



THE STATE OF MERRILLVILLE

2018

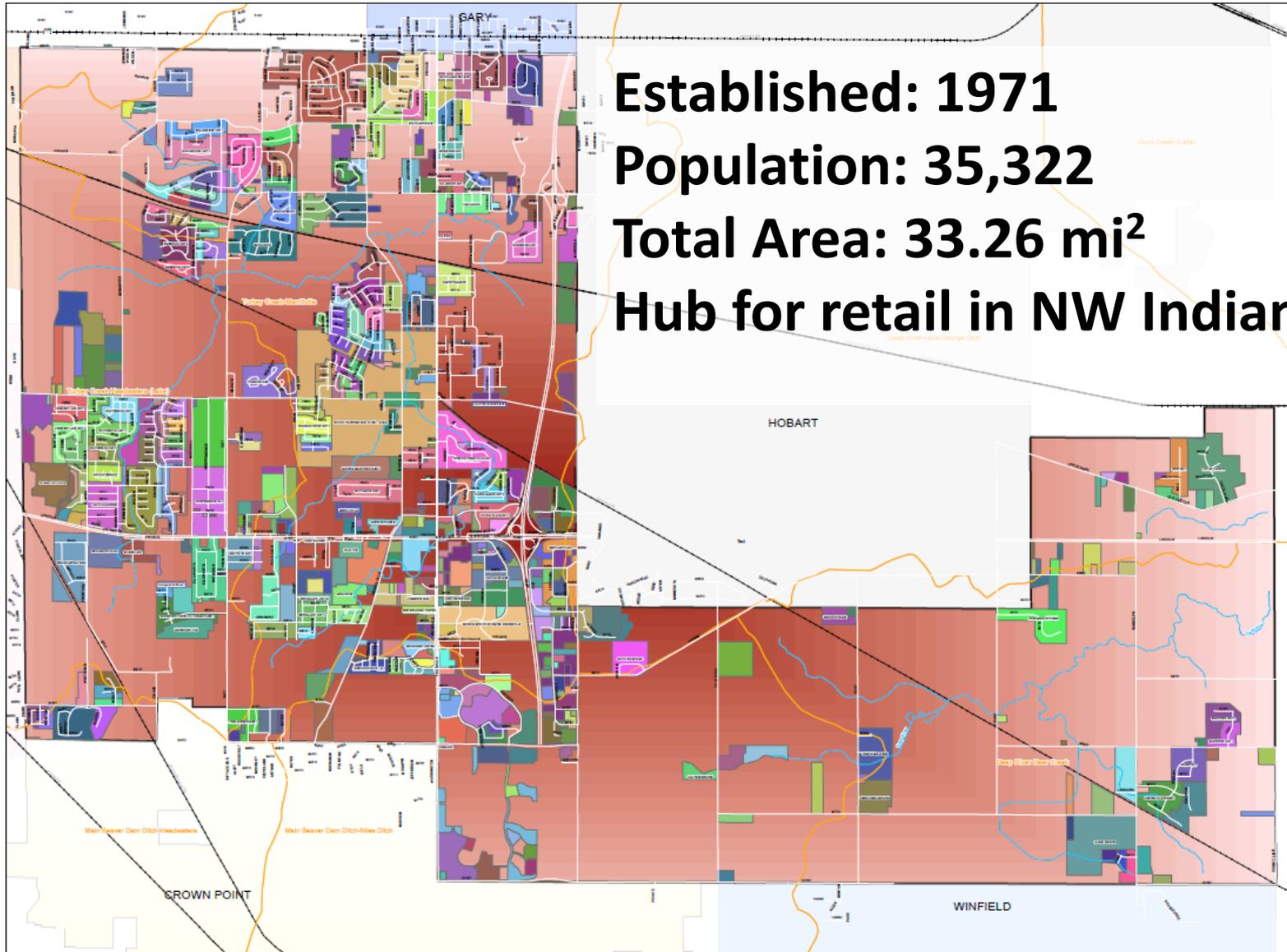


Indiana's Largest Town

CROSSROADS OF THE REGION



TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE



Established: 1971

Population: 35,322

Total Area: 33.26 mi²

Hub for retail in NW Indiana



TOWN COUNCIL



Ward 3
Jeffrey Minchuk



Ward 1
Donald Spann



Ward 4
Margaret Uzelac



Ward 2
Richard Hardaway



Ward 5
Chrissy Barron



Ward 6
Shawn Pettit



Ward 7
Roxanne LaMarca



Welcome Crossroads Regional Chamber



PLANNING & BUILDING



Bill Laird - Planning Director
Sheila Shine - Building Director

Economic Growth for the Region!





Construction Activity/Costs

- In 2017 the Merrillville Planning & Building Department issued **1,263** permits totaling **\$72,434,736** estimated cost of construction.
- Commercial activity consisted of new buildings, interior/exterior remodels of businesses and parking lot improvements.
- Our business licensing within the town continues to grow.
- There were several properties that were redeveloped/improved along the Broadway corridor.

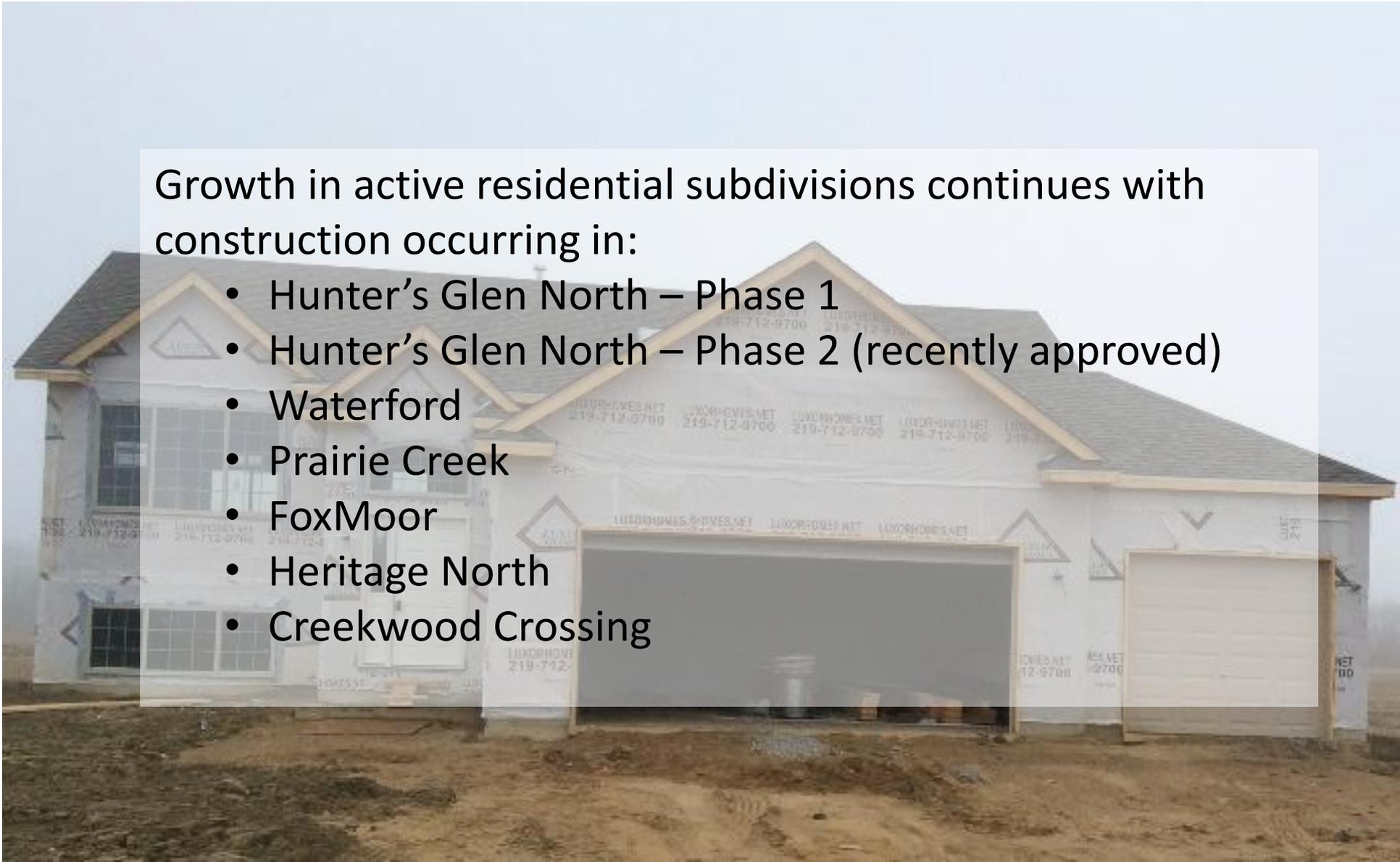


New Family Residential Development

Cost of Improvement = \$10.4 million

Growth in active residential subdivisions continues with construction occurring in:

- Hunter's Glen North – Phase 1
- Hunter's Glen North – Phase 2 (recently approved)
- Waterford
- Prairie Creek
- FoxMoor
- Heritage North
- Creekwood Crossing



Hunter's Glen North Subdivision - Phase 1



Waterford Subdivision



Prairie Creek Subdivision



FoxMoor Subdivision



Heritage North Subdivision



PAIRED VILLAS
AND SINGLE
FAMILY PLANS
AVAILABLE

HERITAGE
NORTH
YOU'RE
GONNA LOVE THE
HERITAGE LIFE!

CLOSE TO BIKE PATH
EASY ACCESS TO I-65
LESS THAN 40 MIN. TO CHICAGO
SHOPPING JUST MINUTES AWAY

HeritageNorthHomes.com

Creekwood Crossing Subdivision



Pipefitters Union (10090 Georgia St)
Cost of Improvement = 14.4 Million



370 E. 84th Drive

Cost of Improvement = \$ 1 Million



White Family Investments LLC

Cost of Improvement = \$1,279,300 (Demolition)



349 W 80th Place

Cost of Improvement = \$249,000



Stelios Cafe

Cost of Improvement = \$350,000



Paul's Salvage Yard
Cost of Improvement = \$186,392



The Liquor Bucket
Cost of Improvement = \$671,000



McDonalds (6100 Mississippi)
Cost of Improvement = \$880,000



Chinmaya Sunday School 8705 Merrillville Road

Cost of Improvement = TBD

SITE IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR CHINMAYA SUNDAY SCHOOL MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA 46410

ABONMARCHÉ
 17 H. WASHINGTON ST.
 VALPARAISO, IN 46383
 (219) 850-4624
 ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, AND DESIGNERS

CHINMAYA MISSION
 SUNDAY SCHOOL
 MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA

COVER SHEET

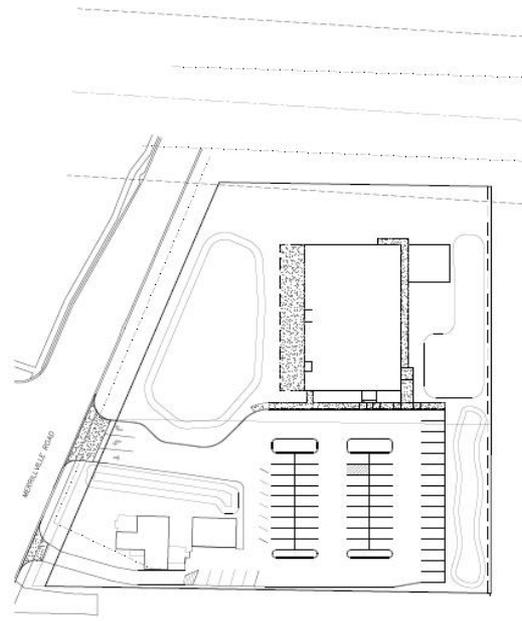
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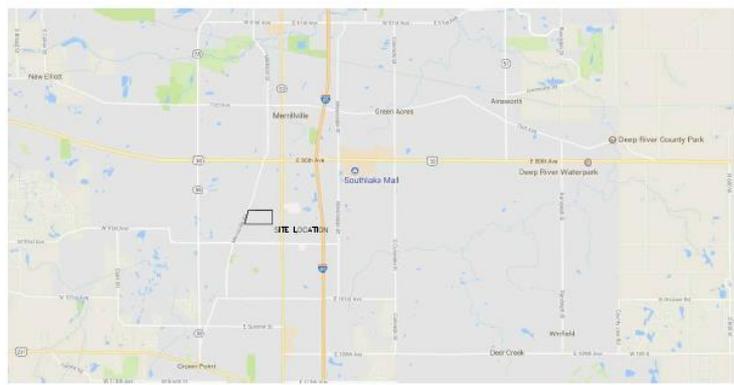
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PROJECT NO.: C0.0



VICINITY MAP - PROPOSED CONDITIONS
1"=100'



VICINITY MAP
N.T.S.

NOTE: THE LOCATION OF THE PLATE NO. SHOWN ON THIS MAP IS BASED ON A COMPARISON OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF DEEP RIVER COUNTY AND MERRILLVILLE. THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF DEEP RIVER COUNTY AND MERRILLVILLE MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM THE LOCATION SHOWN ON THIS MAP. THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF DEEP RIVER COUNTY AND MERRILLVILLE SHALL BE THE FINAL AUTHORITY IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF THE PLATE NO. SHOWN ON THIS MAP.

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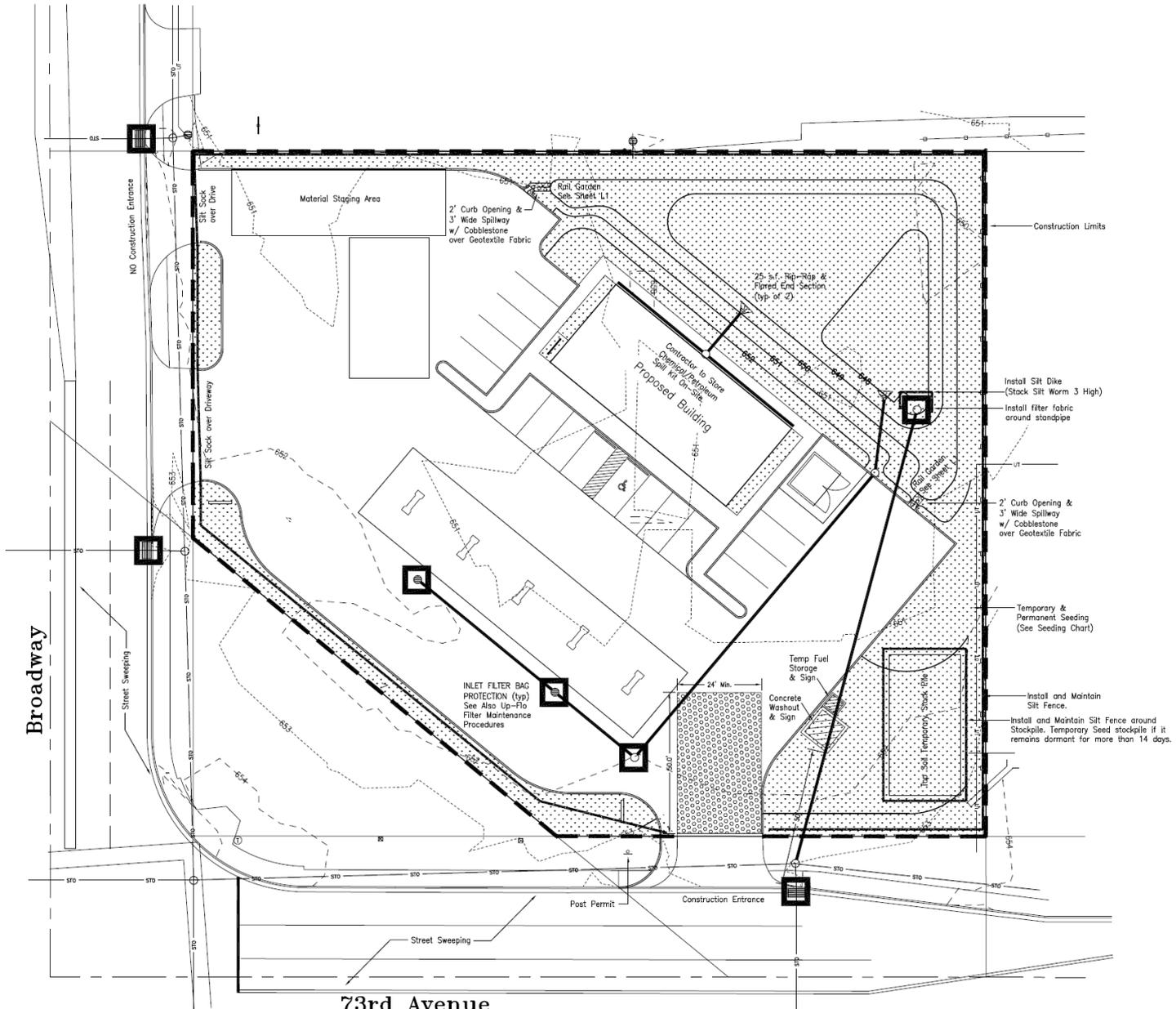
SHEET NO.	DESIGNATION	LATEST REVISION
P0.0	Cover Sheet & Index	
P1.0	Existing Conditions Map	
P2.0	Site Plan	
P3.0	Grading Plan	
P4.0-1	Utility Plan	
P4.0-2	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan	
P5.0-1	Construction Details	
P6.0	Landscape Plan	
P7.0	Lighting Plan	

