

EAST ALLEN'S RURAL REVIVAL

Seven Unique Communities, One Bold Vision

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WOODBURN

Indiana Regional Stellar Communities Designation

Progress Report

November 1, 2020 - February 15, 2021





February 24, 2021

Dear Indiana Regional Stellar Communities and East Allen Community Partners:

As we have reached our two-year mark as an Indiana Regional Stellar Community, the East Allen Region has realized the true value and responsibility of this designation. The year 2020 has presented some unique challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, our communities have remained steadfast in their commitment in seeing the East Allen Rural Revival Regional Development Plan through.

We look forward to 2021 as we transition to more projects reaching milestones through groundbreakings and ribbon cuttings. We also have been working to continue to build the capacity of our region beyond the designation through leadership training and placemaking initiatives.

As always, thank you for your continued support and we endeavor to seek continued progress in East Allen County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kent Castleman'.

Kent Castleman
Chairman
NewAllen Alliance Board of Directors

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Community Engagement Summary (To Date)

Stellar Partner Meetings/Conference Calls

Feb. 5, 2019	Stellar Kick-Off Meeting
March 7, 2019	Stellar Agency Conference Call
April 9, 2019	Stellar Placemaking Grant Meeting
June 13, 2019	Stellar Quarterly Meeting & Tour
June 13, 2019	Leadership workshop with Purdue Center for Regional Development
August 29, 2019	Conference Call w/ OCRA Re: Downtown Capacity Building
October 2, 2019	Conference Call w/ OCRA Re: Placemaking
October 3, 2019	Conference Call w/ PCRD & OCRA
October 10, 2019	Conference Call Re: Healing Seeds w/ ISDH
October 21, 2019	Stellar Quarterly Meeting
December 4, 2019	Conference Call w/ OCRA Re: Grabill Project
January 21, 2020	Leadership Meeting w/ OCRA and PCRD
February 7, 2020	NewAllen Metrics Discussion w/ OCRA and PCRD
February 24, 2020	Stellar Quarterly Meeting
March 24, 2020	Call w/ OCRA (Eric Ogle)
March 24, 2020	Call w/ OCRA (Colette Childress)
June 17, 2020	Stellar Quarterly Meeting
November 12, 2020	Call w/ OCRA (Andrea Kern)
January 7, 2021	NewAllen Stellar CDBG Project Status

Regional Steering Committee Meetings

Jan. 8, 2019	NewAllen Board Meeting
Feb. 25, 2019	NewAllen Board Meeting
March 12, 2019	NewAllen Board Meeting
April 9, 2019	NewAllen Board Meeting
May 14, 2019	NewAllen Board Meeting
June 11, 2019	NewAllen Board Meeting
August 13, 2019	NewAllen Board Meeting
September 10, 2019	NewAllen Board Meeting
October 8, 2019	NewAllen Board Meeting
November 12, 2019	NewAllen Board Meeting
December 10, 2019	NewAllen Board Meeting
January 14, 2020	NewAllen Board Meeting
February 11, 2020	NewAllen Board Meeting
March 10, 2020	NewAllen Board Meeting
May 12, 2020	NewAllen Board Meeting
June 9, 2020	NewAllen Board Meeting
August 11, 2020	NewAllen Board Meeting
September 8, 2020	NewAllen Board Meeting
October 13, 2020	NewAllen Board Meeting

November 10, 2020	NewAllen Board Meeting
December 8, 2020	NewAllen Board Meeting
January 12, 2021	NewAllen Board Meeting
February 9, 2021	NewAllen Board Meeting

Collaborative Community Meetings

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

General Community Awareness Presentations

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
Sept. 12, 2019	NIPSCO Luminary Awards
Set. 27, 2019	Indiana Association of Regional Councils Presentation
October 17, 2019	Allen County Council Update
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
April 30, 2020	New Haven City Council Meeting Re: NH Community Center Park
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

Project Specific Community Engagement

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 3, 2021	New Haven Community Center Park Pre-Bid Meeting
February 11, 2021	New Haven Community Center Park Bid Opening

Recent Project Specific Team/Stakeholder Meetings

February 19, 2020	Hoagland Projects Meeting
February 25, 2020	Harlan Projects Meeting
March 9, 2020	Leo-Cedarville Streetscape Meeting
March 13, 2020	Cedar Creek Parks Trail Meeting
March 25, 2020	Leo-Cedarville Streetscape Meeting (Virtual)
April 6, 2020	New Haven COVID-19 Response Grant Meeting (Virtual)
April 9, 2020	Leo-Cedarville Pre-Bid Meeting (Virtual)
April 16, 2020	GFW COVID-19 Response Meeting (Virtual)
April 20, 2020	New Haven COVID-19 Response Grant Meeting (Virtual)
April 21, 2020	New Haven COVID-19 Response Grant Meeting (Virtual)
April 23, 2020	New Haven Community Center Park Meeting (Virtual)
April 28, 2020	New Haven COVID-19 Response Meeting w/ County Commissioners (Virtual)
April 30, 2020	Allen County Stellar Projects Call
May 26, 2020	Woodburn Streetscape Meeting (Virtual)
May 28, 2020	Leo-Cedarville Streetscape Meeting (Virtual)
May 28, 2020	Build Institute Entrepreneurship Training Meeting (Virtual)
June 11, 2020	Grabill Streetscape Site Visit
June 15, 2020	County Commissioner Update Meeting
June 22, 2020	New Haven Trail Plan Team Meeting
July 10, 2020	New Haven Trail Plan Team Meeting
July 15, 2020	Leo-Cedarville Streetscape Project Meeting
July 31, 2020	Grabill Streetscape Conference Project Meeting
August 13, 2020	New Haven Projects Meeting
August 20, 2020	New Haven Projects Meeting
September 16, 2020	New Haven Meadowbrook Trail Meeting
September 30, 2020	New Haven Community Center Park Meeting
October 7, 2020	Grabill Streetscape Site Visit
October 29, 2020	Grabill Mural Committee Meeting
October 30, 2020	New Haven Meadowbrook Trail Acquisition Meeting
November 2, 2020	Grabill Streetscape Project Meeting
November 4, 2020	St. Joseph Community Foundation Zoom Meeting
November 5, 2020	New Haven Community Center Park Progress Meeting
November 12, 2020	Leo-Cedarville Mural Committee Meeting
November 19, 2020	Hoagland Mural Committee Meeting

