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2026 STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch

June 30, 2026





Celebrating Our People,
Building Momentum Together,
Committing to Lasting Change



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Celebrating Our People



We Don't Just Talk – We Listen & Act.

Our commitment to transparency is shown in how we engage, listen and deliver results.



HOW WE'VE BEEN ACCESSIBLE



8 COMMUNITY TOWN HALLS

Residents from across Michigan City had direct access to city leaders, department heads and our Common Council.



MONTHLY COFFEE WITH SENIORS

Open conversations on the issues that matter most to our seniors – quality of life, safety, transportation, and more.



CONTRACTOR & SMALL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLES

Listening sessions with builders, contractors and business owners to improve permitting, customer service and support economic growth.



EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

- Boards & Commissions Training
 - Building & Permitting Workshops
 - Community Education Sessions
- Knowledge empowers our community.*



WE MEET YOU WHERE YOU ARE.

You Talk.

WE LISTEN.

We Act.

Community engagement is not a one-time event. It's how we govern.

WHAT WE HEARD MOST



#1 TRASH, ILLEGAL DUMPING & NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANLINESS

Residents want cleaner neighborhoods, better enforcement and more opportunities to dispose of items responsibly.



#2 UNHOUSED POPULATION

Residents asked for compassionate solutions, safer public spaces and better coordination among agencies.



INCREASED COORDINATION

Stronger collaboration between Code Enforcement, Vector Control, Police, Sanitation and Street Departments.



EXPANDED CLEANUP OPPORTUNITIES

Created a Fall Drop-Off Center in addition to Spring Cleanup and Special Pick-Ups.



TIRE AMNESTY DAY

Hosted a community event for residents to drop off old tires and help reduce illegal dumping.



OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP

Multi-department initiative to target illegal dumping hot spots and nuisance properties.



RESIDENTS ARE OUR PARTNERS

You can help us catch culprits. Email photos or videos of illegal dumping to **TRASH@MichiganCityIN.gov**



AMERICA IN BLOOM

Joined America in Bloom to create a framework for beautification, environmental stewardship and community pride.

WHAT WE DID



TRANSPARENCY IS MORE THAN A WORD.
It's Our Way of Serving You.



OPEN COMMUNICATION



RESPONSIVE LEADERSHIP



MEASURABLE RESULTS



STRONGER COMMUNITY

OVER \$1 MILLION REINVESTED INTO MICHIGAN CITY



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MAYOR'S CHARITABLE GALA

\$350,000+

REINVESTED

Over the past three years, proceeds from the Mayor's Charitable Gala have been reinvested directly into our community.

- 40+ organizations funded
- Youth programs
- Neighborhood initiatives
- Workforce development
- Arts & culture
- Beautification projects

When our community comes together, everyone benefits.



COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS

\$150,000+

AWARDED

In partnership with the Common Council, awarded through the Restoring Communities Grant Program.

- Launched Michigan City's **First Opioid Awareness Walk**
- Prevention programs
- Recovery support
- Youth programming
- Homeless services
- Grants to community-based organizations

Helping restore hope, healing, and opportunity.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

\$450,000+

INVESTED ANNUALLY

Federal CDBG funding is invested each year to strengthen neighborhoods and support residents across Michigan City.

- Home repairs & rehabilitation
- Grants to social service agencies
- Park improvements
- Infrastructure improvements
- Accessibility enhancements
- Affordable housing & neighborhood revitalization



INVESTING IN PEOPLE



STRENGTHENING NEIGHBORHOODS



BUILDING MICHIGAN CITY'S FUTURE

Together, we're investing in what matters most—our people, our neighborhoods, and our future.

INVESTING IN PARKS & PUBLIC SPACES

Building Places That Bring People Together 



MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENTS



\$5 MILLION

Fedder's Alley All-Inclusive Playground & Fitness Park

- Funding gap remains
- *Construction to begin in the fall*



\$7.97 MILLION

Singing Sands Trail – Phase III

- Design & right-of-way underway
- *Construction scheduled 2027–2028*



\$1.08 MILLION

Water Tower Park Renovation

- ✓ Completed May 2025



ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS



Automated Washington Park Parking System

10% increase in parking revenue



Beach Accessibility Mats



Golf Course Irrigation System

Installed Oct. 2025



Millennium Plaza Fountain Demolition

Completed May 2026



Patriot Park Press Box Construction

Completed May 2025



Wings of Wonder Exhibit

Est. Completion July 2026



MC Shines Neighborhood Cleanup Trailer

Fully furnished by Kabelin's grant



**MILLIONS INVESTED TODAY ARE
CREATING RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES
FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.**



COMMUNITY



ACCESSIBILITY



BEAUTY



SAFETY



CREATING EXPERIENCES FOR EVERY GENERATION

Parks Are More Than Green Space



★ 2025 HIGHLIGHTS ★

274 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Serving residents of every age through:

- Youth Sports
- Basketball & Pickleball
- Bike the City
- Summer Day Camps
- Community Gardens
- Arts & Craft Programs
- Trail Hikes
- Food Truck Events
- Murder Mystery & Community Events

- Chess Club
- Open Game Nights
- Pantries in the Park
- Paper Football League
- Party in the Plaza/ The Plug In
- Passport to Summer Fun
- Pickleball
- Pour & Paint

...and so much more!

INVESTING BEYOND RECREATION

ZOO EXCELLENCE

Earned both AZA & ZAA Accreditation

ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS & AQUARIUMS & ZAA COLLEGEAL BRANCH OF AMERICA

GOLF COURSE SUCCESS

Municipal Golf Course achieved **RECORD REVENUE!**

EXPANDING PUBLIC ART

- Water Bird Sculpture
- Hoopla Sculpture
- Skate Park Murals
- Water Tower Murals
- You Are Beautiful Park (design finalized)
- SculptFusion: 5 new in 2025, 2 new in 2026

OUR TEAM DELIVERED RESULTS

10% INCREASE in Washington Park parking revenue

RECORD Golf Course Revenue

EXPANDED Recreation Programming

\$17,000 Grant for new AEDs

\$40,000 Annual Savings through in-house golf course licensing

Our dedicated team works every day to keep Michigan City active, connected and thriving!

