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## **Second Round of Public Meetings Set for Comprehensive Plan**

**Wheeling, WV** – The City of Wheeling and consultant Compass Point Planning will host a workshop and open house event as part of the next planning phase for "Envision Wheeling."

A workshop is scheduled for Monday, December 2, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the B&O Building at West Virginia Northern Community College. Residents, business owners, and people with a vested interest in Wheeling are invited to help identify land uses and types of development/redevelopment that citizens would like the city to pursue, as well as areas the community wants to preserve. Following this workshop, Compass Point Planning will compile a series of key recommendations and conceptual maps that will form the framework of the plan.

On Wednesday, December 11, the recommendations and maps generated from the workshop will be available for public review during an open house. The event, also at the B&O Building, will feature brief, informal presentations on the hour from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Attendees are welcome to stop by at any time to review the information and present any questions or suggestions to the team.

In October 2013, the City hosted two public meetings to kick off the comprehensive planning process. Since then, Compass Point Planning and the Comprehensive Plan Committee have been consolidating the information and continuing to engage the public online through a customized MindMixer site.

For more information, contact Tom Connelly (304-234-3701 or <a href="mailto:tconnelly@wheelingwv.gov">tconnelly@wheelingwv.gov</a>) or visit www.EnvisionWheeling.com.

**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.

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The Comprehensive Plan Committee, which includes four Planning Commission members and four citizens, is working with Compass Point Planning to gather ideas and feedback for the city's 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.

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

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