you develop areas south of the pedestrian bridge (Box Board Area, etc) the smell from sewage plant is unbearable. (50) Diversify horticulture; too many cottonwoods and silver maples (94)
Water Quality	Clean water (101) A cleaner river (145)	Loved the emphasis on what we (both urban and agricultural) and upriver should be doing to improve river ecology (41) Tie development to initiatives and ordinances that improve the quality of natural runoff (66) Very in favor of conserving natural features of the river-maintaining the riparian corridor-good buffer zone to prevent erosion. Need to ensure protection of the flood plain-give river room to meander naturally (74) Clear water over white stones (76) Enact strict laws regulating pollution. This would include means to assist with the cleanup and correcting the problem, This would include trash and fuel leaks (boat engines) (78) Clean up the pollution content in the river (96) Clean water in the Wabash (98) Predictable (constrained?) water levels (101) Improve water quality (control sewage outflow, agricultural runoff) (125)	Protect the natural habitat along the river and improve the water quality of the Wabash River that runs through Tippecanoe County. (53) Fix the sewer system (60) New sewers in both cities to separate storm water and eliminate CSOs...Fix the county drains and improve them. Require buffers along all open county drains (61) Reutilize and repurpose runoff from various sources to improve aquafer regeneration (66) Definitely improve water quality. Better utilization of water. (68) Water quality with areas for access, fishing...(75) Return native plants to help create a stable river (78) Acquire flood prone areas that are either developed or non-developed. Restore these areas to wetlands and forests. Though you will never get back to what it historically was, modification can be made to "treat" the water entering and leaving Tippecanoe County. (79) Cap all combined sewer outflows (80) Mediation of drainage water going into the river to enhance clean water. (81) Develop constructed wetlands along river to treat stormwater/CSOs (82) Do not intensively develop areas currently in AG/non-commercial development - remove from AG use and restore to natural complex of riparian wetlands. (82) Flood plain titration to keep runoff/park water clean...(105) Add buffers along all waterways in the watershed (147) Get all combines sewers separated to prevent overflows - as long as you have sewerage in the river, few will want to look at it (161)	Be careful with construction and impervious surfaces, which will charge flow and fluctuation of riverfront/river (36) I'm interested to hear that counties to the north are changing their land/water management practices (64) How, from a practical standpoint, can their [sic] be water quality improvement in WL/Laf with intensive AG dominating the watershed to the north? Can vision of enhancement in LAF proceed without dramatic improvement in water quality?(64) Dislikes: water quality (67) Clear water doesn't necessarily indicate good water quality. But work to control drainage and runoff in the community is a must. Canals, constructed wetlands/pervious concrete/buildings that are developed and operated in a "green" manner (79) Public info re: CSO Status (83) 1. Water quality 2. Bank Stabilization 3. Flood Control (88) Water toxin levels, People are scared to go near the Wabash. Many joke negatively about health issues (94) Much needs to be done to ensure this development doesn't have a long-term negative impact down stream. Exposing people to highlevels of run off doesn't seem like a good idea (106)

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Remediation		<p>Great terraced and flood compatible features (41)</p> <p>Projects for flood control (91)</p> <p>Make sure that basic character pf river is protected (environmental concerns).That is, no restaurants too close to river (103)</p> <p>Wetlands/revegetation along corridor (118)</p>	<p>Partial Dams. Flood some farm land. (9)</p> <p>Dredge river. (27)</p> <p>No dams (41)</p> <p>Turn golf course back into wetlands - flooding will continue (57)</p> <p>Recreate wetlands, maybe in golf course areas. (58)</p> <p>Turn the golf course back into wetlands (60)</p> <p>Require pervious pavement for all new roads and parking lots (61)</p> <p>Restore wetlands (68)</p> <p>Wetlands usage for bioremediation/ Reconstruction of wetlands replanting trees along corridor. (73)</p> <p>Involve stream farms, dairy, AG in water quality decisions (73)</p> <p>Promote/require no-till farming (84)</p> <p>Reduce impervious surfaces (i.e. brick streets/pathways) (86)</p> <p>Buffer initiatives are very important - building too close causes erosion (86)</p> <p>Where bank of river should be stabilized natural and with reinforcement. Wetland restoration in natural areas and as features in improved areas (89)</p> <p>Utilize Indiana stone to build natural additions to the river and contain flooding (92)</p> <p>Bank stabilization (93)</p> <p>Build Retaining walls (95)</p> <p>Stabilize eroding river banks (96)</p> <p>Erosion control (99)</p> <p>Economic incentives through legislation for private owners to maintain their banks (lobby) (100)</p> <p>Water bank support (102)</p> <p>HWY 43 flood plain, altered elevation/relocation combined with reforestation. (105)</p> <p>Community gardens would be great - flooding would not be a big deal (111)</p> <p>Dredging to allow power boating, including a traing facility of laws, operations, etc (116)</p> <p>Sea wall to keep flood prone areas from flooding (123)</p> <p>It is possible to build a low dam to keep water level up in Wabash during Summer months (165)</p> <p>Don't change floodplain area - keep it as it (178)</p>	<p>Avoid river as water course in concrete (44)</p> <p>We're losing the Heritage Trail to erosion. I live there, I'm watching it go.(50)</p> <p>I'm very concerned about CSO and their impact on water quality. (58)</p> <p>Eliminate the many odors (factory smells, sewage plant, etc) (60)</p> <p>What are we going to do with the flooding problem aggravated by the construction of the Brannigan Bridge per INDOT specs. (65)</p> <p>I feel you're turning your backs on the more frequently flooded areas: areas of bank have been lost, where a tree line exists it is represented by a single row, many leaning toward the river eventually to be lost (100)</p> <p>Dredging: there are one-sided islands here water once flowed freely on both; by these one time channels being filled, water speed has slowed, increasing flooding by moving the colume with less speed. (100)</p> <p>Address Blockage: lodged trees, brudge blockage, access infringement, suspect fill (100)</p> <p>Investigate whether the Brannigan Bridge (US 231) has an additional bridge span to allow more flood water to flow southwestward rather than backing up into Lafayette, W. Lafayette, Americus, and Delphi (103)</p> <p>Water quality - CSO problems (104)</p> <p>Given the flood problems caused by the South bridge, is any consideration to be given to reopen the blocked flood way?(121)</p>
	Stewardship & Education		<p>Begin this long-term project in the most environmentally sustainable way (66)</p> <p>Stress cleanliness of corridor-increase level of maintenance (90)</p> <p>Wildlife and botanic education (93)</p> <p>Work with neighboring cities to the north to cleanwater (94)</p> <p>Enhance wildlife habitat (94)</p> <p>Monitor the cleanliness of the river regularly (98)</p> <p>Partner with other conservation groups to help with stewardship (135)</p>	<p>Golf Course area frontage "Cleanup" (13)</p> <p>High school water quality monitors to instill lifelong connection (58)</p> <p>Promote adopt a river (58)</p> <p>Improve education and implementation of rain barrel and raingardens (61)</p> <p>Make County Surveyor a county employee instead of an elected official (61)</p> <p>Have natural inhabitants enhance the environment thru protection programs such as favorable bat species "housing" and/or butterfly proliferation conducive to our weather conditions (62)</p> <p>Training/education of advantage of some of the less popular animal/rodent and/or vegitation species. (62)</p> <p>Ongoing trash pick-up on Wabash and parks. (71)</p> <p>Improve public awareness of water & land conservation. Education for schools - environmental awareness (71)</p> <p>Develop wetlands education center. Incorporate an outdoor all-year 24/7 type of facility (i.e. need not be staffed to enjoy and learn). Include historical and stewardship-centered educational signage. (72)</p> <p>Interpretive center/nature trails with signage (73)</p> <p>Involvement of local schools in water quality testing to improve stewardship (73)</p> <p>...native species information (75)</p> <p>Wind power display (76)</p> <p>Team up with everyone along the Wabash to improve the quality of the water (78)</p> <p>Provide various methods of education along corridor in public areas to highlight river history and ecology - interpretive signage/educational kiosks and river interpretive center (82)</p> <p>On-the-water educational opportunities - pontoon boat tours, canoe/kayak tours, etc (82)</p> <p>Environmental education program tied to Cultural Center (85)</p> <p>If you need help, call Tippecanoe County Soil & Water Conservation Districts 765-474-9992 ext 3 (86)</p> <p>Plant an arboretum that represents all Indiana hardwood - Indiana is largest hardwood producer in the U.S. (87)</p> <p>Educate citizen's through interaction with river ecosystem "dos and don'ts" (92)</p> <p>Walkways and trail markers with historic & ecological info (97)</p> <p>Viewing sites related to the environment (97)</p> <p>Improve monitoring (100)</p> <p>River quality updated periodically in local media (103) and double as Botanic Greenspace and Edu. Tool (105)</p> <p>Trail identity and usage. (105)</p> <p>Water quality needs to be addressed - educational B.M.P.s demonstrated for local citizens via demo Plots (172)</p>

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Access		<p>Able to walk or bike to venue [concerts, sports, plays]. (10)</p> <p>Freshwater access. (20)</p> <p>More bicycle use support. (30)</p> <p>Trails (land/water) to integrate downtown Lafayette with rest of area (35)</p> <p>More access to the river (98)</p> <p>Paths (102)</p> <p>Make sure that Wabash river enhancement included opportunities for increased and improved intercity passenger rail (Amtrak) - improvement of access to passenger station (Riehle Depot) (103)</p> <p>Place that disabled people can enjoy (107)</p> <p>City Bus is considering tunnel under RR - could be in conjunction with Neighborhood need (126)</p> <p>Clean, well cared for access points (148)</p>	<p>Potential ferry service up and down the river that incorporates a tour. (8)</p> <p>Businesses with a view; cut down some trees to see the river. (10)</p> <p>Connection from Imagination Station to the water via over water or tanner foot path. (11)</p> <p>Covered pedestrian bridge. (23)</p> <p>Riverboat access. (29)</p> <p>Natural Areas with walking path meandering along the river. (29)</p> <p>Public boat "livery" to allow non-boat-owners to have on-the-river access. (34)</p> <p>Improvement of "scenic river" (St. Route 43) with bike/pedestrian lanes/shoulders. (34)</p> <p>Explore: launch pad for access to river - life both on water and land (44)</p> <p>Another walking/biking bridge around Brown St. or further north with MUCH easier access that also creates a walking/biking loop. (48)</p> <p>Create multi-level bike paths and eye-pleasing bike racks (55)</p> <p>Increased biking access and improvements/expansion of trails (56)</p> <p>Small-craft water ferries on weekends (target and connect evening and late night crowds) (70)</p> <p>provide riverside bike/ped. Path throughout corridor length (90)</p> <p>Connect campus to river with safe bike/ped paths (90)</p> <p>Provide access points to the water for water crafts (90)</p> <p>Boating facilities (104)</p> <p>Short trails for walking, places to launch small boats (canoes-kayaks) (107)</p> <p>Likes: paths, bridges, foliage (113)</p> <p>Increase rowing, boating, watersport access (115)</p> <p>Increases access to river for boating recreation to increase enjoyment and educational value (118)</p> <p>Create direct access to river via walk, boat ramps, multi-level walkways to accommodate flooding (119)</p> <p>Launching and takeout spots for canoes and kayaks (120)</p> <p>Water access for canoes (far away from sewage) (122)</p> <p>Better access to boat ramps. Dredging of river for all types of boats. (123)</p> <p>Scenic ByWay - grants, signage, lookouts, nature centers (125)</p> <p>Creation of second ped. Walkway to connect Brown St & Levee Area (at Pier) (127)</p> <p>Build a suspension bridge out of rope or wire to replace the Brown St. bridge, suitable for pedestrians (129)</p> <p>Would like to see many public access points w/ signage and ideas where you could paddle/float to (130)</p> <p>Cut off all motorized vehicles in downtown, access on foot or biking trails (131)</p> <p>Develop Harris Bridge landings (132)</p> <p>Enhance natural areas and access through for people (135)</p> <p>Boat access, trails (141)</p> <p>Develop intercity rail service to more students, bring more people to river events (142)</p> <p>Encourage cycling by making pedestrian bridge "bike-friendly" (Add ramps on east side) (143)</p> <p>Link Happy Hollow to River (without dodging traffic) (143)</p> <p>Extend Cattail Trail from W.Laf to river (143)</p> <p>Provide downtown docks, small boat storage (143)</p> <p>More user-friendly access. A