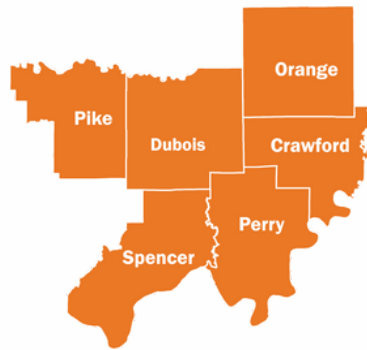


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# From the Director



*Greetings!*

It's hard to believe that we are already into the new year. This past year has been an incredibly busy and productive year for the Commission. While we continue to work through the core grant programs that provide impactful investments in our region, we are also in the continual process of exploring what more we can do as an organization to meet the needs of the region. To that end, after a nearly 30-year break, we have officially re-entered the housing grant world with an initial focus on Owner Occupied Rehabilitation grants.

As we have now completed our 51st year of operation, we wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Board of Directors, our Federal, State and Community Partners, and all those working so diligently for the greater good of your communities. The benefits of Economic and Community Development do not end at the county line. We are all working together to strengthen our region. We are looking forward to what 2025 will bring, including the launch of our first ever Regional Elected Officials Summit- stay tuned for more information!

*Nathan Feld*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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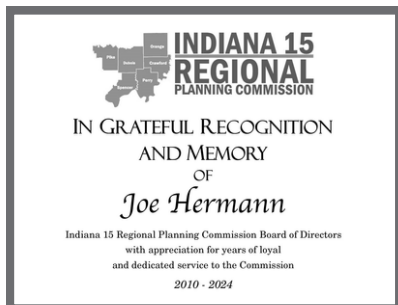
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*Thank you for your service  
during 2024!*

## In Memory of Joe Hermann

Joe Hermann was a dedicated member of our Board of Directors since 2010. The Commission appreciated Joe's dedication and accomplishments while serving on our Board.

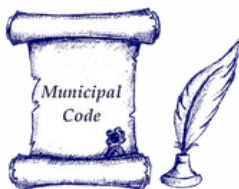


A plaque in recognition and memory of Joe Hermann was given to the Cannelton City Council and his family.

## Codebook Updates

Indiana 15 offers a service to organize community ordinances and resolutions for quick reference in a codebook format. This valuable resource is hosted on [our website](#), available to city officials and residents.

The Commission updated Ferdinand, Holland, Orleans and Spurgeon codebooks in 2024. If your community would like a quote from Indiana 15 RPC to update your Codebook, call the Commission at 812-367-8455.



## CDBG Certification

Indiana 15 has four certified Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant administrators on staff: Nathan Held, Cheri Taylor, Jenny Matheis and Jessica Condra.

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.



## 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, and download free GIS data and metadata from the website.

## 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.

Indiana 15 staff attended the annual IARC conference held in Indianapolis, IN October 15th - 17th. The conference included presentations on Environmental Review's, Regional Planning Perspectives, Tools for Addressing a Region's Housing Shortage, Using Housing Studies for Identifying Other Community Needs, IEDA Talent Attraction: Childcare Study, Regional Planning Organizational Management, Supply Chain Tools, and Indiana Tourism and Trails.

## Income Surveys

Income surveys by various communities are used to determine eligibility for CDBG Grant Funding. If you ever receive an income survey, please complete and return to our office for tabulation. These are very important!

Indiana 15 is in the process of performing an income survey for the Town of Grandview.





# System Award Management

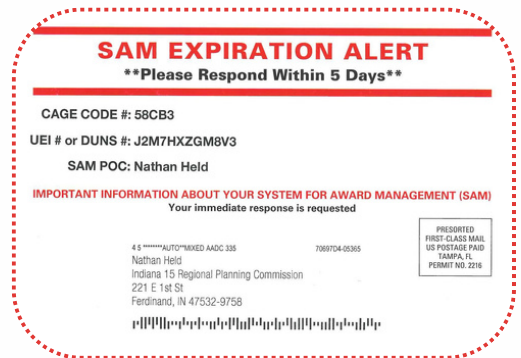
**SAM numbers are FREE and extremely important!**

Applications for and payment of grant funds require entities to have a System for Award Management (SAM) number. SAM.gov is the official **FREE** government-operated website to obtain this number. Pictured is a solicitation to update your SAM registration. Do not respond to these third party mailings or emails. There is **NO charge** to register your entity on SAM.gov.

