

INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Year In Review

The year 2020 brought many changes, which will continue into 2021. Our Executive Board and Full Board meetings are being held virtually given the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the majority of our project meetings. Many thanks to the Board of Directors for adapting to virtual meetings.

Rising to the Response, Recovery and Resiliency challenges require the ability of the region to bounce forward. The Economic Development Administration used a portion of its CARES Act funding to award Indiana 15 a grant of \$400,000 to develop a regional resiliency & recovery plan. The Commission is expanding staff, installing technology to enhance teleconferencing and remote work, developing a regional survey, and identifying courses of action for short and long-term results. The Resiliency Plan will be published in the Spring of 2022. The survey will be ready in early 2021. Your input and suggestions in the planning process will be crucial for building a strong region.

Indiana 15 promotes local and regional strategies, partnerships, and solutions to solve areawide issues to strengthen the communities and economic conditions in the six-county district. We are governed by the 43-member Board of Directors led by Tara Damin, Chair for 2020. I am proud of the staff bringing applications to the finish line and advancing ongoing projects underway this year.

This newsletter presents projects we partnered with during the past year from broadband enhancements, brownfield redevelopment, business assistance, code books, entrepreneurship, fire station construction, historic preservation, multi-hazard mitigation plans, park and recreation, port, rail, revolving loan funds, training, traffic counts, stormwater, water, and wastewater improvements. We encourage discussion about the needs of the region and look forward to serving you through proactive collaboration.

Wishing you a happy, healthy and wonderful 2021!

Lisa Gehlhausen
Executive Director



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New Employee



Leah Hawkins joined Indiana 15 in September of 2020 and serves as the Technical Services Specialist. In her role at Indiana 15, Leah will be responsible for measuring and addressing the impacts of the novel Coronavirus on our local communities as part of

the EDA CARES Act. Leah holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs from Indiana University and is a life-long southern Hoosier. In her free time, Leah instructs for the Tell City High School Marching Marksmen.

Transportation Intern

Lance Buschkoetter joined Indiana 15 in September as a Transportation Intern. During Lance's time with us he assisted with traffic counts in Spencer County and Dubois County. Thank you for your help Lance!



EDA Planning Grant

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission receives \$210,000 in planning funds from EDA over a three-year period (\$70,000 annually). This will be matched with \$140,000 by the District. The per capita fees collected by each county are used toward the local share of the EDA award. These funds are used to prepare the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), write grant applications for our local member governments, pay mileage to board meetings, training, and other economic and community planning activities. Local officials and citizens in the region realize the merits and long-term benefits of regional planning.

2020 College Intern

Clay Zeigler served as our 2020 summer intern again this year. Clay is from Evansville and graduated from Ball State University in the spring with a major in Geography, concentrating on Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

During his internship, Clay took the lead on our INDOT 19-20 traffic counts in Perry County and NSOFAR traffic counts in Dubois County. Clay also updated the traffic count maps in AutoCAD. We appreciate Clay working with us for two summers!



System Award Management

SAM numbers are FREE and extremely important!

Applications for grant funds require communities to have a System for Award Management (SAM) number. SAM.gov is the official free, government-operated website to obtain this number. **There is NO charge to register your entity on SAM.gov.**

If your community already has a SAM number, it needs to be updated annually.

New administrators must submit a notarized letter designating them as administrator of each SAM.gov account. Please check the status of your number well in advance of the grant application submission deadline since it may need to coincide with city/town/county meetings.

Not sure if your community has a SAM number? A search engine is available on the official website - <https://www.sam.gov>. Please have your DUNS number readily available before you start the registration process.

For help registering for a SAM number, please contact the Federal Service Desk at <https://www.fsd.gov/> or call 866-606-8220, or call our office.

C E D S

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is prepared by Indiana 15 RPC to analyze the economy of the region. This strategy is used to define goals and objectives of our communities. The CEDS is designed as a regional plan of action. This planning provides flexibility, utilizing unique regional advantages to maximize economic opportunity for residents.

A CEDS must be the result of a continuing economic development planning process developed with diverse public and private sector participation, and must set forth goals and objectives necessary to solve economic development problems of the region and clearly define the metrics of success. Indiana 15 will soon be appointing a CEDS Strategy Committee to represent the main economic interests of the region. Private sector, public officials, community leaders, workforce development, higher education, minority and labor groups, and private individuals are being sought to represent the region. Please give us a call if you are willing to serve on the CEDS Strategy Committee.