paddle sport club house with boat storage (145)</p> <p>Enhanced canoe access sites, livery sites? (146)</p> <p>Add boating opportunities. (147)</p> <p>Boardwalk on both sides of river (147)</p> <p>Add shade structures on the Myers Bridge (147)</p> <p>Wide open terraced park areas along the bank - too many trees (148)</p> <p>Transportation center near the river (155)</p> <p>Storage lockers for people who store personal watercraft and gear (158)</p> <p>Access: Pedestrian, bicycle, watercraft (161)</p> <p>bike bridge with easier access than current bridge (166)</p> <p>Over-rail ped/bike way (171)</p> <p>More ped. Access and use. (175)</p> <p>Walking paths along canal - i.e. Indpls, San Antonio (has flood gates) - however it needs more retail (176)</p>	<p>Access to the river shore very limited (42)</p> <p>Need parking to gain access to the river (113)</p> <p>No ped. Access to river from Purdue (114)</p> <p>Neighborhood connection to the river- RR is a barrier (126)</p> <p>I would be concerned about low water levels during a drought (131)</p> <p>Make sure that various cultural events (dancing in the streets, Taste of Tippecanoe) do not interfere with normal Amtrak passenger access. This has been a problem in the past. Joe Krause 765-743-8853. (151)</p> <p>Make river more hospitable. Difficult for boaters. Too much current when high, to little when low (157)</p> <p>Access to the water is very limited. Parking picnic, seating, hiking, watercraft (158)</p> <p>Access to the river - currently don't because of washouts (174)</p>
	Community Identity		<p>Let's see some celebration of the river as a historic highway (17th/18th century) rather than celebration of flooding - whatever that is. (134)</p> <p>develop trail systems that provide connectivity beyond Tippecanoe County (136)</p> <p>Recognition of Indian tribes, their habitat and how they used the river (149)</p> <p>Canal history and early Lafayette history (149)</p> <p>maintain natural quality of river and banks - don't overdevelop. Wabash's strength is its natural character, few dams, etc. Flood plain is not garden quality - educate public on value and aesthetic of silver maples etc. Regional Identity. (170)</p>	<p>A massive architecturally sensitive concert/convention/athletic venue. Lafayette would become a new mecca for huge events which would create an opportunity for bids for shows, conventions, and concerts, etc. (16)</p> <p>Trail along river highlighting buildings to add to history, aesthetics, appeal (36)</p> <p>Local artist enrichment for all signage</p> <p>Name or build something to recognize area artists. (155)</p> <p>Recreate a section of Wabash River as it was in 1700s - Tours of Flora and Fauna (158)</p> <p>Museum/cultural center for native americans (158)</p> <p>Internationally known enviro-artist to create and enhance throughout (159)</p> <p>"History of the River" mural along a wall built within a river park. There is a fabulous example along the Mississippi Rv. In Natchez, MS - each panel shows chapter in the river history - both from the natural beginnings to the current time (Include key events: glacial formations, native american culture, battles, etc) (172)</p>

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Recreation		<p>Large open space/public gathering plaza - suitable for concerts, festivals, etc. Natural in character (34)</p> <p>Green space with amenities - benches, restrooms, gardens (75)</p> <p>Pedestrian and large gathering areas (93)</p> <p>Well-maintained green space, festivals (162)</p> <p>recreational opportunities on the Wabash are endless. Currently being underused. Build it and they will come (164)</p> <p>Place boat and ped. Access in four keys areas. Develop these as significant landmarks, each having a visitor center/educational program for the community. Make these facilities floodable in structural composition. Make them access the river in this type of fashion and you will reach some of your cultural/recreational goals as both of these issues tie very nicely together in a single package (164)</p>	<p>Canoe livery (7) Kayak, canoe rental (10) Boat tours (glass bottom). (11) Nature hikes (11) Fishing piers. (11) Boating (12) Amusement park, ferris wheel (14) Animal petting zoo (14)</p> <p>Activity areas for Jazz Fest, etc. Replace loss of Reihl Plaza area (19) Long canoe/float trips for Boy Scouts (20)</p> <p>Camping areas at 15 mile intervals. Fresh food & ice availability. (20) Use the Meyer Bridge for art shows, crafts, etc (23) Baseball Stadium and other recreation (28)</p> <p>SANDBAR SUMMER: Get people to use sandbars for bonfires, cookouts, river play as a celebration of summer low water levels. (30) It would be nice kayaking access & rental (31)</p> <p>Park areas that have both passive use areas and high use areas. (32)</p> <p>waterpark-kayak, canoe runs (35) Canoe or kayak rental (42) Extend bike path to encourage active nature involvement. (63) Likes: the golf course, there's an RC [radio controlled airplane?] club that meets just south of the golf course (67)</p> <p>GPS trail with cultural,environmental attractions (76) Zip Line (83)</p> <p>Fishing possibilities from the shoreline (104) Trail access in the flood plain. I liked the Red Wall idea (105) Aquarium (109) Boating would be very nice (111)</p> <p>Enhance biking and hiking trails (115) Potential of riverboat gambling (116)</p> <p>Spontaneous non-professional "talent" presentation facility-24/7? (116)</p> <p>Benches for people to sit and look. Bird watching. Trails for walking. (120) Scenic boat rides for a small fee (120) Relaxing parks with benches and other structures, fountains, water features, i.e. a place to work and drink coffee (122) Green space, bike rentals, cafes with outdoor seating (128) Bird guiding tours (130)</p> <p>In the green areas (flood plain) we have a golf course. DNR wildlife areas (at least 4 areas, some with trails, and a flying field (McAllister Park)) for radio controlled airplanes. Please keep the McAllister RC Flying Filed (it is a wonderful opportunity for fliers and observers) (140) Re-develop the cities dump area as some sort of river recreation opportunity Coordinate river events/get event sponsors together - i.e. Wabash Canoe Races, Wildcat Canoe/Kayak Races, Feast [of the Harvest Moon], Voyager Boat Races (146) Waterfront skatepark canal & Harrison Bridge (148) Art trails and sculptures, histori displays (150) Encourage art events, painting, danicng, music, to relate to River themes - ecologically sensitive manner (151) Retore [sic] canal when discovered for tourism (152) Baseball stadium (lots of cities). (153) Trails, trails, and more trails (Madison, WI / Grand Rapids) (153) Outdoor music and entertainment (153) Showcase/Expression Center for concerts/plays/comference center with waterfront access and usage of river. Concert Stage/Outdoor Dance on river. (154) Japawingo Park "Band Stand", or something (156)</p> <p>Create race teamswho compete in paddle races - think baseball teams and tournaments. Individuals and different types of watercraft as well (158)</p> <p>Walking paths with mileage markers (162) Rental livery for trail: bicycle, segway, scooters, etc (163)</p> <p>Boat tours. Segway rental. Crew boat rentals (166) Canoe/kayak/paddle rentals on river in town (167) Natural area for kids to explore nature and play. Rock structures, vegetative mazes, ropes from trees) (173)</p>	<p>I am concerned about any riverboat gambling casinos added to this project. Gambling is addictive and progressive in nature. Please exclude this harmful vice to the city and families of Lafayette. (112)</p> <p>Dovetail with economic development (157)</p> <p>Ribbon path was Awesome! (159)</p>
Stewardship & Education		<p>It is important to restore or protect the river environment in a natural state. This restoration or enhancement will provide excellent opportunities for interpretation, education, and recreation. (108)</p> <p>Expand opportunity for history/culture education as it relates to the river (136)</p>	<p>Museum of history of River-geography, geology, history, make it child-friendly. Need theatre to present information. Get actors to portray history of Lafayette & Purdue U. Native American Story given(14) Information about the availabilty of the above items [canoeing, camping, sundries, etc] (20) Interpretive Center-natural history of the river (29) River Interpretive Center (34) Tie-in community service orgs. i.e. CFRC to integrate educational, recreational projects (35) Wabash River Interpretive Center/Museum (somewhere near the river, on either side) (40) utilize water for paddleboat educational tours (63)</p> <p>Education facilities for school children (concerning Indiana history of the area, with an emphasis on rivers) (109) And arts/educational center/museum with programs (on the old paper mill site) - unique building structure with river overlook connecting " to new restaurants. (46) Nature center/Interpretive environment (55) Interpretive center for restored canal - link to Delphi's Canal Interpretive Center (54) Interpretive