SAM registrations must be updated annually. You will receive an email notification from SAM.gov within 60 days of expiration. Instructions on how to update your SAM number can be found at <https://www.fsd.gov>. Then click on the 'Update Your Registration' button.

New administrators must submit a notarized letter designating them as such for of each SAM.gov account by the governing body. 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 renewed your SAM registration a confirmation email will be sent. Your renewal will need 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 confirmation and another email notifying that your registration has been activated.

For help registering for a SAM number contact the Federal Service Desk or call 866-606-8220, or call our office.



## EPA Brownfields

Indiana 15 received a 2023-2027 Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Commission has achieved brownfield assessment and remediation, and witnessed substantial redevelopment as a result of past EPA Brownfield Assessment programs.

We look forward to reaching redevelopment goals for underutilized properties by conducting Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments throughout the six-county region with this new award.

Contact Executive Director Nathan Held at 812-367-8455 for more information about assessing potential brownfields.



## Huntingburg Northside Park

The City of Huntingburg was awarded a \$300,000 Indiana Department of Natural Resources-Land and Water Conservation grant with local match of \$300,000.

The project included construction of a walking and bicycle path, on-site parking, accessible playground feature and swings and a fishing pier for the outdoor enjoyment of the community. Construction completed in September 2024.

Cash Waggner assisted the City with the project.



## Revolving Loan Fund

The Crawford County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) has assisted 30 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 \$2,126,500 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 provides 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 RPC 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.

## 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. To stay current these plans must be updated every five years.

<b>County</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
<i>Crawford</i>	<i>11/14/2025</i>
<i>Dubois</i>	<i>7/29/2029</i>
<i>Orange</i>	<i>12/28/2029</i>
<i>Perry</i>	<i>12/19/2027</i>
<i>Pike</i>	<i>3/3/2029</i>
<i>Spencer</i>	<i>2/21/2026</i>

## COPS Hiring Program

The COPS Hiring Program (CHP) provides funding to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

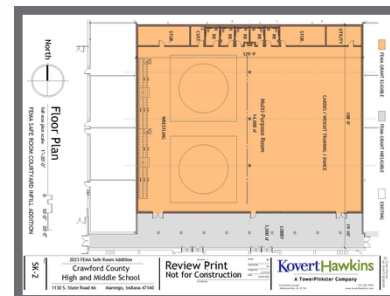
Indiana 15 assisted the City of Petersburg in applying for CHP funds. The City was successful in securing a \$125,000 award.

## Crawford County Safe Room

The Crawford County School Corporation was awarded \$6,000,309 in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds through the Department of Homeland Security with a local match of \$2,000,103 to construct a tornado safe room at the Crawford County Jr./Sr. High School.

The new construction will serve as a multi-purpose/tornado safe room for cardio, weight training, dance, wrestling, and sports practice space. Once constructed the safe room will support a capacity of approximately 1,803 occupants during a tornado emergency.

Tower Pinkster is assisting with the project.



## Community Crossings Awards

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) awards communities state matching funds for local road projects through the Next Level Roads: Community Crossings Initiative. Eighteen communities in the Indiana 15 region were awarded \$17,163,551.44 of the \$347 million awarded in 2024. To apply for CCMG funds, developing and submitting a Road Asset Management Plan to LTAP is required.

### 2024 Recipients

Cannelton	\$ 47,719.12	Orleans	\$ 146,125.06
Crawford	\$1,500,000.00	Petersburg	\$ 172,500.00
Dubois	\$1,517,609.15	Perry	\$1,898,850.00
English	\$ 255,907.50	Pike	\$1,498,570.65
Ferdinand	\$ 978,051.80	Spencer	\$1,500,000.00
Huntingburg	\$1,476,657.25	Santa Claus	\$1,032,642.29
Jasper	\$1,510,693.85	Tell City	\$1,373,131.35
Milltown	\$ 93,827.80	West Baden Springs	\$ 600,000.00
Orange	\$1,500,000.00	Winslow	\$ 61,265.62



Indiana Department of Transportation

## NSOFAR Program

Indiana 15 is partnering with the Indiana Department of Transportation to collect traffic count data on Non-State-Owned Federal Access Routes. This three-year contract runs from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027. All six counties will receive traffic counts through this contract. These counts are in addition to the annual Small Urban and Rural Planning program.

