

Indiana Regional Stellar Communities Designation Progress Report

August 17 - November 15, 2021







November 15, 2021

Dear Indiana Regional Stellar Communities and East Allen Community Partners:

As we enter into the holiday season, we find much to be thankful for in East Allen County. Each of our projects are either wrapping up, in construction, or getting ready to break ground. And we are excited to say that while some have been altered from original presentation in the East Allen Rural Revival Regional Development Plan, all of our Stellar projects have been approved for funding! Our communities are beginning to realize the tangible impact of this important work.

A couple of weeks ago, we had the chance to gather at the NewAllen Mural Initiative Celebration. This event was a meaningful touchpoint for the region after a year and a half hiatus from coming together in a big way due to COVID-19. It was a way to stop and think about all that has been accomplished thus far, connect with peers and friends in person, and appreciate the amazing public art that has been installed throughout East Allen County.

We look forward to moving into our final year of designation and are working with our member communities to plan for what is next. Happy holidays!

Sincerely,

Kent Castleman

Chair

NewAllen Alliance Board of Directors



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Community Engagement Summary

Stellar Partner Meetings/Conference Calls (2021)

January 7, 2021 NewAllen Stellar CDBG Project Status February 18, 2021 HEALing Seeds Call w/ Andrea Kern

February 25, 2021 Stellar Quarterly Meeting May 27, 2021 Stellar Quarterly Meeting August 26, 2021 Stellar Quarterly Meeting

Regional Steering Committee Meetings (2021)

January 12, 2021 **NewAllen Board Meeting** February 9, 2021 **NewAllen Board Meeting** April 13, 2021 **NewAllen Board Meeting** June 8, 2021 **NewAllen Board Meeting** August 10, 2021 **NewAllen Board Meeting** September 14, 2021 NewAllen Board Meeting October 12, 2021 **NewAllen Board Meeting** November 9, 2021 **NewAllen Board Meeting**

Collaborative Community Meetings (To Date)

March 25, 2019 NewAllen Collaborative Meeting in Monroeville July 18, 2019 NewAllen Collaborative Meeting in Hoagland October 17, 2019 NewAllen Collaborative Meeting in Woodburn November 10, 2020 NewAllen Collaborative Meeting in New Haven

November 3, 2021 **NewAllen Mural Celebration**

General Community Awareness Presentations (To Date)

Feb. 15, 2019 Input Fort Wayne Interview with the Commissioners

Feb.21, 2019 **Hoagland Annual Chamber Meeting** Feb. 26, 2019 **Grabill Annual Chamber Meeting**

March 21, 2019 Home Builders Association of Fort Wayne May 1, 2019 Fort Wayne Real Estate Investors Association

NIPSCO Luminary Awards Sept. 12, 2019

Set. 27, 2019 Indiana Association of Regional Councils Presentation

Allen County Council Update October 17, 2019

October 23, 2019 Input Fort Wayne Interview Update

October 30, 2019 Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana Panel Participation February 19, 2020 All In Allen Comprehensive Plan Kick-Off Panel Participation

February 20, 2020 **Hoagland Government Night** March 3, 2020 **Grabill Chamber Presentation**

New Haven City Council Meeting Re: NH Community Center Park April 30, 2020

June 15, 2020 Woodburn City Council Update June 16, 2020 New Haven Board of Works Update

July 1, 2020 Monroeville Town Council Update Meeting

July 7, 2020 New Haven City Council Update



July 15, 2020	Grabill Town Council Update
July 16, 2020	Allen County Council Update
July 21, 2020	Leo-Cedarville Town Council Update
luno 10, 2021	CEM Annual Mooting

June 10, 2021 GFW Annual Meeting

2021 Indiana Housing Conference – Kady Gene Cove Award Sept. 17, 2021

Project Specific Community Engagement (To Date)

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March 14, 2019	Leo-Cedarville Streetscape Business Owner Input Meeting
March 21, 2019	Woodburn Streetscape Public Input Meeting
April 18, 2019	Grabill Streetscape Public Input Workshop
May 9, 2019	Meadowbrook Neighborhood Meeting for Kady Gene Cove Project
June 5, 2019	Leo-Cedarville Cedar Creek Parks Trail Public Input Meeting
June 19, 2019	East Allen Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program Public Hearing
August 15, 2019	Leo-Cedarville Streetscape Public Hearing #1
August 19, 2019	Woodburn Streetscape Public Hearing #1
Sept. 11, 2019	New Haven Stellar Projects Public Input Meeting
October 29, 2019	Leo Streetscape Public Hearing #2
November 19, 2019	New Haven Community Center Park Public Input Meeting
July 16, 2020	New Haven Trail Plan Public Input Meeting
August 5, 2020	Leo-Cedarville Streetscape Groundbreaking
October 20, 2020	New Haven Community Center Park Public Hearing #1
November 10, 2020	Grabill Streetscape Public Hearing #1
December 7, 2020	Woodburn Streetscape Project Public Hearing #2
December 10, 2020	Grabill Streetscape Project Public Hearing #2
February 17, 2021	Monroeville Wastewater Public Hearing #2
April 16, 2021	New Haven Community Center Park #2
April 20, 2021	New Haven Meadowbrook Trail Public Hearing #1
April 20, 2021	New Haven Community Center Park Public Hearing #2
April 26, 2021	Cedar Creek Parks Trail Meeting
June 17, 2021	Kady Gene Cove Ribbon Cutting
September 10, 2021	New Haven Meadowbrook Trail Public Hearing

Project Specific Team/Stakeholder Meetings (Recent)

September 9, 2021	CCP Trail Meeting
September 14, 2021	CCP Trail Meeting
September 16, 2021	Quarterly Commissioner Update Meeting
September 29, 2021	Woodburn Preconstruction Meeting
September 29, 2021	Monroeville Wastewater Pre Construction Meeting
September 30, 2021	Grabill Streetscape Project Update Meeting
October 7, 2021	Harlan and Hoagland Park Playground Meetings
October 20, 2021	Harlan Park Preconstruction Meeting
November 4, 2021	Grabill Streetscape Preconstruction Meeting
November 4, 2021	Harlan and Hoagland Park Playground Meetings