Various funding agencies look at the CEDS for a prioritization process of regional needs. The Office of Community and Rural Affairs offers additional scoring points to applications with projects identified in the CEDS document. The CEDS is used to assess where the region is economically, where we want to be and how to get there. The 2021 Annual CEDS Performance Report is due April 2021. Each community is being requested to submit prioritized projects before February 2021.

Codebook Updates

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission offers a service to organize ordinances and resolutions in a codebook by topic for quick reference. These codebooks are a great resource to have at your fingertips and available to residents. Codebooks are accessible on the Indiana 15 website: www.ind15rpc.org.

Indiana 15 updated Dale, Cannelton, Ferdinand, French Lick, Jasper, Petersburg, Spurgeon, and Winslow codebooks in 2020.

If your community would like a quote from Indiana 15 RPC to update your Codebook, please call the Commission at 812-367-8455.

New Company Vehicle

In September, the Commission purchased a 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan from Uebelhor and Sons of Jasper. This upgrade ensures safe travel to meetings and provides adequate space for equipment necessary to conduct traffic counts throughout the region.



IN Association of Regional Councils

Indiana Association of Regional Councils (IARC) is a statewide organization of regional planning commissions. Through IARC, members find value in discussing regional strategies, current topics, the benefits of regional planning, solutions, and state wide collaboration. IARC meets monthly.



CDBG Certification

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission has four Community Development Block Grant certified grant administrators on staff—Lisa Gehlhausen, Nathan Held, Cheri Taylor, and Jenny Matheis. Our continued accreditation ensures proper implementation and administration of the Office of Community & Rural Affairs' federally-funded CDBG program and benefits the six-county region.



Revolving Loan Funds



The Crawford County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) has assisted 26 loan clients in creating and/or saving an estimated 92 jobs within Crawford County. Since the RLF was founded in 1999, the fund has loaned out more than \$1,943,500 and has leveraged over \$2 million in private investment.

The RLF exists to help entrepreneurs start, expand, or retain businesses in Crawford County. RLF loan recipients are expected to increase investment and disposable revenue in the county, create jobs and further enhance possibilities for related industry. All RLF loan recipients are required to produce or retain at least one job for each \$20,000 of RLF investment.

The RLF exists to provide the “gap” financing needed to induce local financial institutions to complete a financing package. RLF clients must contribute at least 10% equity, and working capital loans are limited to 50% of total project cost. RLF financing is in the form of a direct loan to an individual or business at variable rates.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners contracts with Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission to administer and provide technical assistance for the fund. For more information about the program contact our office or the Crawford County Economic Development office at 812-739-4479.

The Commission also assisted Dubois Strong with a successful USDA-RBDG application for \$99,999 in funds to add to their existing RLF. Dubois Strong added a local match of \$20,001. These funds are used to promote entrepreneurship in Dubois County. For information on this fund, please contact Dubois Strong at 812-482-9650.

Historic Renovation Grant Program

Two properties in the Indiana 15 region received funding through the Historic Renovation Grant Program.

Christ the King Parish received \$100,000 to preserve the Chapel of Our Sorrowful Mother. Restoration efforts include restoring and protecting stained-glass windows, refurbishing art glass windows, installing new protective coverings, and repointing masonry.

MH Properties received \$39,568 to preserve 706-708 Main Street in the Downtown Historic District of the City of Jasper. The preservation will restore the building to its former luster showing the pride of the community.

OCRA Calendar of Events

The Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) has published the tentative calendar of events for 2021. You can view the calendar online at <https://www.in.gov/ocra/newsroom/calendar/>



CARES Act

In August, Indiana 15 RPC was awarded a \$400,000 grant to build its capacity to respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

This grant will also assist Indiana 15 with enhancing the region's public infrastructure, implementing strategies to grow critical manufacturing, forestry and wood products, advanced materials, transportation equipment, tourism and agricultural sectors; hiring additional staff; and supporting workforce needs.

Information of Local Cares Act can be found at the following links:

Local Cares Act-<https://www.in.gov/ifa/coronavirus-relief-fund-program/>

FAQ-<https://www.in.gov/ifa/coronavirus-relief-fund-program/frequently-asked-questions/>

Reimbursement Request Form-<https://www.in.gov/ifa/coronavirus-relief-fund-program/reimbursement-request-form/>



Community Crossings Matching Grant

In March, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced 214 Indiana communities received a combined \$126.5 million in state matching funds for local road projects through the Next Level Roads: Community Crossings Initiative. Thirteen Communities in the Indiana 15 region were awarded \$7,296,265.31 of the \$126.5 million available. To participate in the CCMG program, developing and submitting a Road Asset Management Plan to LTAP is required.