OWNER
 CHINMAYA MISSION NORTHWEST INDIAN, INC.
 8705 Merrillville Road
 Merrillville, IN 46410

ENGINEER
 ABONMARCHÉ CONSULTANTS, INC.
 17 H. Washington St.
 Valparaiso, IN 46383
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Citco Gas Station 7269 Broadway

Cost of Improvement = TBD



7610 Broadway

Cost of Improvement = \$TBD



Recently Finished Developments



Lincoln Junction
Cost of Improvement = 4 Million



At Home

Cost of Improvement = 1.6 Million



725 W. 81st Avenue
Cost of Improvement = \$800,000



Becknell Investors (6400 Mississippi)
Cost of Improvement = \$3.9 million



Carpenters Union
Cost of Improvement = \$6.5 million

**UNION CARPENTERS
& MILLWRIGHTS**



Carpenters Training Center
Cost of Improvement = \$4.4 million



Holiday Inn Express
Cost of Improvement = \$3.5 million



Home 2 Hilton

Cost of Improvement = \$5 million



Point Blank Gun Range
Cost of Improvement = \$1.9 million





Facade Grants

7750 Broadway



CODE ENFORCEMENT



Vickie Bunnell – Code Enforcement Director

Ensuring Compliance!





Fight the Blight Program

- Code Enforcement Department now has three staff members
- The town formed an Abandoned & Blight Properties Committee
- Areas were surveyed to assess needs and, as a result, 165 homes and vacant lots are being reviewed
- Coordinating with building professionals and financing institutions



Before



5881 Adams Street
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After



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STORMWATER UTILITY



Matthew Lake, M.S., CPMSM - Executive Director

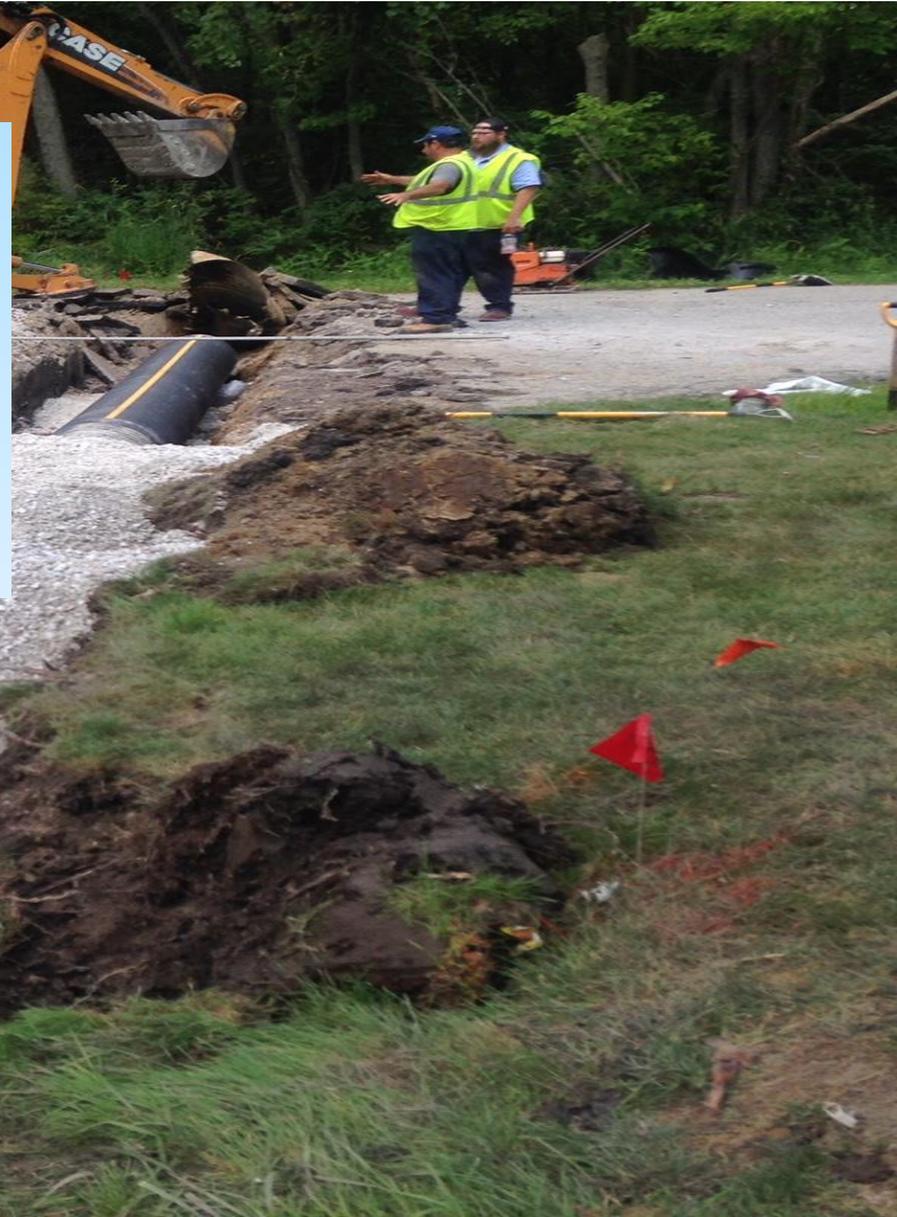
Every Drop Counts!





Infrastructure Improvements & Maintenance

- Merrillville has over 6,000 inlets and over 800,000 feet of storm drains that are continuously maintained.
- We continue to invest in new infrastructure throughout the town to manage stormwater quantity & quality.







Sunset Road Drainage Improvement Project – Phase 2

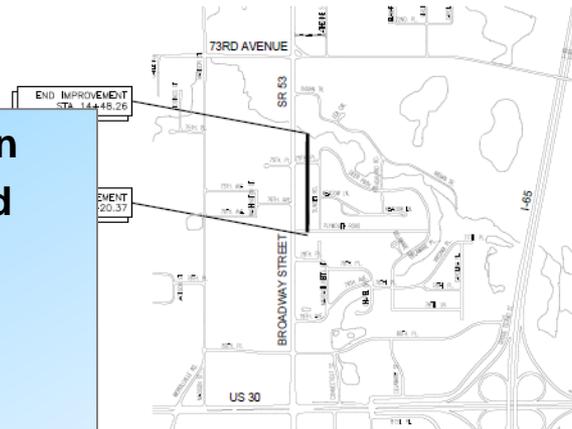
MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER UTILITY SUNSET OUTFALL REPLACEMENT FROM PLYMOUTH TRIBUTARY TO TURKEY CREEK IN THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA



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- 8-13. CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

- Forest Hills Subdivision
- Engineering Completed 2017
- Currently under construction
- Cost: \$257,755.00



LOCATION MAP

— INDICATES PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT
 GROSS LENGTH = 1427.89 FEET = 0.27 MILES
 NET LENGTH = 1427.89 FEET = 0.27 MILES



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS DATED 2016
 TO BE USED WITH THESE PLANS