Leo-Cedarville



Monroeville

NewAllen Mural Celebration

Nov. 3, 2021

Woodburn



Overview of Projects

Stellar Project Listin	ng				
Project	Fiscal Agent	Project Administrator	Engineer	Current Estimated Total Project Cost	Projected Stellar Funding
East Allen Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	Allen County	Brightpoint	N/A	\$373,000	\$250,000 IHCDA
Kady Gene Cove Senior LIHTC Housing	Keller Development	Keller Development	MLS Engineering	\$8,000,000	\$800,000 IHCDA LIHTC
HEALing Seeds Classes	St. Joseph Community Health Foundation (SJCHF)	St. Joseph Community Foundation (SJCHF)	N/A	\$75,000	\$75,000 IORH
Woodburn Sidewalks	City of Woodburn	NIRCC	A&Z Engineering	\$994,472	\$631,284 INDOT
Monroeville Trail Project	Town of Monroeville	NIRCC	A&Z Engineering	\$1,407,011	\$898,930 INDOT
Grabill Downtown Streetscape Enhancement	Town of Grabill	NIRCC	DLZ Engineering	\$1,296,232	\$750,000 OCRA
Leo-Cedarville Downtown Streetscape Enhancement	Town of Leo- Cedarville	NIRCC	Engineering Resources	\$1,247,985	\$750,000 OCRA
Monroeville Wastewater Improvement Project	Town of Monroeville	NIRCC	Engineering Resources	\$649,956	\$368,898 OCRA
New Haven Meadowbrook Trail	City of New Haven	SturtzPMG	A&Z Engineering	\$703,134	\$410,214 OCRA
New Haven-Adams Twp. Community Center Park	City of New Haven	SturtzPMG	JPR	\$2,086,032	\$1,718,935 OCRA
Woodburn Downtown Streetscape Enhancement	City of Woodburn	SturtzPMG	JPR	\$731,739	\$500,000 OCRA

Individual Stellar Project Updates

1. Project Name: East Allen Owner Occupied Rehabilitation (OOR)

Previous Activity:

Brightpoint & Allen County met and initiated project development.

6/19/19 Public Hearing

6/30/19 Application Submission

9/30/19 Receipt of Grant Award Letter

Coordination between Brightpoint and Allen County on pass-through logistics

Intake of Applicants (51 applicants – approximately 14 will receive award)

Received Notice to Proceed from IHCDA

Hired OOR Construction Specialist

Qualified Three Program Participants (All in New Haven)

Scheduled Inspections for Two Homes

Initiated Environmental Review Process on Two Homes

Qualified a total of five program participants (4 in New Haven and 1 in Monroeville)

3/19/2020 Received concurrence letter for two properties

3/2020 Postponed home inspections, lead assessments and environmental review due to COVID-19

04/01/2020 OOR Construction Specialist resigned

05/21/2020 Received RED NOTICE: RED-20-20 from IHCDA instructing grantees that rehabilitation work will remain suspended until Stage 5 of the Back on Track Indiana Plan.

05/26/2020 Submitted a Benchmark Amendment Request

Hired New OOR Construction Specialist

Covid-19 Stage 5 Re-opening: September 26, 2020

Two homes inspected

Two contractor bids returned pending review and award.

Two new homes assigned to the OOR Construction Specialist

Lead risk assessments ordered for first 14 qualified applicants.

IHCDA Amendment - approved an extension through April 2022

11 Lead Assessments - complete

Two homes are under construction

One home is pending rehab to begin soon

Environmental Review form Exhibit G had been updated, and as a result, we have three projects that required re-submittal on 5/20/21.

Three additional projects to be sent for Environmental Review

Activity from 8/16/21 - 11/15/21:

IHCDA Amendment - approved an extension through April 2022.

Three homes - rehabs are complete and pending lead clearance and or state Inspections. Currently working with IHCDA on ensure regulations for lead abatement were followed.

Three homes - bids are in and pending processing for rehab

Three homes - Pending State approval then bid process

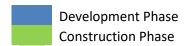


Three homes - site visits are complete Two are no longer able to participate

Current Project Budget: \$373,000 (\$250,000 IHCDA, \$123,000 Brightpoint Weatherization)

Current Project Timeline:

2019				20	20		20	21	2022			



2. Project Name: Kady Gene Cove Senior Housing Project

Previous Activity:

February 2019 Hired MLS Engineering Application due diligence February-May 2019 **Neighborhood Meeting** May 9, 2019 May-June 2019 Abatement request

June 2019 Meadowbrook Area Neighborhood Meeting

July 2019 10-Year Property Tax Phase-in Abatement approved

Primary Development Plan approved

LIHTC Application submitted

Sept. 2019 Presentation at New Haven Meadowbrook Target Area Public Input Meeting

November 2019 LIHTC Application Approved

New Haven Approved Secondary Plat February 2020

April 8, 2020 Project financing closed April 8, 2020 Construction started

January 2021 Financing secured for Phase 2

February 2021 Began leasing Phase 1

Activity from 5/28/21 – 8/16/21:

June 15, 2021 100% completion of Phase 1 e

June 17, 2021 Phase 1 ribbon cutting July 2021 Full occupancy for phase 1

August 2021 Phase 2 streets and curbs installed, building pads constructed, building footers

and slabs completed

Next Steps:

Phase 2 **TBD**

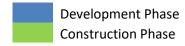


Current Project Budget: Phase 1 - \$8,000,000, Phase 2 - \$7,000,000, Total - \$15,000,000

Current Project Timeline:

Kady Gene Cove Phase 1

2019				20	20		20	21	2022			



Kady Gene Cove Phase 2

20		20	20		20	21	2022				



3. Project Name: Healthy Eating Active Living Classes/HEALing Seeds

Previous Activity: Refinement of project approach with the Indiana Department of Rural Health. Classes will be held at up to 12 locations throughout the region to foster healthy living with stronger and affordable nutrition. St. Joseph Community Health Foundation (SJCHF) with the help of NewAllen will continue to work to develop sustainability into the program through 2022.

July 2019 Award Letter Received August 2019 **Grant Agreement Signed**

August 2019 Voucher Signed Sept. 2019 **Funds Received**

Sept.- Nov. 2019 Met with potential grantees including East Allen County Schools, New Haven TWP Parks

and Recreation, Phoenix Manor, Powerhouse Youth Center, Gateway Woods, Harlan

Christian Youth Center and reconnected with Cornerstone Youth Center.

Grant application loaded to SJCHF portal (11/5/19)

Grant applications received from EACS, New Haven TWP Parks and Recreation, Phoenix

Manor, and Cornerstone Youth Center

Dec. 2019 Healing Seeds Training Class conducted at the Parkview Greenhouse and Learning

Kitchen (Kathy Wehrle and Laura Dwire)

Jan. 2020 Signed grant agreements and training schedules received from EACS, New Haven TWP,

Phoenix Manor, and Cornerstone Youth Center

Feb. 2020 Started delivering participant manuals and visiting HEALing Seeds grantees



May 2020 Submitted revised budget - increased Stellar award from \$37,500 to \$75,000.

May 2020 **Budget Revision Approved**

6/1/20 – 10/31/20: Worked with Cornerstone Youth Center to distribute approximately 80 healthy

food packages with food preparation instructions to low-income seniors during

the 2020 Christmas season.

Worked on curriculum delivery modifications so that grantees can move forward with training in a safe environment in 2021. This includes recording nutrition classes by Parkview Hospital and the development of a website to

house resource information for grant recipient use.

Nov. – Feb. 2021 Worked with all grantees on COVID safe sessions and plans. Kathy Wehrle, Parkview

Health began recording facilitator training and instructional videos for all sessions. Six of

the eight sessions are completed.

