



Washington Township Senior Breakfast

Beecher 2040 was live at the Washington Township Senior Breakfast on September 22nd, taping into the wisdom and local knowledge of many long-time Beecher residents. Over 100 community members were in attendance, sharing ideas and thoughts on what is great about Beecher and where some improvements are desired. We asked a series of questions to spark the conversation, and here is what we heard:



What do you love about Beecher?

- The library
- The great people that live here, very friendly community
- Limited traffic (other than on Route One)
- The Pace Bus service
- Everything!!! (noted by multiple people)
- It's a nice, quite community
- Fire and Police Departments
- Small town atmosphere
- Affordable place to live

What programs and services do you use most in Beecher?

- The Fire Department
- Township programs (breakfast, movie nights, food pantry, etc.)
- Post office
- Church
- Bank
- Dial-a-ride (but wish you could get a grant to run buses again)
- Library



What are Beecher's most pressing challenges?

- Truck traffic on Route One!!! (mentioned by many people). Accident with tanker truck on Sept. 21st is a great example of the issue.
- Lack of air conditioning in schools
- Train horns through town (need a quiet zone)
- Risks of emergency vehicles getting stopped by trains – should consider a fire station on the other side of the tracks (or a grade separated crossing)
- Would like another grocery store
- Need to consider widening Route One
- Lack of housing options for folks over 55. Consider developing more duplexes or townhomes. (this was noted by many residents)
- Township – fix roads (Kentucky, Corning). Improve the friendliness of some employees
- Village – police and fire workers should be more friendly (wave or say hello)
- Need more senior living/housing options

What is your vision for downtown Beecher?

- Need a nice family restaurant
- Would like more local shopping options, a Wal-Mart would be great, or perhaps a Dollar Tree
- Starting to look great, keep it up!
- Downtown should not be a focus area – commercial activity better located on Route One. Attention be focused on filling those vacant stores/buildings
- No more bars
- A family restaurant
- A coffee shop
- Mail delivery in town!

Other Comments/Suggestions

- Consider an indoor swimming pool, would be great for water aerobics for seniors, and for the entire community