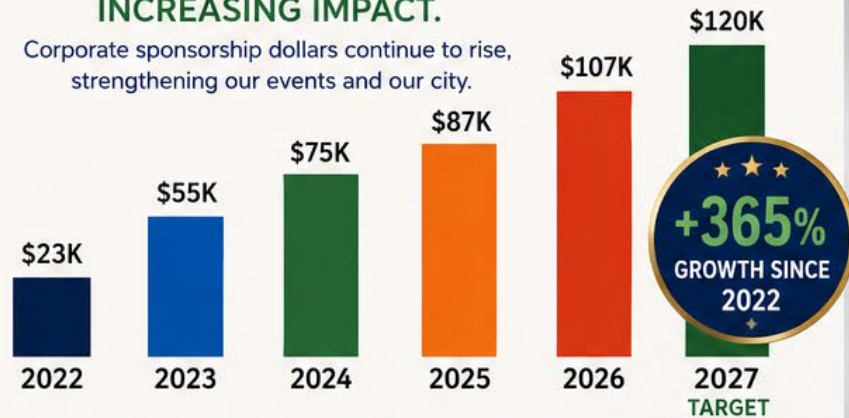
SPECIAL EVENTS

Bringing People Together. Building Community Pride.

Our events celebrate our community, drive visitors to our city, and create lasting memories for residents of all ages.

GROWING PARTNERSHIPS. INCREASING IMPACT.

Corporate sponsorship dollars continue to rise, strengthening our events and our city.



FROM \$23K IN 2022 TO A TARGET OF \$120K IN 2027!



THE IMPACT



ATTRACTING VISITORS

Bringing thousands of visitors to Michigan City.



SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS

Driving foot traffic and boosting our economy.



CREATING JOBS & OPPORTUNITIES

Supporting seasonal jobs and local vendors.



BUILDING PRIDE & CONNECTION

Bringing our community together.



SINGING SANDS

The largest sand sculpting festival on the Great Lakes and one of the largest in the country.



OKTOBERFEST

A community favorite that continues to grow year after year.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

A cherished tradition that brings joy, lights, and holiday spirit to our community.



NEW & EXCITING EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

- Expanded Festival of Lights
Adding ice carving & snow sculpting
- Bring Back the Lights Campaign
Lighting up Franklin Street again
- Expanded Fall & Halloween Festival
More family fun & festivities
- Expanded Juneteenth Celebration
Honoring freedom & community
- Additional Family Programming
New activities and experiences for all ages



HOMETOWN HERO. COMMUNITY CHAMPION.

Michigan City native and NFL star **Braden Fiske** will serve as the **Grand Marshal** of the **2025 Patriotic Parade** and host a Family Fun Day at Ames Field!



★ STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS. • MORE EVENTS. • BIGGER IMPACT. *That's Special Events.* ❤️



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| City Services



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

— 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW —

Modernizing Development. Improving Service. Delivering Results.



CLOUDPERMIT ROLLOUT SUCCESSES

ONLINE SINCE MARCH 1, 2025



ONE PLATFORM FOR:

- Building Permits
- Contractor Registrations
- Inspections

RESULTS



50% REDUCTION

Customer support calls and emails as users became proficient with the system.



61%

of permits are now cleared within one business day.



Permits, registrations, and inspections are all managed in one online system, improving organization and transparency.



Plan reviews and inspections for the fast-paced 402 Royal Rd data center project were managed in-house on the platform.



TOP ACCOMPLISHMENTS — PAST 12 MONTHS

- Expanded customer education on Cloudpermit, cutting support calls and emails by about 50%.
- Faster permit reviews — 61% of permits are now cleared within one business day.
- Permits, registrations, and inspections are all managed in one online system, improving organization and transparency.
- Plan reviews and inspections for the fast-paced 402 Royal Rd data center project were managed in-house on the platform.



BY THE NUMBERS

CONTRACTOR REGISTRATIONS

2025 — FULL YEAR



971

Total Registrations



764

New Contractors



207

Renewals



\$104,500

Registration Fees Collected



3.8 DAYS

Average Review Time

BUILDING & MEP PERMITS

2025 — FULL YEAR



2,393

Permits Issued



\$877,000

Standard Permit Fees Collected



6.9 DAYS

Average Review Time



ECONOMIC IMPACT

402 ROYAL ROAD DATA CENTER

ADDITIONAL PERMIT REVENUE

\$6,869,770

TOTAL 2025 BUILDING PERMIT FEES

\$7,746,770



Note: a single project — the 402 Royal Rd data center — accounted for an additional \$6,869,770 in permit fees. Including that project, total 2025 building permit fees were \$7,746,770.

MODERNIZING CITY SERVICES

Making government easier, faster, and more accessible.



ZERO-FARE TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION WITHOUT BARRIERS



FREE rides for every resident, worker, student, senior, and visitor.



Improved access to jobs, healthcare, education, shopping, and essential services.



Faster boarding and a better rider experience.



Removing transportation barriers while strengthening community mobility.