Mark Burkholder, SJCHF, completed the resource site development. Videos are loaded

to the site as well as resource materials and recipes.

https://healallencounty.org/healing-seeds/

Shifted to Healing bag and nutritious food delivery/pickup to meet the needs of rural residents. New Haven Community Center distributed 100 Healing bags complete with recipes, resource guides, and ingredients. A YouTube video was created with instructions and education. Phoenix Manner had 17 participants.

https://youtu.be/Wnksu5myQxk

Developed and launched a "Special One-time Grant Agreement" that allows for creative educational and nutritious food delivery. The grant application was opened in February 2021, and four organizations submitted grant requests after working with the Program Manager and Grants Administrator on which option would work the best for their organization and serve the most residents. All four have been awarded grants. Please see updates below.

Phoenix Manor (\$5,000): Ms. Beth Liechty submitted a request for \$5,000 to serve seniors at a low-income housing complex in Woodburn, IN. Beth will gather the residents once per quarter in the community room to watch the Seeds Learning Videos on nutrition information and cooking techniques. After the video and discussion, all residents receive a bag of all the ingredients for each recipe, the recipes, and other handouts and reference materials. The seniors prepare the recipes over the week and submit pictures of their creations to the Executive Director. The ED is available to answer questions or assist with cooking instructions if needed by the residents. Over 30 Seniors attend the quarterly sessions, and the feedback was extremely positive. They are excited to be together again.

Activity from 5/28/21-8/16/21:

Ms. Liechty continues to facilitate the quarterly learning sessions. Since May, she has facilitated the sessions below:

- 1. Getting Started: The Cook's Quick Reference Guide (5/20)
- 2. Seize the Day with Healthy Breakfast (7/15)



Twelve to fourteen people attend each time to view the videos and pick up ingredients. Each time, Beth picks the recipes and lesson, purchases the ingredients and items required, and packs the bags for the class. Additional funding was used to start a food pantry during COVID to assist residents with food access limitations.

Activity from 8/30/21-11/15/21:

Beth was unable to facilitate a September learning session due to a family illness. She will resume the sessions on November 16 and will incorporate healthy holiday ideas into the curriculum. She is planning on another session in December and will include a carry-in celebration of Seeds recipes. 12-14 people attend each time to view the videos and pick up ingredients. Each time, Beth picks the recipes and lesson, purchases the ingredients and items required, and packs the bags for the class. Additional funding is still used to support their food pantry to assist residents with food access limitations. Many of the residents express their gratitude for all of this. It has been extremely helpful.

Cornerstone Community Center (\$10,000): Cornerstone will reach over six hundred individuals living in the area in and around Monroeville, Indiana, in southeast Allen County. Levels of ALICE households in the area served by Cornerstone include Monroeville (43%); Adams Township (47%); Hoagland (29%); Marion (22%); Monroe (34%); and New Haven (37%). Household income impacts overall health, educational achievement, and vocational opportunities. Approximately 50% of the youth served by Cornerstone qualify for the Federal Free/Reduced Price Lunch program. Cornerstone will use their kitchen with commercial-grade appliances and staff with skills to prepare meals, and prepare and deliver meals to seniors, feed youth and families that attend programs, and support food relief for families as needed.

Cornerstone will also use its facilities to teach how to prepare and store healthy foods once safe on-site programming can resume. Every other week, four prepared healthy meals, fresh fruit for snacks, pantry staples, home essentials, healthy recipes, and educational handouts will be delivered to the homes of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Youth attending on-site programs will receive healthy meals and snacks. One week during summer youth programming will be devoted to nutrition with hands-on cooking classes to teach them to prepare simple, healthy meals using fresh ingredients from Cornerstone's community garden. In the summer, seniors who are physically able and youth will be invited to participate in the garden, to learn more about healthy eating in a multigenerational setting. With the last round of SJCHF and United Way funding, they were able to provide: • 5,581 meals fixed, 2,759 kits distributed, 5,027 pantry items distributed, 20 cycles, served 105 unduplicated individuals, 77 households Survey results indicated: • 100% said their health had improved from food and education • 100% increased accessibility thru food program • 100% feel less isolated due to the food program • 87% had increased energy from eating healthy food overnight oats, tools apple slicer, healthy snacks are included in all bags. In the fall they will distribute three rounds of back-to-school food boxes (August, Thanksgiving, and Christmas break).

Activity from 5/31/21-8/13/21:

Cornerstone used a portion of the funding to plant and harvest a community garden next to the center. From June through August 15, they have distributed over 1200 pounds of fresh produce. Some of the offerings include spinach, lettuce, herbs, peppers, squash, cucumbers, green beans, tomatoes, rhubarb, and zucchini. The Seeds curriculum incorporates all vegetables and herbs grown in the garden. Tables were set up by the garden for free access to the produce.



No classes were facilitated over the summer as they continued with Senior meal deliveries. They prepare healthy meals and distribute produce and other ingredients to one hundred households every 2 weeks. The program is supported by many community volunteers.

Activity from 8/30/21-11/15/21

Cornerstone started a program called CYC Cares on September 20,2021. It is an after-school program that is strictly voluntary. The students who are participating are regulars in the drop-in program but know that on Mondays and Wednesdays each week they are volunteers working with the senior food program, in the garden or with other projects around CYC. The students arrive in the afternoon and have a snack, homework time and then volunteer in whatever area it is for that day. Most of the projects take an hour to an hour and a half to complete. The students then have free time until it is time to go home.



CYC facilitated approximately 13 sessions with 8 different students participating in the program. All participants must complete a HEALing Seeds orientation, kitchen orientation, knife skills training, basics of measuring, and how to read/convert a recipe, how to use a 3-compartment sink, and safety training all prior to helping with the food program. They use several of the HEALing Seeds recipes in the Senior Food Program and the kids are learning food skills and other skills along with PFW interns who volunteer at CYC. With the food program the kids help prepare food items for the seniors and help to pack the dry goods prior to delivery and pick up.



CYC also has a community garden, the kids help harvest several items from the garden and now are in the process of helping to clean the beds for winter and get them ready for next spring.

The youth also assist with special events and recently helped with the Fall Festival as kids went Trick or Treating around the Monroeville Park. They also helped with setting up and tearing down the festivities.

New Haven-Adams Township Parks & Recreation (\$5,500) Carryout Camp: Healthy Chef Edition will be a week long camp for seniors/or children. There will be four Seniors Camps, and two full weeks for youth in the summer. The first Senior week was held last week. Every day they met from 9-11 at rec center, watched videos, reviewed lessons, demoed recipes, and left with a bag of food and resources. All Seniors are to report back after making food with comments and observations. On Thursday of the first week, breakfast and whole grain, slushies and whole grains were demoed. Each Senior got a mystery bag with recipe description to take home and create. They returned the next day with samples and talked about it on Friday. All participants left on Friday with snack ingredients and easy recipes for the weekend. They are anticipating over eighty participants by the Fall.

Activity from 5/31/21-8/13/21:

New Haven-Adams Township Parks and Recreation has hosted two weeklong camps so far this summer with one more planned. Other camps are scheduled in the fall. The organization is planning on food bag distribution again this winter. Good news to share is that they have coordinated with an afterschool program to instruct/demo a few different lessons/recipes to their youth (hoping to have about 10-15 kids each one).