signs for nature (107)</p> <p>Interpretive center/nature center for school/community (118) Teaching facility for "home craft" building (116) Historic Centennial neighborhood is home to 3 elementary schools, YW, Imagination Station - Access would enhance educational opportunities, recreational opportunities (126) Youth camp for water-based education (130)</p> <p>Could provide guided tours in wildlife areas and/or self-guided documented wildlife tours. (140) venues that can be used by Indians and Indian groups for cultural functions (149) connect our local schools to the river through having river stewardship classes in the school (160) River tours (segway) with educ. Value (168) Historic interpretation of the area (175)</p>	<p>Don't know how far the trails go (113)</p>

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<p>Health & Safety</p>			<p>Additional lighting for safety and evening use of the riverfront (109) Transportation of users of area to reduce Ind. Vehicle traffic. Rickshaw people movers (137) Need to toilet/port-o-potties at canoe/boat access points (especially Mascouten, Davis Ferry) (146) Provide canoe & boat safety classes (146) Good lighting, personal safety, good sidewalks (162) Much more public water quality info - so public knows when river use is ok and when hazardous (170)</p>	<p>Speed issues on North River Rd currently endanger even those in cars, let alone biking/hiking. How can we solve that? (31)</p>

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Attractions		<p>The Wabash is the greatest resource to Indiana. Attractions (concerts, etc) around its history both old and new will gain in its popularity (51)</p> <p>Projects that promote local use, i.e. festivals (91) Community gathering spaces (91)</p>	<p>Large capacity venue: concerts, sports, plays. (10) Coffee shops/restaurants with outdoor seating to take advantage of the water. (4) outdoor cafes and restaurants (5) Restaurants that utilize river. Beer Garden. (7) Restaurant with large outdoor eating on riverbank. (10) Food vendor at certain times (11) Eating & drinking establishments. (19) Parks & lounging areas with food service (19) Restaurant at airport. (25) Café/outdoor dining overlooking the river; perhaps further inland but on higher ground with a river view (29) Carousel on water (11) Boat tours (13) Japaringo Park "Bandstand" (13)</p> <p>A massive architecturally sensitive concert/convention/athletic venue. Lafayette would become a new mecca for huge events which would create an opportunity for bids for shows, conventions, and concerts, etc. (16)</p> <p>Have lights along river and have boat rides at night. (23) Retaining walls, walkways, tree wells, urban. See Lurupe Bridge & waterways. Art/sculpture in walkway. (27) Amphitheatre. (27)</p> <p>River walk (San Antonio, TX) - nice parks without play equipment (33) Amphitheatre. (35) Greenspace arena for concerts, events, field days, festivals. Similar to Little Rock, AR riverfront (36)</p> <p>Green open space for special events - as in Baltimore's Inner Harbor (37) Sculpture park with trails - mixed with eateries (37) Museums. Performing art center. (38)</p> <p>Regular activities (like weekly Brown Bag lunch concerts, bands, etc) (38)</p> <p>Riverfront performance venue (outdoor) with stage and seating (40) Boat ride tours, esp. at night with the lights (42)</p> <p>Observation tower/meeting location/restaurant - Space Needle concept (42) Art everywhere: formal/traditional, river more linear (43) Attractions: River tours, paddle boats, trails, greenspace, river access, benches. (47) Open space for events, sporting activities (48) Space for rentals of boats on the river, bikes, segways, etc (48)</p> <p>Attractions: the river itself, but a venue-type or atmosphere similar to Ruelle Plaza, only larger. Capacity of 2000 at least. Either Laf. Golf Course or South of W. Laf Treatment Plant. (52) As far as entertainment - a riverboat casino! This way more of the study area in the flood plain can be utilized. (52) Paddleboats, canoes, dinner cruise (54) Definitely Public Art (site-specific) (54) Entertainment of Myers Bridge (54) Vineyards (59)</p> <p>Use ice rink year-round - roller rink in summer? (96) Restaurant on the river (109) More quality retail (115) Farmer's Market along pedestrian bridge (130) Encourage outdoor dining (130) Move both Farmer's Markets to the Myers Bridge (147) Riverside amphitheatre 8000+ capacity with a view of the river (baseball, tennis, music, plays, hold regional/state events) (148) Art