

INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

2022 Year in Review



saying goodbye is never easy -

Retirement from Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, although bittersweet, it is time to recognize the ending of a 45-year career that has been significant and fulfilling.

I have learned so much by listening to our member governments needs and working together in the development and completion of numerous projects.

I can step back and appreciate just how far we have come and the many accomplishments in our region. I appreciate the support of our six counties, six cities and 21 towns over the years. I will cherish the memories and relationships built while at the Commission.

The passion for our region is present. I look forward to watching the ongoing performance and progression ahead.

Nathan Held will become Executive Director beginning January 1, 2023. I am confident he will lead and dedicate his knowledge and experience in the years ahead. Over the next year I will continue as Consulting Director, guiding Nathan in his new role.

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission is excited to celebrate **50 years** in 2023!



Nathan Held

Enjoy this newsletter and the many achievements over the past year.

Lisa Gehlhausen

Executive Director



New Employee



Annie Huebner joined Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission in September of 2022 as Project Assistant. She assists with grant application preparation as well as administration for economic development activities. Annie is from Jasper, Indiana and holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs. Annie Majored in Environmental Management from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University Bloomington.

Welcome to the team Annie!

OCRA Community Liaison

Welcome to our region's new OCRA Community Liaison!



Jill Hahn is the Southwest Community Liaison serving Crawford, Dubois, Orange, Perry, Pike and Spencer Counties in our region, along with Daviess, Gibson, Harrison, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties.

Ms. Hahn can be reached at 317-760-5097 or jihahn@ocra.in.gov

2022 Summer Interns



Sharanya Mathur is working towards her Masters of Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering Degree at Purdue University. She also holds a Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering from Vellore Institute of Technology in India.

During Sharanya's time at the Commission she updated the Town of Ferdinand and Perry County Zone Maps and downloaded the latest aerial photography for the City of Rockport. She also completed additional mapping projects which included two maps of brownfield sites, updating the Town of Dale Base Map, Aerial Map and Zone Map, preparing a boundary map for Tell City Hagedorn Park, and updating traffic count information in Orange County.

The Commission appreciates the outstanding work performed and positive attitude of Sharanya and wish her the best in her future.

Calvin Hasenour is a graduate of Forest Park High School. Calvin shared an interest in GIS mapping and worked with Sharanya to gain knowledge in the field.



Calvin is pursuing a degree in engineering at USI. We appreciate Calvin's time at the Commission and wish him success in his future.

CDBG Certification

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission has five Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) certified grant administrators on staff: Lisa Gehlhausen, Nathan Held, Cheri Taylor, Jenny Matheis and Leah Hawkins.



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.

Codebook Updates

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission offers a service to organize ordinances and resolutions in a codebook, organized by topic for quick reference. These codebooks are a valuable resource to have at your fingertips and are available to residents on our website: www.ind15rpc.org. The Commission updated Dale, Ferdinand, Richland, and Spurgeon codebooks in 2022. If your community would like a quote from Indiana 15 RPC to update your Codebook, call the Commission at 812-367-8455.



Grandview Master Utility Study

Indiana 15 assisted the Town of Grandview to secure a \$90,000 grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs with a local match of \$10,000 to conduct a Master Utility Study. This study includes the water, wastewater and stormwater utilities. The Town is working with Commonwealth Engineers to complete the study.



21st Century Talent Region

Indiana 15 welcomes the newly designated 21st Century Talent Region—Southern Indiana Gateway. This new region, which corresponds to the six county Indiana 15 region, is committed to working across geographic lines to attract, develop and connect talent while working together with the Office of Career Connections and Talent, Indiana Economic Development Corporation, and CivicLab. The region is developing a data-driven plan to grow population, increase educational attainment, and raise household income through a set of target goals. The committee is made up of county economic development directors, chamber of commerce directors and local business people. Indiana 15 looks forward to working with this group toward achieving shared goals.

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.** Not sure if your community has a SAM number? A search engine is available on the official website - <https://www.sam.gov>.