Completed Camps:

Seniors May 17-21 attendance nine Student July 12-16 13 signed up: nine attended

Activity from 8/30/21-10/29/21

Parks and Rec facilitated an after-school program called **LEARN.** Attached are some pictures of the most recent class. Angela stated that this was one of her favorite classes. "It was informative, fun, healthy food and extra information copied from the books that were sent home with 21 students!"

Details are below.

Seniors, August 23-27 signed up: eleven actual attendees: 9 Student October 6-27 1x per week signed up: nine actual attendees: 7

Student November 9-30 1x per week current signed up: seven

Senior October 4-8 weeklong camp: Signed up:four actual attendees 3 Senior November 15-19 weeklong camp, current signed ups: four

LEARN after school program food bag distribution with condensed snack lesson and demo

Nov 3rd: twenty-one in attendance Nov17th signups: twenty-five

Dec 1st signups: thirty Dec 15th signups: ten

Food bag distribution dates: November 23 and December 2 (seniors)

December 16th (students)





Power House Youth Center (\$3,200): Power House will hold five cohorts over the next year for twenty-five families. Each cohort will include six sessions from the Healing Seeds manual. They will appoint a program coordinator who will use the Healing Seeds 20-minute video to teach the lesson. The coordinator will lead the group through the classes in-person, in a setting that can safely accommodate social distancing. They are planning to hold 4 cohorts in the manner listed during the 2021-2022 school year, and one cohort during the 2021 Power House summer programming. The meal prepared by the participants will be served to the program participants. In addition, all youth will be given the food ingredients and recipes to take home with them to prepare for their own families. As part of the process, they will have the students do the prep work at Power House as a group and then provide them with containers and cooler bags to transport the food safely to complete the meal process at home with their families. Each participant will receive the Healing Seeds training manual.

Activity from 5/31/21-8/13/21:

The first classes for Healing Seeds were held the two weeks leading up to school starting. Due to scheduling, three students participated in the first session. Per Bonnie Roth, "This actually worked out really well for the first series of classes, it allowed the facilitator to get familiar with the videos and the recipes."

The recipes that the students made were: Speedy Greek Salad, Savory Bean and Veggie Soup, Broccoli with Creamy Lemon Sauce, Health Mexican Corn on the Cob, Looks like Mashed Potatoes, Turkey Black Bean Burgers with Salsa, High Voltage Energy Bars, Laura's Flourless Banana Muffins, Baked French Toast with Peaches.

"It was awesome to see the students learning so much through these classes. They were very open to trying new foods and learning healthy ways to eat. Some of the dishes they made one full meal while they were here so that they could try it, and then they also did all the prep work here to take the same dish home to finish preparing to share with their family. They each had their own set of measuring spoons and cups, as well as take home containers and cooler bags. They did a great job of bringing the empty containers back all washed and ready to refill." A new cohort will start this month once school is fully in session.

Activity from 8/30/21-11/15/21

Bonnie is recovering from COVID and was not able to submit a report.

Website Data Recap:

1,101 Pageviews from Indiana Users

- a. November 4, 2020 November 4, 2021
- 2. Seeds Packet & Meal Kit Video viewed sixty times
 - a. December 14, 2020 August 9, 2021
 - b. Average of more than one view every 4 days
- 3. Averaged an increase of 21.2 page views per month by Indiana users
 - a. December 2020 September 2021

<u>Each Seeds page was viewed at least five times</u>, up to as many as 198 page views for the most viewed page (the Lesson overview page) from November 4, 2020 – November 4, 2021

The Foundation is excited about the website utilization data and hopes grantees and partners continue to access the site for resources and videos.

Next Steps: Monitor grantee progress and success.

Current Project Budget: \$75,000

Current Project Timeline: SJCHF will support classes in 2021. NewAllen will continue to work to develop sustainability into the program through 2022 which will be made easier through the new virtual format.



4. Project Name: Woodburn Sidewalks

Previous Activity:

March 4, 2019 Initial design/need discussion with Woodburn Mayor and NIRCC

March-May 2019 NIRCC gathered info related to sidewalk needs

June 26, 2019 Developed initial project list of sidewalks and to discuss project elements and funding Evaluation of initial project list, prep. of cost estimates, and prioritization of projects July – Sept. 2019

Oct. 2019 – Jan. 2020 Finalized list of projects to pursue, along with scope and cost estimates

February 2020 Woodburn submitted INDOT eligibility application March 2020 Woodburn received INDOT eligibility approval

April/May 2020 List of projects to pursue was revised, along with scope and cost estimates May 2020 Woodburn entered into project design contract with A&Z Engineering

May 2020 NIRCC prepared revised INDOT eligibility application

July 2020 Woodburn submitted revised INDOT eligibility application and it was accepted

INDOT Early Coordination meeting was held, virtually August 2020

Nov 2020 - Feb 2021 Design, Right-of-way, ER Underway

February 9, 2021 NIRCC/INDOT LPA Quarterly Progress meeting

March – June 2021 Finished design; initiated acquisition – legals/plats initiated – RR acquisition under

review; ER is under review by INDOT; and utility coordination under way

May 19, 2021 NIRCC/INDOT LPA Quarterly Progress meeting

Continue acquisition – appraisals and purchase; prepared draft RFP for inspection; June-Aug 2021

coordinated with RR; and finalize utility coordination.

Activity from 8/17/2021 – 11/15/2021:

Aug - Nov 2021 Continued acquisition – appraisals and purchase; finalized RR coordination; finalized

utility coordination; and received ER approval.

Sept 24, 2021 RFP for inspection posts on INDOT site - October 29 2021 deadline

Next Steps:

Nov / December 2021 Select firm for inspection

April 6, 2022 Lettings for both sidewalks and trail

May/ June 2022 Construction

Current Project Budget: \$990,400 total cost = \$632,400 INDOT and \$358,000 Woodburn (Pending Update)

Current Project Timeline:

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5. Project Name: Monroeville Trail Project (Near Conservation Club and CME)

Previous Activity:

April 10, 2019 A&Z Engineering initiating preliminary design and cost estimates

July – Sept. 2019 Redefined scope, preparation of cost estimates, and identification of right of way needs

August 9, 2019 Monroeville and NIRCC met with INDOT to discuss preliminary plans of project

Oct. – Feb. 2020 Refined project scope and cost estimates

March - April 2020 Continued to refine project scope and cost estimates

May 2020 Finalized project scope, cost estimates, and right of way needs

May 2020 NIRCC prepared draft INDOT eligibility application

July 2020 Monroeville submitted INDOT eligibility application and it was accepted

August 2020 Monroeville entered design contract with A&Z engineering
August 2020 Surveying commenced and URA brochures were distributed
September 2020 INDOT Early Coordination meeting was held, virtually

Oct. 2020 – Feb 2021 Design underway, stage 1 plans submitted to INDOT; utility coordination underway;

working on right-of-way needs, ER is underway.