Congratulations to the following communities in the Indiana 15 RPC region:

Dubois County	\$ 1,000,000.00	Perry County	\$ 1,000,000.00
Ferdinand	\$ 290,037.18	Petersburg	\$ 142,874.89
French Lick	\$ 1,000,000.00	Pike County	\$ 782,303.77
Huntingburg	\$ 342,571.85	Spencer County	\$ 1,000,000.00
Jasper	\$ 264,162.50	West Baden	\$ 105,315.00
Orange County	\$ 962,613.75	Winslow	\$ 105,596.62
Orleans	\$ 300,789.75		

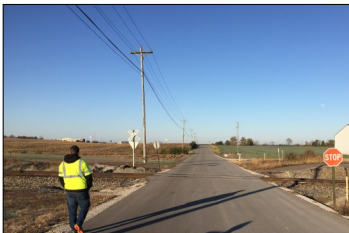
NSOFAR Traffic Counts

The Commission partnered with the Indiana Department of Transportation to provide traffic count data on the non-state-owned federal aid route stations. The contract will run through December 31, 2021 and Indiana 15 will receive \$28,290 for traffic count collection. From 2019-2021, all six counties will receive traffic counts through this contract.

Year 1 - 2019 traffic counts were completed in Orange, Perry and Spencer Counties.

Year 2 - 2020 traffic counts were completed in Dubois County.

Year 3 - 2021 traffic counts will be conducted in Crawford and Pike Counties.



The vehicle volume and classification data is used for state planning and other activities. This traffic data can be viewed on the interactive map at <http://indot.ms2soft.com/tcds/>

INDOT Transportation Planning

Traffic counts were completed on locally maintained roads on the functional classification system in Perry County. In total, 31 counts were completed. Also, 17 railroad crossings received a railroad inventory, and a collection of data about the rail safety features. Seven of the 17 railroad crossings also received a traffic count.

The traffic counts are part of a grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation's Small Urban and Rural



Transportation Planning Grant. Traffic Counts will be conducted in Spencer County for the 2020-2021 grant.

In addition, planning support to local governments is included with the 2020-2021 grant.

French Lick Map Delivery

The Town of French Lick's base map was delivered in February 2020.

Indiana Department of Transportation grant funds and funds from Indiana 15 RPC were used for this project. The map shows the French Lick corporate limits, section lines and corners, lot numbers, platted streets, state roads, street names, vacated streets, subdivision names, and bodies of water.



Birdseye Fire Station



The Town of Birdseye was awarded a \$500,000 grant for construction of a new fire station through OCRA.

Construction will include a new, 5,150 sq. foot pre-engineered metal building. Block partition walls, along with doors and hardware will finish out the interior. HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems will also be installed. A 60' X 35' concrete pad on the east side of the building will be laid to allow for a hard surface area to pull the vehicles out of the building. A stone parking area will also be installed.

The Birdseye Volunteer Fire Department is contributing \$219,000 in local funds to the project.

Patoka Water

The Crawford County Commissioners, on behalf of the Patoka Water Company was awarded CDBG funds of \$600,000 for water system improvements.

Improvements include construction and painting of a new 100,000-gallon multi-legged elevated steel tank, installation of a new 4" main of 180' in length that will come off the new 8" main of 100' in length and continue eastward past the new tank site and connect into the existing 4" main, removal of the existing standpipe and approximately 100' of existing farm fencing at the site, installation of 330' of security fencing around the new tank site with a locked access gate, installation of a new 90' long rock access drive for the new site, and adding new rock to the existing access drive.

The Patoka Water Company is contributing approximately \$279,000 in local funds to the project.



Milltown Wastewater

The Town of Milltown was awarded a \$700,000 grant for wastewater improvements through OCRA.



Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements include installation of new aeromod package plant tank and equipment, new headworks and building walls, foundation, rock excavation and screening system, replacement of the existing flow meter, rehabilitation of the existing UV system, replacement of existing plant lift station, demolition and removal of existing tankage, and new yard piping and site restoration.

The Town of Milltown is contributing \$940,000 in local funds to the project through a state revolving fund (SRF) loan.

