Dear neighbors and friends —

I have always viewed and embraced the Corry community much like a big extended family.

I am blown away, each and every time, by the outpouring of support that is rallied together when one of our own is in need. The encouragement shown for the students in our schools, the undying loyalty to our businesses and the incredible amounts of time that is given by so many to offer recreation, stability and betterment, are alive and well every day in this small city.

We care about the right things.

Like most families, we do have our share of disagreements and we don’t always see eye to eye. But that’s okay. Community is about people who care about and respect one another, and are willing to be united for the sake of a greater good.

We want Corry to succeed.

Looking back on our history, we are a very different city than we were 60, 50 or even 40 years ago. Our population has dwindled and our poverty has risen. Our housing is declining and our economy is struggling. We must never forget where we came from and the people who helped us get here. But, time brings change and the time has come for us to change the way we are used to doing things.

We need to do something different.

There is a plan. A Community Strategic Plan. A plan that will address our housing and neighborhoods, improve our public spaces, connect us to the outside world, strengthen our city center and strengthen our city’s balance — these are the five key areas we need to get right. These goals have been identified by our residents and as our work begins, it will create a domino effect. Once we correct these larger issues, the other symptoms will begin to go away.

We need to commit to the hard work.

If we are going to make a change and be the community we all know we have the potential to be — this is time. We have the right people, we have the determination and the passion and now, with this plan, we have a map to show us how to get there. We want residents to feel good about living in Corry, we want visitors to be able to imagine themselves living in town and opening a business here, and we want local revenues to pay for local expenses.

We want to work together.

On behalf of Impact Corry, I would like to invite you to learn more about the new Community Strategic Plan and how we can raise our standards and values. Let’s rally together for our youth, our businesses, our neighbors and friends and for this great community we call home.
#PositivelyCorry,
Erin Passinger