February 9, 2021 NIRCC/INDOT LPA Quarterly Progress meeting

March – June 2021 Finished design; initiated acquisition; ER is under review by INDOT; utility coordination

underway; eliminated RR crossing from scope.

May 19, 2021 NIRCC/INDOT LPA Quarterly Progress meeting

June -August 2021 Continue acquisition – appraisals/purchase; ER approval; finalize utility coordination.

August 2, 2021 RFP for construction inspection posted on INDOT site – 9/3/21 deadline

Activity from 8/17/2021 – 11/15/2021:

August - Nov 2021 Continued acquisition – appraisals/purchase; ER approval; finalize utility coordination.

September 2021 Selected A&Z Engineering for construction inspection

November 3, 2021 Signed construction inspection contract

Next Steps:

Nov 2021- Jan 2022 Finalize acquisition – appraisals/purchase; ER approval; finalize utility coordination.

March 3, 2022 Lettings for both sidewalks and trail

May/ June 2022 Construction

Current Project Budget: \$1,407,011 total cost = \$898,930 INDOT and \$508,081 Monroeville

Current Project Timeline:

	2019				20	20		20	21	2022			
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6. Project Name: Grabill Downtown Streetscape Enhancement

Previous Activity:

Feb. 26, 2019: **Grabill Annual Chamber Meeting Stellar Presentation**

Feb. 27, 2019 **Grabill Streetscape Kick-off Meeting**

April 18, 2019: Grabill Streetscape Public Input Workshop

April 30, 2019: **Grabill Streetscape Project Development Meeting** May 22, 2019: Meeting with Owner of the Grabill Bank Block

Hiring of DLZ Engineering

Feb. 12, 2020: **Project Re-Coordination Meeting**

March 13, 2020: **Execute DLZ Preliminary Engineering Contract**

June 11, 2020: Downtown property owner meeting

June 17, 2020: Signed Env. Review Contract (SturtzPMG) Signed Application Prep Contract (NIRCC) June 19, 2020:

July-Oct 2020: Sent URA Initial Letters/Brochures to property owners and conducted Title Searches

July 29, 2020: Engineers prepared Cost Estimates and preliminary site plans (DLZ) August 6, 2020: Sent Env. Review Early Coordination Pkts to ER Agencies (SturtzPMG)

Initiate Section 106 Coordination w/Indiana SHPO (SturtzPMG) Aug.-Sep. 2020:

Sept. 24, 2020: Print and distribute Business Owner Surveys & take application photographs (NIRCC)

Complete Four Factor Analysis & Town update Fair Housing Ordinance Sept. 29, 2020:

Nov. 10, 2020: Conduct # 1 Public Hearing (NIRCC/Town) Dec. 10, 2020: Conduct #2 Public Hearing (NIRCC/Town)

Dec. 28, 2020: Submit MSRP Grabill Streetscape Application (NIRCC)

Jan. 4, 2021: Received Notice of Award (IOCRA)

Town Received Grant Agreement (IOCRA) Jan. 27, 2021:

Feb. 9, 2021: Published Environmental Review Combined Notice/RROF (Start of Public Comment)

Feb. 10, 2021: Execute Grant Administration Contract (NIRCC/Town)

Request Release of Funds Certification and initiate State Comment Period Feb. 25, 2021:

March 13, 2021: **End of State Review Period**

March 16, 2021: Received Environmental Release from OCRA

April 12, 2021: Conduct Kick-Off Meeting and discuss project timelines

April 14, 2021: Town signs Engineering Contract for bidding and construction phase May 5, 2021: GA provided OCRA bidding instructions and guidelines to town & engineer

Council meeting to approve bidding schedule and timelines May 19, 2021:

June 7, 2021: Working Group Meeting to review next steps

June 10-18, 2021: Publish Invitation for Bids (IFB) & send Certified letters to MBEs/WBEs

June 21, 2021: Conduct Pre-Bid Meeting June 30, 2021: Conduct Open Bid Meeting

July 1, 2021: **Engineer Certifies Bid**

July 7, 2021: Engineer Recommendation of Low Bid

July 7-20, 2021: Town works with financial advisor for additional local match due to inflationary bids



July 20, 2021: Submit Semi-Annual Report

July 21, 2021: CFO updates Local Match Certification Letter

Activity from 8/17/21/2021 -11/15/21:

Aug. 30, 2021: Submit Final Release of Funds (ROF) documents to OCRA

Sept. 9, 2021: Receive ROF notice

Sept. 10, 2021: Sign Construction Contract

Nov. 4, 2021: Conduct Pre-Con Meeting/Business Working Group Meeting to discuss construction schedule

Nov. 8, 2021: Create Construction Release Rept. on eGMS

Wk of Nov. 15, 21: Receive Labor Standards Compliance Docs from prime to initiate Construction/Labor Release

Next Steps:

Feb-Mar 2022: Conduct Ground-Breaking Ceremony & Start of Construction (per weather conditions)

Feb-June 2022: Conduct Construction Activities and Inspections (per weather conditions)

Mid-Late June 2022: Construction (Substantially Complete)

Late June 2022: Final inspection & punch list items

June 2022: Submit final draw to state and initiate project closeout

July-Sept: 2022: Conduct Closeout Activities & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Project Budget (Application): \$932,400 (\$750,000 OCRA, \$182,400 Grabill)

*Project Budget (Post Bid Update): \$1,296,231.71 (\$750,000 OCRA, \$546,231.71 Grabill)

Current Project Timeline:

2019				20	20		20	21	2022			



7. Project Name: Leo-Cedarville Downtown Streetscape Enhancement Project

Previous Activity:

Feb. 18, 2019 **Kick-Off Meeting**

March 14, 2019 **Business Owner Input Meeting** March 26, 2019 **Project Development Meeting**

April 16, 2019 Town Council Meeting (Streetscape Update)

April 30, 2019 **Project Development Meeting Project Development Meeting** May 9, 2019 June 18, 2019 Leo-Cedarville Conference Call July 25, 2019 **Project Development Team Meeting**

Language Access Plan, Disclosure Report, Fair Housing Ordinance Update Completed August 2019

Leo-Cedarville Conference Call (Discuss Acquisition / Public Hearing) August 14, 2019

August 15, 2019 1st Public Hearing

August 2019 Initiated acquisition of downtown property needed for the project

Sept. 30, 2019 **Project Development Team Meeting**

Sept. 30, 2019 NEPA Format II Environmental Review Complete

October 1, 2019 Council meeting to discuss project status

Wk. of October 14th Submit Purchase Offer Letter to Property Owners

October 29th, 2019 2nd Public Hearing

Nov-Dec 2019 Submit MSRP Application and additional National Objective documentation per OCRA

January 20, 2020 **OCRA Initial Award Notice** FEEPS Meeting/INDY January 24, 2019

February 1, 2020 Published FONSI/RROF for Environmental Clearance

February 11, 2020 Town Received Grant Agreement

March 4, 2020 Received Environmental Clearance from OCRA

Closed on Property for Gathering Area April 14, 2020 March 13, 2020 Town Authorized Design Specification