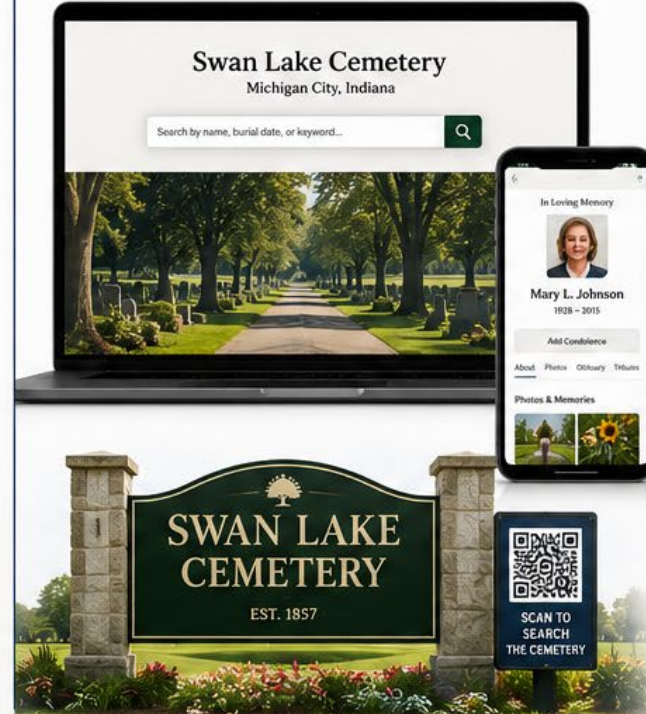


**A MORE CONNECTED COMMUNITY.
FREE RIDES. REAL IMPACT.**



CEMETERY DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

HONORING OUR PAST THROUGH TECHNOLOGY



Nearly **50,000** burial records digitized.



Public online searchable database.



GPS directions to gravesites.



Families can share photos, obituaries, and condolences online.



New QR code signage installed at both cemeteries.



Added environmentally responsible **Green Burial** options.



BETTER ACCESS. | BETTER SERVICE. | BETTER GOVERNMENT.

PUBLIC SAFETY: PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY



*Keeping Michigan City safe requires
prevention, partnerships, preparedness,
and people committed to serving every day.*



POLICE

Preventing crime.
Protecting our community.



FIRE

Prepared to respond.
Committed to saving lives.



**COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS**

Stronger together.
Safer together.





MICHIGAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Strategic Policing. Stronger Partnerships.



Focused on preventing crime, pursuing offenders, and building trust through engagement.



4.4%

OVERALL CRIME DOWN

Total offenses decreased compared to 2024.



6,461

COMMUNITY POLICING CONTACTS

Proactive community engagements increased 6.8% from 2024.



**NEARLY
2X**

FIREARM ARRESTS

Arrests for illegal firearms up 93% from 2024.



80%+

VIOLENT CRIME ARRESTS

Arrests for violent crimes increased 82.8% from 2024.

FOCUSED ON WHAT MATTERS MOST



TARGETED ENFORCEMENT

- Intelligence-led policing to focus resources where they're needed most.
- More accountability for violent offenders and gun crimes.
- Stronger partnerships with regional, state and federal agencies.



COMMUNITY POLICING

- Building trust through consistent presence and engagement.
- Listening to residents and solving problems together.
- Preventing crime through connection, communication and collaboration.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

- Addressing the 37.6% increase in accidents.
- Targeted enforcement and education initiatives.
- Working toward safer streets for everyone.



LOOKING AHEAD

- Continue violence reduction strategies.
- Expand prevention and outreach programs.
- Invest in people, training and technology.



We are committed to keeping Michigan City safe — today and for the future.



PROTECTING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. *SERVING OUR COMMUNITY.*

MICHIGAN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Always Ready. Always There.



The Michigan City Fire Department is committed to protecting lives, property, and our community through preparedness, prevention, and exceptional service.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Rapid, professional response to fires, rescues, and other emergencies 24/7/365.
- Committed to saving lives and protecting property.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Expanded CPR instruction to build a safer community.
- Hosted our first community open house with safety education, station tours, and live demonstrations.



FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY

- Fire safety education and smoke alarm installations in the Eastport neighborhood with community partners.
- Promoting awareness and prevention to reduce risk.



TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

- Built new propane training field with multiple live-fire props.
- Upgraded training facilities for more realistic and safer scenarios.



PARTNERSHIPS THAT BUILD

- Strong partnership with La Porte County Career & Technical Education programs.
- Students helped build and improve training props and facilities.



STRONGER TOGETHER

- Participated in community events: Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, Christmas Shopping, and Youth Academy.
- Building trust and connections every day.



PREPARED TODAY. | PROTECTING TOMORROW. | SERVING TOGETHER.





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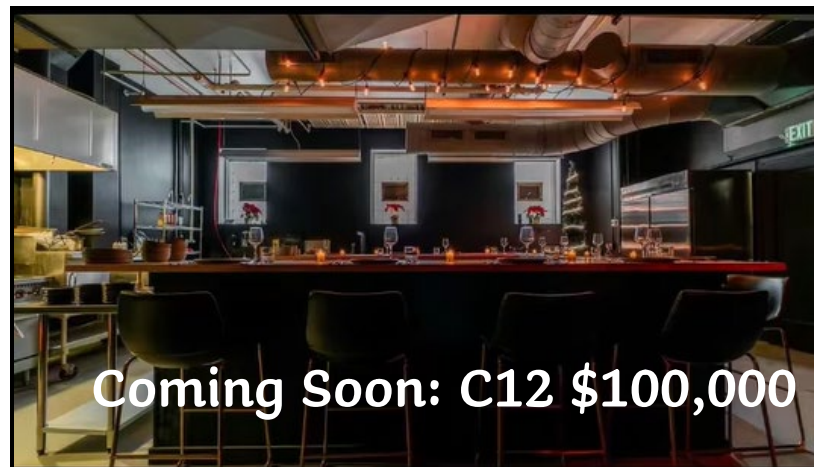
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Downtown: Uptown Arts District