If your community already has a SAM number, it needs to be updated annually. You will receive an email notification from SAM.gov within 60 days of your number expiring.

The site has been updated and looks a little different. For instructions on how to update your SAM number on the new site, you can go to www.fsd.gov and search 'How do I update an existing entity registration in SAM.gov'.

New administrators must submit a notarized letter designating them as administrator of each SAM.gov account. *Note: A notarized letter is not required if the administrator is already associated with the registration.* 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. Once you have updated your SAM number a confirmation email will be obtained.

The next step is for your SAM number to pass the TIN validation with the IRS and the CAGE validation/assignment with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). Once it has been successfully validated you will receive a confirmation email and another email notifying that your registration has been activated.

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 812-367-8455.

C E D S



A Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is prepared by Indiana 15 RPC

to analyze the economy of the region and to define the goals and objectives of our communities and region. 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 is 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.

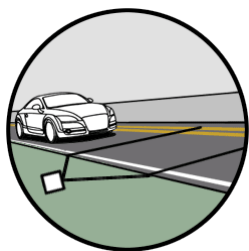
Various funding agencies look at the CEDS for a prioritization process of regional needs. The Economic Development Administration (EDA) requires that projects seeking funding are identified as a priority in the CEDS. The Office of Community and Rural Affairs offers additional scoring points to applications 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 2023 Five-Year CEDS Performance Report is due April 2023. Each community is requested to submit prioritized projects before February 2023. Taylor Seifker Williams Design Group is assisting Indiana 15 with the 2023 CEDS.

Community Crossings Matching Grant 2022 Awards

In 2022, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) awarded communities a combined \$12.9 million in state matching funds for local road projects through the Next Level Roads: Community Crossings Initiative. Nineteen communities in the Indiana 15 region were awarded \$6,443,336.67 of the \$12.9 million awarded in Round 1. To participate in the CCMG program, developing and submitting a Road Asset Management Plan to LTAP is required.

NSOFAR Traffic Counts

The Commission partnered with the Indiana Department of Transportation to provide traffic count data on the non-state-owned federal access routes. The contract will run from January 1, 2022—December 31, 2024 and Indiana 15 will receive up to \$28,400 for traffic count collection during this time. All six counties will receive traffic counts through this contract. These counts are in addition to the transportation planning contract.

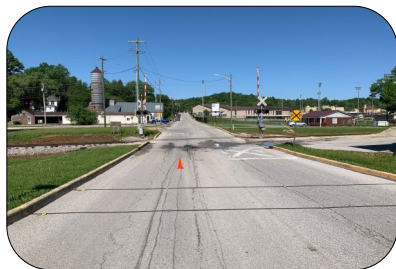


Counties who received counts in 2022 are Orange, Perry and Spencer. In 2023, part of Dubois County counts will be conducted and in 2024 counts will be conducted in Crawford, Pike and the remaining Dubois County counts

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 Orange County. In total, 49 counts were completed. In addition, 24 railroad crossings received a railroad inventory, and a collection of data about the rail safety features. 20 of the 24 railroad crossings also received a traffic count.



Planning support to local governments and traffic counts are part of the 2021-2022 grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation's Small Urban and Rural Transportation Planning Grant. Traffic Counts will be conducted in Pike County for the 2022-2023 grant.

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

Cannelton	\$	196,071.73
Crawford Co.	\$	368,236.42
Dale	\$	185,554.50
Dubois Co.	\$	497,150.52
Ferdinand	\$	102,893.38
Gentryville	\$	101,997.75
Huntingburg	\$	565,140.00
Jasper	\$	549,846.50
Marengo	\$	59,723.98
Milltown	\$	108,568.79
Orange Co.	\$	998,932.47
Orleans	\$	14,790.50
Perry Co.	\$	1,000,000.00
Petersburg	\$	128,910.58
Pike Co.	\$	136,711.49
Rockport	\$	749,434.87
Spencer Co.	\$	341,397.00
Tell City	\$	101,217.69
Winslow	\$	17,898.75

Dubois County/Jasper HELP

Dubois County and the City of Jasper were awarded a \$1,000,000 Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP) grant through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs with a local commitment of \$3,500,000 to develop a Strategic Investment Plan to identify critical needs that have been spotlighted through the four pathways—Advancing E-Connectivity, Enhancing Quality of Place, Promoting Community Wellness and Strengthening Local Economies.

