

Vision: Where do we want to be?

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission in all our efforts strives to improve the district in all aspects and this desire is reflected in our mission statement.

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission's mission statement is:

"In all our efforts, through all our activities, this Commission shall further empower our communities to provide a better quality of life through community and economic development while sustaining the integrity of our cultural and natural resources."

The goals and objectives listed below reflect the desires of Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission. The goals listed below helped to prioritize the future programs and projects that have been identified for each community in the district.

Economic and Socioeconomic

Goal: Promote the development of an economy that enhances the success of existing businesses and that creates and sustains jobs in order to maintain a quality standard of living.

Objective:

Attract new and maintain existing industry and business that improves the entire region's economic growth and stability.

Objective:

Promote and support programs and projects that assist existing industry in order to create ways to become more marketable in a changing economy.

Objective:

Identify existing industrial sites that have been abandoned or potentially contain hazardous substances and target them for assessment and beneficial re-use.

Objective:

Actively seek programs and projects that improve the infrastructure at existing industrial parks in order to make them more marketable.

Objective:

Strive to achieve levels of employment equal or greater than national and state averages.

Objective:

Utilize basic planning, coordination and organization needed to initiate and sustain sound development.

Objective:

Develop finance pools to foster economic growth throughout the Region.

Objective:

Develop and promote the tourism industry in the region.

Infrastructure

Goal: Ensure that all residents and businesses of the district have adequate access to affordable water, efficient wastewater treatment, effective stormwater drainage and telecommunication infrastructure.

Objective:

Promote and support programs and projects that provide every resident of the region with safe, clean, potable water.

Objective:

Ensure that all residents have access to safe, clean, and affordable wastewater treatment systems.

Objective:

Identify affordable and effective stormwater drainage projects.

Objective:

Promote and support programs and projects that increase access to high-speed telecommunications to all residents and businesses in the region.

Natural and Historic Resources and Physical Environment

Goal: To promote a balanced utilization of the region's natural, historic, and physical resources to preserve and protect the environment while maximizing its economic potential.

Objective:

Develop and support programs and projects that utilize the area's abundant water and timber resources while protecting them.

Objective:

Create and support programs and projects that enhance the marketability of the district's mineral resources, such as coal, oil, and timber without harm to the environment.

Objective:

Develop and support programs and projects that identify and protect the districts historic assets in such a way that all residents will be able to enjoy them for years to come.

Transportation

Goal: Promote the effective flow of people and materials within the district.

Objective:

Coordinate transportation planning for all six counties within the region.

Objective:

Cooperate with rural counties and small urban communities to address county issues and concerns.

Objective:

Link population centers by strategic development near new Interstate 69, U.S. Highway 231, and State Road 66 improvements. Assist in planning meetings for proposed Interstate 67.

Health and Safety

Goal: Enhance the quality of life for all residents of the Region, including access to health care, recreational opportunities, community facilities and safety.

Objective:

Increase availability to affordable healthcare throughout the region.

Objective:

Work with communities to address the areas in the region that lack the recreation facilities to accommodate its residents.

Objective:

Actively support fire departments and emergency medical services in seeking funding to provide effective services to the region.

Objective:

Promote multi-hazardous planning throughout the region.

Objective:

Create a safer region by developing projects that promote public health and safety.

Regional Planning Promotion

Goal: Promote and market the strengths of Regional Planning throughout our region and the state.

Objective:

Promote regional planning through participation with the Indiana Association of Regional Council (IARC), Indiana Geographic Information Council and the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO).

Objective:

Enhance promotion of regional planning through media resources, newsletters, email announcements, and geographic information system mapping.