

QUESTIONS FOR THE MAY 16, 2026 JOINT EAR WORKSHOP

Prepared by the Greater Indiantown Community Task Force

These questions are designed to highlight areas where the draft 2050 Comprehensive Plan appears to be moving away from preserving Indiantown as a rural, agrarian community. They are based on the Task Force's seven policy documents and Gap Analysis.

Large-Scale Industrial Development & Data Centers

1. The draft plan appears to be moving toward accommodating large-scale industrial uses, including potential data centers. How does this align with the recommendation in our SB 484 Strategic Policy Paper and Property Values Impact Report to prohibit or heavily restrict these facilities in Rural Community and Small Farm Residential categories?
2. Given the documented negative impacts on rural property values, dark skies, traffic, and rural road character shown in our Property Values Impact Report, why does the draft plan not include strong separation, buffering, and viewshed protections for existing rural residential areas?
3. Our Gap Analysis identified the new Economic Development Element as a Significant Gap (Red) because it promotes growth without balancing language for rural character. How does the draft plan address this imbalance?
4. How will the Village ensure that any large-scale industrial development is compatible with the rural character and quality of life that current residents value, as called for in our Rural Character Policy Proposals?

Agricultural Land & Annexation

5. Our Agricultural Land Preservation Recommendations call for specific annexation criteria and agricultural impact assessments before annexing productive farmland. Does the draft plan include these protections, or does it continue to treat annexation primarily as an economic development tool?
6. How does the draft plan prevent the extension of urban infrastructure (water/sewer) from enabling the conversion of rural and agricultural land — a key concern raised in both our Gap Analysis and Rural Character Policy Proposals?
7. What specific policies in the draft plan will protect the agricultural economy and rural edges of Indiantown from incompatible development and annexation pressure?

Rural Character Protections

8. The Gap Analysis found weak or missing policies for design aesthetics, dark skies, rural road standards, viewsheds, and enhanced buffering at rural edges. Does the draft plan add any of these qualitative protections, or does it rely only on density categories?
9. Our Rural Character Policy Proposals recommended clear policies requiring development adjacent to rural areas to demonstrate compatibility. Is this requirement included in the draft plan?

10. Given that the draft plan introduces new growth-oriented elements without corresponding rural protections, how does it ensure that Indiantown’s rural character will not be gradually eroded over the next 10–20 years, as warned in our Gap Analysis?
11. Will the draft plan include specific standards for dark skies, rural road cross-sections, and enhanced buffering at the edges of rural residential areas?

Housing & Agrarian Lifestyle

12. Our Deep Roots, Small Homes Vision recommends allowing modest homes (500–1,200 sq ft) on minimum 1/2-acre lots with flexibility for alternative construction to support agrarian living. Does the draft plan create any pathway for this type of housing, or does it focus only on traditional density-based solutions?
13. How does the draft plan support long-term, affordable housing options that allow residents to maintain gardens, small animals, and a land-connected lifestyle?

Food Security & Cultural Traditions

14. Our Save The Chickens Act and the Gap Analysis both highlight the lack of support for small-scale agriculture and household food production. Does the draft plan include any policies that recognize or protect limited backyard fowl for personal food use?
15. How will the Village support food security and cultural traditions of working and immigrant families as the community grows and changes?

Overall Vision & Balance

16. The Gap Analysis concluded that without stronger qualitative protections, the draft plan is likely to result in the gradual erosion of Indiantown’s rural lifestyle. What specific policies in the draft plan are intended to prevent this outcome?
17. How does the draft plan balance the new emphasis on economic development and growth with the community’s repeatedly expressed desire to remain a rural, agrarian community?
18. What measurable indicators will the Village use to ensure that growth is strengthening — rather than eroding — Indiantown’s rural character and quality of life?
19. Given the significant gaps identified in our analysis, what is the Village’s plan to strengthen rural protections in the final 2050 Comprehensive Plan?

These questions are offered in good faith to help ensure the 2050 Comprehensive Plan reflects the values and priorities of Indiantown’s long-time residents and working families.

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