The County is collaborating in a joint planning effort to address needs identified in a strategically planned proactive manner of distribution.

The HELP Program will aid in a prioritized investment strategy to build upon existing planning and identify straightforward actions for Dubois County and the City of Jasper for sustainability and growth.

Public Input and Pathway Committee meetings are underway.

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 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 \$25,000 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.

2022 Return on Investments

County	Investment	2021 State/Federal Funds Awarded
Crawford	\$ 5,999	\$ 717,649
Dubois	\$ 23,458	\$ 4,389,640
Orange	\$ 11,110	\$ 3,033,399
Perry	\$ 10,829	\$ 1,792,649
Pike	\$ 7,193	\$ 1,267,649
Spencer	\$ 11,733	\$ 2,628,449
Total	\$ 70,322	\$ 13,829,435

We are proud of the over \$13 Million in State and Federal funds awarded in 2022 to the region.

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans

County Multi-Hazard Mitigation plans are essential to be eligible for funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and US Department of Homeland Security for natural disaster preparedness projects. These plans need to be updated every five years to stay current. Dubois, Perry and Pike Counties are currently in the process of updating their Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plans. Perry County submitted a draft Plan to the US Department of Homeland Security in February 2022 which is now in the review process.

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

Cannelton Can-Clay Clearance

The City of Cannelton was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to eliminate hazardous and environmental conditions at the former Can-Clay Corporation property now owned by the City of Cannelton.



The clearance included the removal and remediation of hazardous materials identified in the environmental assessments to include asbestos abatement, the removal of approximately 144 drums and 150 containers, 125 truckloads of brick debris removal, 190 truckloads of clay pipe debris removal, 10 truckloads of PVC pipe removal, 10 truckloads of scrap tire removal, and 8,600 cubic yards of sawdust removal. Universal Design Associates and ATC Environmental Consultants assisted the City. The Commission recently closed-out this project.



Dale Wastewater

In 2021, the Town of Dale was awarded a \$700,000 grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs with a local match of \$1,911,000 derived from an Indiana State Revolving Fund loan to complete updates to their sanitary sewer system.

Construction will begin in December 2022 focusing on six areas for improvements: manhole rehabilitation, collection system rehabilitation, replacement of an existing gravity sewer, lift station improvements and rehabilitation, lift station control panel and electrical improvements, and wastewater treatment plant upgrades. Improvements will reduce inflow and infiltration in the wastewater system, thereby reducing the amount of water entering the treatment plant, and reducing the operating cost to the town.

Midwestern Engineers is assisting the Town with the project.

Patoka Water Company

Patoka Water Company was awarded a \$600,000 grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs in 2020 with a local match of \$293,000 to construct a new 100,000-gallon multi-legged elevated steel tank.



The new tank is located adjacent to the current tank on property owned by the Patoka Water Company. The project also consisted of installing a new 4" main, removing the existing standpipe, install 330' of security fencing around the new tank site and install a access drive for the new site, and re-rock the current access drive. Construction for this project was completed in 2022.

Santa Claus Water

The Town of Santa Claus was awarded a \$1,132,046 ARPA grant through the Economic Development Administration with a local match of \$283,012 for improvements to their water system.

The project includes construction of a new water main from the Water Treatment Plant to an existing main near meter pit to Holiday World and Splashin' Safari and new water main from the SR 245/162 Intersection to an existing main along Ashburn Road.

Midwestern Engineers is assisting the Town with the project.

