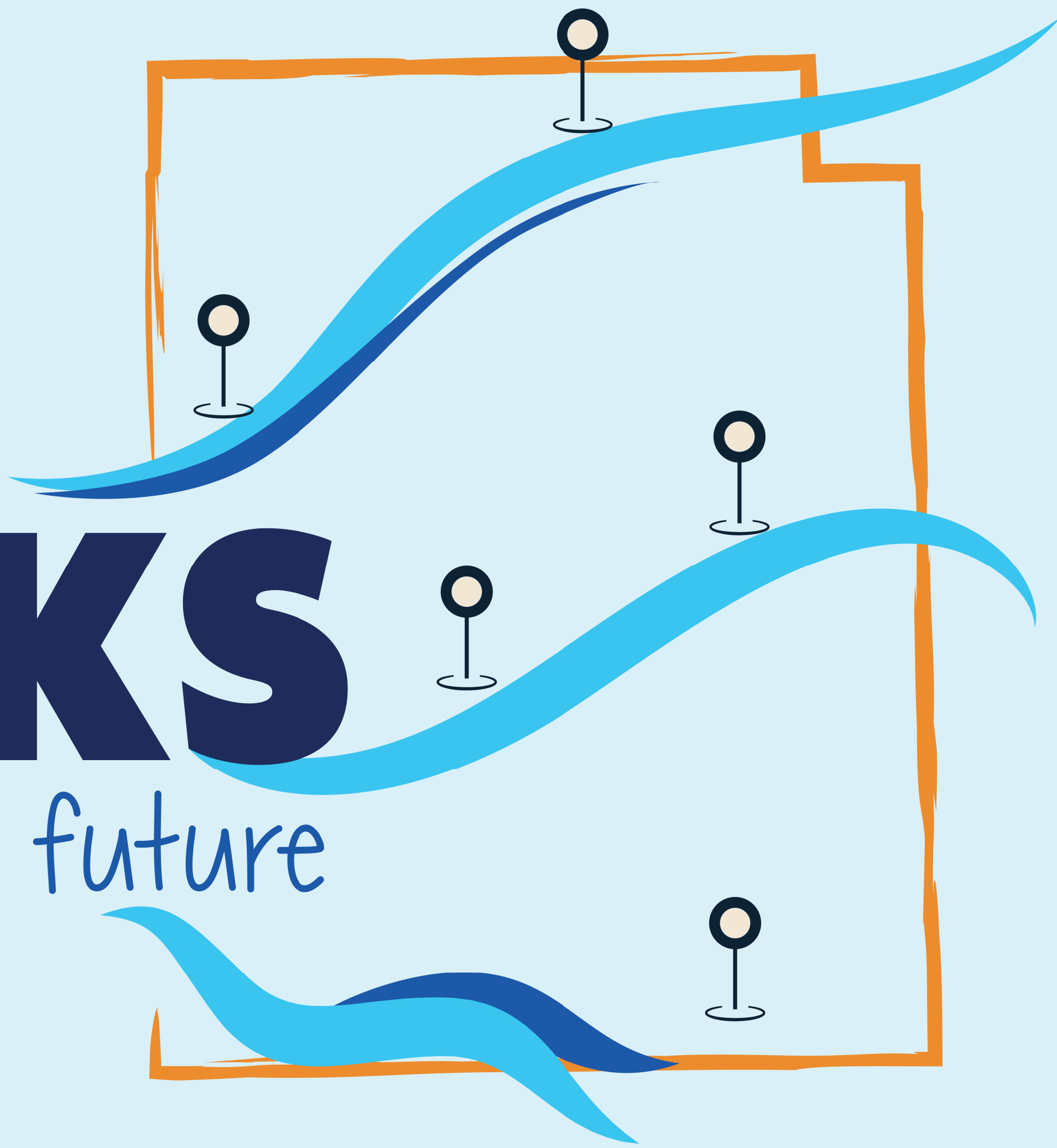


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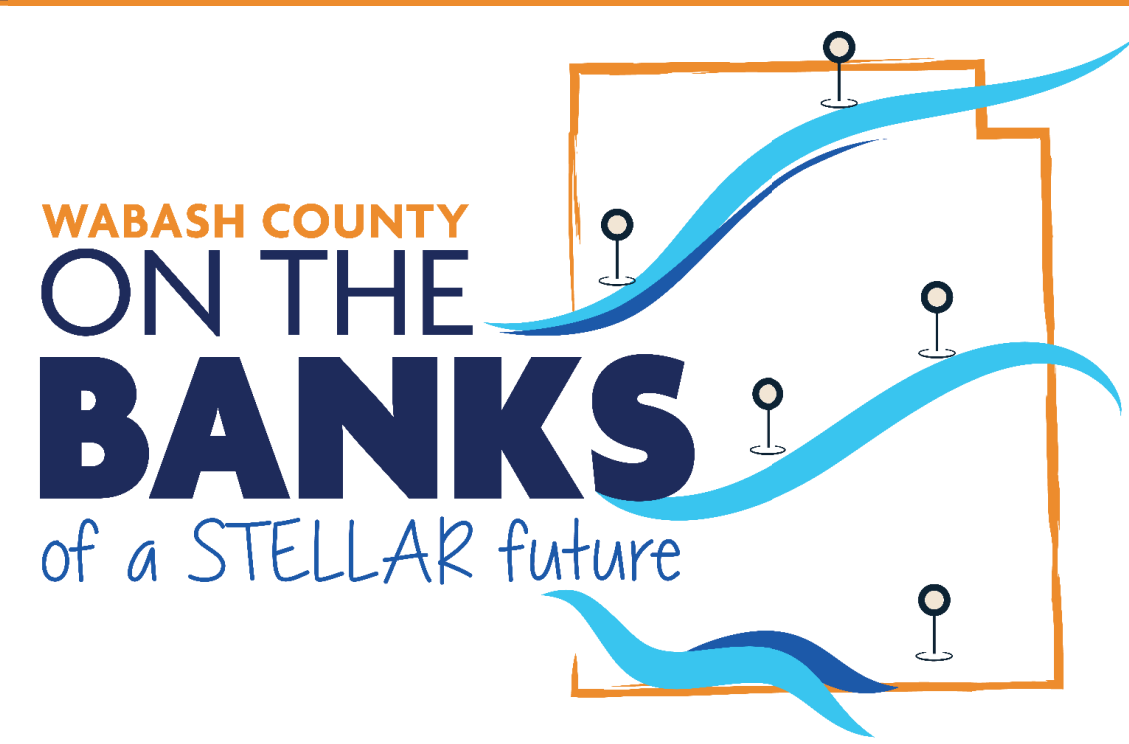
# WELCOME!