The vehicle data is used for state planning and other activities. Vehicle data can be accessed on the MS2 interactive map.

## SURP Program

Indiana 15 applies annually for Small Urban and Rural Planning program funds through the Indiana Department of Transportation. Predetermined traffic counts are completed through this program on county/community maintained roads in our region.

The 2024-2025 grant includes transportation planning support to local governments in the region and traffic count data collected in Crawford County. The contract will run July 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025.

Indiana 15 assisted the Crawford County Highway department with placing traffic counts on select roads for speed studies. All data collected by Indiana 15 is publicly available on MS2.



## Labor Standards

Construction contracts awarded federal funding are subject to Davis Bacon prevailing wage requirements. Indiana 15 is administering stand alone Davis Bacon labor standards contracts for various projects including the Rockport Wastewater Treatment Plant Division A, Chrisney Wastewater Improvements, and Huntingburg Wastewater Division B.

## US DOT-RAISE Rail Added Capacity Enhancement

The Perry County Port Authority is working with Indiana 15 to secure a \$11,575,000 Rail Added Capacity Enhancement (RACE) grant through the US Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) with local match of \$500,000, the largest single award Indiana 15 has assisted on.

The project will replace the existing 75-pound rail with 115-pound rail and other necessary improvements to accommodate the hauling of 286,000 pound rail cars the entire length of track on the Hoosier Southern Railroad from Tell City, IN to Lincoln City, IN interchange with Norfolk Southern Railroad. This 100-year-old short line railroad provides regional industries with multi-modal transportation services to and from the Tell City River Port.

CSR Engineering is assisting with the project.



## Safe Streets & Roads for All

The Town of Ferdinand and Town of Holland were awarded Safe Streets & Roads for All planning grant funds through the U.S. Department of Transportation. These funds will be used to create a comprehensive safety action plan to be used as a guide to prioritize and execute future projects.

Once a plan is complete and approved these communities can apply for implementation program funds to be used towards projects including sidewalks, pedestrian and cyclist paths, and ADA accessibility.



## Port Infrastructure Development Program

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.

The project will fund construction of a 40-foot diameter pier for a crane that will be used for direct barge-to-truck unloading of cargo. The pier design will allow the crane to operate regardless of water levels. Once the new pier is complete and operational, grant funds will be used to demolish the existing pier because it is structurally unsound. JQOL is assisting with the project.



## EDA Planning Grant

Indiana 15 RPC 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.

EDA planning 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.



## 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.

The project will consist of demolition of the existing structure and construction of a 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.



Commonwealth Engineers is assisting the City with the project. This project will lead to the creation of an estimated eight jobs, the retention of 1,851 jobs, and private investment of approximately \$43 million.

## CEDS

A Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is prepared every five years by Indiana 15 to define goals and objectives and analyze the economy of communities and counties in our region. The CEDS is designed as a regional plan of action to meet prioritized goals of the region. This planning developed with diverse public and private sector participation provides flexibility, utilizing unique regional advantages to maximize economic opportunity for residents. This plan is reviewed and updated annually. Visit our website to view the CEDS.

Various funding agencies look at the CEDS for a prioritization process of regional needs. The Economic Development Administration (EDA) requires projects seeking funding be 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.

Let us know if your community has a potential project to include in the CEDS.

## 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 included 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. Construction completed in December 2024. Midwestern Engineers is assisting the Town with the project.

This project created an estimated 37 jobs, retention of 202 jobs, and private investment of approximately \$45 million.

# 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.

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 construction completed September 2024. The two new bridges provide additional reliability, reduced maintenance costs, and upgraded capacity to handle heavier freight services along the Hoosier Southern Railroad.

## 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 included construction of a new 1,000,000-gallon elevated tank north of the existing tank and connection to an existing 14" water main to have the same overflow elevation 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 more reliable service. Construction completed in December 2024. Midwestern Engineers is assisting with the project.

This project created an estimated 80 jobs, retention of 627 jobs, and private investment of approximately \$17.9 million.