Petersburg Water

The City of Petersburg was awarded a \$4,190,518 grant from the Economic Development Administration Economic Adjustment Assistance—Assistance to Coal Communities program with a local match of \$17 Million from a USDA loan. This project will upgrade the quality and quantity of water supply necessary for normal operations and future growth.

The designated work and improvements consist of:

Division I – new water treatment plant; Division II – new water supply wells no. 5 and 6; Division III – new raw water main and water distribution system improvements; and Division IV – new 750,000 gal. elevated water storage tank and rehabilitation of existing water storage tanks. Midwestern Engineers assisted the City with the project. Construction is expected to complete in 2024.

Spurgeon Sewer

Construction is underway on a new wastewater collection system in Spurgeon. Currently, the town has no collection system in place, and new septic systems are not being approved due to unsuitable soil and lot size. The collection system will allow for new residential or commercial development to occur. Nearly 90% of this \$5.5 million project is being paid through grants. In addition to \$700,000 from OCRA, USDA-Rural Development and the Indiana Finance Authority are participating in funding the project.

The Town held a groundbreaking ceremony on April 22, 2022- Earth Day. In attendance to celebrate with



the Town was Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch, Congressman Larry Bucshon, and Senator Mark Messmer, as well as

Dr. Terry Goodin- State USDA Director, Denny Spinner- Director of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and Mark Wuellner-Director of the Indiana Bond Bank. Also on hand were residents of Spurgeon, as well as officials from the Town of Lynnville. The Town of Lynnville, in Warrick County, is partnering with Spurgeon to treat the wastewater.

Marengo Wastewater Improvements

In 2022, the Town of Marengo was awarded a \$700,000 grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs with a local match of \$950,000 to make improvements to their wastewater system.

The project will see improvements at the wastewater treatment plant and at four (4) pump stations in Town. Improvements at the wastewater treatment plant include construction of a backup 25' diameter clarifier, splitter box and associated effluent piping modifications to connect with the current clarifier, installation of return sludge pump station piping, pumps, flow meters and a chart recorder, oxidation ditch improvements, installation of mixers in the oxidation ditch, relocation of UV treatment and the installation of SCADA to operate blowers in the ditch, replacement of lab equipment, and installation of a truck-mounted hoist.

Improvements at the pump stations throughout the town include:

Pump Station 1: Replacement of existing pumping, installation of new piping to supplement the new pumps and installation of SCADA to monitor the station. Work will convert this pump station from a wet-well dry-well setup to a submersible station.

Pump Station 2: Replacement of existing chopper pump, installation of secondary chopper pump, replacement of access hatch and updating of the electrical panel.

Pump Station 3: Replacement of existing wet well and valve vault to above floodplain elevation, replacement and raising of control panel to above floodplain elevation, replacement of access hatch and replacement of pumps with new non-clog pumps.

Pump Station 4: Updating the electrical panel.

HMB Engineers are assisting the Town with the project with anticipated bidding in early 2023.

Huntingburg Wastewater

The City of Huntingburg was awarded a \$3,184,492 ARPA grant through the Economic Development Administration with a local match of \$14,507,128 to build a new wastewater treatment facility.



Improvements include construction of new lift station, new headworks, four (4) SBR basins, ultraviolet light disinfection unit,

cascade aeration, influent sewer replacement, solar electric system, sewer vacuum maintenance equipment, sludge handling and maintenance equipment, and demolition of the existing structure.

Commonwealth Engineers is assisting the City with the project.



See what's happening in our region!

Leavenworth Water

The Town of Leavenworth was awarded a \$700,000 grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs with a local match of \$525,185 derived from a Indiana State Revolving Fund loan for improvements to the water supply and water distribution system located along the Ohio River.

The project consisted of the construction of a new 60,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, demolition of the existing 40,000 gallon tank, installation of a

new mixing system, replacement of the existing 100 gpm booster pump with a new 350 gpm pump, purchase of an Automatic Meter Read System, and replacement of various valves, fire hydrants, and flush hydrants.