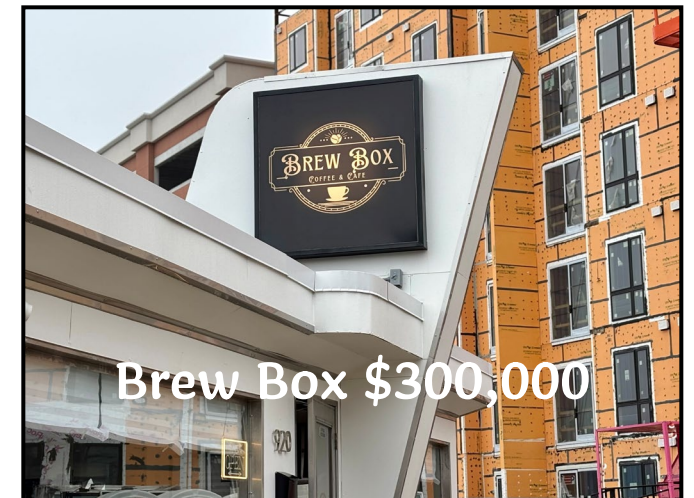
\$10 million est. capital investment in 2020-2025



Downtown & Beyond



\$1.3 Billion est. capital investment in 2025 only



2025 Project Momentum

Aldridge Building \$5 million



Chick-fil-A \$6 million



D. Martin Enterprises
\$20 million



Paladin Center
\$3.6 million



711 Plaza \$3.3 million



Barker Mansion



Centier

5th 3rd Building
\$2.8 million



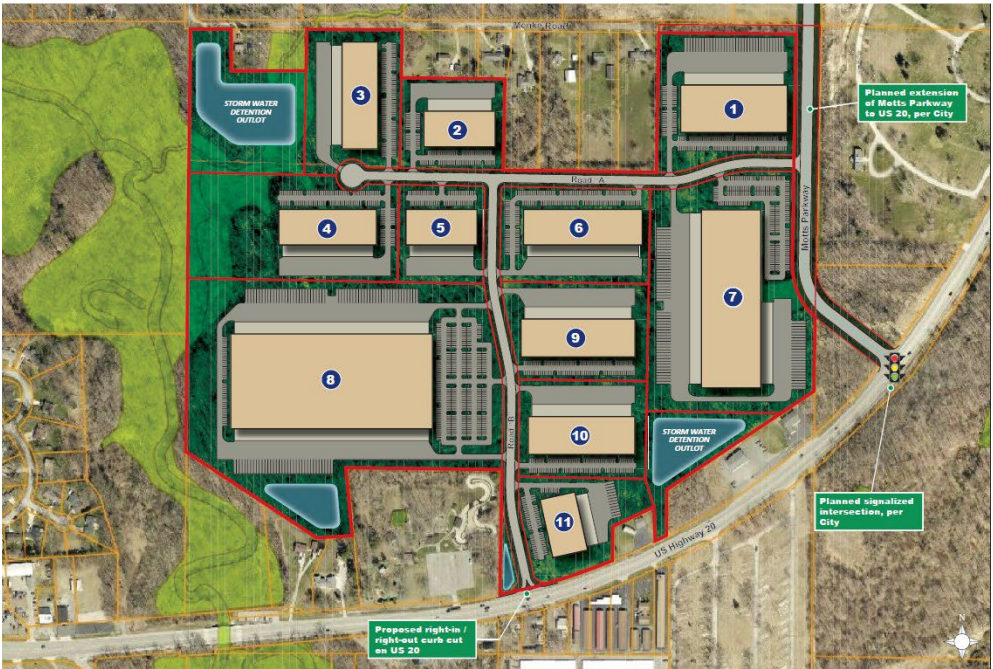
Arnett Construction
Building \$2.5 million



Saigon City Bar & Grill
\$1 million



Business Parks Boost High-Wage Jobs



TOTAL ACREAGE
106.96 acres
DEVELOPABLE ACREAGE
89.20 acres TOTAL
PROPOSED LOTS
① Acres = 7.18 Building Size = 100,000 SF
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UNDEVELOPABLE ACREAGE
17.76 acres TOTAL
STORM WATER DETENTION OUTLOTS AND PUBLIC ROW



Tailwind Business Park
30 Acres on Cleveland Ave.

11 Flex/Industrial
Business Park Buildings
132,000 Sq. Ft.
New Public Roadway
\$31.5 Million

**Ameriplex-Michigan City
Business Park**
US Hwy 20/I-94 Corridor
89 Acres
1 Million SF Industrial Space

**Both Projects Calling
For \$6 - \$8 Million
Infrastructure For
Roads**



NorthShore Health Centers



NorthShore HEALTH CENTERS NEW MICHIGAN CITY LOCATION

710 FRANKLIN STREET

INVESTMENT AT A GLANCE

- \$ \$150 PER SQ FOOT
- 🏠 21,000 SQ FEET
- 🔨 \$150K EXTERIOR COST
- 📊 150 x 21,000
= \$3,150,000
- ✅ \$3,300,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST

COMPETITIVE COMPENSATION

\$ \$2,444,325 ANNUAL SALARY		
1 YEAR 1 \$423,500 PRIMARY CARE	2 YEAR 2 \$2,010,050 MEDICAL, DENTAL, PHARMACY	3 YEAR 3 \$2,444,325 ALL MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION, PHARMACY

BRINGING MORE TO OUR COMMUNITY



COMPREHENSIVE CARE
MEDICAL, DENTAL,
VISION AND PHARMACY
ALL UNDER ONE ROOF.



STRONGER COMMUNITY
EXPANDING ACCESS TO
HIGH-QUALITY,
AFFORDABLE CARE IN
MICHIGAN CITY.



BUILT FOR IMPACT
A LONG-TERM
INVESTMENT IN THE
HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
OF OUR COMMUNITY.



**21,000
SQ FEET**

BUILDING A HEALTHY COMMUNITY,
ONE PATIENT AT A TIME.