museum (150) museum (153) Riverside amphitheatre (could easily be in flood plain) Performance stage amphitheatre gathering areas for additional festivals (166) outdoor amphitheatre-performance area (168) creation of outdoor (sunken) concert theatre venue. Floating? (169) World class environmental art works (170) European park designs with amphitheatres for public gatherings and performances (176)</p>	<p>We do not need any more gambling entertainment in this Indiana state. It would only be harmful to our community. It will not bring any economic benefits, only heartache. (17)</p> <p>Personally, I have no reason to go to the river. What would I do? Where can you sit and ponder? Picnic? If I kayak, how do I get the kayak back to the car? (42)</p> <p>Improve and measure usage of the current amphitheatre (147)</p>
Capacity Building	Public and Private cooperation (101)	Major commitment to Purdue to cooperate with projects. Significant partner (117)	<p>Get federal grants to help pay costs. (14) Talk to local Board of Realtors, if you haven't already (45) Wabash Neighborhood Assoc. Dog Park Assoc. of Lafayette. (54)</p>	Neighborhoods surrounding area (Elsworth-Romig, Centennial, etc) should be involved in river. It's their backyard after all. (52)
Stewardship & Education		Central standards for all agencies/entities in the project (for web or network) (25)		

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<p>Development & Growth</p>	<p>Economic development should be done very cautiously (1) Focus on character and let market dynamics determine content. (2)</p> <p>Don't overshadow the existing downtown, enhance it. (8)</p> <p>Less McWalBucks! (49)</p> <p>I believe this could be an excellent way to improve the image of Lafayette and the greater Lafayette area. (106)</p> <p>Sustainability (41)</p>	<p>Housing - mixed-use development (3) Ensure Wabash Ave. neighborhood is protected from rapid change - don't force out residents (6)</p> <p>Encourage hi-tech, low polluting industry (7) Smaller (more compact) through higher impact commercial development (8) More upscale residential development to set the tone for river development (8) Economic structuring of Levee Plaza (13) Box Board area economic area with amenities & recreation area (13)</p> <p>Work closely with City Bus as it develops a new transfer center. (15) Encourage transit-oriented development: mixed-use, apartments (graduate students). (15)</p> <p>Create more access in alternate transportation modes. (22)</p> <p>Blend entertainment, environment, and economic development in "concentrated" areas to anchor development. (24). Living-houses/condos, etc.</p> <p>High density residential (32) Revamping downtown, i.e. restoration of historical buildings to add to history, aesthetics and appeal (36) Residential with retail support services (37)</p> <p>A grand place that accentuates the center/coming together of the community (41)</p> <p>Keep corporate development to a minimum (49)</p> <p>Sustainability in infrastructure (54) projects that promote tourism (91) Projects that promote commercialism to support the gathering of people (91)</p> <p>Corridor should become focus of a comprehensive green infrastructure network - project scope (flood plain only) really limits the view of how this can impact the community (138) Institute building code and development requirements for all new development with the county to improve land use, runoff, open spaces, etc (147)</p>	<p>Signature Center in former cardboard land area. (22) Seek out retail or restaurant development that are not "local" and do not cannibalize existing business. (24) Conference Center in the Well Field with support access to Levee/downtown (25)</p> <p>Conference Center in the Well Field with support access to Levee/downtown (25) Houseboat village on the Williamsburg borrow with one boat for a pub and one boat for a general store. (26) Lifestyle centers. Restaurants and shopping. (28)</p> <p>Higher-end retail. (33) Mixed-use retail/housing (38)</p> <p>Floating businesses-restaurants, etc. Riverwalk style or barge style. (40)</p> <p>Mix of uses. Some retail. Prime [news] for living/restaurants. (43) Develop more human-based structures on pedestrian bridge. Green space, shade structures/lighting. (49)</p> <p>Develop area between Lafayette and West Lafayette into amore scenic setting (business park) while connecting its travel with the ped. Bridge (51) Development of residential, retail, and entertainment industries. High rise buildings (5 stories or more) should be