Commonwealth Engineers assisted the Town with the project.



Jasper Stormwater Improvements

The City of Jasper was awarded \$187,500 in State Transportation and Stormwater grant funds through the Indiana Finance Authority with a local match of \$250,000 to upgrade parts of their existing stormwater system.

The City of Jasper contracted Indiana 15 to assist with Labor Standards.

STEADFAST SUMMIT



Indiana 15 had a great turnout for the STEADFAST Summit held May 17 at the Ferdinand Community Center with nearly 100 people attending. The attendees consisted of board members, staff and invited guests, who collaborated in the development of STEADFAST: Creating Deeper Roots for a Stronger Future.

After attendees enjoyed dinner, members of the STEADFAST Task Force presented the Plan. The Plan includes six areas of focus called pillars—Education, Economic, Housing, Infrastructure, Quality of Life, and Governance.

The purpose of the STEADFAST Plan was for Indiana 15 and members of the region to develop a regional strategic economic recovery and resiliency plan to combat the results of COVID-19 and set the region up for a resilient future.

The plan reviews the COVID-19 impacts, shocks and stressors, what the data shows, and how the qualitative responses from focus groups and a community needs survey fit.

There is a chapter that starts with the vision, then discusses each pillar in detail, why they are important, key traits of the pillar, and what the path forward is with strategies. Each strategy then has a series of objectives which may be a policy, program, or project. At the end of each pillar a list of partners that will be involved with implementing each pillar are identified.

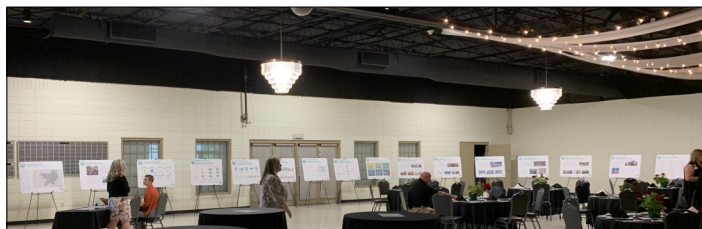
There is a conclusion that identifies the priorities from all the key objectives within the plan and discusses the benchmarks to measure the progress of the plan.

The appendices contain detailed information on existing conditions, a market summary, and survey results.



After the plan presentation guests were encouraged to fill out a comment card or speak with members of the presentation panel to provide feedback to the STEADFAST Consultant Team. Attendees also had the opportunity to ask questions or voice any concerns. Rundell Ernstberger Associates and AECOM prepared STEADFAST: Creating Deeper Roots for a Stronger Future. The Plan can be found on our website, www.ind15rpc.org, under Reports.

The Commission would like to thank all who attended for the continued support and helping carry out the pillars of the STEADFAST Plan.



EDA Planning Grant

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission has received \$210,000 in planning funds from EDA over a three-year period (\$70,000 annually) from July 2022—June 2025. This award has been matched with \$210,000 local share over the same time period 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.

Indiana Map

IndianaMap is the largest publicly available collection of Indiana geographic information system (GIS) map data. 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.

Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI)



The Indiana First Region- consisting of Harrison, Knox, Perry, Pike and Spencer counties- is hard at work implementing the \$15 million grant award through the READI program. Indiana First, a sub-group of the Southwest Indiana Development Council (SWIDC), was awarded these funds based upon the regional development plan titled “Catalyst for Community Prosperity”, in which nearly \$1.2 billion in projects were identified and prioritized. Following the READI award from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), the projects were further prioritized based upon shovel readiness, private investment, impact, and funding eligibility.

The Indiana First Region committee consists of the Executive of the Local Economic Development Organization (LEDO) in each county and two additional members per county.

Indiana First recently announced the implementation of the “Talent’s Hometown” program. This initiative, which focuses on addressing the housing gap, will support multiple public infrastructure projects in each county, opening additional development opportunities for residential builders. Upon completion of the initial round of READI funding, the Indiana First region anticipates an increase of more than 205 single family homes, and at least 85 multi-family residential units across the five-county area. These new residential developments, in Harrison, Knox, Perry, Pike, and Spencer Counties represent more than \$109 million in private capital investments, and nearly \$39 million in local matching funds.