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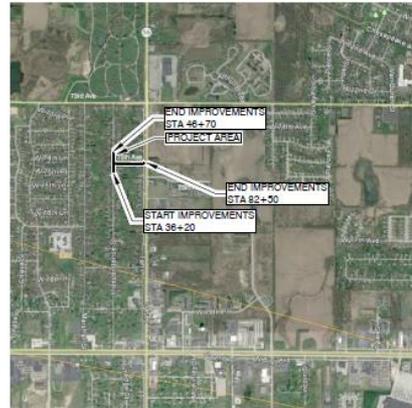
Independence Street Drainage Improvement Project – Phase 1

MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER UTILITY

2018 CDBG INDEPENDENCE STREET & 75th AVENUE
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 1
IN THE TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA



- Independence Hill Subdivision
- Engineering Completed 2017
- Construction this spring
- CDBG Funds: \$100,000
- **Cost: \$379,230.21**



LOCATION MAP

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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS DATED 2018 TO BE
USED WITH THESE PLANS

THIS IS PHASE 1 OF 2 TO ADDRESS FLOODING
ALONG INDEPENDENCE STREET. THE
REMAINING PHASE WILL BE COMPLETED IN
THE FUTURE WHEN FUNDING IS IN PLACE.



BENCH MARK:
SPIKE NAIL IN WOOD LIGHT POLE
ON WEST SIDE OF INDEPENDENCE
ST. AT INTERSECTION WITH 75th AVE.
B.M. TOP POINT #24884
ELEVATION = 549.322



180278-COV-041 - 001



PLANS PREPARED BY: ROBINSON ENGINEERING, LTD. (219)791-0700
PHONE NUMBER
CERTIFIED BY: *[Signature]* 01/03/18
DATE

MERRILLVILLE STORMWATER UTILITY

INDEPENDENCE STREET - PHASE 1
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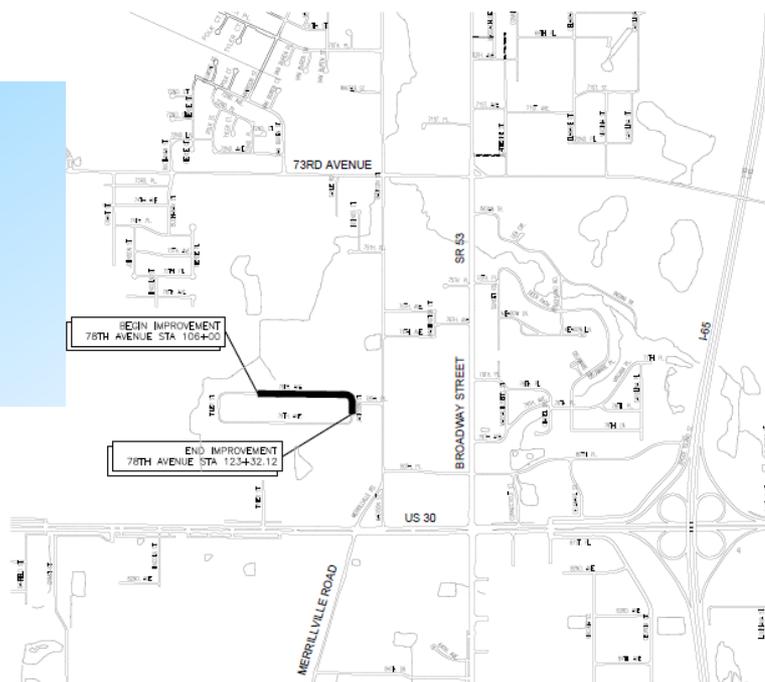
Southmoor Park Drainage Improvement Project – Phase 1

SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 35, RANGE 8

TOWN of MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA SOUTHMOOR SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FROM 825 WEST 78TH AVENUE TO 621 WEST 78TH AVENUE



- Southmoor Park Subdivision
- Engineering Completed 2017
- Constructed 2017
- Cost: \$193,671



LOCATION MAP

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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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 TO BE USED WITH THESE PLANS



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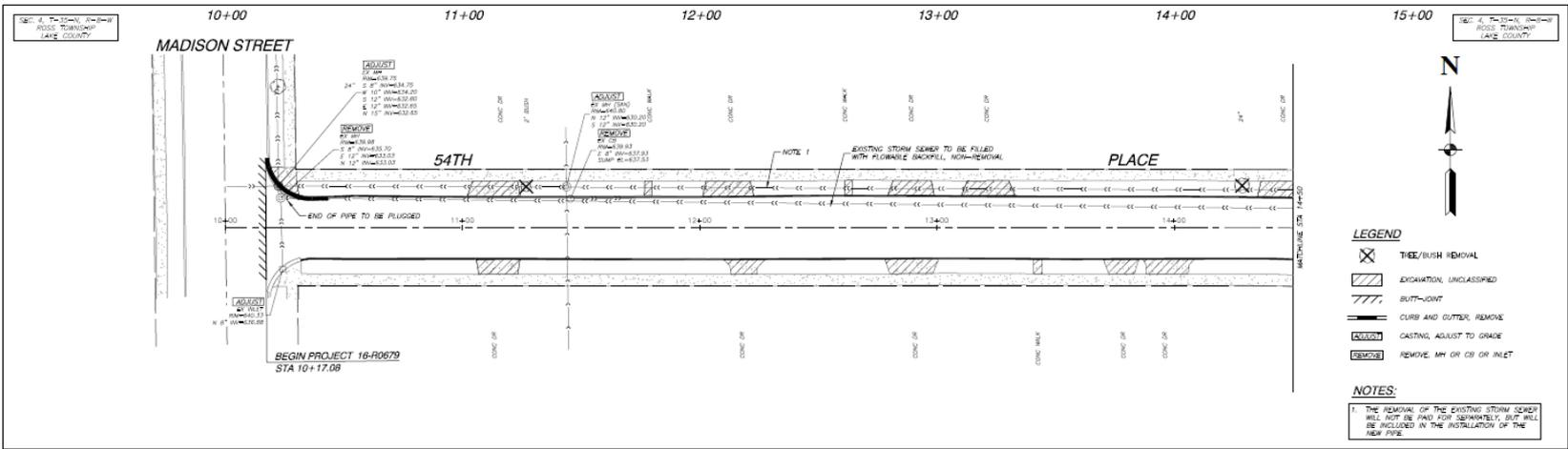


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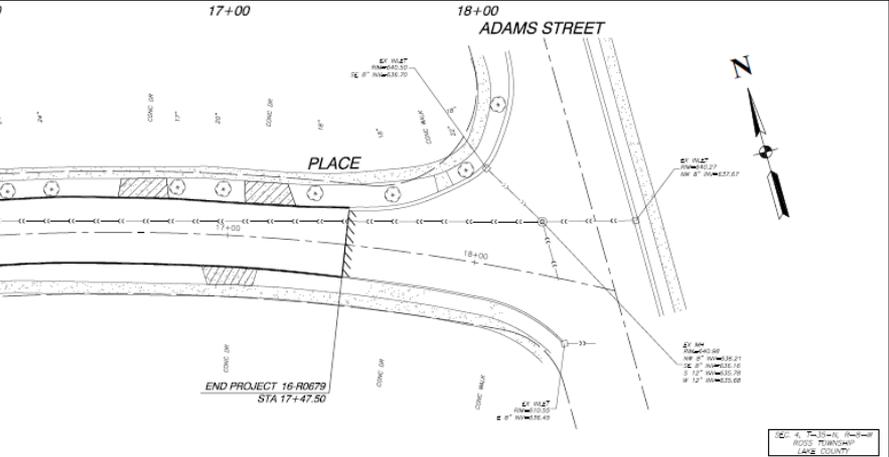




54th Place & Adams Street Drainage Improvement Project



- Meadowland Subdivision
- Engineering Completed 2017
- Constructed 2017
- Cost: \$80,947