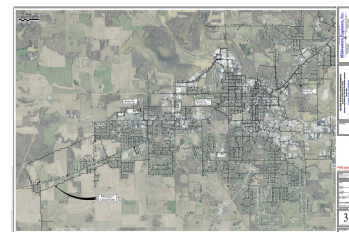


## Jasper Back-up

### Water Supply

The City of Jasper was awarded \$1.186 million in Economic Development Administration grant funds with a local match of \$1.186 million to construct a new back-up treated water supply connection with the Patoka Lake Regional Water & Sewer District (PLRWSD). This will lead to the creation of an estimated 225 jobs, the retention of 560 jobs, and private investment of approximately \$34 million.

The project included construction of a new meter pit well site, 2,420 linear feet of 12-inch main, 6,880 linear feet of 16-inch main, and 190 linear of 24-inch main, and all required appurtenances will be installed. Construction is expected to complete in early spring 2025. Midwestern Engineers is assisting the City with the project.



## Tell City Old Hospital Clearance

The City of Tell City was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The City has partnered with RamTell, Inc., a local philanthropic organization focused on community improvement.

RamTell, Inc. purchased the vacant and deteriorating former Perry County Memorial Hospital building and grounds and is providing any required local matching funds, with the City applying for the grant funds to demolish the 89,000 sq. ft. building and clear the site. Once complete, RamTell, Inc. will donate the property to the City of Tell City. In addition to the OCRA funds, the Indiana Finance Authority is providing grant funds for the asbestos abatement, universal hazardous waste removal, and the underground storage tank removal.

This unique partnership between the funding agencies, the City, and RamTell, Inc. will provide for a ready-to-develop six-acre public site overlooking the Ohio River. The City is still studying future uses of the property, but as required by the OCRA funds, it will remain green space for five years following grant close-out.

## Marengo Wastewater

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 in 2022.

Work at the wastewater treatment plant is ongoing, with work on the pump stations in town scheduled to begin in 2025.

HMB Engineers are assisting the Town with the project.

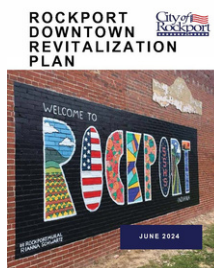
## Paoli Water Improvements

The Town of Paoli was awarded a \$700,000 grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs with a local match of \$454,730 in ARPA funds to complete improvements to their water utility system.

Improvements include rehabilitation of the existing 417,000-gallon stand-pipe and 1-million-gallon tank, and water meter replacement. Construction is expected to complete mid-year 2025.

Commonwealth Engineers is assisting the Town with the project.

## Rockport Downtown Revitalization



The City of Rockport was awarded a \$31,950 Planning Grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs to develop a Downtown Revitalization Plan. As a designated Indiana Main Street Community, this plan will be a critical component of their future efforts.

## Dale Wastewater

In the fall of 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 for the Dale Wastewater project was mostly complete in 2023. Improvements throughout the system have helped the Town reduce inflow and infiltration. The final portion of the project, rehabilitation of a clarifier at the wastewater treatment plant, was completed in late 2024.

Midwestern Engineers is assisting the Town with the project.



## Dubois County/ Jasper HELP

Dubois County and the City of Jasper were awarded \$1,000,000 from the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP) grant program through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Grant funds are being divided between Owner Occupied Rehabilitation and TRI-CAP Head Start.

The Owner Occupied Rehabilitation program began accepting applications In February, and inspections have been completed on the first 40 homes that will be receiving rehabilitation. The first 13 homes have had some work completed including new roofs, HVAC systems, and water heaters. Bidding for work on the rest of the homes will continue through 2025, and when necessary, additional homes will be inspected and added to the program.



The TRI-CAP Head Start program will see an unused classroom converted into a sensory room, and a staff member will be hired to supervise the room. The facility will also be purchasing equipment for classrooms, offices and the nutrition program.

Both projects will be complete by the end of 2025.

## Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI)

The Indiana First Region- consisting of Harrison, Knox, Perry, Pike and Spencer counties- continues to implement the \$15 million grant award through the READI 1.0 program. Indiana First is a sub-group of the Southwest Indiana Development Council (SWIDC). 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.

READI 1.0 funding is providing for the completion of 16 projects focusing on Quality of Life, Quality of Place, and Quality of Opportunity and is leveraging over \$150 million in matching funds. Indiana 15 is administering the grant funding and coordinating the online IEDC Grants Management portal on behalf of Indiana First, as well as hosting monthly meetings.