encouraged. (52) More housing density (83)</p> <p>Spend \$. Development follows \$ (95)</p> <p>Access City Bus and trolley expansion? Map? (105) Access to river for all socio-economic segments of the population. Not just upscale! (110) Incorporate Wellhead protection measures such as discouraging some busineses in 5 yr Zone of influence (110) Grow zones of high-density housing at the high areas with a good access to the river resources (111) Improved transit - rail lines? (128) Continue the historic fabric of downtown to design mixed use of the riverfront (135)</p> <p>Limit structural development (141) South river Rd. to US 231 should be high priority for gov't to take ownership of the area. Then use this area as public space-not spending huge amounts of money developing it. Natural State (161)</p>	<p>The WREC brochure says, "Enhancement should...not create a public burden." It this to say that up to this time the river has been a burden? (1)</p> <p>What type of stop-gap mechanism is in place to assure that we always have buildings and offices full? Much of Wabash Landing alone has not been able to sustain its growth. (16)</p> <p>How can we protect the homeowners of N River Rd while encouraging business? (31)</p> <p>How to adapt to impact of flooding (38)</p> <p>How to we dovetail in the existing public structures? Tapawingo Park? The proposed boathouse next to Tapawingo? (39)</p> <p>What role do the "plans in progress" in the area have in the river? (39)</p> <p>How realistic is it to think that there will be majot design changes to the Wabash Landing+Levee Plaza area to make them "more urban?" Should the visioning include a sober look at current land uses and how those uses could be added/ncluded to a long-term plan? (39) From where will the funding come? (39) Should have a book available with pictures and video (such as from San Antonio River Walk, etc) giving investors ideas, to peck interest. (45) Contact current landowners and make a point of telling them what's going on. (45)</p> <p>Will it be crime free? What part will the gangs in Lafayette play in this adventure? (69)</p> <p>The problem here is there is no bang for the buck. Urban enhancement will not willingly finance up or down stream of their investment (100)</p>
	<p>Amenities</p>	<p>Restaurants & shopping (12) Try to get a feasible size grocery store in central city -combine with farmer's market -Aldi's (15) Destination-type businesses/restaurants (18) Office centers. Conference/convention. Hotels. (18) Downtown grocery (30) Restaurant/retail along river (35) Restaurants (eg. San Antonio, Jeffersonville, IN). Bars (eg Cleveland, Louisville). (38)</p> <p>Projects for parking and transportation to the river (91)</p>	<p>Link the commercial forms of recreation/health with the communal. Picture a health club with the tram coming right through it. (2) Build a school along the river? (3)</p> <p>Boathouse (positive) (32) More encouragement of retail customers in both Laf/Wlaf to enjoy River Vistas via overlooks, outdoor cafes, etc. (34)</p> <p>Keep natural lighting on river area-avoid "wall off" of light (eg, Wabash Landing garage and apartments block light from west) (44)</p> <p>Stronger infrastructure needed for Shamrock Park (Dog Park), this is a hug asset to the community, but constantly floods during winter and summer months. Would benefit from a pool and more training facilities. (54) More ped. Bridges (54) [re: Wabash river] Make 24-hour access with food vendors Provide shade on ped. Bridge (96) Landscaping/greening of Myers Bridge (99)</p> <p>Consider Art Institute relocating where Welda's property is "Cold Shopper Fair" (151)</p> <p>Build a building on stilts with steps and elevators in the stilts to give access to public building used by cultural events, celebrating, and events (158) Cable cars from hill to hill (171)</p>	<p>Convenient, affordable parking (38) How successful is the removal of vehicles from a "suburban" area especially when residents complain of a lack of parking or feel parking is their right? (39)</p> <p>Public corridor regarding the river is like George Washington. (43) Maintain some natural [features] (43)</p> <p>Address Port-o-Potty Park on east side upon entering Lafayette. (49)</p> <p>Convenient/affordable parking (54)</p> <p>Much of what is proposed for use already exists. What happens to the existing ammenitied when you develop the new version? (106) Signage needs to be same in Lafayette and W. Lafayette (color schemes, styles) (131)</p> <p>Parking is necessary (151)</p>