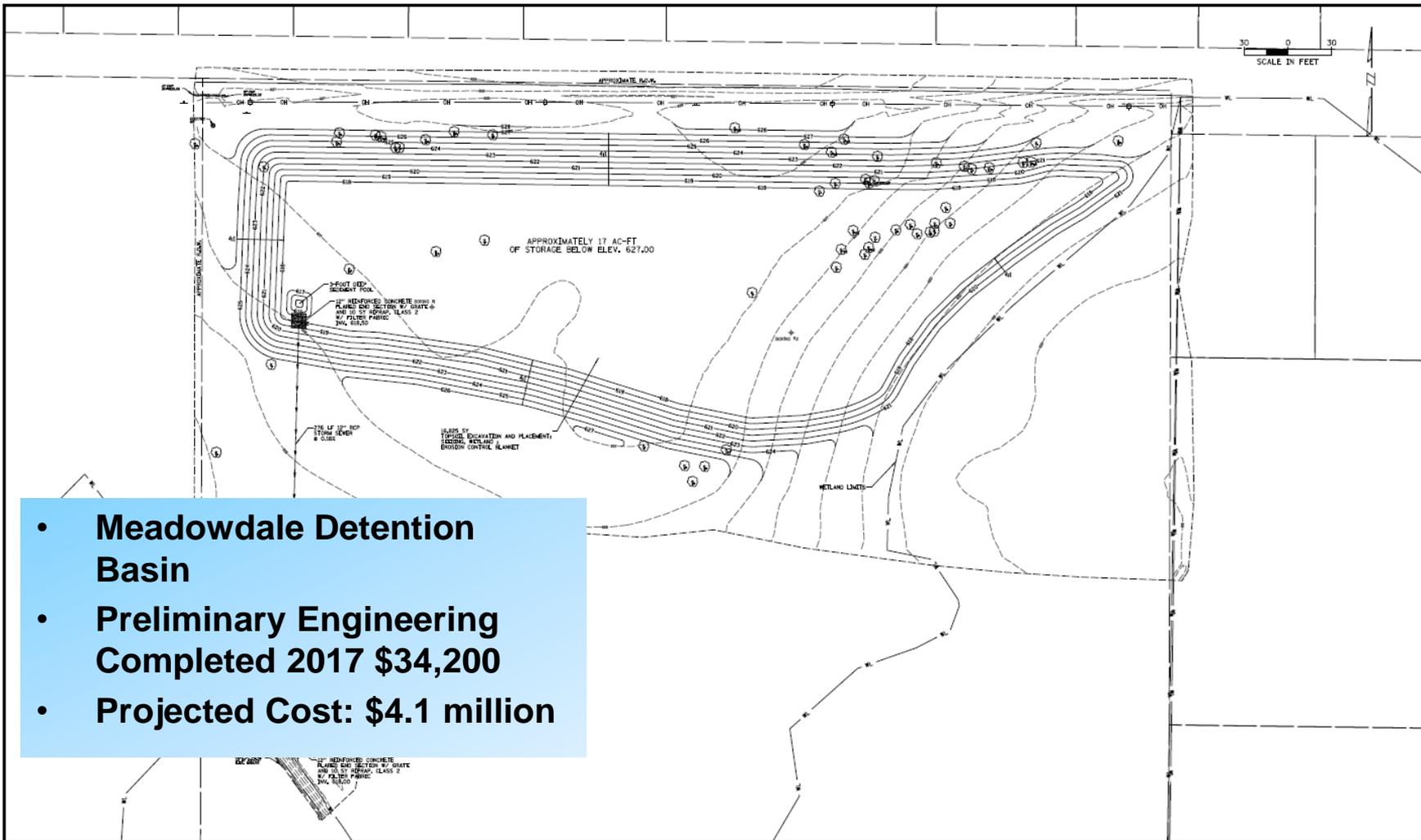


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Meadowdale Flood Control Project



- Meadowdale Detention Basin
- Preliminary Engineering Completed 2017 \$34,200
- Projected Cost: \$4.1 million

CB CHRISTOPHER B. BURKE ENGINEERING, LTD.
 9575 W. Higgins Road, Suite 500
 Rosemont, Illinois 60018
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**MEADOWDALE LATERAL STORMWATER BASINS
 GRADING AND UTILITY PLAN
 NORTHWEST DETENTION BASIN**

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58th & Jackson Street Drainage Improvement Project

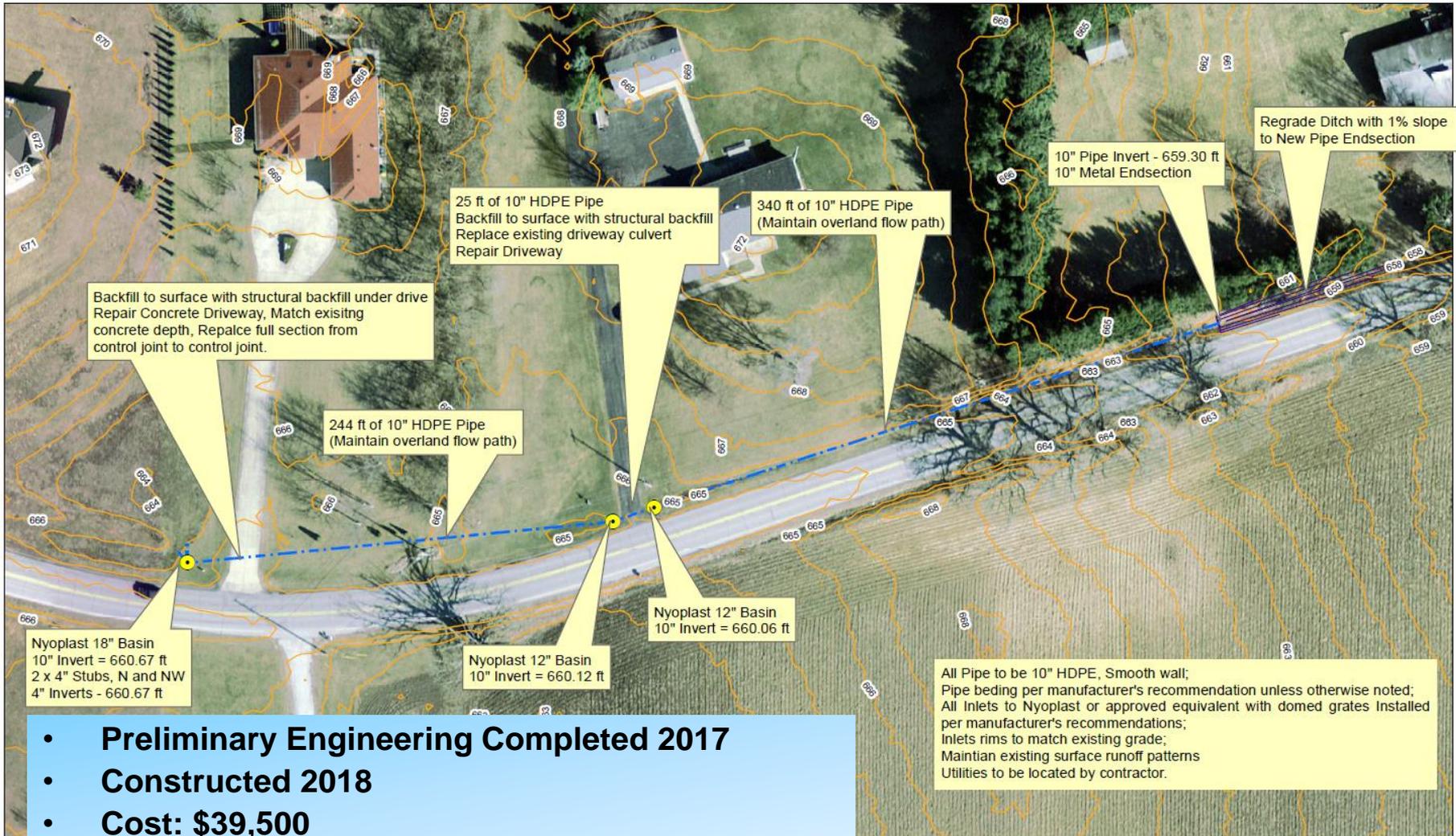


- **Constructed 2017**
 - IDEM 319 Grant covered \$17,532
 - Little Calumet River Basin Commission Grant - \$8,000
- **Cost: \$35,065**