Broadband

The Next Level Broadband Grant Program has invested \$100 million to provide broadband infrastructure to communities in Indiana. Three providers in the Indiana 15 region were awarded more than \$10.2 million of the \$100 million available. Congratulations to the following providers:

Mainstream Fiber Networks, serving Crawford County, received more than \$3.06 million to serve approximately 1,041 unserved households, 128 businesses, and 25 anchor institutions.

Orange County Rural Electric Membership Corporation, serving Dubois, Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, received more than \$2.1 million to serve 214 households, 31 farms, 11 businesses, and two anchor institutions.

Perry-Spencer Communications, Inc. received \$5 million to serve 679 unserved locations in Dubois County.

Grandview Water

The Town of Grandview was awarded a \$491,675 grant for water system improvements through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). The Town broke ground in 2019 with OCRA making a presentation of the grant award certificate at a ceremony to mark the project kick-off.

Improvements included construction of a new water production well, line replacement, valve replacement and hydrant replacement. All components came on-line and the project closed out in the spring of 2020.

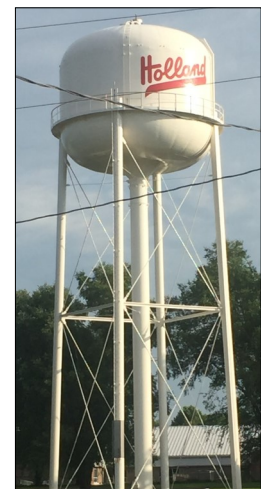


The Town of Grandview contributed \$123,600 in local funds to the project.

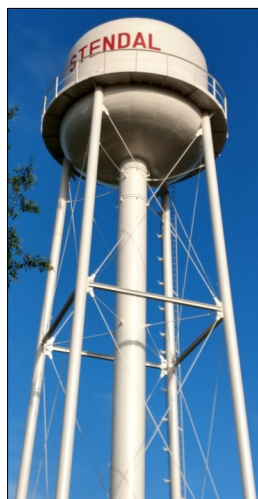
Holland Water

The Town of Holland completed a \$1,132,000 project for water system improvements through OCRA and SRF.

Improvements included construction of a new 50,000 gallon multi-legged elevated tank at Stendal, as well as major rehabilitation to the existing 200,000 gallon tank at Holland.



Holland's tank improvement's consisted of replacing the interior and exterior coatings, replacing the interior ladder, installation of new vent, and the installation of a bolted manway.



Chrisney Water



The Town of Chrisney was awarded a \$700,000 grant through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for water utility improvements.

Improvements include installation of a disinfectant residual analyzer at the master meter site, rehabilitation of the elevated water storage tank, replacement of four (4) fire hydrants and four (4) flush hydrants, installation of a new 6-inch water main, upsized 4-inch water main will be starting west of the wastewater treatment plant, and improvements to the lab/utility office building and storage area.

The Town of Chrisney is contributing \$1,277,000 in local funds, derived from USDA-Rural Development, for the project.

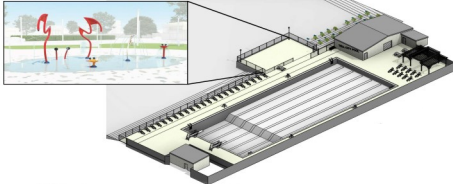
Indiana Map

The Indiana Geographic Information Council (IGIC) is a nonprofit organization leading the effective application of geographic information in Indiana.

IndianaMap is the largest publicly available collection of Indiana geographic information system (GIS) map data. It is made possible by an alliance of partners from federal, state, local organizations and agencies, and universities. You can access easy-to-use interactive web maps from a computer or mobile device, select from a gallery of predefined maps to view or customize, download free GIS data and metadata, and learn about IndianaMap GIS projects, initiatives, and news at www.indianamap.org.



Tell City LWCF



Indiana 15
R P C is
assisting the
Tell City
Parks and

Recreation Board in administering \$250,000 in grant funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

The Tell City Parks and Recreation Board will renovate the JFK Pool, bath-house and pool concessions at Hagedorn Park. The project will also add a splash pad adjacent to the pool, update parking and access. The renovations will meet ADA requirements.

The Park Board is providing a \$250,000 match.

Dubois County Park

The Dubois County Parks and Recreation Board was awarded a \$250,000 grant through the Land and Water Conservation Fund program.



Improvements will include additional RV camping sites, hiking, walking and bike trails, a restroom/trailhead building, and parking for the outdoor enjoyment of the public.

The Park Board is contributing \$250,000 in local funds for the project.

