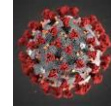


Partnership Parke County Newsletter

Want to know about some of the exciting developments in Parke County and be a part of the positive conversations taking place? Continue reading our newsletter and visit our website at www.partnershipparkecounty.com.

Business Recovery



Since mid-March when the COVID-19 pandemic started, our office has been working to secure necessary items and find resources that would help businesses remain safe or help them to re-open when the time arrives.

<https://www.partnershipparkecounty.com/covid-19-information>

The following personal protective equipment (PPE) has been obtained by our office and is available for distribution:

- Hand sanitizer
- Face masks
- Face shields

If you are in need of any of the PPE items listed above, please visit our website and complete the order form. <https://www.partnershipparkecounty.com/supply-needs-order-form>

Many state and federal agencies have created programs to assist during the pandemic. We are available to help you navigate through the abundance of information.

Helpful resources:

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
- Disaster Loans Information
- Resource Guide
- Revolving Loan Plan



Revolving Loan Funds Available

Parke County Redevelopment Commission

The Revolving Loan Fund is operated/approved by the Parke County Redevelopment Commission (PCRC). Their mission is to promote economic and community development for sustained and continued growth through increasing investment in our community. The PCRC strives toward business retention and expansion, new business attraction, capitalizing on technology and innovation while promoting entrepreneurship and education, and the promotion of community resources while preserving and improving infrastructure to create more, better-paying jobs; thereby improving the quality of life for all Parke County residents. The Revolving Loan Fund has proven to be a successful tool in fulfilling the PCRC mission. This program has given many individuals the opportunity to expand or retain their current business at a more affordable rate with longer terms of repayment than traditional bank financing. The program has also allowed individuals to realize the dream of starting a new business in Parke County.

To learn more or apply for a loan, please visit our website.

<https://www.partnershipparkecounty.com/revolving-loan-fund>

Regional Wastewater

Our non-sewered communities have expressed a need for service. They understand for them to sustain residents and companies, have the ability to grow, and be competitive, it will require sewer service.

In response to this need, we have worked with the Parke County Redevelopment Commission to apply for grants to conduct a preliminary engineering report (PER). The PER will take a countywide view and contain a summary of existing conditions, needs, alternatives, present worth analysis of alternatives, nonmonetary considerations, recommended alternative(s), rate structures, and funding sources.

This report is necessary as part of the first step for filing a petition for sewer district formation. A clear illustration of, and description of, the proposed sewer district boundaries must be provided in support of the petition and will be included in the PER.

We were awarded two grants and a \$5,000 contribution from the Parke County Redevelopment Commission to pay for the PER. One grant was for \$30,000 from Indiana Finance Authority/State Revolving Fund – Regionalization Assistance Program and other grant was \$15,000 from USDA Rural Development.

The PER kicked off in May 2020 and is estimated to be completed by the end of 2020. Commonwealth Engineering Incorporated is the firm preparing the report.

Lee Alan Bryant (LAB) – Environmental Clean Up

Partnership Parke County lead discussions with the Indiana Brownfield programs and the Parke County Commissioners to address the LAB property that has been on the unpaid property tax list for several years and had environmental concerns. In working together, Indiana Brownfield agreed to fund the environmental assessment and asbestos removal project. To receive the State-funding we transferred the property to the Parke County Redevelopment Commission.

The asbestos removal project is wrapping up in June 2020. The 100+ acres surrounding the seven (7) acres owned by the County is for sale. We look forward to seeing what the future holds!

Former Shopko Site

We have some great partners helping us promote this site. Colliers International is the realtor and connects with us almost weekly to check-in. Our newest partner is Wabash Valley Power Alliance (a generation and transmission electric co-op). Check out the site marketing plan they created.

[Marketing Plan](#)

Parke County 4-H Fair – July 10-17, 2020



Partnership Parke County has made the difficult decision to not host businesses in the Commercial Building during the 2020 Parke County 4-H Fair in July.

We truly enjoy hosting this event, but given the possibility of reduced foot traffic at the fairgrounds, and the potential public health and safety issues we felt it best to not host the businesses.

Our plan is to host the Commercial Building at the 2021 Parke County 4-H Fair.

The Purpose of Partnership Parke County

The purpose of Partnership Parke County, Incorporated is to enable Parke County, Indiana to improve their quality of life and provide direction for economic growth. As a non-profit organization, we have performed vigorous investigation of other successful like counties, multiple discussions with Parke County, Indiana’s incorporated towns, residents, and local organizations to identify needs, and in-depth discussions with our local county government.

Our Programs, Services & Responsibilities

Partnership Parke promotes programs and activities once performed by Parke County Redevelopment Commission in the pursuance of economic growth and development by implementing those activities and programs for private individuals, businesses, local municipalities, and community groups.

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