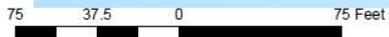




73rd Avenue Drainage Improvement Project



- **Preliminary Engineering Completed 2017**
- **Constructed 2018**
- **Cost: \$39,500**





Stormwater Master Plan

- Stormwater 20-Year Master Plan
- Conducted drainage studies for each sub-watershed area
- Identified and prioritized large scale capital improvement projects estimated **over 25 million dollars**
- Meadowdale Lateral Subwatershed - \$3,887,694.60
- Kaiser Ditch Subwatershed - \$8,357,638.80
- Chapel Manor Subwatershed - \$8,674,335.00
- North Central Turkey Creek Subwatershed - \$1,662,824.10
- Northeast Turkey Creek Subwatershed - \$2,328,060.00
- **TOTAL - \$24,910,552.50**

Land Use	TSS	TP	TKN	NH3-N	BOD	COD	Lead	Zinc	Cu
Commercial	1000	1.5	6.7	1.9	62	420	2.7	2.1	0.4
Parking Lot	400	0.7	5.1	2.0	47	270	0.8	0.8	0.04
High Density Residential	420	1.0	4.2	0.8	27	170	0.8	0.7	0.03
Medium Density Residential	190	0.5	2.5	0.5	13	72	0.2	0.2	0.14
Low Density Residential	10	0.04	0.03	0.02	NA	NA	0.01	0.04	0.01
Freeway/Interstate	880	0.9	7.9	1.5	NA	NA	4.5	2.1	0.37
Industrial	860	1.3	3.8	0.2	NA	NA	2.4	7.3	0.50
Park/Open Space	3	0.03	1.5	NA	NA	2.0	0.0	NA	NA
Construction	6000	80	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Table 5. Typical Pollutant Loadings from Runoff by Urban Land Use (lbs/acre-yr). EPA, Honer et al, 1994

Stormwater Master Plan – August 2014



Prepared for:
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Prepared by:
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Town of Merrillville

This Document Contains:

- Project Overview
- Study Delineation and Methodology
- Drainage Studies: Nine Subwatersheds
- Identification of Problem Areas
- Proposed Recommendations and Cost
 - Infrastructure
 - Water Quality Improvements
- Prioritization Matrix





New Recycled Pipe Standards

- The Merrillville Stormwater Utility implemented a new standard for town-owned stormwater infrastructure projects by incorporating pipe that contains at least 40% recycled high-density polyethylene (HDPE)
- Designed to meet 100+ year service





South Shore Poster for Public Outreach



- The Merrillville Stormwater Utility led the effort to commission a regional South Shore poster.



CHAS REILLY, THE TIMES
 Artist Mitch Markovitz discusses the "Clean and Clear" painting he created. The artwork is part of the South Shore Poster series. It sets out to create awareness of local water quality.

New South Shore poster promotes water quality

CHAS REILLY
 Times Correspondent

MERRILLVILLE — There's a new method being used to promote awareness of local water quality, and it's appealing to the eyes.

The latest in the South Shore Poster series was unveiled last week at the Merrillville Stormwater Resource Center, and the painting created by artist Mitch Markovitz depicts a waterway traveling through the Region and heading into Lake Michigan.

The artwork also shows water puddling on a road following rain, and the waterway being used for recreation.

"Water is a vital part of our lives," said Matt Lake, executive director of Merrillville's Stormwater Utility.

Lake also is part of the Northwest Indiana Stormwater Advi-

sory Group, which came up with the idea for the poster.

He said the title of the artwork, "Clean and Clear," is perfect because it "represents what we want in our waterways."

Lake said what people do on land ends up in local waterways before heading into Lake Michigan.

NISWAG, a coalition of Stormwater entities from Lake and Porter counties, discussed the possibility of commissioning the artwork for years.

"They're popular," Lake said of the South Shore Poster series.

He is pleased with the outcome of the project, which many view as a unique way to increase awareness of stormwater management.

As part of the process of creating the poster, NISWAG members met with Markovitz to discuss the concept for the

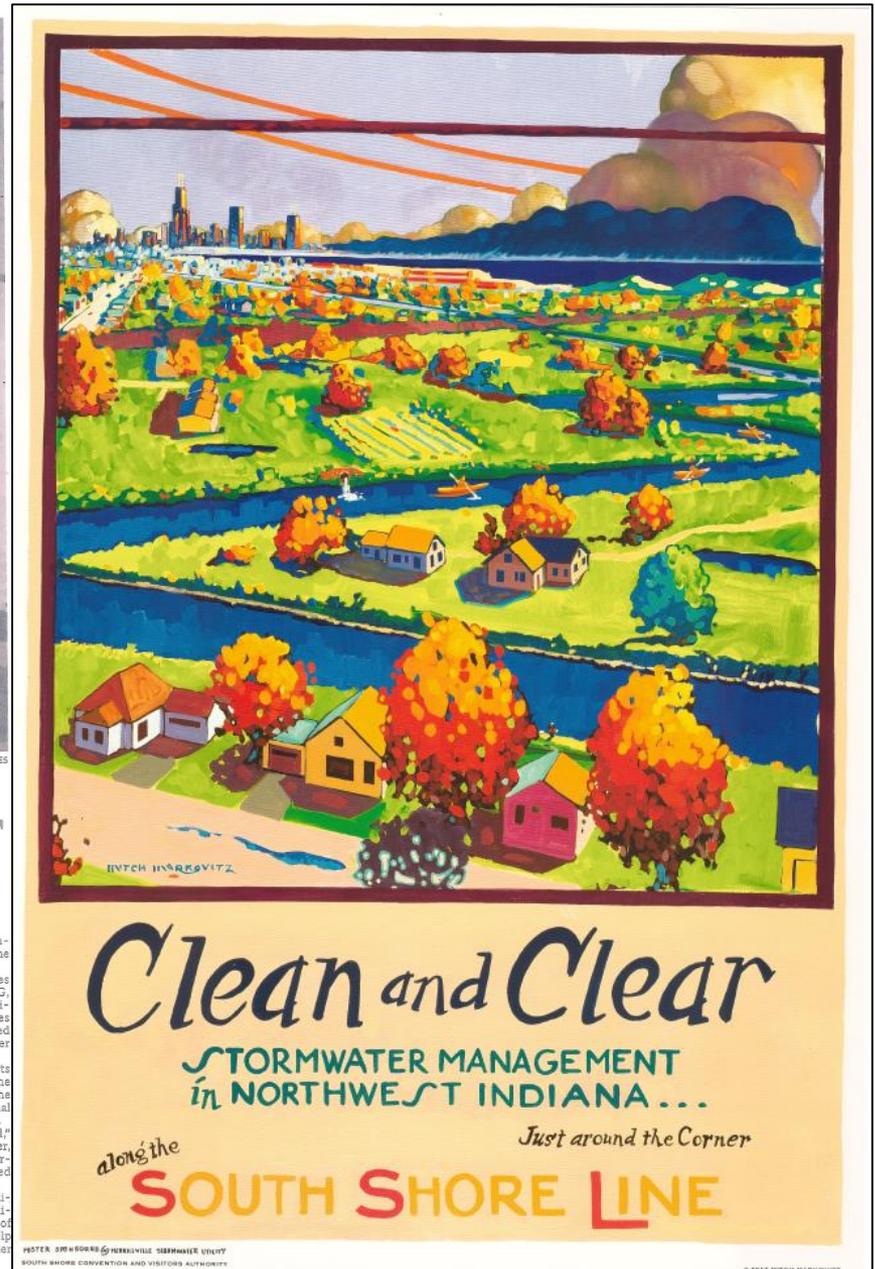
artwork. Markovitz said he enjoyed working with them on the project.

Many of the municipalities that are involved in NISWAG, other local government entities, engineering companies and other groups contributed to funding the \$11,000 poster project, Lake said.

All involved have the rights to sell reproductions of the paintings. They also can use the artwork on cards, promotional items and for other purposes.

"This is an educational tool," said Reggie Korthals, of Butler, Fairman & Seufert, an engineering company that participated in the poster project.

Korthals said stormwater directors from local municipalities can take reproductions of the painting to schools to help teach students about water quality and quantity issues.