December 2, 2020	Woodburn Mural Committee Meeting
December 2 & 4, 2020	Mural Site Visits
December 7, 2020	Allen County Commissioner Update Meeting
December 9, 2020	New Haven Community Center Park Progress Meeting
December 21, 2020	New Haven Community Center Park Progress Meeting
February 1, 2021	Grabill Mural Project Meeting
February 2, 2021	Leo-Cedarville Mural Project Meeting
February 4, 2021	Indiana Arts Commission Project Grant Discussion – Murals
February 4, 2021	Monroeville Mural Meeting
February 5, 2021	St. Joseph Community Foundation Meeting
February 8, 2021	Woodburn Mural Meeting
February 9, 2021	NIRCC/INDOT LPA Quarterly Progress meeting

Overview of Projects

Stellar Project Listing					
<i>Project</i>	<i>Fiscal Agent</i>	<i>Project Administrator</i>	<i>Engineer</i>	<i>Current Estimated Total Project Cost</i>	<i>Projected Stellar Funding</i>
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	\$727,000	\$487,000 INDOT
Monroeville Trail Project	Town of Monroeville	NIRCC	A&Z Engineering	\$1,134,000	\$720,000 INDOT
Grabill Downtown Streetscape Enhancement	Town of Grabill	NIRCC	DLZ Engineering	\$932,400	\$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	\$600,000	\$368,898 OCRA
New Haven Meadowbrook Trail	City of New Haven	SturtzPMG	A&Z Engineering	\$1,169,643* Acquisition TBD	\$411,667 OCRA
New Haven-Adams Twp. Community Center Park	City of New Haven	SturtzPMG	JPR	\$1,981,185	\$1,718,935 OCRA
Woodburn Downtown Streetscape Enhancement	City of Woodburn	SturtzPMG	JPR	\$600,000 - \$700,000	\$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 IHCD

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 IHCD 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

Activity from 11/01/20 – 02/15/21:

We have had the worst time finding and keeping a qualified Construction Specialist. Our new and 3rd OOR Construction Specialist was hired in January 2021. The new Specialist has previous OOR experience, with Pathfinders out of Huntington, IN.

As a result of the above change, two previously approved homes require re-approval by Green3 the environmental review consulting firm. These homes will be rebid once Green3 has approved the new write-ups.

COVID has caused much delay over the past year and currently. Several scheduled appointments with homeowners have been canceled because of illness. We can only assume this is the case because most qualified clients are elderly. On average, each homeowner cancels at least prior to work ever beginning on the home. Sadly, one qualified homeowner has passed away.

To help expedite the process, and keep things moving, we have ordered Lead Risk Assessments for the first 14 qualified applicants. At a minimum, weather permitting at least 3 assessments per week have been completed. This process should be done by the end of March.

Next Steps:

Brightpoint is working to apply for an extension with IHCD staff.

It is our desire that by May 2021 construction will have begun on half (7) and completed on many of the estimated fourteen (14) homes planned to be assisted.

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

Current Project Timeline:

2019				2020				2021				2022			

	Development Phase
	Construction Phase

2. Project Name: Kady Gene Cove Senior Housing Project

Previous Activity:

February 2019	Hired MLS Engineering
February-May 2019	Application due diligence
May 9, 2019	Neighborhood Meeting
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
February 2020	New Haven Approved Secondary Plat
April 8, 2020	Project financing closed
April 8, 2020	Construction started

Phase 1 (Senior Income Restricted) Construction – 50 Units

Phase 2 (Market Rate) Preliminary Site Work – 50 Units

Activity from 11/1/20 – 2/15/21:



Kady Gene Cove – Phase 1

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				2020				2021				2022			

	Development Phase
	Construction Phase

Kady Gene Cove Phase 2

2019				2020				2021				2022			

	Development Phase
	Construction Phase

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. 2019 – 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. Revised budget requested funds for curriculum delivery modification due to COVID-19, expanded delivery from seven sites to twelve, and included funding for a full resource site to aid in sustainability.
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. Continued conversations with existing grant recipients East Allen County Schools, New Haven TWP Parks and Recreation, Phoenix Manor, Cornerstone Youth Center, and recruitment of eight additional recipients throughout the region 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.

Activity from 11/1/20-2/15/21:

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>



Phoenix Manor Residents Watching HEALing Seeds Video

Developed and launched a “Special One-time Grant Agreement” that allows for creative educational and nutritious food delivery.

The three options include:

Option 1: Provide your participants with a box of food, a Seeds educational handout, and a link to an online Seeds video on the Healing Seeds 3-Meal Package. Three meals featured a 15-minute educational video on nutrition and cooking techniques: lentil soup, fresh veggie pizza with whole wheat crust, and hearty oatmeal. Budget approx. \$25 per person for food and \$1,000 administration costs for every 50 participants.

