

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIATIVE COMMENCES

In August of 2006, the City Commission authorized a contract with American Communities Partnership (ACP) to assist with the first update of the City's Comprehensive Plan in over 30 years.

To get things started, the City Commission appointed community and neighborhood representatives to eight different subcommittees. The groups represent various plan elements and community interest including the built environment, economic development, schools and cultural interests, parks and recreation, social services, utilities, transportation, inter-governmental relations, and redevelopment opportunities. In October the subcommittee members were invited to a kickoff meeting and provided with an overview of what goes into a comprehensive planning project. At the meeting each subcommittee was asked to appoint one member from their group to join a representative from the City Commission and the Planning Commission and four at large neighborhood representatives, who together form the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. With a technical advisory committee (the City's professional staff), the aforementioned subcommittees, and a public relations/outreach committee of volunteers at their disposal, the Steering Committee will serve as the guiding force behind the comprehensive planning efforts.

To date, the focus has been on collecting the existing conditions data; preparing for the visioning phase (which will include a round of public meetings in late January); and developing a strategy to get the word out to the community about the comprehensive planning initiative dubbed... *Plan It Piqua, Preserve the Past - Empower the Future!*

### KICKOFF MEETING



Above - City Manager Fred Enderle addresses committee members at the Comprehensive Plan Kickoff meeting stating, *"The vision you set out is what we're going to be out there striving to achieve day in and day out...So this work is very, very, important."*

Below - Sub committee members discuss critical issues and offer ideas concerning the future of the community.



Project Phases	% Complete									
	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
1 - Initial Steps	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
2 - Technical Analysis	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█		
3 - Visioning										
4 - Integration of Data										
5 - Develop Plan										
6 - Adopt Plan										