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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.

Over the last several months, feedback about the neighborhood has been received from a survey that was sent to each property owner as well as interviews and meetings held with residents, business owners, non-profit entities, elected and appointed officials, and the general public. A presentation was made in June to share what has been heard so far.

Next week is when Eastport starts to identify specifically what it wants for the future and how it will go about positioning itself to achieve the desired results. The big question to consider: What should Eastport be like in 5 years? In 10 years?

This visioning session is open to the public. Everyone is welcome. Those within the neighborhood are especially encouraged to attend. The best time to get involved is now; no previous involvement is needed. The visioning session will be held Thursday, August 4, 2016, at 6:00 PM at the Fire Training Center (2510 E. Michigan Blvd.). Opportunities to join a neighborhood team to focus on a particular topic in coming months will be available at the end of the session.

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.

For more information, contact Jessica Gage in the Michigan City Planning Department at jgage@emichigancity.com or 219-873-1419, Extension 323.

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