Option 2: Select at least four and no more than eight cooking lessons from the Healing Seeds Nutrition and Cooking Manual. Appoint a program coordinator who will use the Healing Seeds 20 minutes Videos to learn at least four lessons. Plan to recruit at least 15 participants for whom you will provide the food (or food vouchers) and the education. The coordinator will schedule and lead the group through the classes either virtually or if in-person, in a setting that can safely accommodate social distancing. Budget \$10 per person per lesson and \$300 for the program coordinator.

Option 3: Design your own strategy to provide nutritious food and a cooking & nutritional component. Up to \$10,000 may be requested.

To access the grant application, follow the below steps.

1. Go to www.sjchf.org
2. Go to the Grants tab drop down and select *Apply for Grants*
3. Go to Step 2. *Submit Online Application* and click on Apply Online Button
4. Log On if you have an account, or create new account
5. Once logged in, you should be able to access the HEALing Seeds Grant Application

Any questions, please feel free to contact our Grants Coordinator, Marla Rust at 260-969-2001 ext. 200, or at mrust@sjchf.org

Next Steps:

Continue to recruit additional grantee sites, process grant agreements, complete training videos, and monitor progress and success.

Current Project Budget: \$75,000

Current Project Timeline: SJCHF will hold 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.



Enjoy your meal kits and health resources!

Made possible by a grant from the Indiana State Department of Health through
the NewAllen Alliance Regional Stellar Communities Designation,
and brought to you by the Healing Seeds Initiative.



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	Woodburn Mayor, NIRCC, and A&Z Engineering met to develop initial project list of sidewalks and to discuss project elements and funding
July – Sept. 2019	Evaluation of initial project list, prep. of cost estimates, and prioritization of projects
Oct. 2019 – Jan. 2020	Finalized list of projects to pursue, along with scope and cost estimates
Dec. 2019 – Jan. 2020	NIRCC prepared draft INDOT eligibility application
February 2020	Woodburn submitted INDOT eligibility application
March 2020	Woodburn received INDOT eligibility approval
April/May 2020	Due to acquisition costs, 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 and project design was initiated
May 2020	NIRCC prepared revised INDOT eligibility application
July 2020	Woodburn submitted revised INDOT eligibility application and it was accepted
August 2020	INDOT Early Coordination meeting was held, virtually
Sept 2020 -Oct 2020	Design underway

Activity from 11/1/2020 – 2/15/2021:

Nov 2020 – Feb 2021	Design continues; working on right-of-way needs, currently identified 10-12 temporary parcels for sidewalks and 1 temporary parcel for trail; railroad easement agreement is being processed; ER is underway.
February 9, 2021	NIRCC/INDOT LPA Quarterly Progress meeting

Next Steps:

March – June 2021	Finish design, initiate acquisition, continue ER
Feb/Mar/April 2022	Lettings – Feb for sidewalks and March/April for trail
May/ June 2022	Construction

Current Project Budget: \$781,600 total cost = \$427,200 INDOT and \$354,400 Woodburn

Current Project Timeline:

2019				2020				2021				2022			

	Development Phase
	Construction Phase

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

April 10, 2019	Initial design concept discussion with A&Z Engineering and NIRCC
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	Design underway

Activity from 11/1/2020 – 2/15/2021:

Nov 2020 – Feb 2021	Design continues, stage 1 plans submitted to INDOT for review; utility coordination is underway; working on right-of-way needs, currently identified 2 temporary parcels for sidewalks and 2 additional temporary parcels for trail; in discussions with RR concerning crossing concerning scope, may eliminate crossing RR from scope; ER is underway.
February 9, 2021	NIRCC/INDOT LPA Quarterly Progress meeting

Next Steps:

March – June 2021	Finish design, initiate acquisition, continue ER
March 2022	Lettings for both sidewalks and trail
May/ June 2022	Construction

Current Project Budget: \$1,318,000 total cost = \$862,000 INDOT and \$456,000 Monroeville

Current Project Timeline:

2019				2020				2021				2022			

	Development Phase
	Construction Phase

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)
 June 19, 2020: Signed Application Prep Contract (NIRCC)
 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)
 Aug.-Sep. 2020: Initiate Section 106 Coordination w/Indiana SHPO (SturtzPMG)
 Sept. 24, 2020: Print and distribute Business Owner Surveys & take application photographs (NIRCC)
 Sept. 29, 2020: Complete Four Factor Analysis & Town update Fair Housing Ordinance

Activity from 11/1/2020 – 2/15/2021:

11-10-2020: Conduct # 1 Public Hearing (NIRCC/Town)
 12-10-2020: Conduct #2 Public Hearing (NIRCC/Town)
 12-28-2020: Submit MSRP Grabill Streetscape Application (NIRCC)
 01-04-2021: Received Notice of Award (IOCRA)
 01-27-2021: Town Received Grant Agreement (IOCRA)
 02-09-2021: Published Environmental Review Combined Notice/RROF (Start of Public Comment)
 02-10-2021: Execute Grant Administration Contract (NIRCC/Town)

Next Steps:

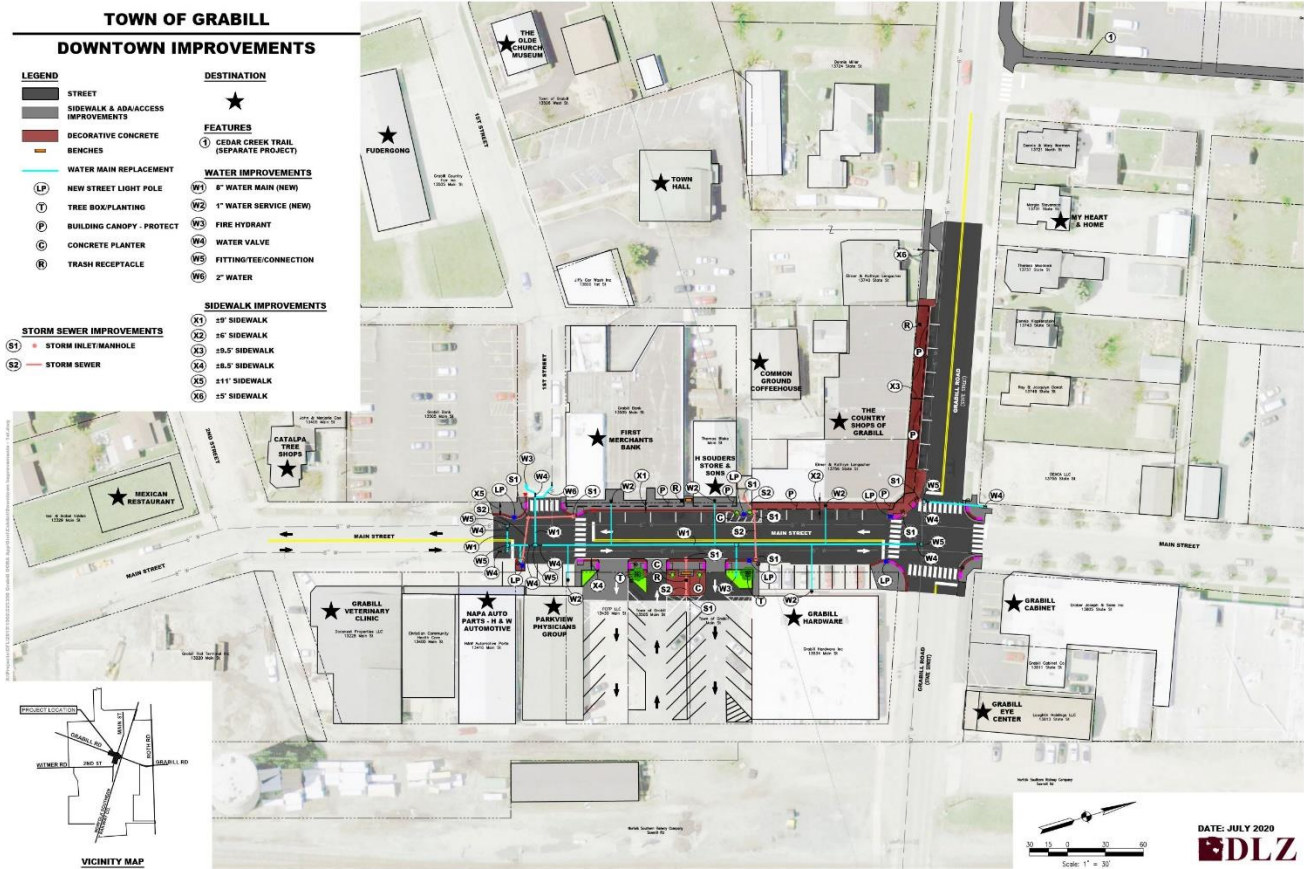
02-25-2021: Request Release of Funds Certification and initiate State Comment Period
 03-13-2021: End of State Review and receive Environmental Clearance
 Mar-April 2021: Town authorizes final design/publish invitation for bids
 April-May 2021: Conduct Pre-Bid meeting and receive bids
 May-June 2021 Select contractor, obtain permits & submit ROF Report to OCRA (eGMS) to receive ROF
 June-July 2021: Award Contracts after ROF & conduct Pre-Construction Meeting
 July 2021: Conduct Groundbreaking & Submit Start of Construction Notice to OCRA
 July-Dec 2021: Conduct construction & grant administration activities (submit claims to OCRA)
 Jan-Mar 2022: Final inspection & punch list – Submit final construction claim
 April-May2022: Conduct Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony & initiate grant closeout

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

Current Project Timeline:

2019				2020				2021				2022			

Development Phase
Construction Phase



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
May 9, 2019	Project Development Meeting
SturtzPMG Environmental, ERI Engineering and NIRCC Grant Administration Contracts Signed	
Preliminary Design Complete	
Environmental Early Coordination Sent	
June 18, 2019	Leo-Cedarville Conference Call
July 25, 2019	Project Development Team Meeting
August 2019	Language Access Plan, Disclosure Report, Fair Housing Ordinance Update Completed
August 14, 2019	Leo-Cedarville Conference Call (Discuss Acquisition / Public Hearing)
August 15, 2019	1 st 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 14 th	Submit Purchase Offer Letter to Property Owners
October 29 th , 2019	2 nd Public Hearing
Nov-Dec 2019	Submit MSRP Application and additional National Objective documentation per OCRA
January 20, 2020	OCRA Initial Award Notice
January 24, 2019	FEEPS Meeting/INDY
February 1, 2020	Published FONSI/RROF for Environmental Clearance
February 11, 2020	Town Received Grant Agreement
March 4, 2020	Received Environmental Clearance from OCRA
April 14, 2020	Closed on Property for Gathering Area
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
April 21, 2020	Council Approves Amended Local Match Resolution (Post bid)
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
June 25, 2020	Receive ROF
July 7, 2020:	Sign Construction Contracts
July 15, 2020:	Conduct Preconstruction Meeting
July 27, 2020:	Achieved Construction Release from OCRA
July 27, 2020:	Submit Semi-Annual Report

Aug. 3, 2020: Start of Construction
 Aug. 5, 2020: Conduct Groundbreaking Ceremony
 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

Activity from 11/1/2020 – 2/15/2021:

Dec 31, 2021: 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).