Indiana First will also be undertaking several projects in support of critical workforce training and quality of life.

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission is managing the grant funding and coordinating the online IEDC Grants Management portal on behalf of Indiana First, as well as hosting the monthly meetings and providing administrative support.



Tell City IDNR-LWCF

Indiana 15 administered the City of Tell City Indiana Department of Natural Resources-Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to upgrade their facilities. These upgrades included pool, bath house, concession area, parking, and splash pad enhancements at Hagedorn Park.

The City was awarded \$250,000 in grant funding with a local match of \$250,000. Construction was completed in July 2022. City officials worked with Jason Brown, AIA, TGL Solutions.



Dubois County IDNR-LWCF

The Dubois County Park Board utilized the 2016-2021 Park and Recreation Master Plan list of priorities to contract with Hafer Design to develop an overall future development plan keeping the priorities in mind.



Indiana 15 RPC submitted an application to Indiana Department of Natural Resources requesting \$250,000 combined with local funds of \$700,000 to add campsites, restroom, trails, and parking improvements. Construction is scheduled to complete in November 2022.

Indiana Association of Regional Councils Conference



Indiana Association of Regional Councils (IARC) is a statewide organization of regional planning commissions led by Director Brian Long. Through IARC, members find value in discussing regional strategies, current topics, the benefits of regional planning, solutions, and state wide collaboration. The Commission attended the annual IARC conference held in French Lick, IN on November 1st & 2nd. The conference included presentations on Comprehensive Community Wealth Approach, Utilizing Economic Resiliency Research Tools and the IARC Dashboard, Beyond Meetings - Considerations for Creative Community Engagement, and Responsibilities of Regional Planning Organizations.



Perry County Port Authority Bridge Rail and Capacity Enhancement

The Perry County Port Authority was awarded \$4,511,548 in CARES Act funding through EDA to make railway infrastructure improvements necessary to support the growth of manufacturing in Perry and Spencer counties. The Perry County Port Authority contributed local funds of \$1,127,887 from a USDA loan repayment.

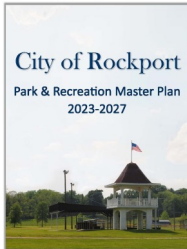


Bridge 11.7

The project includes replacing two timber trestle bridges and rail approaches on the Hoosier Southern Railroad located at Milepost 8.1 over the Anderson River and at Milepost 11.7 over the East Fork of Crooked Creek near Lamar. CSR Engineering completed the plans for Bridge 11.7, with construction completed by Cooper Rail Service. Bridge 8.1 final design and obtaining IDNR permit

are currently underway. Once completed, the two new bridges will provide additional reliability, reduced maintenance costs, and upgraded capacity to handle heavier freight services along the Hoosier Southern Railroad.

Park Plan Updates



The Rockport Park & Recreation Master Plan is currently being updated. A draft was submitted in November to IDNR. The updated plan will guide park and recreation updates for the next five years.

Income Surveys

The Commission assisted the town of Chrisney with an income survey to determine eligibility for Community Development Block Grant funding.

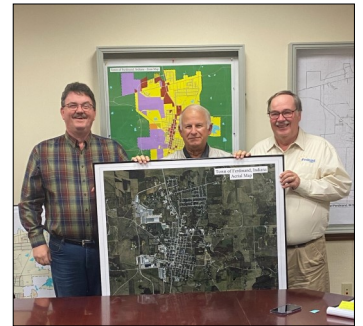
If you receive an income survey, please complete it and return it to our office for confidential tabulation. These surveys are important for funding eligibility determination.



Ferdinand Map Delivery

The Town of Ferdinand contracted Indiana 15 RPC to update their base and zone maps. These maps were delivered in October 2022.