Marquette Mall

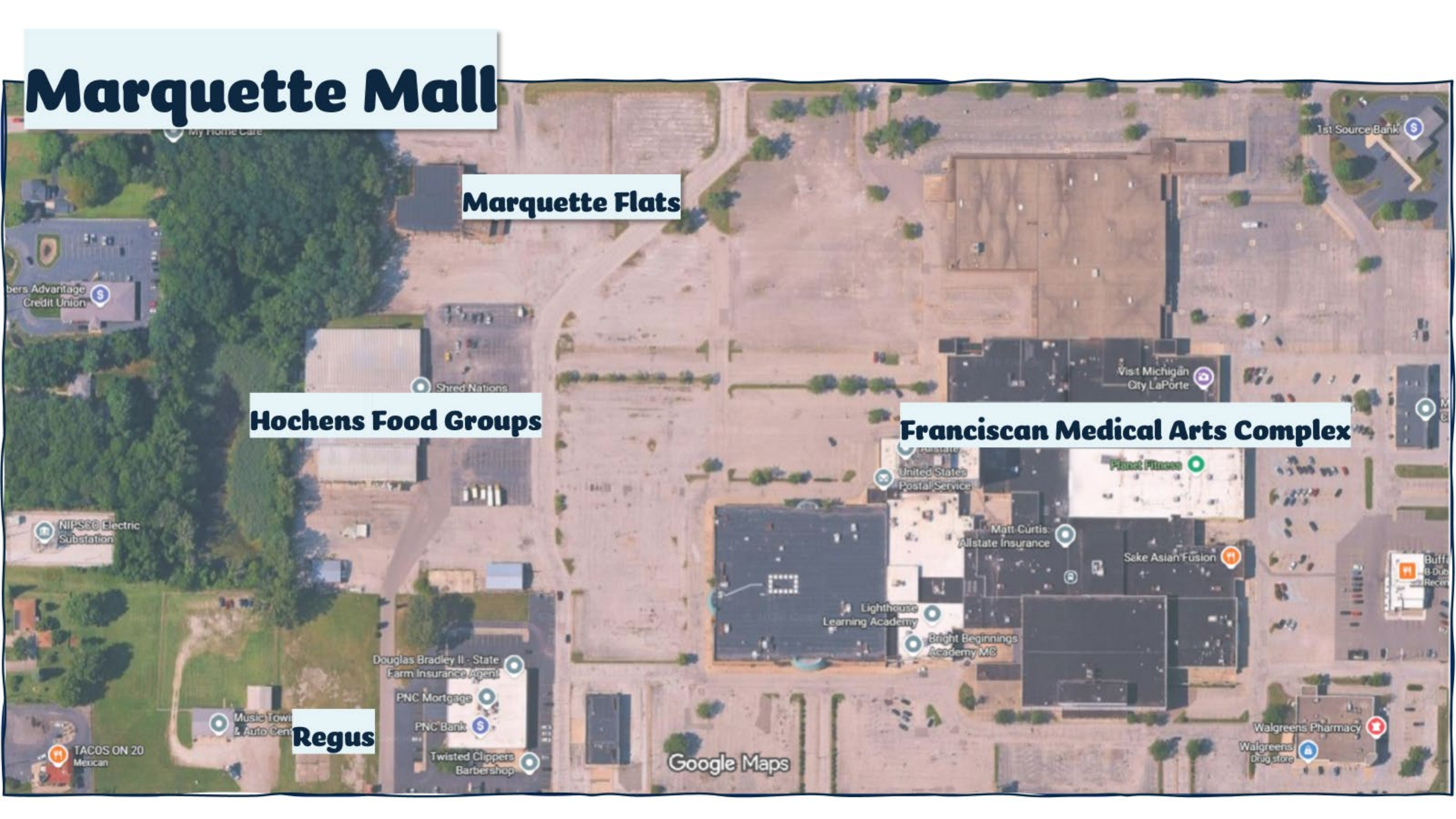
Marquette Flats

Hochens Food Groups

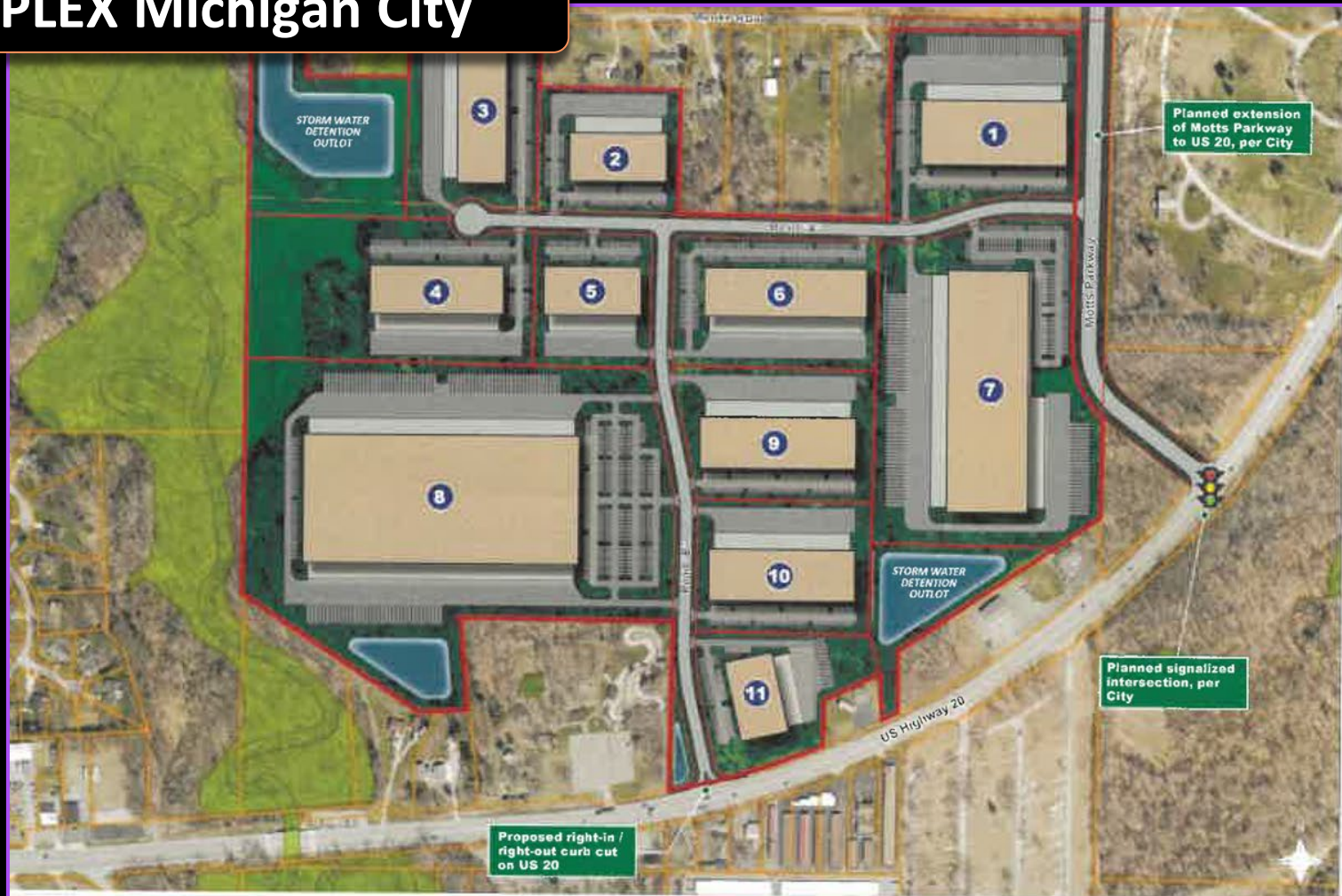
Franciscan Medical Arts Complex

Regus

Google Maps



AMERIPLEX Michigan City



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Michigan City, Indiana



**CONCEPTUAL
DEVELOPMENT
PLAN**

TAILWINDS

Tailwind Business Park

\$31.5 Million

30 acres on Cleveland Ave.

(Behind Menards)

Tailwind Business Park

The **Tailwind Business Park** is a \$31.5 million plus development aimed at boosting Michigan City's economic growth and creating new opportunities for local businesses. This project will feature 12 state-of-the-art commercial and business buildings, designed to attract investment and foster job creation for Michigan City.

A key component of the project is the construction of a new public roadway that will connect the business park to existing infrastructure, enhancing accessibility and supporting nearby commercial hubs such as Walmart. The development aligns with Michigan City's comprehensive growth strategy and is poised to be another positive investment for these emerging community.



Examples of building facades that will be proposed on each of the 12 lots.



Project Momentum Continues

Google Data Center transforms Brownfield site



Unions on Site

- Sprinkler Fitters Local 669
- Local 2950
- Local 20
- Local 4
- Local 531
- Local 395 & 292
- Local 1118
- Plumbers Local 201 & Local 130
- Local 70 & Local 152
- Local 1165

**\$832 million investment - 402 Royal Road
Former Federal Mogul Corp.**



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HOUSING

Housing in Progress

Building the Foundation for Michigan City's Future



BETTER PLANNING

Growth provides real data to:

- ✓ Identify housing gaps
- ✓ Understand neighborhood needs
- ✓ Expand housing choices
- ✓ Make smarter investments

*Better data. Better decisions.
Better results.*



STRONGER NEIGHBORHOODS

More housing means:

- ✓ Greater housing stability
- ✓ Increased neighborhood investment
- ✓ Improved property conditions
- ✓ More opportunities for residents to stay and grow in Michigan City



2,000+ HOUSING UNITS

Under Construction or Permitted
Over the Next Five Years



MORE HOUSING CHOICES

Creating opportunities for:

-  Market-Rate Housing
-  Workforce Housing