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

Jan 25, 2021 Submitted Semi-Annual Report to OCRA

Feb 2021: Overview: The contractor is off schedule based on the original timeline provided at project startup with 44% of the work complete at time of last invoice, less than the 50% anticipated before opening traffic for the winter months. It is anticipated that they will be back on schedule when remobilizing and reestablishing traffic control at the end of March to commence work on the west side of the road, weather permitting (per ERI engineering status update).

Next Steps:

March 2021 Startup and commence west side streetscape improvements (per weather)

May 31, 2021: Scheduled Substantial Completion

June 21, 2021 Scheduled Final Completion

June-July 2021: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

July 2021: Submit Final Claim to OCRA

July-Aug. 2021 Submit closeout documents to OCRA to closeout grant

Aug-Sept. 2021 Receive Cert. of Completion (OCRA)

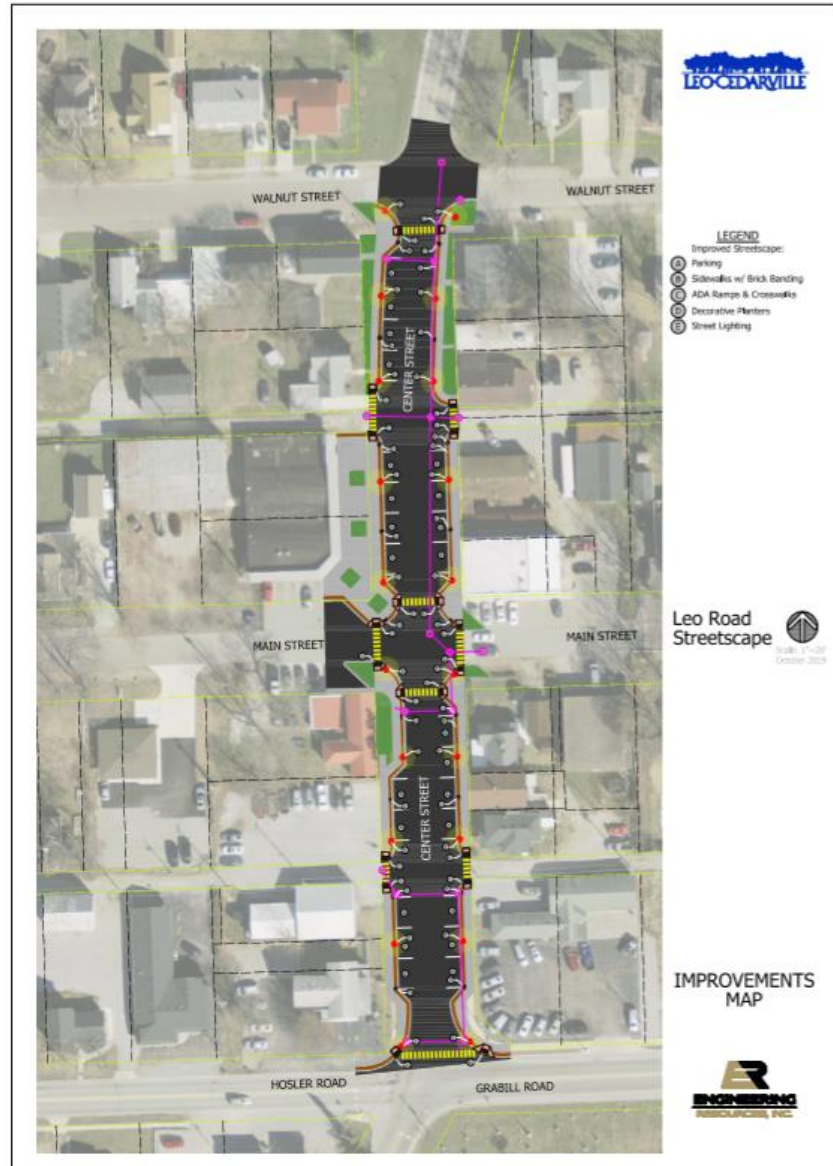
Current Project Budget: \$ \$1,247,985 (\$750,000 OCRA, \$497,985 Local)

Current Project Timeline:

2019				2020				2021				2022			

 Development Phase

 Construction Phase



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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
May 2020	Complete study and analysis portion of PER, reviewed data, and initiated recommendations
August 2020	Project scope finalized
Sept 2020 – Oct 2020	Initiated Environmental Review and 106, underway, waiting for responses

Activity from 11/1/20 – 2/17/21:

November 2020	Completer 4 factor/ LAP
Nov – Dec 2020	HUD 8-Step Floodplain Process
December 9, 2020	Public Hearing #1
December 28, 2020	Submit 106 Finding on No Historic Properties Affected to SHPO – start public comment period – ended 1/29/21 – ready to publish FONSI – will wait to combine
Jan – Feb 2021	Prepare application
February 17, 2021	Public Hearing #2

Next Steps:

March 1, 2021	Application submission
April – June 2021	Grant Award, FEPS, Grant Agreement, Combined Notice, ER Release, sign professional contracts
July-August 2021	Bid
Sept 2021- June 2022	Construction