March 20 & 28, 2020 **IFB Publications**

April 9, 2020 Virtual Pre-bid Meeting April 16, 2020 Virtual Open Bid Meeting

Council Approves Amended Local Match Resolution (Post bid) April 21, 2020

April 22, 2020 Submit Pre-ROF Status Report to OCRA (eGMS)

May 5, 2020 Pre-ROF Approval and create final ROF Status Report

June 19, 2020: Submit Final ROF Status Report to OCRA

Receive ROF June 25, 2020

July 7, 2020: **Sign Construction Contracts**

July 15, 2020: **Conduct Preconstruction Meeting**

Achieved Construction Release from OCRA July 27, 2020:

July 27, 2020: Submit Semi-Annual Report

Start of Construction Aug. 3, 2020:

Conduct Groundbreaking Ceremony Aug. 5, 2020:

Aug. 5, 2020: Conduct Mobilization-Demolition Construction



Aug 10-Nov 9, 2020: Phase 1 (Complete East Side Streetscape Improvements)

Oct. 21, 2020: Submit 1st Pay Claim to OCRA

Dec 31, 2020: East side streetscape improvements completed and submitted #2 pay application to

town: (Note: work on planters, brick pavers, and lighting will be conducted over winter

months).

Submit 2nd Pay Claim to OCRA (construction payment to date: \$438,029.12 (44% of Jan. 25, 2021

construction invoiced)

Jan 25, 2021 Submitted Semi-Annual Report to OCRA

March 24 to May 21, 2021: Phase 2 - Complete West side sidewalk improvements & gathering area Conduct bi-monthly Progress Meeting conference calls with working group March 17 & 31, 2021: April 14 & 28, 2021: Conduct bi-monthly Progress Meeting conference calls with working group May 12 & 26, 2021: Conduct bi-monthly Progress Meeting conference calls with working group

June 1, 2021 **Completed Surface Restoration**

Completed Pavement Markings, Punch list & signage June 7-14, 2021

June 21, 2021: Scheduled Final Completion – Engineer Inspection Walkthrough (98% complete) July 6, 2021: Town requested a 60-day extension to complete outstanding punch-list items

July 19, 2021: Submit Final Claim to OCRA (per OCRA pre-Approval)

July 20-31, 2021: Incidental punch-list corrections

Activity from 8/17/21 – 11/15/21:

August 17, 2021: INDOT inspections & surveyor as-built review

August 31, 2021: INDOT/Surveyor determination of slope non-compliance

OCRA Approval of 90-Day extension for ramp/walkway reconstruction Sept. 23, 2021:

Ramp Reconstruction to correct ADA ramp/walkway issues Oct-Nov. 9, 2021:

Nov. 12, 2021: **INDOT Final INspection**

Next Steps:

Nov. 15-Dec. 2021 Project Completion Report, Release Retainage & Send Performance Report to OCRA to

initiate Closeout monitoring.

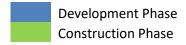
Dec. 2, 2021 **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

Jan.-Feb., 2022 Closeout Monitoring and Receive Cert. of Completion from OCRA

Current Project Budget: \$1,247,985 (\$750,000 OCRA, \$497,985 Local)

Current Project Timeline:

2019				20	20		20	21	2022			





Leo-Cedarville Finished Downtown Streetscape Photos











EAST ALLEN'S RURAL REVIVAL Seven Unique Communities, One Bold Vision

8. Project Name: Monroeville Wastewater Treatment Project

Previous Activity:

February 2019 Procured Engineering Resources Incorporated (ERI) to complete PER

March 2019 **ERI** initiated PER

May-Aug. 2019 Identified income survey area, developed survey list, and received approval to complete

income survey

Oct. 2019 **Initiated PER**

January 25, 2020 Initiated Income survey

April 2020 Completed income survey – qualified at 67% LMI

Complete study and analysis portion of PER, reviewed data, and initiated May 2020

recommendations

August 2020 Project scope finalized

Sept 2020 – Oct 2020 Initiated Environmental Review and 106, underway, waiting for responses

Completer 4 factor/ LAP November 2020

Nov - Dec 2020 **HUD 8-Step Floodplain Process**

December 9, 2020 Public Hearing #1

Submit 106 Finding on No Historic Properties Affected to SHPO – start public comment December 28, 2020

period – ended 1/29/21 – ready to publish FONSI – will wait to combine

Jan - Feb 2021 Prepare application February 17, 2021 Public Hearing #2 March 1, 2021 Application submission

April 7, 2021 Approved GA Contract with NIRCC

April 16, 2021 **FEPS Approval**

March 31, 2021

April 26, 2021 Fully executed Grant Agreement with State

Notice of Award

April 26, 2021 FONSI/RROF Publication, ER Record available for public comment on www.nircc.com May 12, 2021 RROF on or about date, submitted RROF Certification – start of State Comment Period –

ends 5/28/21

Initiate final design, permit coordination and bidding documents April – June 2021

June 1, 2021 Removal of Environmental Conditions

June 2021 Finish final design, permit coordination and bidding documents

July 7, 2021 Publish IFB, ran again on 7/16/21

July 22, 2021 Pre Bid Meeting

July 30, 2021 Final addendum issued

August 4, 2021 **Bid Opening**

Activity from 8/17/21 - 11/15/21:

August-Sept 2021 Submitted Pre-ROF and ROF documentation via eGMS

September 1, 2021 Signed Construction Engineering and Inspection Contract with ERI

September 9, 2021 Received Release of Funds (ROF) Letter

September 24, 2021 Signed Construction Contract for Contract A awarded to Culy Contracting LLC



Signed Construction Contract for Contract B awarded to Fleming Excavating, Inc. September 28, 2021

September 29, 2021 **Pre Construction Meeting**

October-Nov 2021 Upload documentation for Construction Release to eGMS

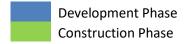
Next Steps:

Feb 2022 - June 2022 Construction

Current Project Budget: \$649,956 (\$368,898 OCRA, \$281,058 Monroeville)

Current Project Timeline:

2019			2020				20	21	2022			



9. Project Name: New Haven Meadowbrook Trail Project

Previous Activity:

Hired SturtzPMG as grant administrator January 2019 Feb.12, 2019 New Haven Stellar Projects Meeting February 2019 Hired A&Z Engineering as engineer – design, right-of-way and environmental May 2019 Initiated income survey Sent out early coordination and Section 106 review packets May 2019 May 2019 Identified properties where acquisition will be needed **Project Development Meeting** June 6, 2019 June 27, 2019 **Project Development Meeting** August 8, 2019 **New Haven Projects Meeting**

August 13, 2019 New Haven Clerk Meeting August 21, 2019 New Haven Meadowbrook Trail Site Control Meeting

Sept. 10, 2019 New Haven Council Meeting - OCRA Project Administration Items

Sept. 11, 2019 New Haven Stellar Projects Public Input Meeting

Sept. 24, 2019 New Haven Council Meeting – OCRA Project Administration Items

Environmental Review Drafted

Language Access Plan, Disclosure Report, Fair Housing Ordinance Update Completed

New Haven Meadowbrook Trail Project Meeting January 17, 2020 January 30, 2020 New Haven Meadowbrook Trail Project Meeting