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sign-in at the welcome table.
2. Visit each station at your own pace. Use the supplies provided to answer the prompts on the board.
3. Have a question? Ask a project team member!
4. Take a postcard home with you. Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to complete the survey!

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# Thanks for joining us!

## Frequently asked questions

### ● WHAT IS THE STELLAR PATHWAYS PROGRAM?

In January 2024, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) launched the updated Stellar Pathways Program, building off of the previous iterations of the Stellar Communities Program. The Stellar Pathways Program is a multi-agency, multi-million-dollar investment initiative led by the OCRA.

The program works with communities within a county boundary on a shared vision for community and economic development, promotes local and regional partnerships, and assists in implementing sustainable solutions to challenges facing Indiana's rural communities.

In June 2024, four regions were chosen as the 2024 Stellar Pathways Finalists. Wabash County is now working on the development of a final strategic investment plan – this planning effort!

### ● WHAT IS A STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PLAN (SIP)?

Indiana's Stellar Pathways program is requesting a Strategic Investment Plan detailing the region's comprehensive community revitalization strategies over the five-year Stellar Pathways timeline, which is part of the competitive process.

A Strategic Investment Plan is an economic development tool to identify economic, business, and developmental programs and projects that may qualify for targeted funding to accomplish key regional goals.

### ● WHICH COMMUNITIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PLAN?

The Wabash County region includes the County, the City of Wabash, the Town of North Manchester, the Town of La Fontaine, the Town of Lagro, and the Town of Roann.

### ● WHERE WOULD THE GRANT FUNDING COME FROM?

The Stellar Pathways program will provide resources for transformative quality of place projects as well as community and regional improvements by fostering enhanced regional planning, a collaborative approach, and resource-rich partnerships.

The partnering state agencies include:

- Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA)
- Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA)
- Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA)
- Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH)
- Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC)

### ● HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED AND ENGAGED?

A project-specific webpage has been developed to provide an online platform for the SIP. This website will serve as the home base for the plan so that community members can easily access project updates and explore ways to get involved.

Visit: [www.tswdesigngroup.com/wabashcounty](http://www.tswdesigngroup.com/wabashcounty)



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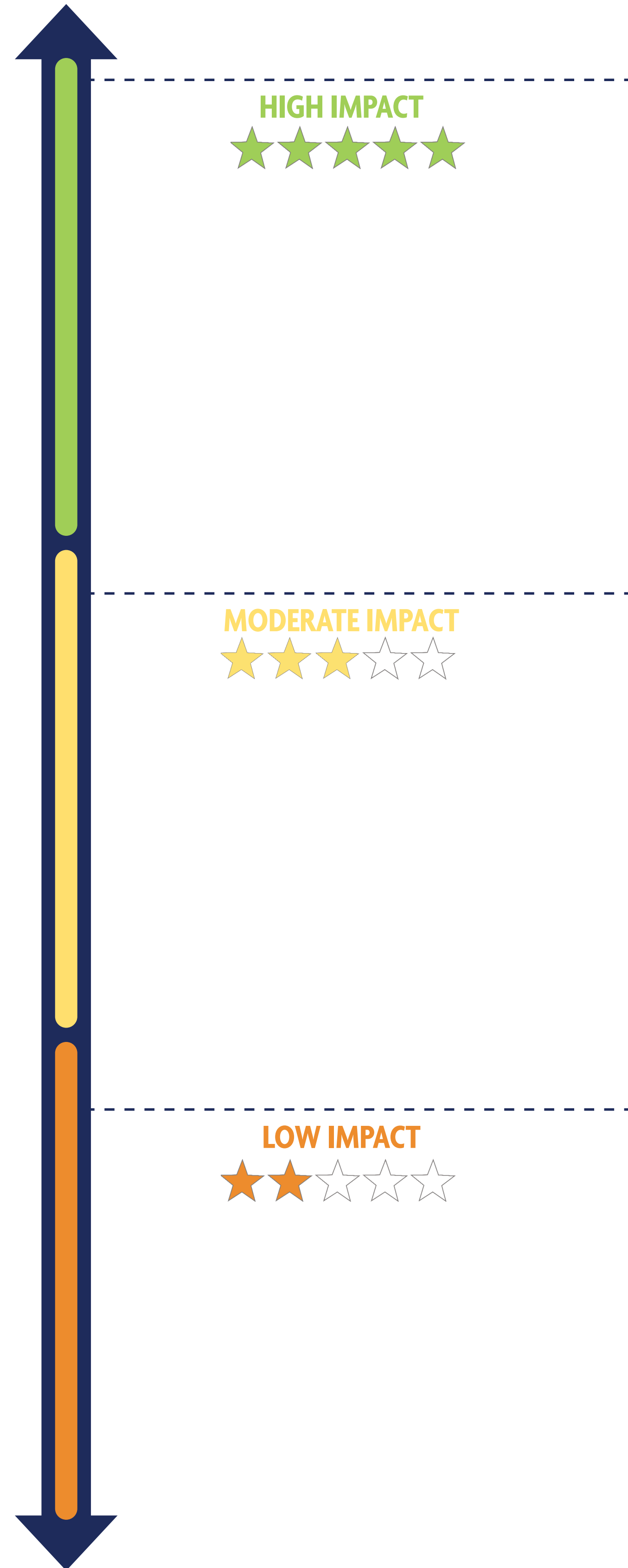


# PROPOSED PROJECTS

## Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Up to \$4M in Funding | No match required

WHAT LEVEL OF IMPACT WOULD THESE PROJECTS HAVE ON IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE AND GROWING THE POPULATION? PLACE A DOT STICKER BELOW.



**PROJECT A**  
**LA FONTAINE STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS**

Town of La Fontaine

In June 2024, the Town of La Fontaine worked with an engineering consultant to prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report to evaluate the present conditions and future needs related to stormwater utilities. This report recommends four key improvements – two of which will increase capacity and the other two will extend storm sewer infrastructure.

**PROJECT B**  
**DANIELS PLACE HEADQUARTERS**

103 W 7th Street - North Manchester, IN

A new facility will allow Daniel's Place to serve more clients and expand the services offered. This proposed project site includes three parcels with one existing structure that would be demolished. It is anticipated that a new 5,190sf building with a 350sf canopy would be constructed.