The maps show the Ferdinand corporate limits, section lines and corners, lot numbers, platted streets, state roads, street names, vacated street, subdivision names, zoning districts and bodies of water.



Chris James, Ken Sicard, Ron Weyer

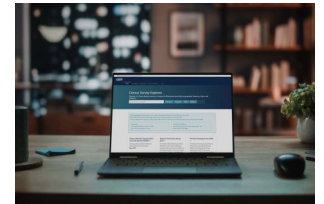
Census Survey Explorer

Census Survey Explorer shows you the surveys you need by topic, geography, and frequency.

Search tools are great but they usually send you to a long list of web pages and options you have to crawl through to find what you need.

The U.S. Census Bureau produces more than 120 surveys. A basic search tool will not give you a quick answer but the new Census Survey Explorer (CSE) will. CSE is an innovative tool designed to cut research time and frustration by listing surveys by geography, frequency, topic and subtopic. The tool can be found at:

<https://www.census.gov/data/data-tools/survey-explorer/>.



Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP)

Indiana 15 assisted the Perry County Port Authority with a US Department of Transportation-Port Development Infrastructure Program application to build a pier in the Ohio River to offload barges safer and easier. The project was awarded \$1,600,000 in grant funds with \$400,000 in local match in December 2021. JQOL is assisting with the project and final design is underway.



Patoka Lake RWSD Water Phase IX

Patoka Lake Regional Water Sewer District was awarded a \$3,015,750 ARPA grant through the Economic Development Administration with a local match of \$1,005,250 for water system upgrades.

The project includes the construction of a new 1,000,000-gallon elevated tank. The new tank will be located approximately 150 feet to the north of the existing tank. The new tank will be connected to an existing 14" water main and will have the same overflow elevation (970') as the existing Water Storage Tank No. 4. These two tanks will "float" together and provide 1.167 MGD of usable storage to their service area and provide a more reliable service.

Midwestern Engineers is assisting with the project.

In Memory Of

Mary Ann Cummings

~~Mary Ann Cummings was a dedicated member of our~~ Board of Directors since 2019. The Commission appreciated Mary Ann's dedication and accomplishments while serving on our Board.

A plaque in recognition and memory of Mary Ann was given to the Birdseye Town Council and her family.



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Ms. Mary Ann Cummings*
Ms. Beverly Schulthise*
Ms. Melanie Barrett

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County Commissioners
County Council
City of Huntingburg
City of Jasper
Town of Birdseye
Town of Ferdinand
Town of Holland

ORANGE COUNTY

Mr. Marshall Noble
Mr. Carl Anderson
Mr. Zach Brown*
Mr. James Clark
Mr. Danny Hickman
Mr. John Harrison

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County Commissioners
Co. Comm. At-large
County Council
Town of Orleans
Town of Paoli
Town of West Baden

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE

Mr. Stephen Bartels *

PERRY COUNTY

Mr. Tom Hauser*
Mr. Balaji Kashyab
Mr. David DeMichael
Mr. David Etienne
Ms. Brenda Pohl
Ms. Janice Hackbarth
Mr. Bernard Linne

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County Commissioners
Co. Comm. At-large
Co. Comm. At-large
County Council
City of Cannelton
City of Tell City
Town of Troy

PIKE COUNTY

Mr. Jon Craig*
Mr. Mark Flint
Mr. Ryan Coleman
Mr. Todd Meadors
Ms. Jody Hoover
Mr. Ron Beadles
Ms. Debra Lamb*

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County Commissioners
Co. Comm. At-large
Co. Comm. At-large
County Council
City of Petersburg
Town of Spurgeon
Town of Winslow

SPENCER COUNTY

Ms. Heather Gries
Mr. Todd Ruxer
Mr. Don Winkler
Mr. Mason Seay
Mr. Don Wertman
Ms. Angie Fischer*
Mr. Michael Johannes*

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County Commissioners
County Council
City of Rockport
Town of Chrisney
Town of Dale
Town of Grandview
Town of Santa Claus

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