

This week's highlight is the proposal from the Wabash River Region, which is composed of Knox, Sullivan, and Vigo counties. Some of the projects that are included in this proposal are:

Vincennes University Student Center - VU is now embarking on its third century of providing education to undergraduates pursuing 1-year and 4-year academic programs of study in the state of Indiana. VU is Indiana's first college and is one of the oldest in America. It is the birthplace of one of the nation's first two-year institutions of higher learning. VU continues to expand its campus and footprint throughout the state of Indiana. VU most recently broke ground on their campus in Vincennes for a new \$4.35 million Student Center. The 20,907 SF two-story Center will include a technology café, gaming lounge, study areas, multi-functional spaces, visual display boards, indoor fireplace, and outdoor seating area.

Pantheon Theater - Located on the corner of 5th and Main Streets, the Pantheon Theater represents the arts history in Vincennes. The theater was originally designed to accommodate silent films, large road shows, and concerts with 1,200 seats. Since Vincennes is roughly halfway between St. Louis and Cincinnati, it became a regular stop for famous performers such as Red Skelton, Duke Ellington, The Marx Brothers, and W.C. Fields. After closing in the 1950's due to low attendance and high maintenance costs, it was eventually purchased by Vincennes' development organization, INVin. INVin's dream is to see the theater transformed into a Community Center/Meeting Room for 5,700 square feet of Wabash River Region Proposal for the Indiana Regional Cities Initiative 64 Knox Sullivan Vigo the property, and the remainder of the building turned into a Primary Care/Walk-In Clinic through Good Samaritan Hospital that would serve 75-100 patients per day

Pioneer Oil Building improvements - A private investor purchased the Old Hills building downtown. This three story building is 35,000 square feet and is being totally renovated - which will result in approximately \$150 per square foot in improvements. Vincennes and Knox County Development Corporation (KCDC) partnered to provide resources to purchase adjoining real estate, pave a huge lot for employee parking, and are in the process of moving their corporate headquarters from Illinois

Ivy Tech Precision Agricultural Center - Ivy Tech Community College will implement a \$2,000,000 renovation of a facility in the south industrial park in Terre Haute. This renovation will take an empty warehouse space and transform it into a high-tech lab for precision agriculture and heavy- to medium-diesel.

Rehabilitation of the former American Can Company/ICON Transportation Manufacturing Facility - Indiana State University, in collaboration with its higher education partners in the Terre Haute community and Core Redevelopment, has proposed to conduct a historic rehabilitation of the former American Can Company/ICON Transportation Manufacturing Facility located on the northern banks of the Wabash River. At approximately 180,000 square feet, this three story former industrial facility will provide living and working spaces for emerging entrepreneurs.

Kimmell Park Revitalization - Kimmell Park, an 18-acre camping and park area, is located near the Vincennes University campus and offers magnificent views of the Wabash River. The revitalization of this major riverfront will create a hub of new entertainment opportunities on what currently exists as only a blighted campground.

Summer Youth Employment Programs at ISU, Rose-Human and St. Mary of the Woods College - This program allows high school students to work at a facility that might not otherwise employ them and encourage students to stay in Terre Haute.

Pathway Program at Vigo County School Corporation (VCSC) - The Pathway Program encourages industry leaders to mentor, champion and sponsor three chosen career training programs (Auto Servicing, Advanced Manufacturing, and Machining).

They Gotta Go - With a tagline of "They Gotta Go," Sullivan received approximately \$1.1 million to eliminate the blighted homes in the city. The county has nearly 95 blighted homes, 65 of which are in the city of Sullivan. Currently, 45 of the 65 blighted homes have been approved for demolition and the city is able to replace unapproved homes with potential new homes up to the amount of the allotment/award.

St. Mary of the Woods Equine Program - The Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC) Equine Facility will establish Terre Haute as Indiana's leader in equine events on local, state and national platforms. This 30,800 sq. ft. facility will be host to academic equine programming such as pre-veterinarian and the only equine assisted therapy program minor offered in the United States.

For more information on the Wabash River Region plan, visit: <http://indianaregionalcities.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/082815-Regional-Cities-Application-Wabash-River-Region-88-pgs.pdf>