**PROJECT C**  
**ROANN PARK**

520 Pike Street - Roann, IN

The Town of Roann has worked with a consultant to develop a conceptual design for the future park. This park project would enhance the existing baseball field by adding basketball and pickleball courts, walking paths, playgrounds, and a splash pad. A new pavilion and restroom building will provide covered shelter and bathroom facilities for park users.

**PROJECT D**  
**LIVING WELL RENOVATIONS**

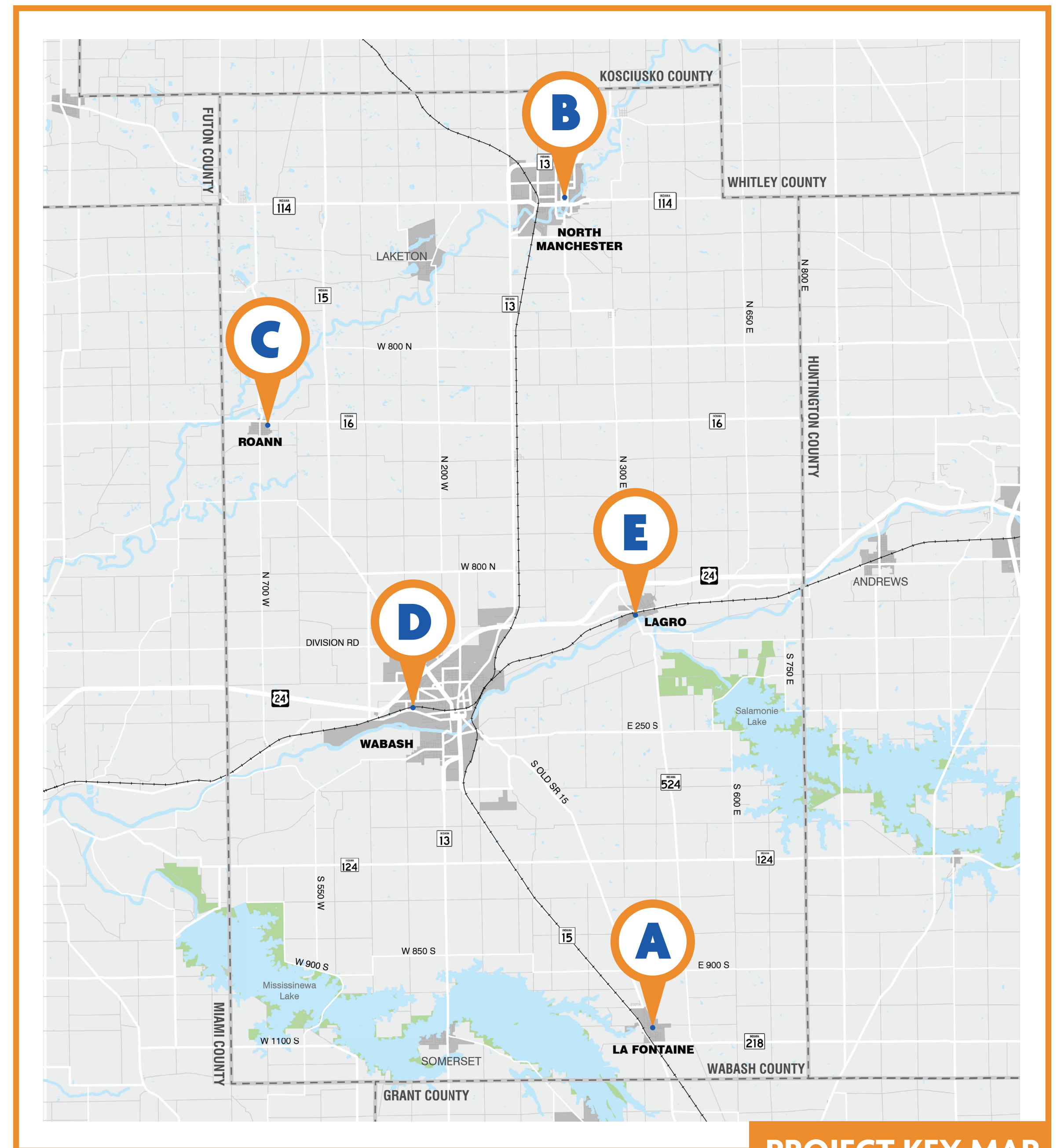
239 Bond Street - Wabash, IN

The senior center has been exploring facility expansion and improvement opportunities since 2015. This expansion would include adding 3,000 square feet to the north and south of the existing footprint with an option to add another 1,380 square feet to the southwest should it be needed. This project would also include reconfiguring the driveways, walkways, and parking areas to create a safer, more accessible site for drivers and pedestrians.

**PROJECT E**  
**LAGRO SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS**

Davis Street - Lagro, IN

This project includes replacing the sidewalk on Davis Street / SR 524 between Main Street and Washington Street. The cost of these improvements includes removing the existing sidewalk, pouring new concrete, and installing four new ADA ramps with detectable elements. The ADA ramps would be installed at each crossing within the study area.