-  Affordable Housing

Because every resident deserves housing options that fit their needs.



A SMARTER HOUSING STRATEGY

Our goal isn't simply to build more homes.

It's to build the right mix of housing that supports:



Families



Young Professionals



Seniors



Our Growing Workforce



Future Generations



FROM MANAGING SCARCITY TO MANAGING OPPORTUNITY

Michigan City is creating a balanced housing market that supports residents today while preparing for the next 190 years.

190
— YEARS —
AND BUILDING
STRONGER



“This isn't just about building more homes. It's about creating a healthier housing market where residents have choices, neighborhoods improve, and every investment moves Michigan City forward.”

— Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch

Housing I The Franklin

11th St. Station
The Franklin
Apartments

Flaherty & Collins

114 E. 11th St.

- \$101 M Investment
- 220 Apts/6k sf retail
- 550 parking spaces
- Live-work-play
- End date August 1st 2026

\$101 Million Investment



The Franklin at 11th Street Station



North View



South View



More Housing Moving Forward



2,000 units under construction/permitted over 5 years





Coming Soon | Future Project



Southbound view of 5th & Pine Intersection

**\$200 Million Estimated
Capital Investment**

Preferred Developer Selected

- 500 Market-Rate Units
- 40,000 SF Urban Grocery
- 20,000 Commercial SF

Northbound view of 6th
& Michigan Boulevard



DAC DEVELOPMENT

Project Overview

- Completion of due diligence May 18 with submission of **Master Development Project Plan (MDPP)**
- City Conformance review to EDA / Proposal commitments within 30 days, June 18
- Refinements by DAC, 30 Days, if needed
- Upon approval DAC prepares final **Phase 1 Project Plan** within 90 days for City review, approval & amendment to EDA
 - Assumes Phase 1 project refinements: schematic design advancement, final schedule, financials, etc. with City input



5th and Pine



Master Development Project Plan

Phase One — 5th & Pine Street | Michigan City, Indiana

PREPARED BY DAC DEVELOPMENTS
SUBMITTED TO THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MAY 18, 2026



CONCEPTUAL RENDERING



Concept Elevation Building 5 - 7
Marquette Flats
430 St. John Rd. - Michigan City, IN.
210-unit Multifamily Development





