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2022 ACTION PLAN



A new approach to growing home.



A partnership between
Community Foundation of Randolph County
and
Randolph County United

Business Retention & Expansion

- Create a series of Coffee & Collaboration events.

Housing

- Create a homeowner improvement incentive program for the county.
- Create a 5-Year housing need and strategy plan.

Quality of Life

- Create signage and marketing materials to promote all parks in the county.
- Create a county-wide mural project.
- Establish a kayak action group to re-open the kayak route on the Mississinewa River.
- Establish a trail action group to finalize a county-wide trail project and determine where to start building out a trail system.

Education: High School

- Create a county-wide internship for HS students for all five county schools.

Education: Birth to Five

- Create a Childcare Coalition to support existing childcare programs.
- Host a Family Resource Fair.

Technology

- Administer county-wide broadband survey in partnership with Purdue University.
- Create a 5-year digital inclusion plan.



Program Supplement

It would be easy to assume that not much happens in the small towns of Randolph County. However, after reading these community summaries, we think you'll agree that Randolph County's seven incorporated towns are very active and have much to offer.

Town of Losantville

The Town of Losantville continues to make great strides in moving the community forward. Here is a list of accomplishments in 2021:

- The town completed an OCRA-funded Master Utility planning grant study. The study looked at options and costs for the future treatment of the town's wastewater and cost estimates for needed water utility improvements.
- The town applied for and received a \$600,000 OCRA grant, a \$460,000 grant from the State Revolving Fund, and a \$294,500 grant from Randolph County to pay for water utility improvements needed at the L&M Regional Water District.
- The town finished improvements at the new Veterans Park and completed a new playground with all new playground equipment.

Here is what will be happening in 2022 in this progressive community:

- Beginning in April, construction will begin on the L&M water utility improvement project. This project will be completed this summer.
- Family Dollar Store has purchased the former Blue Moon Restaurant building on US 36. Plans call for the construction of a new store in 2022 at the site of the former restaurant once the restaurant building is demolished. An opening date has not been set.
- Once the water project is completed, the town will finalize plans to annex the multiple businesses located along US 35 and annex land that is near the intersection of US 35 and US 36. The town has plans for this land to become a future housing development area. The location is at the intersection of two US highways and is only 500 feet from the Cardinal Greenway and the Losantville Trailhead. It is also the midway point between the cities of Muncie and Richmond on US 35.
- The town council will continue to work with the Town of Modoc to develop a wastewater collection system project in 2023. The Town of Modoc will receive the wastewater from Losantville for treatment.

Town of Modoc

- In 2022, the Town of Modoc will be applying for a \$700,000 OCRA grant and additional grant and loan funding from the State Revolving Fund for a wastewater treatment plant improvement project. This project is estimated to cost \$6.1 million. Randolph County has provided \$500,000 in funding for this project, as well.
- Residents of Modoc and Union Township will benefit from two donations made in 2022 from EDP Renewables. The renewable energy company has pledged \$470,000 for future community improvement projects and to help individuals with utility bills.
- The L&M Regional Water District water utility improvement project will provide benefits to Modoc residents. Construction will be finished this year.

Town of Lynn

The Town of Lynn is seeing new business development and a needed boost in community activities. Located at the intersection of US 27 and US 36, Lynn is ideally situated for future development potential.

- In 2021, the town received a \$60,000 OCRA grant to study the future needs of its water, wastewater, and storm water utilities.
- 2021 brought additional new construction downtown with the opening of a new convenience store. Also, the Pizza Barn opened in the former Diamond K Pizza location.

- In 2021, Lynn received a \$352,468 Community Crossings grant from the Indiana Department of Transportation. This money was used for street improvements.

Here is what will be happening in 2022 in this forward-thinking community.

- In January, the Matthews Casket Company opened operations in Lynn in the former Howard Enterprises building. The company employs nine people.
- A new meat market will be opening in May on Main Street (US 27).
- Merchants Bank has just moved into the former Main Source Bank location at 201 Main Street.
- The town has received a \$327,000 Community Crossing grant to improve Industrial Drive. These improvements will help accommodate the heavy truck traffic of several local businesses including Astral Industries.
- The town of Lynn will be applying for a \$700,000 OCRA grant to help fund a water utility improvement project. The estimated cost of the project is \$3.2 million and will include the replacement of the iconic Lynn water tower. The tower was built in 1922, this year is the 100th birthday of the water tower.
- This is also the 80th birthday of the Lynn library, which was built in 1942. The Friends of the Library are raising funds to put a new roof on the building and do interior renovations to commemorate the library's founding.
- On a final note, Kay Straley has served as clerk treasurer of the Town of Lynn for 39 continuous years. I'm not sure, but this might be a record. She thinks she finally has the job down pat.

Town of Farmland

Farmland Clerk Treasurer, Marcy Yuknavage, submitted the following update. As you can see, local leaders are continuing to move the Town of Farmland forward in a positive way.

- Laid foundation for the fitness trail at Wild Cat Park. After the base settles, then we will blacktop it and add fitness stops along the path.
- Installed concrete corn hole at Wild Cat Park.
- Replaced the roofs on the Gazebo and the Shelter at Wild Cat Park.
- Bought new picnic tables including ADA tables for the picnic shelter at Wild Cat Park.
- Collecting plastic caps to turn in to recycle for park benches with help from Monroe Central Elementary and girl scouts.
- Acquired the cold patch truck from Randolph County for the small towns in Randolph County to use when needed.
- Built a salt barn to house the town's salt.
- Made temporary room at the fire station for Randolph County EMS and continuing to work with Randolph County for a permanent home.
- Currently researching the needs of the town for water and wastewater projects to spend the ARP money on.
- The town is in their third round of the Community Crossings Matching Grant.
- The town plans on using some EDIT money to build a new building to house more town vehicles and inventory. This building will be near the burn pile by the fire station.
- Each year the town buys more Christmas light decorations for the light poles in the downtown area.

Town of Parker City

The Town of Parker City is seeing an increase in new business development and interest from potential new businesses. Here are a few examples:

- The Dollar General company will be opening a new store in Parker City in 2022. The new store will be located on SR 32 next to the Family Dollar store.
- Doctor Donut opened on February 1st of this year.
- A new barber shop opened in 2021, as well as a new boutique beauty shop.
- The town welcomes food trucks to use the town's parking lot on SR 32 on Tuesdays during the warm weather months. Delicious wood-fired pizza is available, as well as other specialty foods.
- Finally, the town received a \$137,800 Community Crossings grant in 2021 to do street paving this year.

Town of Ridgeville

Ridgeville is an amazing place to live. If you don't believe it, go to the town hall and ask Arlinda Hardwick. Arlinda has been the Clerk Treasurer for 38 continuous years. She reports that 2021 was a tough year for the town because of COVID, but that everyone did their part and the community moved forward. In 2021, the town received a \$700,000 grant from OCRA and a \$500,000 forgivable loan from the State Revolving Fund to make improvements to the town's wastewater treatment plant. In 2022, the town of Ridgeville will make major improvements to its water tower.