PROJECT KEY MAP

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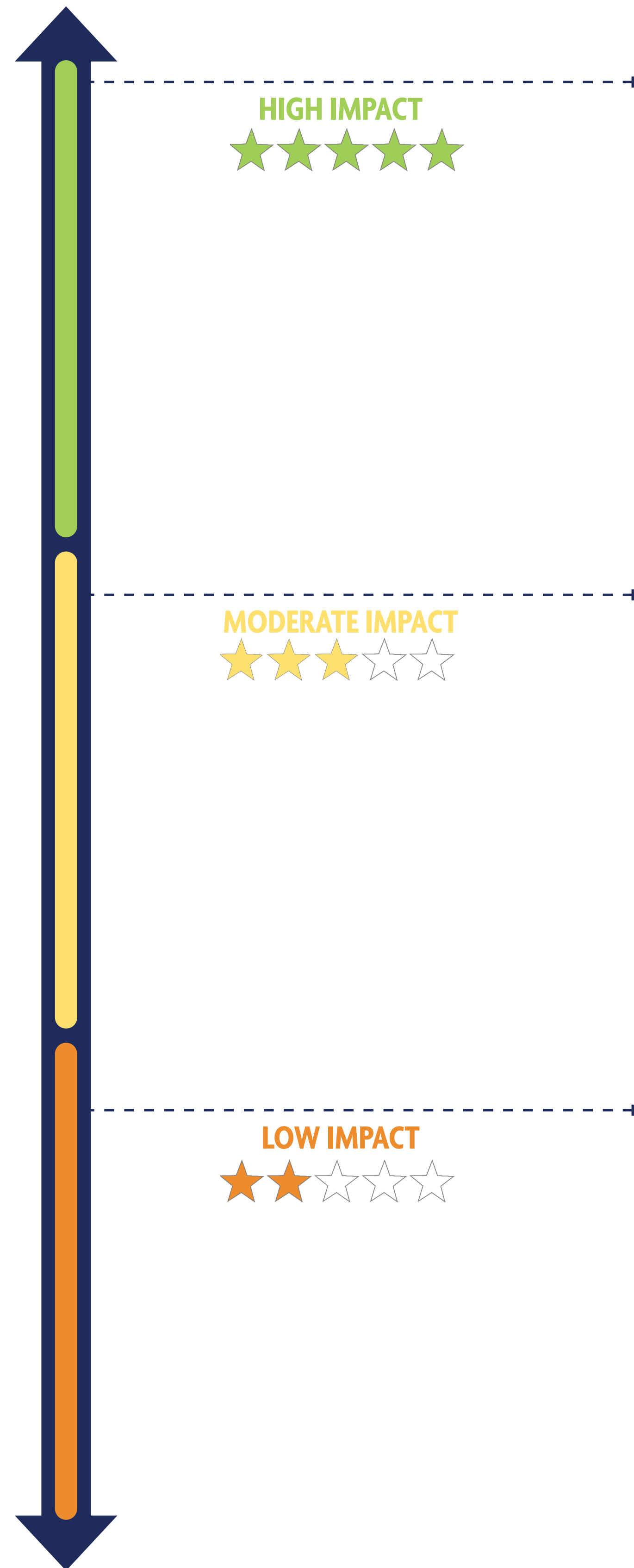




# PROPOSED PROJECTS

**Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHEDA)**  
 Up to \$1.5M in funding | No match of Owner-occupied | 25% on Renter-occupied

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**PROJECT A**  
**ADVANTAGE HOUSING - RENTAL REHABILITATION**

599 S. Wabash Street - Wabash, IN

This rehabilitation project will restore a dilapidated building to serve as low-barrier, low-income rental housing. The project will reduce the existing structure to a stand-alone property. It will be separated from 571 S. Wabash to the north and separated from the sidewalk to the west. The space between the buildings will become a lighted walkway to the rear parking for both buildings. Once complete, this property will offer two, 2-bedroom townhouse apartments and one, 1-bedroom handicapped accessible apartment. These units will all be qualified as "Ongoing HOME Rental Housing." They will have income and rent limits to help battle the lack of quality and healthy affordable housing in Wabash County.

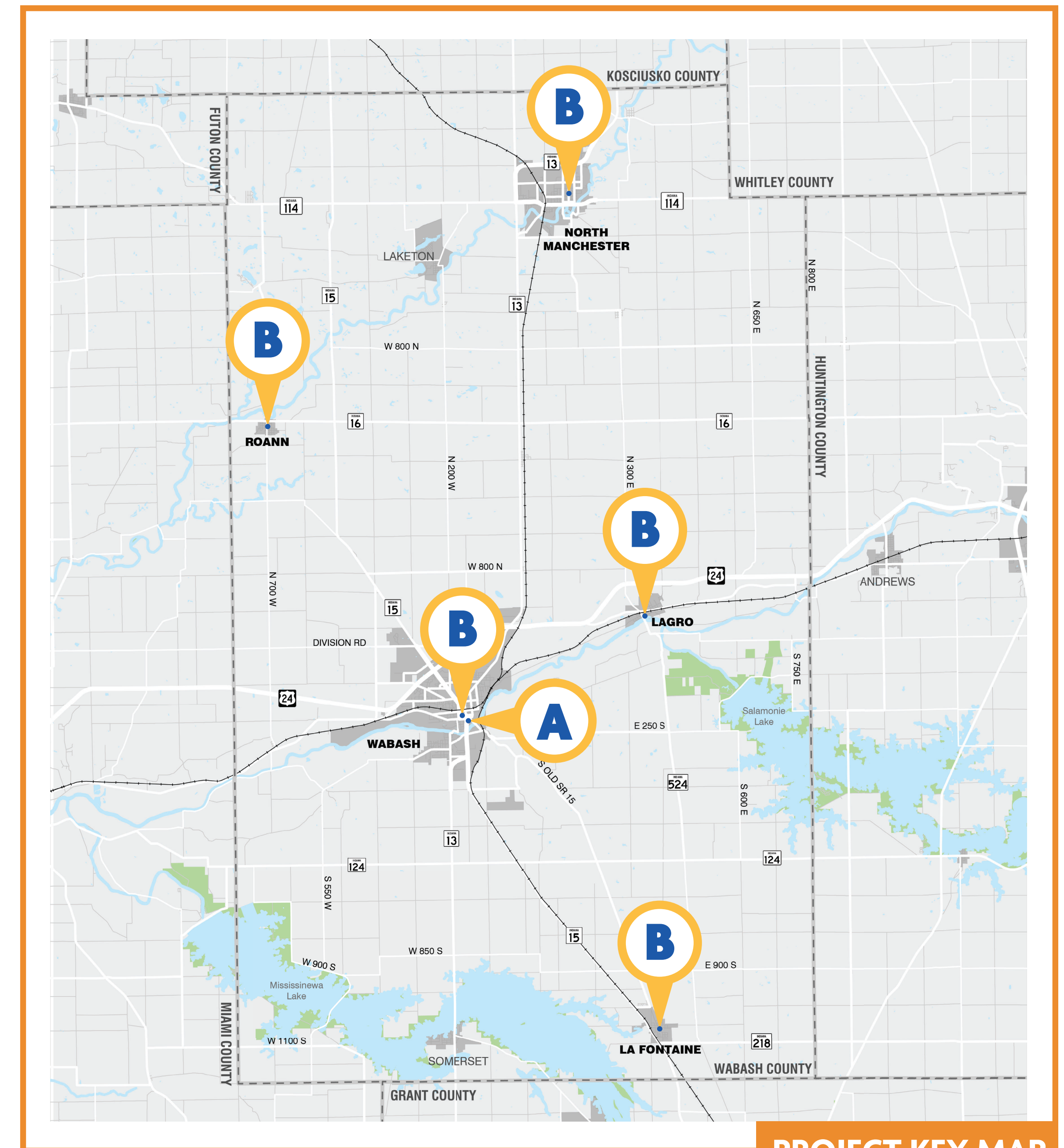
**PROJECT B**  
**COUNTY-WIDE OWNER-OCCUPIED INFILL PROGRAM**

Various infill lots

Wabash County has several partners working to provide attainable housing opportunities for current and future residents. This program will encourage multiple agencies to work together to increase the availability of affordable homes for low and moderate-income persons and households. Through this program, the Wabash County Development Corporation awards single-family lots to a qualified developer or non-profit. In return for receiving the lot at no cost, the developer must build and sell the home to an income-eligible home buyer. While specific lots wouldn't be identified until after receiving the Stellar designation, this program is expected to fund 4-6 new units.