READI 2.0 is underway! Indiana First was awarded \$15 million in READI funding in 2024. The committee is working towards project selection. Indiana First utilizes the regional development plan titled "Catalyst for Community Prosperity" as a guide for projects to pursue. READI 2.0 projects are capital only projects and must be completed by end of 2028. Indiana 15 is also administering the READI 2.0 grant funding.



Crawford, Dubois, and Orange Counties are participating in READI through the Indiana Uplands region.



# READI PROJECTS

## **Perry County, Tell City Sports Complex**

This READI project will provide sewer, stormwater, and water systems, ADA-accessible restrooms, and public facilities building at the 59-acre Tell City Sports Complex located at Hagedorn Park in Tell City. This project will improve the existing four baseball/softball fields and expand to eight ball fields. The project broke ground in 2024 and is estimated to be completed in 2025. The City of Tell City is utilizing \$600,000 in READI funding and investing an estimated \$1,880,513.96 in public funds in construction costs. The estimated total project cost is \$2,480,513.96.

## **Perry County, Hoosier Heights Subdivision**

This READI project will provide the necessary infrastructures to support the development of the Hoosier Heights Subdivision located in the City of Tell City. The 35-acre parcel of land has a potential of up to 81 homes and is owned by JK Forever Homes LLC. The project's first phase broke ground in 2024; by the end of 2026, 33 single-family homes are expected to be completed. JK Forever Homes is utilizing \$1,000,000 in READI funds with the City of Tell City investing an estimated \$740,000 of public funds in the water system, and the developer is investing an estimated \$8,574,000 of private funds into the project. The total cost to develop phase one including the construction of 33 homes is estimated to be \$10,314,000.

## **Perry County, Forest Canton Heights Subdivision**

This completed project utilized \$775,000 in READI funding to provide installation of infrastructure, as well as a roadway in support of the development of the Forest Canton Heights Subdivision. READI funds were used for site prep, storm drainage roadway aggregate and curbs, and a portion of the water system. The 29-lot single-family home subdivision is located on property currently owned by the Perry County Redevelopment Commission (RDC). Construction began in early 2023, with home construction ongoing. Public investment was \$835,000 and private investment was \$200,000.

## **Perry County, Ivy Tech Workforce Training & Enhancement**

This READI project will provide the installation of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning throughout the Industrial Technology Lab and Advanced Automation & Robotics Technology lab, and advanced automation and robotics equipment at the Ivy Tech – Tell City campus. The project will more than double the program's current capacity. The HVAC installation allows for full-day, year-round use of the labs as well as elongate the life of the equipment. Ivy Tech is investing an estimated \$121,000 of public funds in facility renovations, electric expansion and security cameras, and a full-time faculty member for the lab. This project received \$350,000 in READI funding. The total project cost is estimated to be \$471,000.

# READI PROJECTS

## **Pike County, Previously Mined Property Case Study**

READI funding of \$250,000 provided for the study of previously mined ground located at the Southwest Indiana Megasite, a portion of which is reclaimed mine property. This site is poised for commercial and industrial development; however, companies and site selectors are reluctant to build on previously mined property. The study was complete and carried out by global consulting firm Deloitte. The completed study serves as a reference document to provide credibility to the established due diligence and to reduce assumptions or uncertainties regarding the redevelopment of previously mined properties.

## **Pike County, Petersburg Meadows at Parkview & Hornady Park Playground Equipment**

The Petersburg Meadows at Parkview project will provide for the City of Petersburg to extend existing wastewater and water utility service to The Meadows at Parkview, a new single-family workforce housing development. Directly adjacent to the housing development lies Hornady Park, a City of Petersburg public park. The Hornady Park Playground Equipment project, completed in 2023, provides an extension of wastewater utility services into the City Park to serve the park facilities. Additionally, a new set of playground equipment was installed. This project is carried out by the City of Petersburg, in partnership with Petersburg Park Board, GM Development, and Reinbrecht Homes. This project will lead to the full development and build-out of the 67-acre site to 164 single-family homes. The developer plans to build around 15 homes per year. At full buildout, the housing development area would provide approximately one hundred and sixty (160) new housing units ranging in value. The municipal partners would utilize a locally designated Single-Family Residential TIF Districts to partner with the private landowners and future home builders to complete the construction of an estimated 70 homes before December 2026. This joint project received \$1,239,220 in READI funding.

