

North Webster Hometown Chat
July 23, 2019
North Webster, Indiana

Magic Wand Ideas

1. More civic engagement
2. Sewer around the whole lake and town
3. 501c3 committed to getting the word out about all programs and events
4. Go back to neighboring and front porch connections.
5. Senior housing and a bigger public beach
6. A financially sustainable Community Center
7. A community volunteer coordinator
8. Create a system for communications
9. Make it easier for youth to participate in community
10. Move City offices to the Community Center and establish a daycare center at the Community Center
11. Make it easier for young people to engage in community
12. Every student graduates
13. Eliminate the Opioid Problem
14. Drop free and reduced lunch because there is no need
15. Get people to know each other as people, connections
16. Inter-City Visits to benchmark best practices, include housing
17. Plan

What do you like best about living in North Webster and Kosciusko County?

1. Spirit of Cooperation
2. Friendly community and the lakes
3. Lots of Golf
4. Nice, friendly people
5. Open Spaces
6. Good place to raise kids
7. Good schools
8. Green space
9. North Webster has all you need.
10. Good location
11. People are invested
12. Soil, air and water quality
13. Small town friendly
14. Strong sense of community
15. Safe community
16. A place where you can get things done.
17. Good place to raise a family
18. School Voc Ed programs
19. Generous community, time, talent, treasure
20. Easy to find people to dream big ideas
21. People are willing to get involved and help.
22. Love living here

What's Missing?

1. Public Transportation

2. Sewer around the lake
3. Not much opportunity to connect across cultures
4. Mental health services for children
5. Not everyone has access to the Lake
6. Disparity of wealth distribution and lack of opportunity
7. Healthcare Access, but there is a stigma regarding mental health
8. Industry and Commerce lacking jobs, noted water system
9. Programs for kids and staff
10. Missing diversity
11. Missing cultural opportunity
12. Transportation low mod kids.
13. Housing, nothing available or affordable
14. Collaboration and communication between people and organizations
15. Knowledge of resources, who, what, where available
16. Offerings of a Summer and Winter community
17. Affordable childcare
18. Volunteers
19. Programs to transition people to success
20. Strong Town leadership from Town Council
21. "No Glue" folks who work across various communities of people
22. Transportation

Primary Focus Bucket Needs Identified

Workforce Prep* - Total Votes = 4 Votes

1. Senior flight
2. Voc. Ed, School System, Ivy Tech Partnership
3. Career Options, marine, welding, auto mechanics, agriculture, woodworking and culinary
4. School system willing to adapt to business needs **1 Vote**
5. Post High School re-skill training **2 Votes**

* General Votes for Workforce Prep = **1 Vote**

Childcare* - Total Votes = 11 Votes

1. Affordable Childcare **1 Vote**
2. Lack of Staffing **1 Vote**
3. Access to Childcare, Need more service providers **1 Vote**
4. Need to pay providers a living wage **3 Votes**

* General Votes for Childcare = **5 Votes**

Housing* - Total Votes = 8 Votes

1. HS Building Trades Mentor for Interested High School Students
2. Tiny Housing outings for small family of two
3. High density housing with green space **1 Vote**
4. Villa Housing with attached garages **1 Votes**
5. Address the Homeless population and mentally ill housing needs **1 Vote**
6. Rehab empty houses **2 Votes**
7. Create and enforce slum lord housing guidelines/ Enchanted Hills **1 Vote**
8. Remedy the lack of Code Enforcement

* General Votes for Housing = **2 Votes**

Planning & Vision - Total Votes = 21 Votes

1. Address Sewers **10 Votes**
2. Get the Community Center Sustainable **9 Votes**
3. Location of City Offices
4. Need to update 21 year old Master Plan
5. North Webster does not have a plan but has fewer silos, may be better off than other communities but there is a need in North Webster for an updated plan.
6. Create a North Webster Plan Commission or get a representative on the County Plan Commission
7. Need Township and Town communication plan **2 Votes**