Examples of existing residential infill opportunities include –

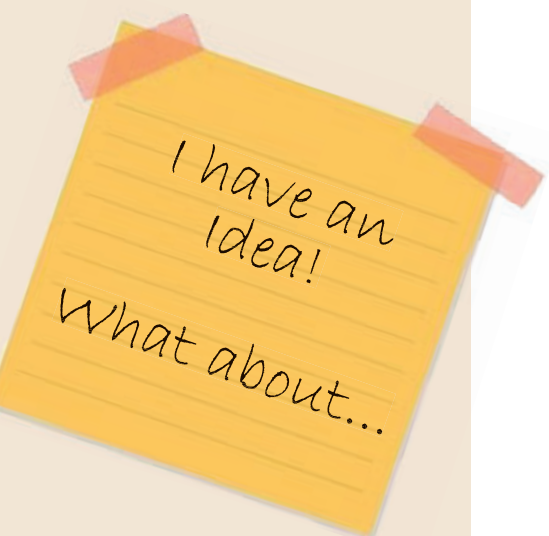
- 244 E Hill Street Wabash, IN (*Habitat for Humanity*)
- 610 High Street Wabash, IN (*City of Wabash*)
- 620 Washington Street Lagro, IN (*Lagro Canal Foundation*)
- 210 Canal Street Wabash, IN (*Wabash River Trail*)
- Washington Street Lagro, IN (*Wabash River Trail*)
- Washington Street Lagro, IN (*Wabash River Trail*)
- Old Canal Street Lagro, IN (*Wabash River Trail*)



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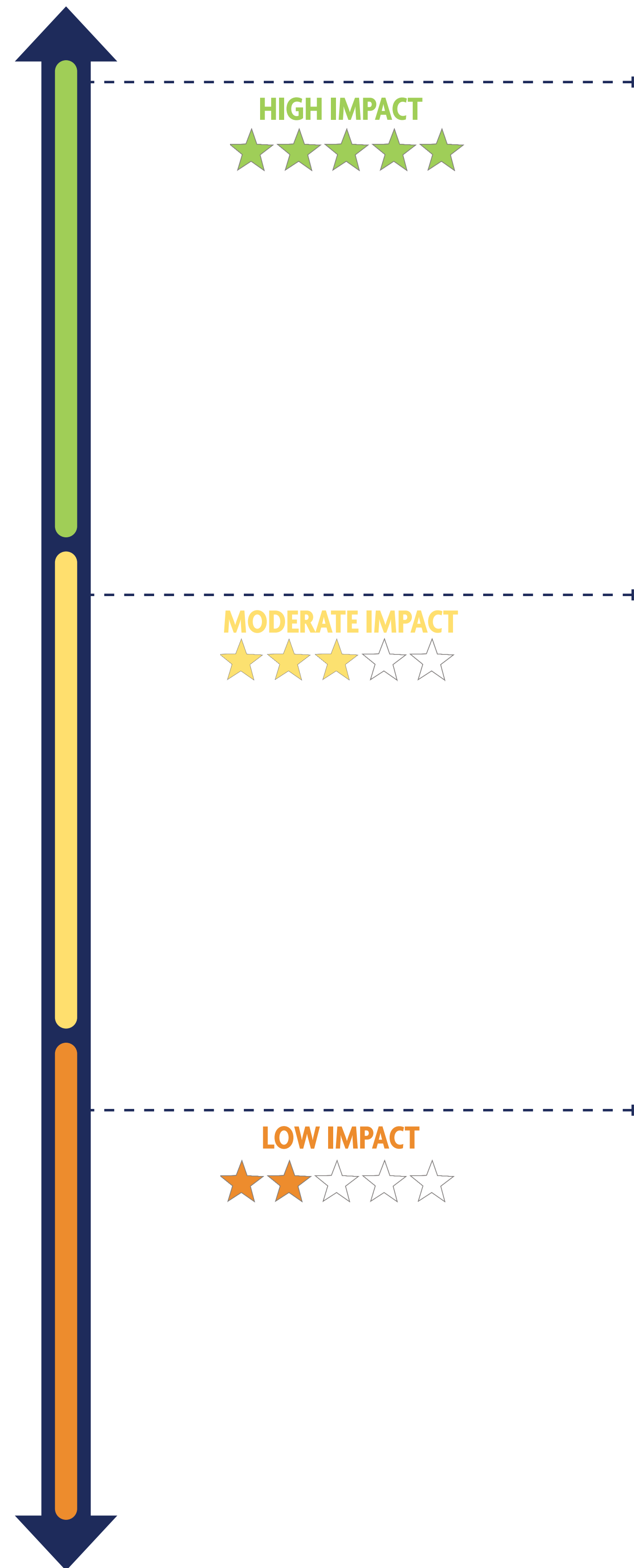


# PROPOSED PROJECTS

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)

Up to \$1.5M in funding | 10-20% match

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**PROJECT A**  
**MANCHESTER MILE SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS**