Current Project Budget: \$614,745 (\$368,898 OCRA, \$245,847 Monroeville)**Current Project Timeline:**

2019				2020				2021				2022			

	Development Phase
	Construction Phase

9. Project Name: New Haven Meadowbrook Trail Project**Previous Activity:**

January 2019	Hired SturtzPMG as grant administrator
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
May 2019	Sent out early coordination and Section 106 review packets
May 2019	Identified properties where acquisition will be needed
June 6, 2019	Project Development Meeting
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
January 17, 2020	New Haven Meadowbrook Trail Project Meeting
January 30, 2020	New Haven Meadowbrook Trail Project Meeting
Spring/Summer 2020:	Initiated Site Control Process for Meadowbrook Easements (Title Searches, Owner Notification, Appraisals)
	Completed legal descriptions for acquisition
	Coordination with Army Corps Re: Wetland Determination and Permit
	Engineering near complete
	Update City Trail Plan

Next Steps:	Submit Project Limit/Budget Modification
	Complete Site Control
	Complete HUD 8-Step Process
	Conduct Public Hearings
	Submit Application

Proposed Modified Budget: \$636,758 (\$378,918 OCRA, \$257,920 New Haven)

*Not including \$25,250 ineligible.

Current Project Timeline:

2019				2020				2021				2022			

	Development Phase
	Construction Phase

10. Project Name: New Haven Community Center Park Project

Previous Activity:

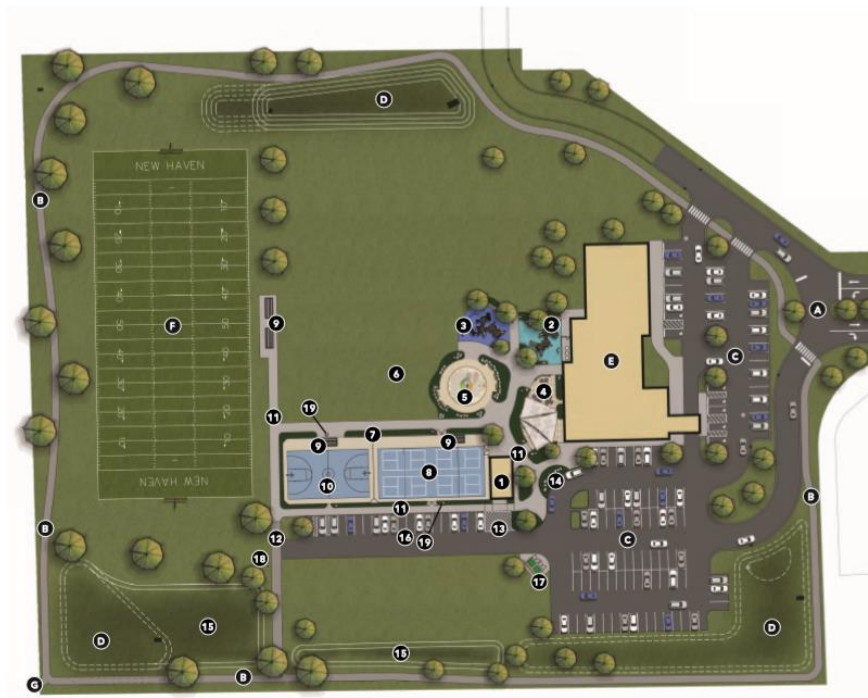
April 2019	Received approval to conduct income survey
May 2019	Initiated income survey
July 2019	Hired JPR for Engineering
July 2019	Hired SturtzPMG for Grant Administration
Aug. 8, 2019	Project Development Meeting
Sept. 11, 2019	Conducted Neighborhood Input Meeting
Fall 2019	Completed Income Survey (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

Activity from 10/31/20 – 02/15/21

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

Next Steps:

March 2021:	Receive Permits
March 2021:	Finalize Income Survey Report
March 2021:	Release of Funds
March/April 2021:	Preconstruction Conference
April 2021:	Groundbreaking - Commence Construction



Key Legend:

Existing Elements

- A Entry Drive
- B Asphalt Trail
- C Parking Lot
- D Detention Basin
- E New Haven Community Center
- F Football Field
- G Trail Connection to Meadowbrook Neighborhood

Proposed Elements

- 1 Restroom & Storage Building
- 2 2.5 Year Old Playground With Safety Surfacing
- 3 5-12 Year Old Playground With Safety Surfacing
- 4 Outdoor Plaza With Overhead Shade Structures
- 5 Splash Pad
- 6 Multi-purpose Lawn
- 7 Pedestrian Promenade
- 8 Pickleball Courts
- 9 Bleacher Locations
- 10 Basketball Court
- 11 Concrete Walks
- 12 Asphalt Trail
- 13 Maintenance Access Drive
- 14 Dropoff / Entryway
- 15 Detention Basin / Basin Expansion
- 16 Overflow Parking Lot / Food Truck Parking
- 17 Trash Receptacle Enclosure
- 18 Dog Waste Station
- 19 Light Pole

New Haven Community Center Park

Conceptual Plan
April 28, 2020



Current Project Budget: \$1,981,185 (\$1,718,935 – OCRA, \$236,800 – New Haven)

*Not including \$36,450 ineligible local

Current Project Timeline:

2019				2020				2021				2022			

- Development Phase
- Construction Phase

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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
May 2019	Section 106 Historic Review Documentation prepared and mailed out
August 5, 2019	Woodburn City Council (Disclosure Report, Language Access Plan)
August 19, 2019	Woodburn Streetscape Public Hearing
September 25, 2019	Woodburn Project Development Meeting
October 2019	Environmental Review Drafted
November 2019	Identified that property lines went to the centerline to more acquisition was needed
Dec. – 2019	URA Site Acquisition Initiated
May 26, 2020	Project Development Meeting
June 15, 2020	Fair Housing Ordinance Update
June – July 2020	Site Control: Appraisals, Agreements

Activity from 11/1/20 – 2/15/21:

Nov. 2020 – Jan. 2021	Finalize site control
Dec. 7, 2020	Public Hearing #2
Dec. 18, 2020	Submitted Application
Jan. – Feb. 2021	Application Approval
	FEPS Submission
	Grant Agreement Signature
	Grant Administration and Engineering Agreements in Place
	Environmental RROF and FONSI published for local and state comment

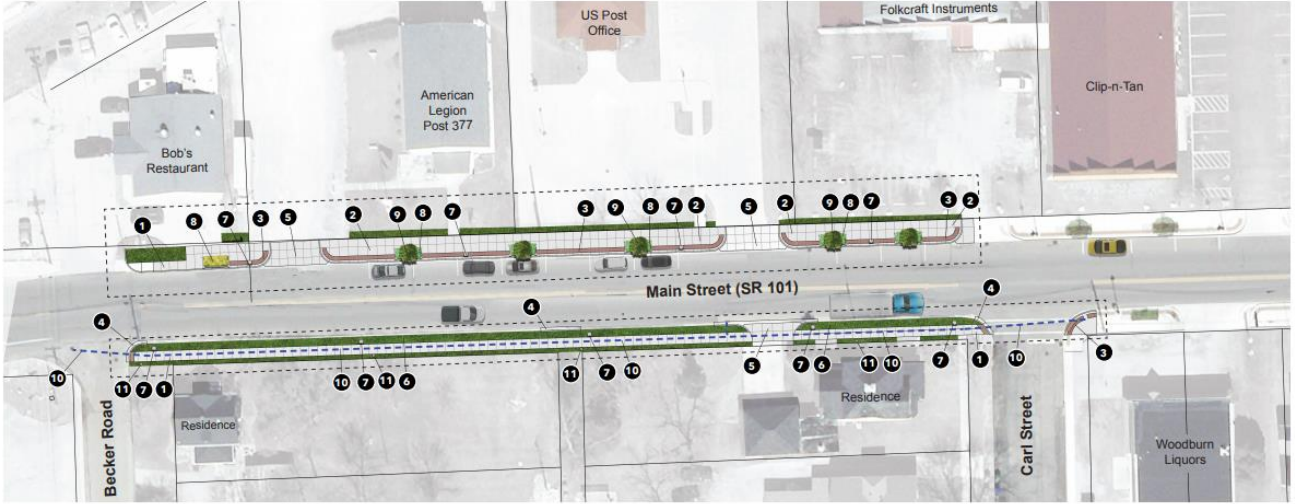
Current Project Budget: \$649,527 (\$500,000 OCRA, \$149,527 Woodburn)

*Not including \$50,921 in ineligible fees.

Current Project Timeline:

2019				2020				2021				2022			

	Development Phase
	Construction Phase



Existing Conditions Section



Proposed Conditions Section

- 1 5' concrete v

- 1 5' concrete walk
- 2 12' concrete walk and curb
- 3 Specialized pavers
- 4 Concrete curb and gutter
- 5 Driveway apron
- 6 Lawn park strip
- 7 Street light
- 8 Planter opening
- 9 Future tree
- 10 Storm line to be replaced
- 11 Relocated Utility Pole

Phase 2: Streetscape Improvements

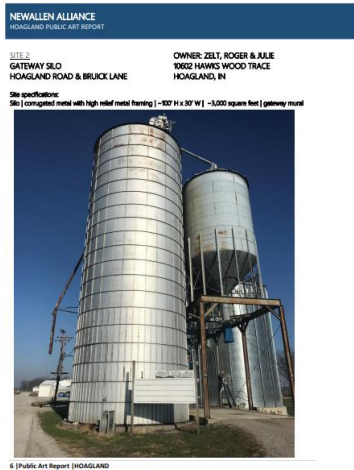
Woodburn, IN
September 18, 2019

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Complementary Project Highlights

NewAllen Mural Project: In the fall of 2020, NewAllen launched the NewAllen Mural Project. This project is being supported, in part, through \$10,500 in OCRA Placemaking funds. The intent of this initiative is to work with the NewAllen communities to install outdoor murals in each community within their respective Rural Revival Target areas. Murals will complement and memorialize the Stellar designation investment, foster community pride, and be an additional draw for backyard tourism by enticing individuals across the Northeast Indiana Region, including neighboring Fort Wayne, to venture into East Allen's communities and patronize our small-town businesses. Thus far, Grabill, Hoagland, Leo-Cedarville, Monroeville, and Woodburn have organized mural committees. Alex Hall, the public art consultant on the project has conducted site assessments in the communities and they have selected their sites of choice. Property owner agreements are being put into place and regional artists are currently being selected by a private jury. Several of the communities are also applying for project funds through the Indiana Arts Commission due March 4th. Next steps involve having the local committees develop a creative brief to give to their selected artists to develop design, fundraising, and signing of artist agreements. The art will likely be created in August-September of 2021.