Return on Investments

County		2019 State/Federal	2020 State/Federal
Investment		Funds Awarded	Funds Awarded
\$ 5,999	Crawford	\$ 766,146	\$ 669,783
\$ 23,458	Dubois	\$ 516,146	\$ 451,342
\$ 11,111	Orange	\$ 19,366	\$ 334,783
\$ 10,829	Perry	\$ 59,366	\$ 566,783
\$ 7,193	Pike	\$ 2,482,146	\$ 4,276,336
\$ 11,733	Spencer	\$ 69,366	\$ 784,783
\$ 70,323	Total	\$ 3,912,536	\$ 7,083,810

Orange County COVID Response

The Orange County Commissioners received a grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs through the COVID-19 Response Program, Round 2 funding. Grant applications for this opportunity were due July 31, 2020, and awards were announced August 27th. Working with the Orange County Economic Development Partnership, the county received \$250,000 to distribute to small businesses that were impacted because of COVID-19. Applications were received from 31 different businesses from Orleans, French Lick, Paoli, and West Baden. A local scoring committee met to review the applications, and awarded each business that applied \$8,064. Kristal Painter and Chelsey Lankford with the OCEDP personally delivered the checks to each of the businesses. Owners of these small businesses were grateful for the funding to keep their doors open during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Businesses plan to use the funding for working capital and/or support remote work for employees.



Santa Claus Park Plan

The Santa Claus Park & Recreation Master Plan is currently being updated for a submittal date to IDNR by January 2021. The public is encouraged to submit park and recreation needs to Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission at staff@ind15rpc.org.



Pike County Entrepreneurship and Technology Center

The Pike County Progress Partners, Inc. was awarded \$2,060,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration to construct a new 8,775 square foot Entrepreneurship and Technology Center, near Interstate 69. Pike County Progress Partners, Inc. is contributing local funds of \$515,000 for a total project cost of \$2,575,000. Jasper Lumber is approximately 70% complete with construction.

The center will include co-working space, makers space, and training center with offices and a conference room. The center will be used for start-up companies, transition employment and entrepreneurship.



Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans

Counties in the region have or are in the process of updating their Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans. Having these plans up to date is essential to be eligible for funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency and US Department of Homeland Security for natural disaster preparedness projects. The plan needs to be updated every five years to stay current.



<u>County</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Crawford	December 16, 2025
Dubois	January 9, 2024
Orange	October 2, 2023
Perry	February 9, 2021
Pike	September 12, 2023
Spencer	April 6, 2025

EPA Brownfields

Nearly every community has struggled with the question of what to do with an abandoned building. Often the environmental hazards of brownfields are unknown and costs to determine are high.

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission applied for \$450,000 in October to the Environmental Protection Agency to help alleviate brownfields in its six-county district. The Commission will use the pending funds for environmental assessments. Reaching redevelopment goals for underutilized properties by conducting Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments throughout the six-county region is the purpose of this 2021-2024 request. Lisa Gehlhausen can be contacted at 812-367-8455 for more information about assessing potential brownfields.

BRIC Program

FEMA FY20 Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs (BRIC and Flood)

FEMA's Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) announced \$160M in funds available for the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program and \$500M available for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) pre-disaster mitigation grant programs. The BRIC priorities are to incentivize public infrastructure projects; projects that mitigate risk to one or more lifelines; projects that incorporate nature-based solutions; and adoption and enforcement of modern building codes. **Applications must be received in the FEMA GO Portal by January 29, 2021.** Note that FEMA will require applicants to have a current FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan at time of application and award.

Petersburg Water

The City of Petersburg identified \$10 Million in water improvement needs. Following preliminary engineering by Midwestern Engineers, EDA Chicago Region visited Petersburg in February 2020 to discuss a potential project. The Economic Development Administration is a department of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Petersburg and Pike County are experiencing an economic adjustment as the result of job loss and other negative impacts due to the downturn in the coal and power industry. EDA was consulted about the Assistance to Coal Impacted Communities Program for potential



Wilbur L. Ross,
Secretary of Commerce

funding. Mayor Klipsch, Petersburg City Council, Water Department, Engineer, Pike County Economic Development and Indiana 15 began gathering documentation for the development of an application for EDA funding.

The City of Petersburg is making efforts to recover and add resiliency by improving critical infrastructure to support new and existing businesses. Upgrading the quality and quantity of water supply is very necessary for normal operations as well as

future growth. The City of Petersburg is in an Opportunity Zone and prime for development. This project enhances development of the workforce with job creation, job retention and private investment. The project also benefits future exporting advancements.