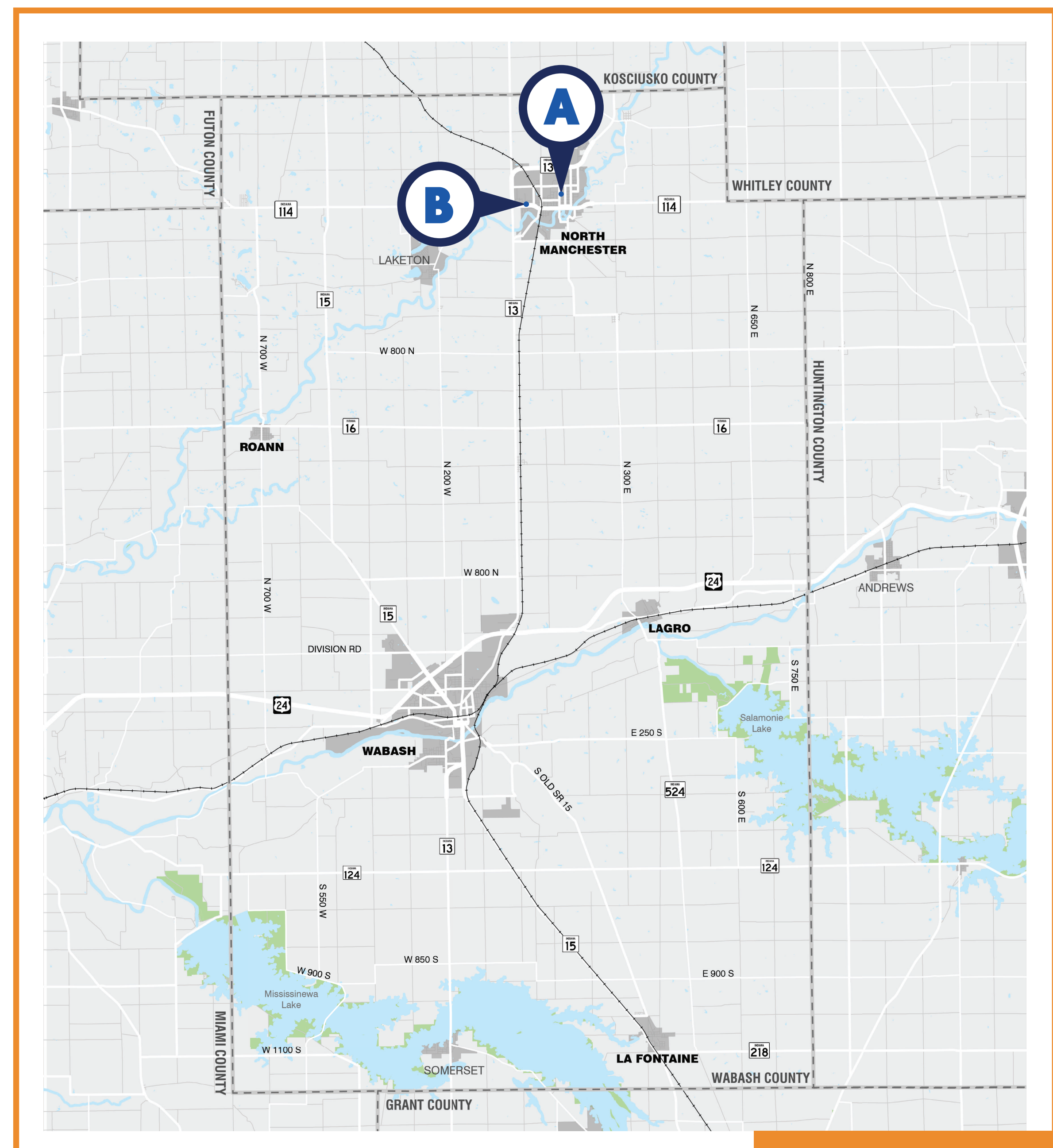
Market Street - North Manchester, IN

In summer of 2024, Manchester University has received a grant of \$12.1 million from Lilly Endowment Inc. through its initiative, College and Community Collaboration (CCC). Manchester Mile was one of three key project ideas submitted for funding. The Manchester Mile is a transformative multi-use trail project that connects the Manchester University campus with Main Street in Downtown North Manchester. Building on the Manchester Mile project, the safety enhancements include the design and construction of a pedestrian buffer zone and pedestrian-scale lighting along Market Street between College Ave and Main Street. A buffer zone separates the sidewalk and/or trail from vehicular traffic to increase pedestrian comfort and safety.

**PROJECT B**  
**SR 114 SIDEWALKS**

SR 114/Main Street - North Manchester, IN

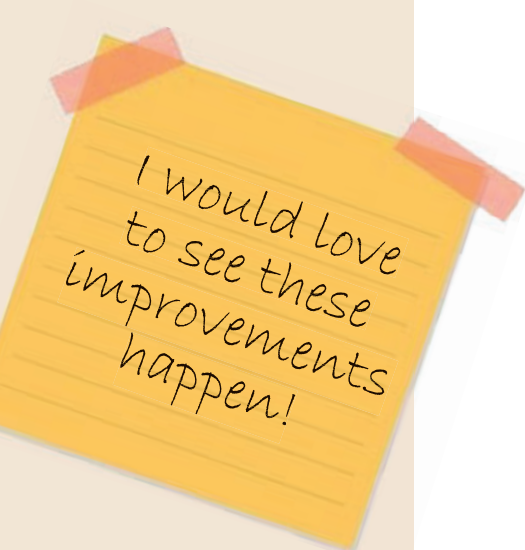
State Road 114 is a commercial corridor running east and west through the Town of North Manchester. Currently, the only pedestrian infrastructure along the corridor is located within the downtown core of North Manchester. This project would cover the construction costs for sidewalks along the northside of SR 114 between Meridian Street and West Street.