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## **Pike County, Shell Building**

This project will include lot development and site excavation, which includes all necessary earth work to get the pad ready for construction, on the Generation Springs site within the 8,000 acre Southwest Indiana Megasite. The project also includes the extension of water and sanitary sewer lines into the site. The completion of these items will result in the construction of a 50,000 square foot shell building. Partners in this project include the City of Petersburg, Bowman Family Holdings, Pike County Progress Partners, and GM Development. The project received \$1,700,000 in READI funding.

# READI PROJECTS

## **Spencer County, Z Place Commons**

Z Place Commons housing development utilized \$335,000 in READI funding to run water lines and construct a roadway to access the new Z Place Commons development. This housing development located near the unincorporated town of Reo, Spencer County, consists of 8 single story units and 17 two story units. All units are connected to city utilities and have access to fiber optic internet. Construction completed in 2024. These 25 housing units provide a much-needed housing option for Spencer County. The Spencer County Commissioners have provided \$200,000 in local ARP funds to match with \$7,905,918 of private investment, and \$335,000 of READI funds for a total project cost of \$8,440,918.

## **Spencer County, Lincoln Amphitheatre**

Indiana First contributed \$71,280 in READI Funding to the Lincoln Amphitheatre for a portion of the construction of an Entry Canopy and Signage Wall. The READI portion of funding is specifically for the purchase of materials. The structure is tall enough to allow heavy equipment through and features stone planters on its east and west sides, a stone wall with ground lighting stretching to the west, and a stone seating wall stretching to the east toward the existing box office. Construction on the new entry completed in 2023. The Indiana Destination Development Corporation completed the project, located inside Lincoln State Park.

## **Spencer County, Orchard Estates**

This project will provide the necessary drinking water, sanitary sewer, stormwater, and roadway construction to the new Orchard Estates, a seven-acre subdivision located in the Town of Dale. The construction will consist of 20 duplexes, adding 40 housing units to the local housing market. Final design is underway. The project is projected to complete by 2026. The project will be carried out by Reinbrecht Homes, in partnership with the Town of Dale. These 40 units will provide much needed housing for Dale, and the surrounding areas. The project received \$1,500,000 in READI funding and private investment of \$7,200,000.

# READI PROJECTS

## **Knox County, Castlebrook Apartments**

Due to severe housing shortages, Knox County is pursuing an aggressive, multi-pronged strategy to upgrade its housing stock. As such, Knox County and Vincennes Water Utilities are partnering with developers on a number of projects, and the Castlebrook Apartments, a multi-family housing development on the southeast side of Vincennes, to help fill the gap in housing units for that area of the community. READI funding in the amount of \$1,700,000, coupled with local funds of approximately of \$8,700,000 have been allocated to extend municipal sanitary sewer service to the development.

## **Knox County, Hospital Simulation Lab**

Simulation labs (SIM Lab) provide a safe alternative learning space where students can learn and be observed. SIM Lab equipment, including mannequins, is designed to replicate real-world medical conditions and provide a place to practice nursing skills and bedside manners in a controlled environment. This increased capacity project will allow for interdisciplinary training for all health careers including Radiology Techs, EMS, Phlebotomists, etc. The estimated cost of the project would be \$1,158,813. Good Samaritan Hospital has requested American Rescue Plan funds of \$482,613 from Knox County. These funds, in addition to READI grant funds of \$400,000 and its own investments, allow for the expansion of Good Samaritan Hospital's Simulation Labs by doubling its space from 2 to 4 labs. The construction phase, procurement of equipment, staff recruitment and student outreach started in 2023. The additional Simulation Lab became fully operational in 2024.

## **Knox County, Advanced Battery Cluster**

Indiana First contributed \$1,400,000 in READI funding to the Advanced Battery Cluster project. The READI portion of funding will fund the construction of water lines to the site of the Advanced Battery Cluster, as well as engineering and design, bidding, construction administration and inspection, permits, legal/bond counsel, acquisition, and easement preparation. Poly Plus will provide high-quality jobs and also serve as the anchor of a growing regional cluster focused on next-generation battery technology. An appropriate site has been identified to host the project, though the area lacks the water capacity to ensure adequate fire suppression systems are served. As a result, the community and Vincennes Water Utilities are prepared to invest in a new water infrastructure project to extend the municipal water main. The requested funding will be allocated to this critical need, and will help ensure the project is adequately served.