Low Impact Development

- Merrillville is the only community in Northwest Indiana with Low Impact Development Standards
 - Requires more sustainable development to improve water quality and reduce quantity impacts

Rain Garden



Low Impact Development



Do Not Mow

Area designed with native wildflowers & grasses

- Filters stormwater runoff
- Recharges groundwater
- Provides wildlife habitat
- Reduces air emissions/carbon footprint

This project was completed in 2016 in partnership with the following:





Point Blank Gun Range – Rain Gardens



What is a Rain Garden?

Rain gardens are a mix of special soils and native plants that filter storm water run-off and reduce the amount of rain water that flows untreated into storm drains. Rain gardens also provide habitat for wildlife and add natural beauty.

CVS – Broadway & 30 – Rain Gardens

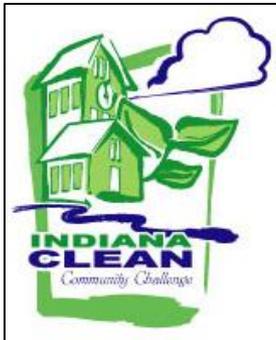


Starbucks – Rain Garden



IDEM Clean Community

- Merrillville is an IDEM Clean Community
- Recognized for proactively managing environmental impacts associated with governmental operations



Plan Created by:

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FEMA Community Rating System

- Merrillville Stormwater Utility ranked the **best** in the state for the FEMA CRS program!
- One of only two communities ranked in Northwest Indiana
- Lowered flood insurance premiums for all flood insurance policies within the Town of Merrillville
 - 15% reduction for residents in special flood hazard areas
 - 5% reduction for all other properties



 **FEMA** Fact Sheet

Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Community Rating System

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) was implemented in 1990 as a voluntary program for recognizing and encouraging community floodplain management activities exceeding the minimum NFIP standards. Any community in full compliance with the minimum NFIP floodplain management requirements may apply to join the CRS.

4,211 Communities Participate in the CRS
Nearly 3.8 million policyholders in 1,211 communities participate in the CRS by implementing local mitigation, floodplain management, and outreach activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.

Under the CRS, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reward community actions that meet the three goals of the CRS, which are: (1) reduce flood damage to insurable property; (2) mitigate and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP; and (3) encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

Although CRS communities represent only 5 percent of the over 21,000 communities participating in the NFIP, more than 67 percent of all flood insurance policies are written in CRS communities.

CRS Classes
The CRS uses a class rating system that is similar to fire insurance rating to determine flood insurance premium reductions for residents. CRS classes* are rated from 10 to 1. A community that does not apply for the CRS or that does not maintain the minimum number of credit points would be considered a Class 10 community. Today, about 100 communities enter the program as a Class 9 rating, which entitles residents in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) to a 1 percent discount on their flood insurance premiums. As a community engages in additional mitigation activities, its residents become eligible for increased NFIP policy premium discounts. Each CRS Class improvement produces a 5 percent greater discount on flood insurance premiums for properties in the SFHA, with a Class 1 community receiving the maximum 45 percent premium reduction.

Best of the Best
Four communities occupy the highest levels of the CRS. Each has developed a floodplain management program based on its own particular hazards, structure, and climate. Under these programs, each community carries out numerous and varied activities, many of which are credited by the CRS. The average discount in policyholder premium rates according to a community's CRS class and the average amount of insurance coverage in place. Some highlights:

- Roseville, California** was the first to reach the highest CRS rating (Class 1). Damaging floods in 1995 spurred Roseville to strengthen and formalize its floodplain management program. Today the City earns points for almost all CRS creditable activities. The average premium discount for policies in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) is \$700.
- Comprehensive planning** for floodplain management has been a key contributor to Tulsa, Oklahoma's progress in reducing flood damage from the dozens of creeks within its jurisdiction. The City (Class 2) has cleaned more than 500 badspots from its floodplains. The average premium discount for policies in the SFHA is \$514.
- King County, Washington** (Class 2) has preserved more than 100,000 acres of floodplain open space and removed additional 600 acres for maintaining it in a natural state. The average premium discount for policies in the SFHA is \$300.
- Pierce County, Washington** (Class 2) maintains over 10 miles of river levees. County officials annually install thousands of structures by floodplain residents. The average premium discount for policies in the SFHA is \$200.

* CRS class designations are in effect October 1 of each year. The data contained in this fact sheet was current through May 1, 2012.

*CRS class is subject to change and does not represent a guarantee that a state or local government is fully insured and therefore capable to prepare for, prevent, respond to, or recover from, an act of natural disaster.



Tree City USA

A celebratory poster for Arbor Day 2015. It features the Town of Merrillville logo in the top left corner. The main text reads 'CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY 2015 CONGRATULATIONS! Town of Merrillville'. Below this is a central graphic of a tree inside a green circle, with the text 'TREE CITY USA®' underneath. To the left and right of the tree are two columns of text listing benefits and actions related to trees. At the bottom, there are logos for various partners including Merrillville, the School Corporation, and the Library.

**CELEBRATE
ARBOR DAY 2015
CONGRATULATIONS!
Town of Merrillville**

WHAT TREES DO FOR US:
Provide Shade
Building Materials
Produce Oxygen
Save Energy Costs
Clean & Store Stormwater
and much more!

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR TREES:
Proper Pruning
Water As Needed
Plant More Trees
Add Mulch
Plant in the Right Place
and much more!

TREE CITY USA®

Special thanks to our partners!



- Merrillville has been a designated Tree City USA for the past 7 years
- Arbor Day event provides opportunities for education and outreach activities that emphasize trees for aesthetics and stormwater

PUBLIC WORKS



Bruce Spires - Director
Kevin Markle - Street Superintendent

Paving the Way!





Broadway Resurfacing





Bridge Widening 101st Avenue





Intersection Reconstruction/Roundabout 73rd Avenue & SR 55 (Taft Street)

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION
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CONTRACT	
DATE	

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



ROAD PLANS

LOCATION: SR 55 AT 73RD AVE. - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT NO. 1386315 P.E. R/W
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SCALES:

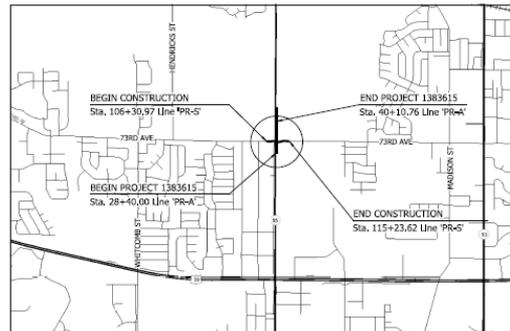
PLAN:

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PROFILE VERT:

FULL SIZE PLANS HAVE BEEN PREPARED USING STANDARD ENGINEERING SCALES. REDUCED SIZED PLANS WILL NOT CONFORM TO STANDARD SCALES. IN MAKING MEASUREMENTS ON REDUCED PLANS, THE ABOVE SCALES MAY BE USED.

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT ON SR 55 AT 73RD AVE.,
LOCATED IN SECTION 17, T-35-N, R-8-W, ROSS TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA



LOCATION MAP
ROSS TOWNSHIP
SEC 17, T-35-N, R-8-W
LAKE COUNTY

TRAFFIC DATA		SR 55
ADULT	2015	16,860 V.P.D.
ADULT	2010	16,860 V.P.D.
CHILD	2010	1,860 V.P.D.
TRUCK		53.3%
DESIGN DATA		
DESIGN SPEED		40 MPH
PROJECT DESIGN CRITERIA		SR (NON-FREEWAY)
FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION		FUNCTIONAL ARTISIAN
URBAN/AROUND		URBAN INTERPRETIVE
TERRAIN		LEVEL
ACCESS CONTROL		NONE

TRAFFIC DATA		73RD AVE
ADULT	2015	12,535 V.P.D.
ADULT	2010	12,535 V.P.D.
CHILD	2010	1,167 V.P.D.
TRUCK		5.0% (A.A.B.T.)
DESIGN DATA		
DESIGN SPEED		30 MPH
PROJECT DESIGN CRITERIA		SR (NON-FREEWAY)
FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION		FUNCTIONAL ARTISIAN
URBAN/AROUND		URBAN INTERPRETIVE
TERRAIN		LEVEL
ACCESS CONTROL		NONE