Initiated Site Control Process for Meadowbrook Easements (Title Searches, Owner Spring/Summer 2020:

Notification, Appraisals

Completed legal descriptions for acquisition

Coordination with Army Corps Re: Wetland Determination and Permit



Engineering near complete

Update City Trail Plan

February 2021: City discussion/approval from OCRA for project limit change

April 20, 2021: Public Hearing #1

Worked on Obtaining Site Control June – Aug., 2021 August 4, 2021 **Development Team Project Meeting**

August 16, 2021 Kady Gene Cove Donation Agreement Finalized

August, 2021 **Preparing Application for Submission**

Activity from 8/17/21 - 11/15/21:

Sept. 7, 2021 Public Hearing #2, Resolution

Mid Sept., 2021 **Application Submitted**

Completed Site Control for Remaining Temporary Easements Sept-Nov., 2021

Oct., 2021 **Initiated HUD 8-Step Process** Received Notice of Grant Award Nov. 8, 2021

Next Steps:

11/24/21 FEPS Deadline to Submit Post Award Documents

Dec. 2021/Jan. 2022 **Environmental Clearance**

Dec. 2021 **Execute Grant Administration Agreement**

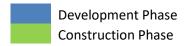
Dec. 2021/Jan. 2022 Prepare Bids/Specs

Feb./March 2022 **Receive Bids** Release of Funds March 2022 April-Aug. 2022 Construction Sept.- Dec. 2022 Closeout

Budget: \$703,134 (\$410,214 OCRA, \$292,920 New Haven)

Current Project Timeline:

2019				2020				20	21	2022			



10. Project Name: New Haven Community Center Park Project

Previous Activity:

April 2019 Received approval to conduct income survey

May 2019 Initiated income survey Hired JPR for Engineering July 2019

Hired SturtzPMG for Grant Administration July 2019

Aug. 8, 2019 **Project Development Meeting**

Sept. 11, 2019 Conducted Neighborhood Input Meeting

Fall 2019 Completed Income Survey (65%)

October 2019 Neighborhood Survey November 2019 **Neighborhood Charette** January 2020 Complete Preliminary Design

February 2020 **Environmental Review Early Coordination Initiated**

February 2020 Archaeological Reconnaissance Complete

February 2020 Section 106 Review Initiated May 2020 Completed Draft Environmental

May 1, 2020 **Submitted Application**

August 2020 **OCRA** Approval of Application

August 2020 FEEPS Submission and Approval by OCRA

September 2020 New Haven Approved Bid & Specification Contract and Grant Administration Contract

Nov. 2020 – Feb. 2021 Updated Income Survey

December 2020 **Complete Bids & Specifications**

Jan.-Feb. 2021 **Project Bidding** Feb. 3, 2021 **Pre-Bid Meeting** Feb. 11, 2021 **Bid Opening** March 2021: **Receive Permits**

March 2021: Finalized Income Survey Report

March 2021: Release of Funds

April 8, 2021: **Preconstruction Conference**

April 16, 2021: **Groundbreaking - Commence Construction**

May - Aug. 2021 Construction/Labor Standards

Activity from 8/17/21 - 11/15/21:

Aug. - Nov. 2021 Construction/Labor Standards

Next Steps:

Nov. 19, 2021 **Ribbon Cutting**

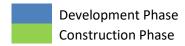
Nov./Dec. 2021 File for an extension for final closeout due to punch list items Dec., 2021 – Feb. 2022 Punch List Items (Benches on backorder, final coating on court



Current Project Budget: \$2,086,032 (\$1,718,935 – OCRA, \$367,097 – New Haven)

Current Project Timeline:

2019			2020				20	21	2022				



New Haven Community Center Park Under Construction



11. Project Name: Woodburn Downtown Streetscape Enhancement

Previous Activity:

Feb. 20, 2019 Woodburn Streetscape Kick-Off Meeting

March 2019 Hired JPR to complete preliminary engineering & SturtzPMG as Grant Admin.

March 21, 2019 Woodburn Streetscape Public Input Meeting

April 2019 Preliminary Design finalized and environmental early coordination mailed out

Woodburn City Council (Disclosure Report, Language Access Plan) August 5, 2019

August 19, 2019 Woodburn Streetscape Public Hearing September 25, 2019 Woodburn Project Development Meeting

November 2019 Identified that property lines went to the centerline to more acquisition was needed

May 26, 2020 **Project Development Meeting** June 15, 2020 Fair Housing Ordinance Update June – July 2020 Site Control: Appraisals, Agreements

Nov. 2020 – Jan. 2021 Finalize site control Dec. 7, 2020 Public Hearing #2 Dec. 18, 2020 **Submitted Application** Jan. – Feb. 2021 **Application Approval** Jan. – Feb. 2021 **FEPS Submission**

Jan. - Feb. 2021 Grant Agreement Signature, GA & Eng. Agreements, Environmental RROF and FONSI

March 11, 2021 **Project Meeting**

May, 2021 INDOT Permit Submittal, Utility Coordination, Project Meeting – 60% Design

July 7, 2021 Pre-Bid Meeting July 15, 2021 **Bid Opening**

Pre-ROF Submitted and Approved August, 2021

Release of Funds September 2021

September 29, 2021 **Pre-Construction Meeting**

September 29, 2021 Signed Construction Contract with API

Next Steps

Late Feb./Early March, 2022 Groundbreaking Late Feb./Early May, 2022 Construction

Current Project Budget: \$731,739.11 (\$500,000 OCRA, \$231,739.11 Woodburn)

Current Project Timeline:

2019			2020				20	21	2022				





Complementary Project Highlights

NewAllen Mural Initiative: This was a wonderful experience celebrated on Nov. 3rd in Monroeville.



NewAllen Mural Initiative 2021 Fostering Community Pride

The NewAllen Alliance is excited to announce the completion of five murals throughout East Allen County in the summer of 2021 as part of the East Allen Rural Revival Regional Development Plan! These murals add to the quality of place of our rural areas by bringing color into public spaces and celebrating the unique cultural heritage of each community. These murals can be used as a local economic draw for backyard tourism by inviting residents throughout Allen County and Northeast Indiana to visit the murals and the nearby downtown businesses where they are located.



THE SEED OF LIFE

13505 Main St, Grabill, IN 46741, USA

"Preserving our past. Facusing on our community. Sparking movement for our future." References listed in brief and incorporated into the design include: Amish Community, Farming/Crops, Craftsmanship, Horses, Plaw, Draft Horse, Grabill Country Fair, Produce/Flowers, Street Market Feel.

Special Thanks to:

- · Growing Grabill
- · Indiana Arts Commission
- · Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs
- . Town of Grabill
- · Property Owner: First Merchants Bank

About the Artist

Ricardo Diamante Guerrero was raised in Defiance, OH, and Fort Wayne, IN. Ricardo is known as Ricco Diamante. He is a graduate of the University of Saint Francis and CEO of Diamante Studios. He primarily creates art on skin, canvas, and paper. Ricco specializes in life-like detail in his art and tattoos. Being a great husband and father to two sons is a huge part of his life, and he is always excited to create mural art for a community.