Petersburg draws raw water from a ground water aquifer along the White River. The aquifer is a significant source of water that will be transmitted to the new Treatment Plant for dispersing. The \$7 Million dollar EDA portion of the project includes: Well Field Improvements, Raw Water Line, new Water Treatment Plant, and Elevated Storage Tank.



Pictured left to right:
Ashley Willis, Pike County Economic Development Corporation, Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce, Mayor R.C. Klipsch, City of Petersburg, Lisa Gehlhausen, Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission and Clint Roos, Midwestern Engineers.

Added excitement was that the \$4.2 Million grant was awarded - in person by Wilbur Ross, Secretary of the US Department of Commerce occurring on October 7, 2020. The presentation can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/14news/videos/401239101269878/>

The City of Petersburg is very appreciative of the Economic Development Administration for the grant and USDA providing a loan for the local share towards this water improvement project.



Pictured left to right: US Secretary Wilbur Ross; Petersburg Mayor RC Klipsch; Scott Jenkins, Council; Tammy Selby, Clerk-Treasurer; Jody Hoover, Council; Gary Leavitt, Council; Jon Welch, Water Board; Jim Gaskins, Water Board; John Melhisier, Council; and Ross Elmore Water Superintendent



Pictured left to right:
Wilbur L. Ross, Secretary of Commerce and Mayor R.C. Klipsch, City of Petersburg

Perry Co. Port & Rail Efficiency & Capacity Enhancement Project

The Perry County Port Authority (applicant), City of Tell City, Perry County Commissioners and Council, Perry County Redevelopment Commission, Economic Development Administration, Derrick Engineering, Cash Waggoner Engineering and Engineer Associates, and Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission collaborated to improve rail and river port facilities and water infrastructure in Perry and Spencer Counties in Indiana. This project, an identified priority and consistent with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, is now complete. This project encourages quality job growth in advanced manufacturing and improves manufacturing supply chains.

The Tell City River Port is on the Ohio River. The Port connects to the Hoosier Southern Railway, which then connects to the Norfolk Southern Railroad. This publicly owned river port and rail services are a significant transportation asset to this southern Indiana region. The customers, (Waupaca Foundry-Tell City, Flash Trucking, Martin Foundry, Mervis Industries, Foertsch Corporation, ORG Chem Group, Tell City Boat Works and Mid-America Railcar Repair Services LLC as well as their support industries) seek the ability to remove raw materials from barges at the Port to transport over the Hoosier Southern Rail.



The EDA funds (\$2,037,600) and local share (\$2,037,600) would complete new industrial rail spurs in necessary locations along the Hoosier Southern Railroad to aid this growing automotive support and regional primary metals cluster. The River Port



component provides additional storage to accommodate the growing product movement and a barge transloading access facility. The waterline improvements provide supply and service to Waupaca and Riverview Industrial Park.



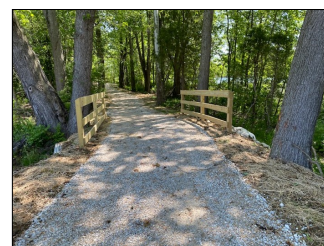
The ownership of the Hoosier Southern railway is publicly owned by the Perry County Port Authority. The Port is owned by the City of Tell City and leased to the Perry County Port Authority. The effective use of these funds improves this multi-modal transportation system (port and rail) and gives this rural region the ability to support local industry and future job creation and private investment opportunities to enhance services in the global market.

Ferdinand Old Town Lake Trail

The Ferdinand Park and Recreation Board identified a trail as a priority project around the Old Town Lake within the Park and Recreation Master Plan. The Park Board secured a \$200,000 Indiana Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund grant and contributed \$200,000 in local matching share to complete Phase 1. A one-mile trail around the lake with walk bridges, access driveway improvements, parking, electrical, nature overlook, and shelter house preservation was complete in 2020. Universal Design prepared the plans and oversaw the project. Seufert Construction of Ferdinand won the roughly \$435,000 project. Indiana 15 administered the grant.



Next on the schedule is Phase 2, proposing to include restrooms, fishing pier, and kayak launch improvements. The park board is fundraising for these planned Phase 2 amenities. Anyone wishing to contribute can contact the Ferdinand Town Office at 812-367-2280.



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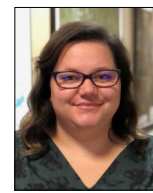
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