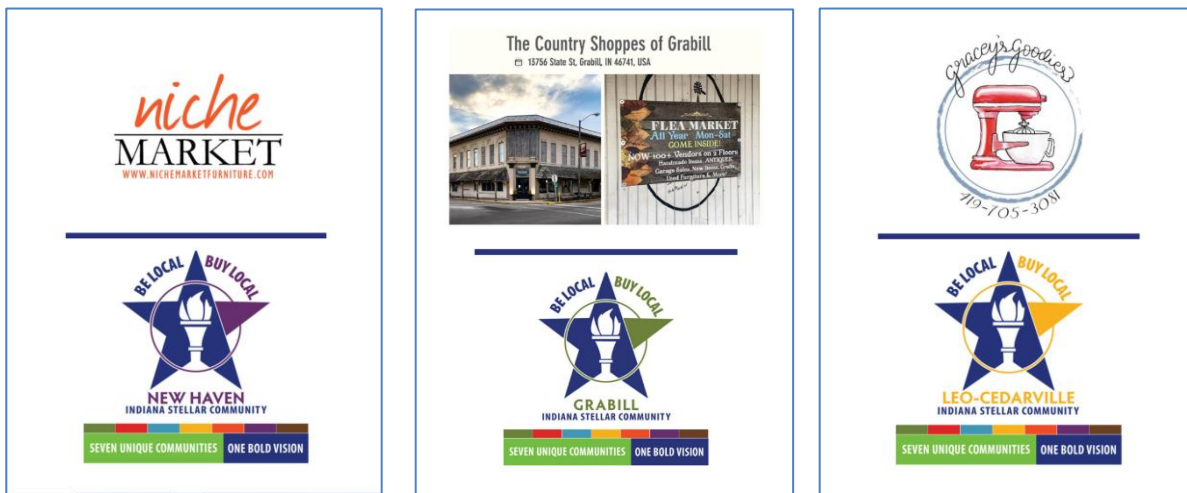
Park Improvements: The Town of Monroeville Community Park Improvement Project has been the first project out of the gate as part of the EARR Portfolio. The project is complete. The Town of Monroeville has postponed an official ribbon cutting for the newly improved park due to COVID-19 which has led to the cancellation of scheduled events and programming at the park until 2021.

Maumee Township has been working on an update to their five-year park master plan. The first draft of the plan which includes details of significant improvements to the Woodburn Community Park has been submitted to IDNR in January of 2020. IDNR has provided recommendations and the plan is going into public review. A final draft will be submitted by the middle of June. The Township and City plans to conduct fundraising efforts to obtain local match and coordinate with grant administrators and engineers for a Land and Water Conservation application in the June of 2021

Allen County's unincorporated areas of Harlan and Hoagland are working with DLZ Engineering and the county to actively develop their projects. Hoagland's Park project is ready for bidding in the spring of 2021 and will likely go to construction after Hoagland Days in June. The DNR Construction in the Floodway Permit has been received and local routing has been cleared. Project documents for bid include the park road, drainage, and sidewalk construction. Once bids are received, the community can select alternates and remaining funds will be allocated toward lighting and playground purchase.

Regarding Harlan, park project documents (drawings and specs) have been prepared for sidewalk and interior roadway construction. Project bidding is on hold until Harlan Park Association secures an easement from the church for the loop drive. Bleacher orders are underway. The playground and possibly fencing/additional bleachers budget will be determined based on remaining allocated funds after the bids are received.

Small Business Support: NewAllen conducted phase 1 of the Be Local Buy Local Campaign to raise awareness and incentivize area residents to patronize local businesses in both every day and holiday shopping. This campaign is a way for local citizens to engage in sustaining local businesses during the pandemic and during other construction activities. Funding was received through the Stellar Placemaking Grant to purchase materials for the campaign including window clings and signs. Small businesses have also been highlighted on social media. Phase 2 of the campaign is being developed to run during the Spring.



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Roadway Projects: Landon Road in New Haven and Amstutz Road in Leo-Cedarville are two road projects that are receiving NIRCC/INDOT funding as complementary projects in the East Allen Rural Revival Portfolio. These projects are significant investments that will improve health, safety, and accessibility within the region. Bids were received on Feb. 11th for Phase 1 of the Landon Road project. Amstutz Road will be let in 2023 with construction in 2023/2024.

Cedar Creek Parks Trail: Meetings have been held between Allen County, Grabill, Leo-Cedarville, NewAllen, and NIRCC to discuss the development of the Cedar Creek Parks Trail as well as an interlocal development agreement between the county and Grabill. Allen County has an engineering and right-of-way contract with DLZ Engineering for the Allen County and Grabill segments, and Leo-Cedarville has contracted with ERI for the Leo-Cedarville segment. A public meeting is being scheduled for mid-April. Bidding on the project is likely to start in the fall of 2021.

Leadership Fort Wayne: In the Fall of 2021, the NewAllen Alliance was asked to nominate individuals from throughout East Allen County to receive rural representative scholarships to the 2021 class of Leadership Fort Wayne/Greater Fort Wayne, Inc. Three East Allen representatives from Grabill, Hoagland and Leo-Cedarville all received scholarships.

Main Street Organizations: The communities that are receiving CDBG dollars for streetscape enhancements have all been working on cultivating their Main Street organizations. Woodburn has had a Main Street organization in place since 2013. They received the affiliate level designation and have recently submitted a Taking Care of Main Street grant to help revitalize the efforts of the organization. Growing Grabill has also organized over the last two years and has recently received an affiliate level designation. The Leo-Cedarville Foundation and the Town of Leo-Cedarville has met recently with OCRA Main Street representatives to discuss a future affiliate level application. In the meantime, the Leo-Cedarville Foundation has agreed to take on the effort to organize the downtown business owners into an association as a first step.