PROJECT KEY MAP

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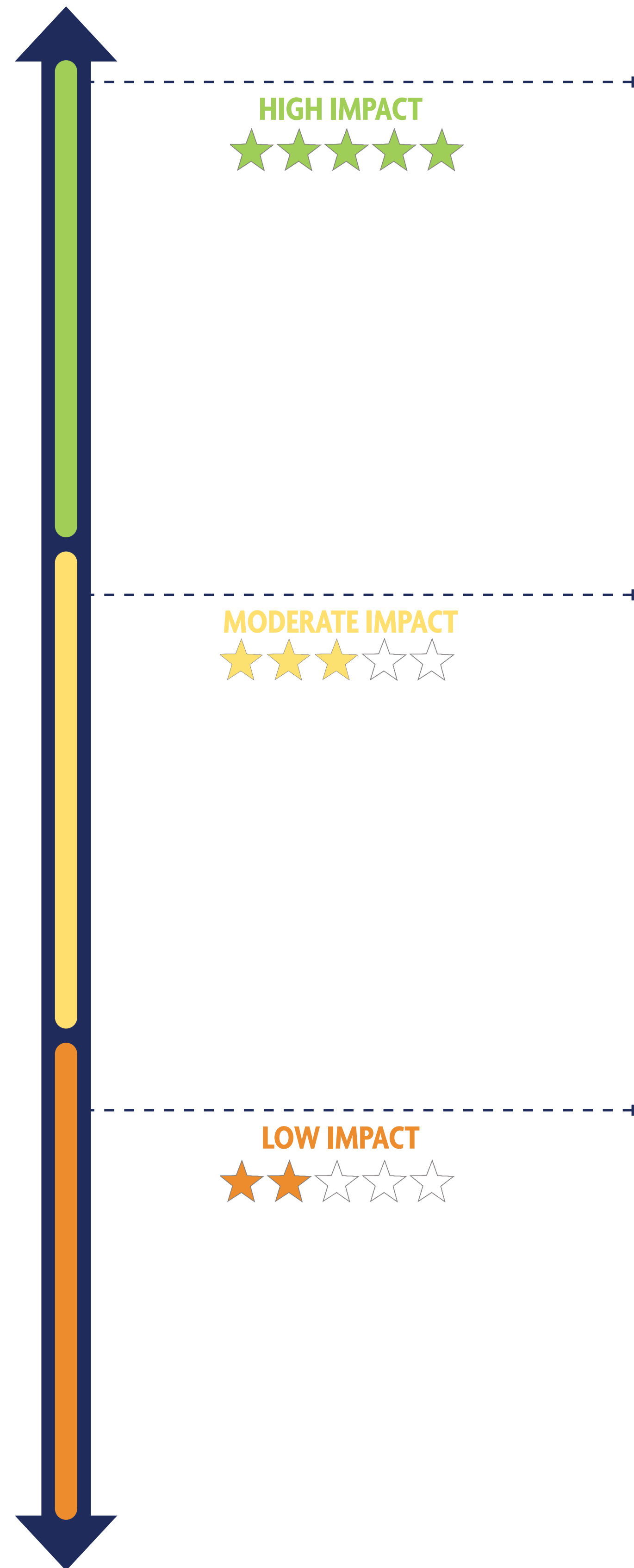
# PROPOSED PROJECTS

## Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Indiana Trails Program - 20% match

Land and Water Conservation Fund - 50% match

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### PROJECT A WABASH RIVERWALK EXTENSION

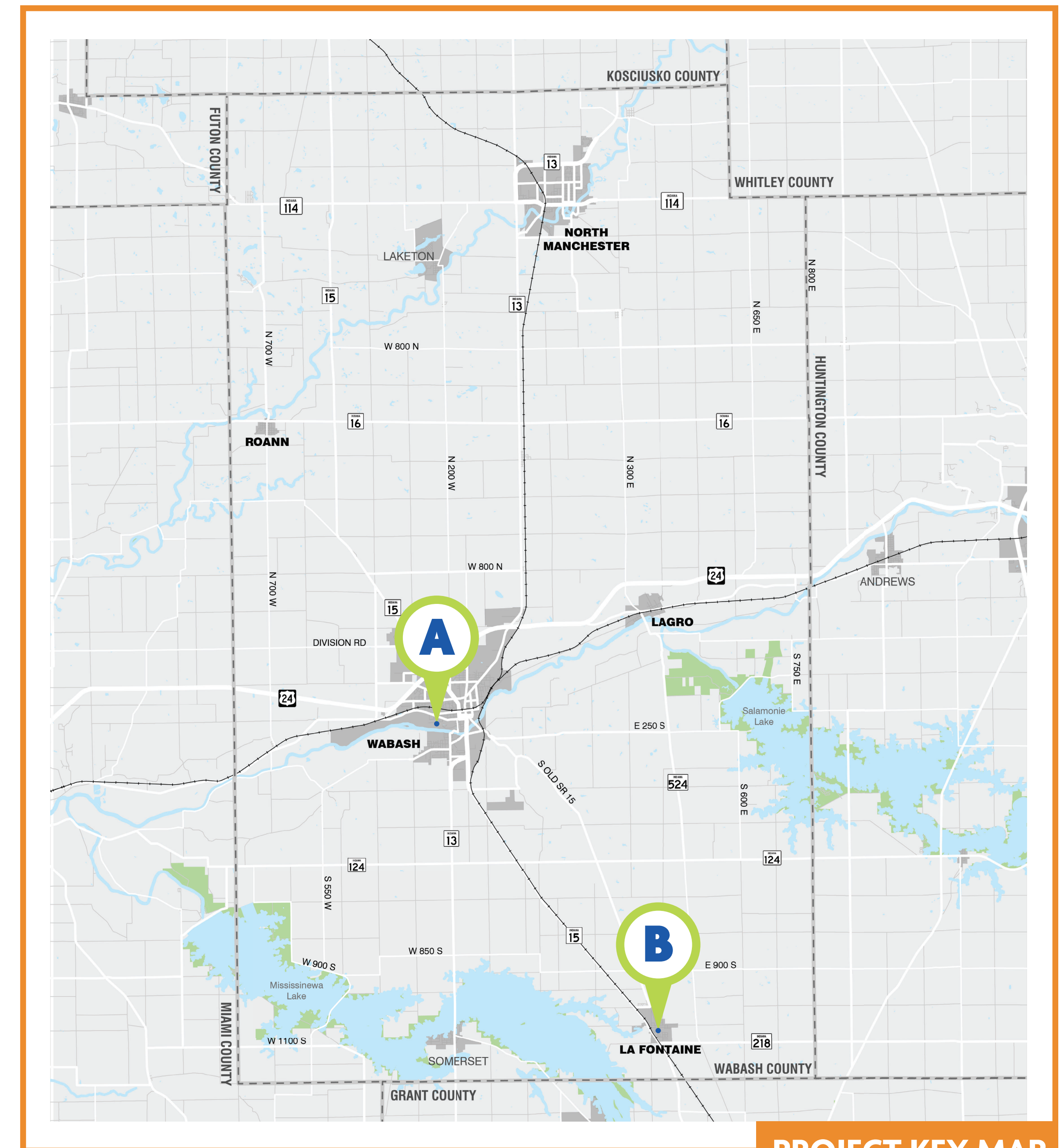
City of Wabash

The Wabash Riverwalk Trail extension is the next step in extending the link towards Peru. This section of trail will provide connections to the Wabash City Park and Charley Creek Trail. The trail extension will continue the existing riverwalk cross section with an 8-foot wide, paved, multiuse path. This project will also improve access of the existing Riverwalk trail between SR 15 and S. Huntington Street. During flood events, the portion directly adjacent to the Wabash River must be closed due to flooding. The new trail section would provide a bypass that could be utilized during periods of flooding when the lower section is closed.

### PROJECT B LA FONTAINE PARK PROJECT

Cook-Crumley Park

The Town of La Fontaine is in the process of completing a Five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Part of this process included exploring potential improvements for Cook-Crumley Park. This project would include several new facilities and amenities including a pavilion, stage, and picnic area, pickleball and tennis court, basketball court, play area, concessions and bathroom facilities, and several multi-use fields.