430 St. John Rd. - Michigan City, IN.

Conceptual Site Plan #1

4/20/2026



**HOLLADAY
PROPERTIES**

Building Solutions Since 1952



**TANDEM
ARCHITECTURE**



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WE'RE STILL BUILDING



INVESTING IN PEOPLE. BUILDING OPPORTUNITY.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES DRIVING A STRONGER MICHIGAN CITY

MCEDI-UPBI PROGRAM & SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

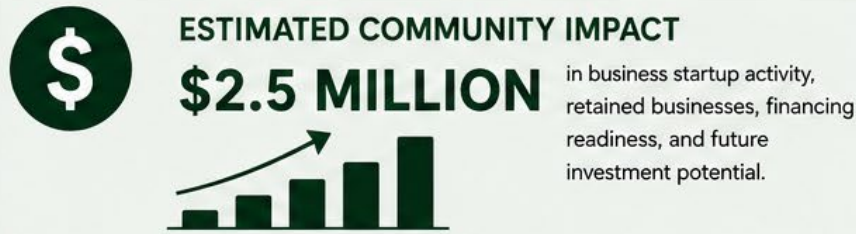
In partnership with:



BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS



SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH



MICHIGAN CITY NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (MCLNA)



-  Two graduating classes since Fall 2024 – approximately 50 graduates
-  Graduates are encouraged to join boards and commissions to continue making a difference.
-  Grads created the Midnight Hoops Program.
-  Fall 2026 class in the works.



STRONG BUSINESSES. | EMPOWERED LEADERS. | THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS.

Michigan City
MOVING FORWARD, TOGETHER.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



Investing in healthier residents, greener neighborhoods, and a higher quality of life.



MOVE WITH THE MAYOR

- Community wellness series
- Physicians + fitness instructors
- Nutrition, diabetes, stroke & mental health education
- Bringing healthcare into neighborhoods



OPIOID RESPONSE

- First Annual Opioid Awareness Walk
- Free Narcan training
- Restoring Communities Grant Program
- Prevention, treatment & recovery investments



GROWING A GREENER MICHIGAN CITY

- 500 new trees planted
- 350 hazardous trees removed
- \$1M Urban Forestry Grant managed
- GIS Tree Inventory & canopy mapping



BUILDING A HEALTHIER FUTURE

- Environmental sustainability
- Neighborhood beautification
- Climate resilience
- Public education & stewardship

ONE COMMUNITY. | ONE GOAL. | HEALTHIER PEOPLE. | STRONGER NEIGHBORHOODS.
A MORE SUSTAINABLE MICHIGAN CITY.



FARMED & FORGED: A NEW CHAPTER. A STRONGER COMMUNITY.

Our farmer's market is now *Farmed & Forged* – and it was a hit!

We officially transitioned our farmers market to *Farmed & Forged*—bringing new energy, a fresh identity, and an unwavering commitment to local farmers, small businesses, and our community.



A HIT WITH THE COMMUNITY

Strong vendor participation, high shopper turnout, and record SNAP utilization.



MEETING GROWERS & VENDORS

We listened, collaborated, and built a plan together to ensure a smooth and successful transition.



SUPPORTING THE TRANSITION

The City helped subsidize the transition, reducing financial barriers and investing in our local growers and vendors.



STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY

Keeping local dollars local, expanding food access, and creating a vibrant gathering place for all.



STRONGER TOGETHER

Local farmers, small businesses, and residents building a better future together.



LOCAL IMPACT

More fresh food, more opportunities, and more economic growth.



PLANNED TOGETHER

Working hand-in-hand with growers and vendors to shape a strong future.



MADE FOR MICHIGAN CITY

A market that reflects our pride, our people, and our shared commitment to thrive.

BY THE NUMBERS (2025)

- Average 21 vendors per week
- Shopper average: 455 (high 680, low 270)
- One cancellation due to severe storms
- \$3,874.96 raised for local nonprofits
- Over \$28,000 in SNAP dollars circulated through local farms and producers
- About 70% of all reimbursements came from matching and community support

COMMUNITY GIVEBACK (2025)

Beneficiary	Michigan City	La Porte	Total
Curious Chefs	\$215.52	\$150.00	\$365.52
PFLAG Michigan City	\$391.67	\$604.00	\$995.67
Boys & Girls Club of LPCO	\$298.00	\$464.27	\$762.27
Stepping Stone Shelter	\$581.50	\$589.00	\$1,170.50
Nest Community Shelter	\$164.00	\$417.00	\$581.00
TOTAL	\$1,650.69	\$2,224.27	\$3,874.96

MEDIA & COMMUNITY VISIBILITY

- Live studio interview on WNDU – Market Kick Off 2025
- Live studio interview on WNDU – Curious Chefs Program
- Short story feature on WSBT – Kid's Day
- Full story feature on WSBT – SNAP Program
- Multiple live radio interviews on WIMS and WCOE
- Strong social media engagement throughout the season

SNAP & FOOD ACCESS IMPACT (2025)

Location	SNAP Redeemed	Free Food Dollars (of total)	% Free-to-Shopper
La Porte	\$16,503	\$11,712	71%
Michigan City	\$11,935	\$8,352	70%
Combined Total	\$28,438	\$20,064	≈70%

Over 70% of all SNAP dollars came from free-to-shopper funds through the Triple Match Program, Double Up, Chef Cash, and Market Mamas.

PROGRAM GROWTH

Total SNAP Redemptions	La Porte SNAP Redemptions
2023: \$2,854	2023: \$2,854
2025: \$28,438	2025: \$16,503
896% GROWTH	478% GROWTH

Supporting local families. Strengthening local farms. Building a healthier community.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

- Expand SNAP and Curious Chef Program capacity through sponsorships and grants
- Increase average vendors per market
- Deepen partnerships with local businesses & organizations
- Create more collaborations and synergy around the market



Thank you to our growers, vendors, sponsors, and community partners!

