

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 charge 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."

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission has established a primary goal for each of the their areas of expertise. The primary goals do not vary much from year to year, however, the objectives needed to accomplish those goals do change in an effort to effectively reach our goals.

The goals listed below helped to prioritize the future programs and projects that have been identified for each community in the district. The objectives listed below help guide us to accomplish the set goals.

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 and maintain existing industry 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:

Actively seek programs that help leverage capital to assist local business and industry expand or continue to thrive in this region.

Objective:

Identify existing industrial sites that have been abandoned and target them for beneficial re-use.

Objective:

Develop public-private partnerships, that promote innovative and creative ways to assess, clean up and redevelop brownfield sites for reuse.

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 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, 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 alternative wastewater treatment for communities that cannot afford traditional treatment methods.

Objective:

Promote and support programs and projects that increase access to high-speed telecommunications to all residents and business 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 their economic potential.

Objective:

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

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:

Work with communities regulated under nonattainment designation under the Clean Air Act for fine air quality, to improve conditions.

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.

Objective:

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

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 transportation issues and concerns.

Objective:

Link population centers by strategic planning for Interstate 69 and U.S. Highway 231.