Artist: John Klein

Artist: Ricco Diamante

HOAGLAND HARDWARE

11117 English St, Hoagland, IN 46745, USA

This mural is a re-creation of the Hoagland Hardware and Implement Store and the Larabee Flour Mill historic mural advertising. The mural is a celebration of the days of old in Hoagland's

Special Thanks to:

- · Hoagland Chamber of Commerce
- · Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs
- · Property Owner, Dan F. Saur

A lifelong artist, John enjoys the outdoors, painting and design. He uses his creative talent and project leadership skills to create both hand-painted and commercial signage. John is a Fort Wayne native and graduate of both Bishop Dwenger High School and the University of Evansville.

Artist: Tim Parsley

THE PRIDE OF LEO

15004 IN-1, Leg. IN 46765, USA

Leo-Cedarville is known for its escellent school systems. The mascat for the local schools is a lion. There are numerous churches, and the city was named for Pape Lea; Leo is the Latin word for hon.

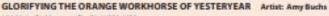
Special Thanks to:

- Indiana Arts Commission
- Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs
- Leu Cedarville Foundation
- Town of Leo-Cedarville
- Property Owner, Troy Wieland (Wieland Real Estate)

About the Artist

Tim Paralley is the Program Director for Studio Art and an Associate Professor of Studio Art, Painting & Drawing at the University of Saint Francis - Fort Wayne, IN, Creative Arts. 'My work

navigates American history and the complicated effect of its constructive embition. With a focus on the originating stories of America, I appropriate and piece together scraps of historic imagery and collective memory, reconstructing the American narrative of progress to reveal and reinterpret nostalgic anxiety about the past. The construction of America was a dichotomous and implicating mixture of hope, pelde, destruction, and dominance culminating in a conflicted national history. We live in the wake of this complicated history and continue to play out the same drama in our individual lives. My paintings, collages, and drawings explore the undercurrent assumptions that cultivate this phenomenan."



100 Main St. Monroeville, IN 46773, USA

Allo-Chalmers was a tractor manufacturer with a history going back to 1847. There was an Allo-Chalmers dealership in Marroeville for decades. The tractor embodies Marroeville's agricultural heritage. The town's name announces to visitors that they are in 'Monroeville'!

Special Thanks to:

- Indiana Arts Commission
- Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs
- Town of Monroeville
- Property Owner, Anista and Mason Kozell

Array Buchs is a netired art teacher who has always specialized in painting. Her art classes have painted six murals throughout DeKalb county, entered several group Art On the Square projects

for Downtown Aubum, and completed projects for the DeKalb County parks. Her students also worked with Shelter Ministries, created paintings for Waterloo's soup kitchen, participated in partnerships, and got involved in local art shows. Since retirement, Amy has painted eight seall musals for three DeKalb County Schools, a community mural in a new soup kitchen, and four outsloor murals in downtown Auburn. She also participated in the 2020 Make It Your Own Mural Fest, creating a mural in LaGrange, IN.

HEARTLAND Artist: Julie Wall

4409 Buil Rapids Road, Woodburn, IN 46797, USA

A large balfalo bull was slain by the rapids on the Maurene Aiver north of Woodburn, thereafter the place has been known as Bull Rapids. At that time, there was a small settlement but now only a Church going by that name still stands. The Bull Rapids site is located near Blue Cost Springs, the original site of Blue Cast Sanitarium selling mineral water sold world-side which is now an ACRES Land Trust site that offers walking trails. The mural is located on Bull Rapids Road. Along with agriculture, Woodburn residents have many flawer gardens. The mural committee was very much in favor of including flowers in the mural.

Special Thanks to:

- City of Woodburn
- Indiana Arts Commission
- Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs
- Woodburn Mein Street
- Property Owner: Bork Enterprises

About the Artist

Julie Wall was born and cased here in Northeast Indiana and continues to call it home to her studio and business, The HEDGE. With a background in printmaking and metals, she assembles pieces while layering imagery and texture. She is continually impired by our environment, insects, women, and pattern





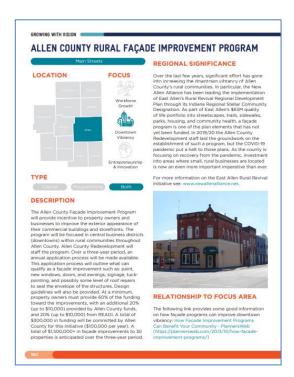
Park and Trail Improvements: Allen County is continuing to show progress in their investment into parks and recreation throughout East Allen County. Both Harlan and Hoagland's Park Improvement Projects are under contract and preconstruction meetings have been held. API is the contractor for Hoagland and Brooks Construction is the contractor for Harlan. Construction is anticipated to begin in February/March of 2022 with spring completion. In the meantime, both communities have met with vendors to determine the type of playground equipment they will be ordering. In regard to the Cedar Creek Parks Trail, progress meetings have been held and right-of-way acquisition is underway.

Planning Progress:

NEWALLEN ALLIANCE ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN: In September of 2021, NewAllen launched an update to their organizational plan. As the Stellar Designation is entering its final year, NewAllen Board members wanted to continue the momentum and thought it was a good time to re-evaluate their organizational structure, focus, and funding. A grant was received from the Fort Wayne Community Foundation to conduct the work and the Community Research Institute at Purdue Fort Wayne was hired to facilitate the process which will run through the spring of 2022.

NEWALLEN INDIVIDUAL STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PLAN UPDATES: NEWALLEN is facilitating updates to those communities that are interested in updating the action plan portion of their strategic investment plans. Planning sessions are being held in November and December with individual communities, and development advisors from NIRCC, Allen County Redevelopment, GFW, and their engineers.

NORTHEAST INDIANA READI PLAN: Northeast Indiana's READI Plan was submitted to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, NewAllen has submitted several proposals for potential inclusion. These projects are all in complement to the East Allen Rural Revival Plan and include the Allen County Façade Program, Grabill Downtown Event Plaza, Monroeville Industrial Park, and the Monroeville Housing Project. The Allen County Façade Program was highlighted as a Visionary Program within the plan.





Awards:

In September of 2021, NewAllen was honored to participate in the ceremony where Keller Development received the Lt. Governor's Award for Excellence in Senior Affordable Housing. Kady Gene Cove was an anchor project in NewAllen's East Allen Rural Revival Regional Development Plan. It provides affordable and maintenance-free living for seniors and keeps them close to loved ones across the East Allen Region. NewAllen was also honored to have late board member, Barb Smith, represent the board at this event.



Upcoming Events:

November 19, 2021 December 2, 2021 Late Feb./Early March, 2022 Late Feb./Early March, 2022 New Haven Community Center Park Ribbon Cutting Leo-Cedarville Downtown Streetscape Ribbon Cutting Grabill Downtown Streetscape Groundbreaking Woodburn Downtown Streetscape Groundbreaking