FARMED & FORGED: ROOTED IN COMMUNITY. GROWN FOR THE FUTURE.



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Utility Infrastructure



Protecting Today's Service. Preparing for Tomorrow.



You shouldn't have to think about your water or sewer service...

...because our job is to make sure it simply works.



For more than a decade, Michigan City kept utility rates stable while continuing to serve our community.



But inflation continued to rise. Infrastructure continued to age. Critical investments could no longer wait.



Today, we're making responsible, phased investments to protect the systems every resident depends on.



Reliable infrastructure isn't an expense.
It's one of government's most important responsibilities.



THE REALITY WE FACE



After more than a decade of flat utility rates, the pressures on our systems have continued to grow.



11-14 YEARS

without a utility rate increase



INFLATION INCREASED

while operating costs continued climbing



CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

is reaching or exceeding 100 years old



GROWTH REQUIRES CAPACITY

while protecting today's customers



The longer infrastructure improvements are delayed, the more expensive they become.



OUR COMMITMENT TO RESIDENTS



Instead of one large increase...
we're taking a responsible, phased approach.



PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

- Safe drinking water
- Reliable wastewater treatment
- Protecting our community's health



IMPROVE RELIABILITY

- Replace aging infrastructure
- Reduce emergency repairs
- Improve system resilience



PLAN RESPONSIBLY

- Phase projects over several years
- Keep rates competitive
- Protect affordability whenever possible



MAKE GROWTH PAY ITS SHARE

- New development should help fund the infrastructure it requires
- Not shift those costs onto existing residents



Responsible planning today prevents costly emergencies tomorrow.

ONE STORY. TWO ESSENTIAL SYSTEMS.



Different systems. One shared goal:
dependable service for every resident and business.



WATER WORKS



Protecting safe drinking water

Delivering clean, high-quality water you can count on every day.



Replacing century-old water mains

Investing in aging infrastructure to reduce breaks and service disruptions.



Improving pressure and reliability

Upgrading facilities and storage to provide steady pressure across the city.



Preparing for future demand

Building the capacity needed to support growth and protect our community.



SANITARY DISTRICT



Modernizing aging sewer infrastructure

Rehabilitating sewer lines and lift stations that are decades old.



Strengthening financial stability

Responsible rate adjustments to cover true costs and ensure long-term sustainability.



Investing in treatment facilities

Maintaining compliance and protecting public health and our waterways.



Ensuring growth pays for growth

New development contributes its fair share for the capacity it requires.



Two essential utilities. One commitment to you.

Reliable service today. A stronger Michigan City tomorrow.



Introducing

THE MICHIGAN CITY UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Investing in Infrastructure. Investing in Our Residents.

As we make the investments necessary to protect our water and sewer systems, we're also making a commitment to the people we serve.

COMING TO THE COMMON COUNCIL

Michigan City Utility Assistance Program



Initial Investment:
UP TO
\$1 MILLION

Funded through **Project Maize** Economic Development Incentive (EDI) revenues, this program will help ensure residents facing financial hardship have access to essential water and sewer services while preserving the fund for future generations.



The Project Maize agreement provides annual EDI payments that support community investments and infrastructure.

WHY THIS MATTERS



HELP QUALIFYING FAMILIES

Maintain essential utility services during difficult times.



PROTECT SENIORS, VETERANS & RESIDENTS

Support those most vulnerable and experiencing financial hardship.



CREATE A LONG-TERM RESOURCE

Build a lasting fund that serves Michigan City for generations to come.



BALANCE INVESTMENT WITH COMPASSION

Invest in our infrastructure while showing compassion for our community.



NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Resolution will be presented at a **Council meeting in July**
- ✓ Initial funding of up to \$1 million
- ✓ Program to be established through the **2027 City Budget**



OUR COMMITMENT

Kicking the can down the road **is not an option.**

We have a responsibility to invest in the infrastructure our community depends on—and just as importantly, to make sure residents have options when they need assistance.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR BOTH.

BRINGING MORE RESOURCES HOME

★ *Competitive Grants. Real Results. Stronger Community.* ★

 20.73 TOTAL LANE MILES PAVED 2024 - 2026	MILES PAVED BY YEAR	OVER
	2024 9.50 miles 2025 8.11 miles 2026 3.12 miles (to date) TOTAL 20.73 MILES	 \$7.4 MILLION INVESTED IN ROAD PAVING 2024 - 2026
		★ \$3.7 MILLION in CCMG Funds (County Community Matching Grant)

GRANTS SECURED FOR MICHIGAN CITY


SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A)
\$280,000

- \$80,000 Planning Grant
- \$200,000 Action Plan Grant

Developing data-driven strategies to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries.


EPA BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANT
\$500,000

Redeveloping underutilized properties for future investment and job creation.



WESTSIDE OPPORTUNITY HUB
\$625,000

Federal Community Project Funding secured to transform the Westside Opportunity Hub.

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

 Michigan City is proud to be a partner in:


LILLY ENDOWMENT GIFT VIII – NWI THRIVE
A transformational regional placemaking initiative connecting communities, trails, transit, and the Indiana Dunes.


LILLY ENDOWMENT GIFT VIII – OPEN THE DOORS TO HOUSING
Accelerating workforce and affordable housing development across La Porte County.

 **OVER \$8.5 MILLION IN GRANTS**
LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS. MAXIMIZING OUTSIDE RESOURCES. DELIVERING RESULTS.

 Working together to build a safer, stronger, and more vibrant **Michigan City.**



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BUILT TO LAST: ONE CITY, ONE
STANDARD.

Build up, not tear down.

Invest, not abandon.

Unite, not divide.



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