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EASTPORT Neighborhood Plan

MICHIGAN CITY, IN – The Indiana Association for Community Economic Development (IACED) is working in partnership with the City of Michigan City to help the residents and stakeholders in the Eastport neighborhood (neighborhood boundaries: Poplar Street, Vail Street, Springland Avenue, Roeske Avenue, and Barker Avenue) develop a plan for the future of the neighborhood that includes what the public, private, and philanthropic sectors can do in collaboration with residents and stakeholders to make Eastport an even greater place to live, work, and play.

The listening sessions that took place in April provided opportunities to meet people from the neighborhood and greet neighbors as well as learn about the Eastport planning process and provide individual input on issues of importance for the neighborhood. It is now time to get together for the report of findings from the April meetings. This “report back” session is open to the public. Rose Scovel of IACED will share what has been learned so far about Eastport and she will explain how these findings will transition into the next steps of the planning process. Everyone is welcome. Those within the neighborhood are especially encouraged to attend. No previous involvement is needed. The “report back” session will be held Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 6:00 PM at the Fire Training Center (2510 E. Michigan Blvd.).

In future sessions there will be a neighborhood visioning session and opportunities for participating in the working groups that will develop the goals and action plans for accomplishing the shared vision.

This process is a departure from the traditional approach to neighborhood plans in that residents and stakeholders (formal and informal leaders) will be engaged in every stage of plan development and the plan will include a strategic action plan to guide implementation by residents, businesses, non-profits, and the city.

Michigan City has contracted with the Indiana Association for Community Economic Development (IACED) to guide the neighborhood planning process using a comprehensive community development model. Rose Scovel, AICP is the Director of Capacity Building for IACED is the facilitator of the process.

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