



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Comprehensive Plan Committee Seeks Public Input

**Wheeling, WV** – The Wheeling Comprehensive Plan Committee invites the community to participate in a series of public meetings focused on updating the city’s 10-year plan. West Virginia Northern Community College will host the kick-off meetings on Tuesday, October 29, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Wednesday, October 30, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. During the meetings, attendees will learn about the overall theme of the plan – Envision Wheeling.

The committee, which includes four Planning Commission members and four citizens, is interested in gathering ideas and feedback for the city’s comprehensive plan, which will serve as a policy document and an outline of strategies that will direct the community and its growth for the next decade.

Community involvement is a key component of the comprehensive planning process, so a variety of meeting dates and times will be scheduled during the next several months. Additionally, people will be able to participate in the discussion online through MindMixer and social media sites.

In September 2013, City Council voted to hire Compass Point Planning as the project consultant. Compass Point will facilitate the public meetings, then compile all necessary information and draft a comprehensive plan for the City of Wheeling.

Compass Point will ask citizens to consider questions like the following:

- What will Wheeling look like in 10 years?
- Where do we want to focus our development and redevelopment efforts?
- How do we make our community more sustainable?

The October 29-30 meetings will be held in the WVNCC auditorium, located on the first floor of the B&O Building (1704 Market Street).

For more information, contact Tom Connelly (304-234-3701 or [tconnelly@wheelingwv.gov](mailto:tconnelly@wheelingwv.gov)) and follow the City’s Facebook page ([facebook.com/wheelingwv](https://www.facebook.com/wheelingwv)).



**About the Wheeling Comprehensive Plan:**

West Virginia Code requires a city’s planning commission to review and update the comprehensive plan at least every 10 years. Upon reviewing the current plan in fall 2012, the City of Wheeling Planning Commission recommended that a full update be completed by a subset of the commission.

Additional information on comprehensive plans can be found in Chapter 8A, Article 3 of the West Virginia Code.

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