LATITUDE: 41° 28' 08" LONGITUDE: 87° 21' 54"

GROSS LENGTH: 0.22 MI.
NET LENGTH: 0.22 MI.
MAXIMUM GRADE: 3.10% %

HUC 14 # 04040001030010
STAGE 1 SUBMITTAL
3/5/2018

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS DATED 2018
TO BE USED WITH THESE PLANS



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NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION
DATE: 3/5/2018

PLANS PREPARED BY:	PROJECT NUMBER:
CERTIFIED BY:	DATE:
APPROVED FOR LISTING:	DATE:

DESIGNATION	
SHEETS	
SURVEY BOOK	
DATE	
PROJECT	
SHEETS	



86th Avenue - Phase 1

(West of Merrillville Road)

- Final cost of Phase 1 = \$516,024
- The town's portion funded through the Merrillville Road TIF district





98th Avenue (Ameriplex)

- Final cost = \$900,000
- Creates new development corridor in Ameriplex





Mississippi Street Widening (93rd Avenue to 101st Avenue)

- Phase 5 (93rd Ave. to 101st Ave.) = 4.7 Million
- Total cost (U.S. 30 to 93rd Ave.) = \$10.3 million
- The town has secured Group 1 federal funding through NIRPC to pay for 80% of the project
- The town's portion funded through the Mississippi Street TIF district



POLICE DEPARTMENT



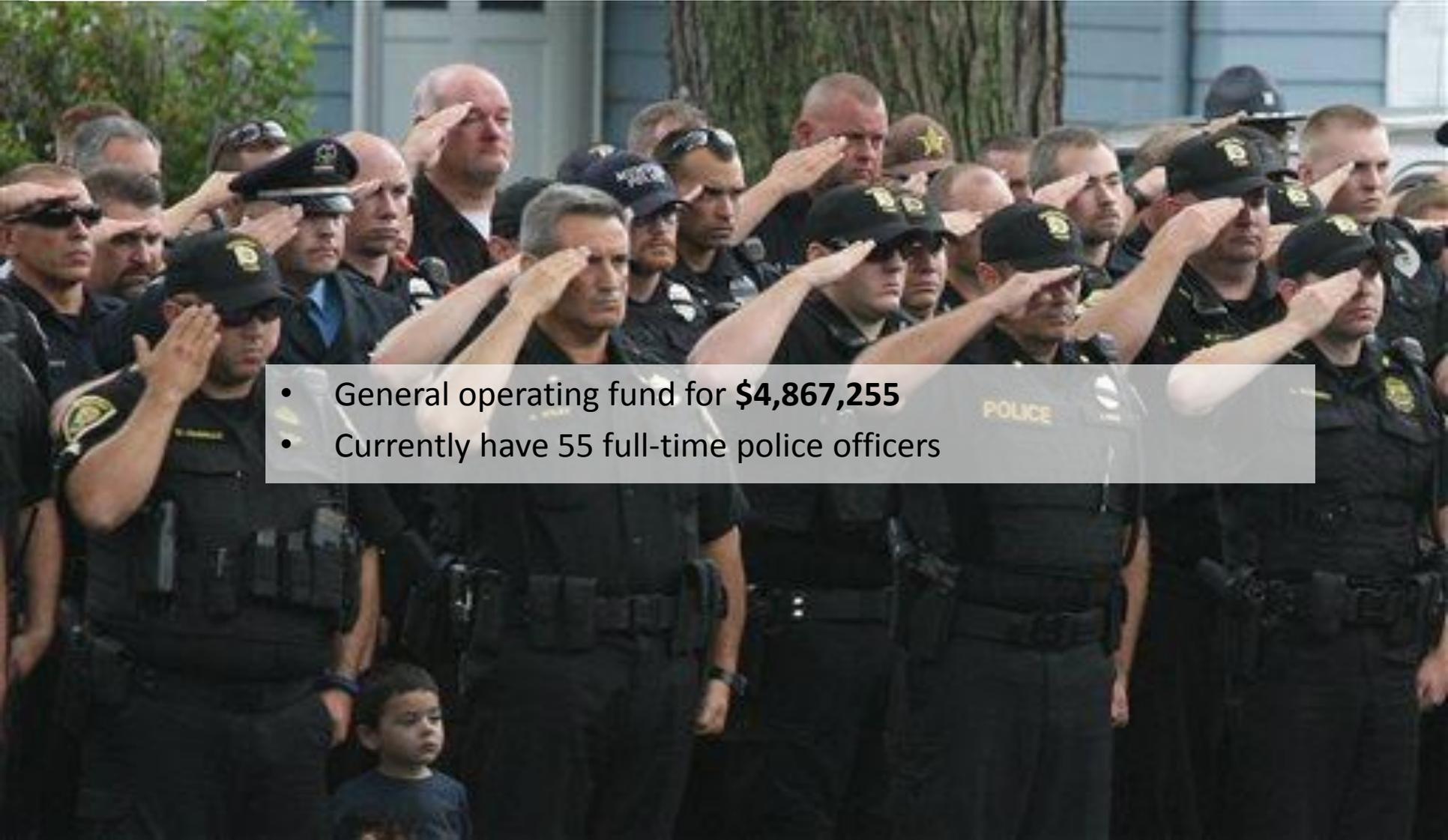
Joe Petruch - Chief

Protect and Serve!





Providing Protection



- General operating fund for **\$4,867,255**
- Currently have 55 full-time police officers



Crime Statistics

- Robbery is down 27%
- Burglary for residence is down 54%
- Theft from Shoplifting is down 14%
- Juvenile Criminal Mischief is down 80%
- Responded to 31,720 service calls in past year



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Ed Yerga - Chief

Keeping us Safe!





Investing in Safety

- Fire Department has 14 full-time firefighters
- Improved Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating, which lowers insurance for all property owners
- Having more firefighters trained as medics to provide advanced life support (3 EMT-B, 3 EMT Paramedics)
- Maintains over \$6 million dollars worth of apparatus



Ambulance Service

- New 3-year contract with Superior Ambulance Service
- Must respond to all calls within six (6) minutes



PARKS DEPARTMENT



Jan Orlich - Director

Activities for All!





Park & Playground Renovations



Renovations and improvements have been ongoing for the past four years on all Merrillville parks and playgrounds. ADA accessibility has been at the forefront of all renovations.

Accessible walkways, ADA play components and safety surfacing have been included on all new playground renovations



Programming

- Park users can now register for park programs from the convenience of their home or office on the new RecTrac software program.
- Programming options are constantly changing to meet the needs of Merrillville residents.
- Senior programming has increased and offers more day trips, overnight trips, nutrition and educational classes.
- Adult exercise classes have also experienced and increase in popularity.



Trail System

- The Erie Lakawanna Trail is the longest contiguous trail in Northwest Indiana.
- The Merrillville section of the trail will have the first ever Solar Bench that will not only be a resting stop on the trail, but you also will have the capability to charge your cell phone or tablet while resting at our new Solar Bench that will be installed in the Spring of 2018.



- The Merrillville Park Dept. contracted artist, Jill Von Volkenburgh, to paint a mural on the tunnel wall that separates Schererville from Merrillville.
- This mural has reduced graffiti by some 90%.



- The Erie Lakawanna Trail will also have an updated look throughout Northwest Indiana as new Trail Signage will be installed including welcome signs, regulatory signs and mile markers.

TOWN MANAGEMENT



Bruce Spires - Town Manager

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- Updated Website
- Business Locator Map
- Electronic Billboard
- Town Newsletters
- Ordinances

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ROAD CLOSURE
West 73rd Avenue between Broadway & Madison Street will be closed to west bound traffic beginning Wednesday, April 1st for approximately 60 days due to road reconstruction. Motorists are encouraged to use 68th Place or 80th Place as alternate routes.

STORMWATER UTILITY DISPLAY RAIN BARREL PAINTED BY ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
See our [Photo Gallery](#) for pictures of the rain barrel!
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STORMWATER OFFICE LAUNCHES 2015 RAIN BARREL PROGRAM – ORDER YOURS TODAY!
The deadline for mail orders is April 24th, and the deadline for online credit card orders is April 28th.
Read More

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4-21-15 [Plan Comm. Mtg](#)
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