

Action Plan: How do we get there?

Procedure for Program and Project Prioritization

When completing the Annual 2011 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission's staff met with the counties, cities, and towns within the region to discuss their future projects and their priorities. We then requested each local government to identify its future projects and prioritize them. These projects ranged from economic development to park and recreation.

Many worthwhile project were identified in the 2011 CEDS, however some of these projects did not address the "job and income producing" criteria and as a result must be relegated to a lower priority inasmuch as the CEDS is concerned. Unfortunately, some communities have other issues they must tackle before they can focus on economic development.

Each of the projects was scored using scoring criteria. After each project was scored, Indiana 15's staff identified the highest scoring projects in each of the following categories:

*Economic Development
Infrastructure
Transportation
Planning
Community Facilities
Public Safety*

In this Annual Report we have updated the scores reflecting the development that has taken place in the various projects. Since the scores have been updated, some projects have scored higher or lower than a year ago, and thus slightly change the top scoring project throughout the region.