

# Richland Township & Town of Ellettsville

## **REORG 2026**

## What Has Been Explored?

Town and Township leaders are considering a formal reorganization to create one unified local government for all of Richland Township.

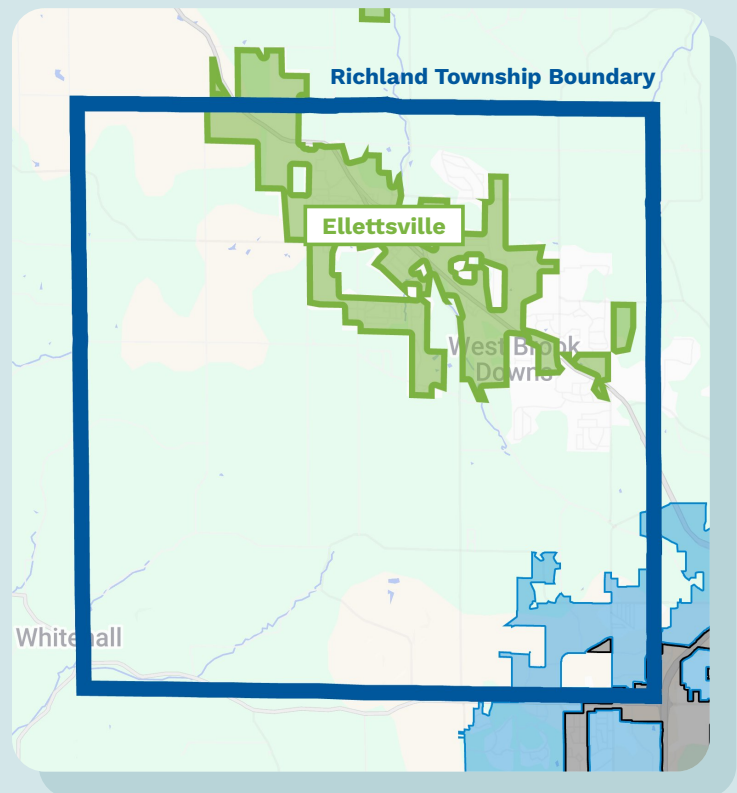
The goal is to strengthen essential services, protect local decision-making, and prepare for long-term growth.

## Why Reorganization?

### **KEEP LOCAL DECISIONS LOCAL.**

Today, Richland Township covers approximately 35 square miles and is home to approximately 8,000 residents, while Ellettsville spans approximately 5 square miles with a population of around 7,000. A unified structure helps ensure decisions about growth, services, and taxes remain in local hands, not the County's.

Right now, Richland Township operates under County zoning rules designed to preserve rural land, which limits new housing, development,



and business growth. Reorganization shifts zoning and planning control to the local level, allowing Richland Township and Ellettsville to build policies that better reflect community needs and priorities.

Recent state tax reforms will reduce local revenue, creating budget pressures in the coming years. Reorganization allows us to respond proactively and protect essential services.

## Key Benefits



No new taxes without voter approval



Preserving the Fire & Emergency services that have served our community since 1947



Strong essential public services



Local decisions made by people who live and work here



Protection of farmland and rural character



Long-term, proactive planning for growth and infrastructure



A simple, predictable permitting and zoning process

## How the Process Works

### Reorganization Committee

A seven-member committee consisting of Township and Town residents is developing a draft plan, including fiscal impacts, representation, services, and integration of personnel and assets.

### Resident Subcommittees

Seven public subcommittees consisting of Township and Town residents are providing research and recommendations to support the planning process:

- » Finance
- » Governance
- » Public Safety
- » Planning and Zoning
- » Parks and Recreation
- » Roads and Streets
- » Water, Stormwater, and Sewer

### Public Vote

If approved by Ellettsville Town Council and Richland Township Board, the final plan will appear on the November 2026 ballot to be voted on by Township and Town residents. If passed, reorganization would take effect January 1, 2027.

*The final decision is up to you*

### YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

Attend regular, scheduled meetings and stay informed. Meetings are every two weeks on Wednesdays

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