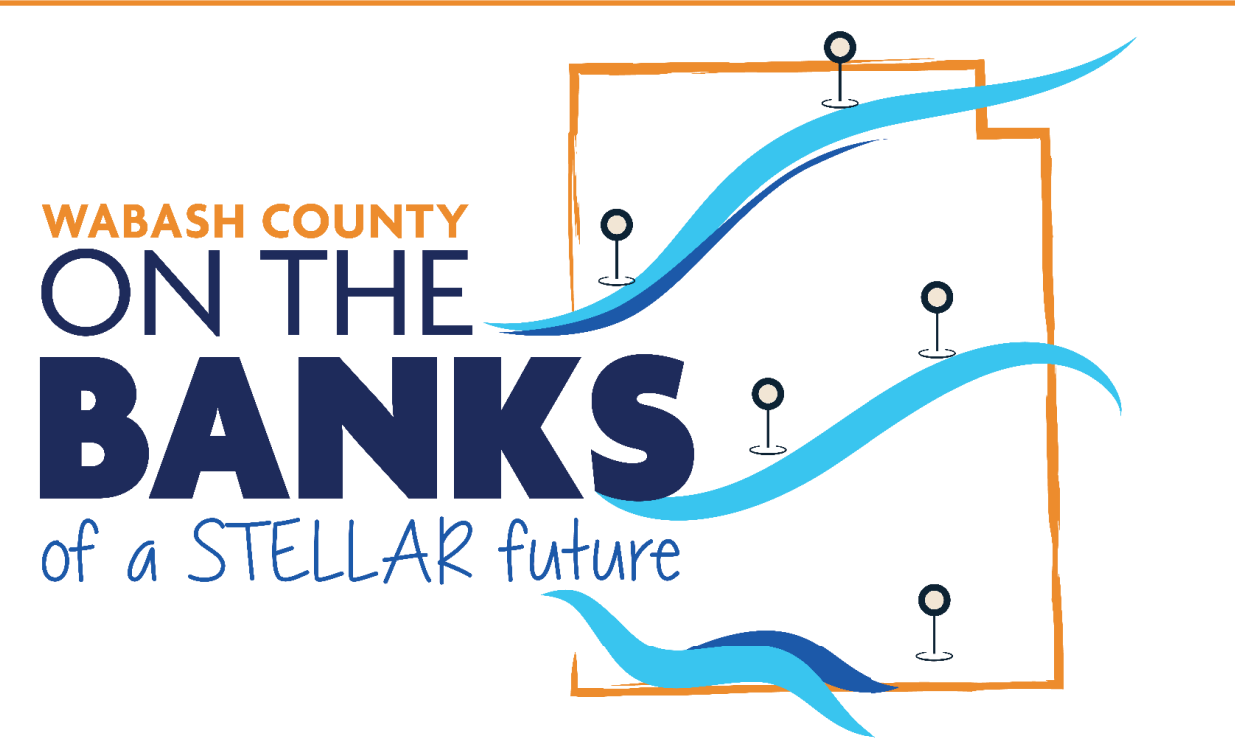


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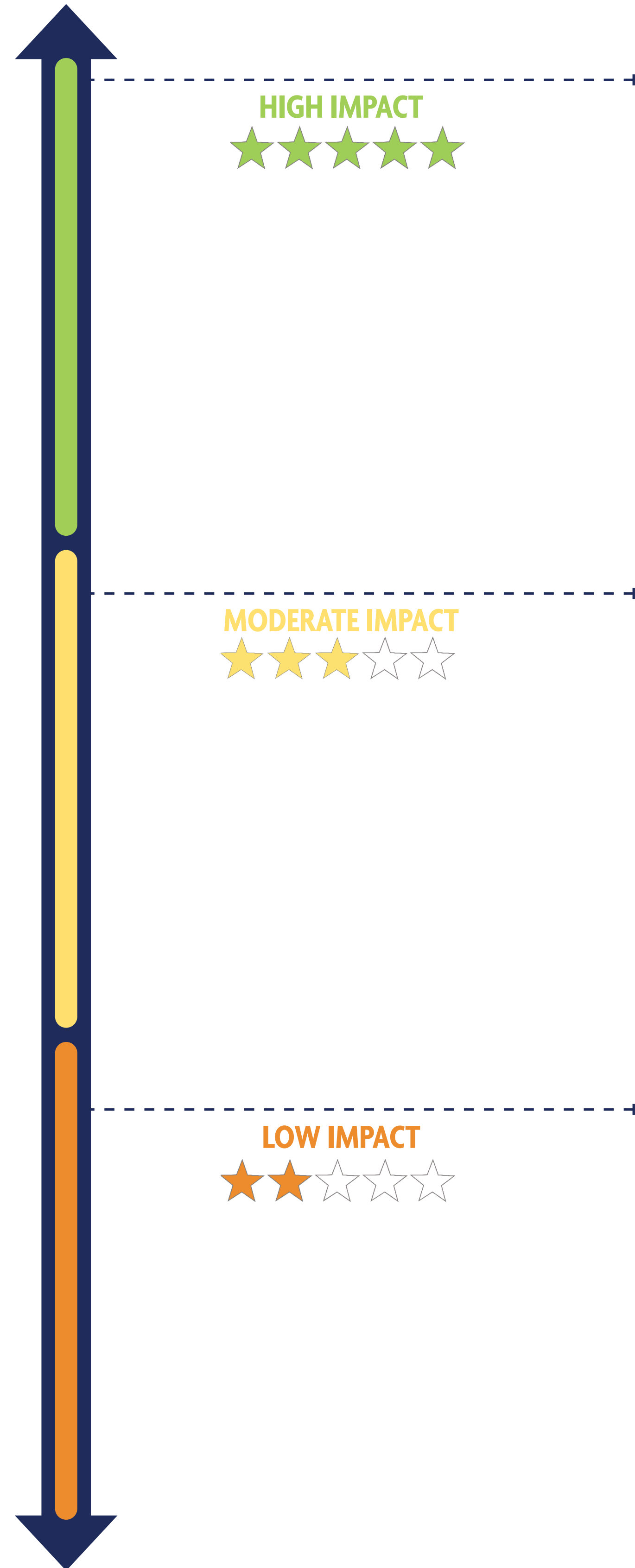




# PROPOSED PROJECTS

Indiana Department of Agriculture  
Up to \$100,000 in Funding

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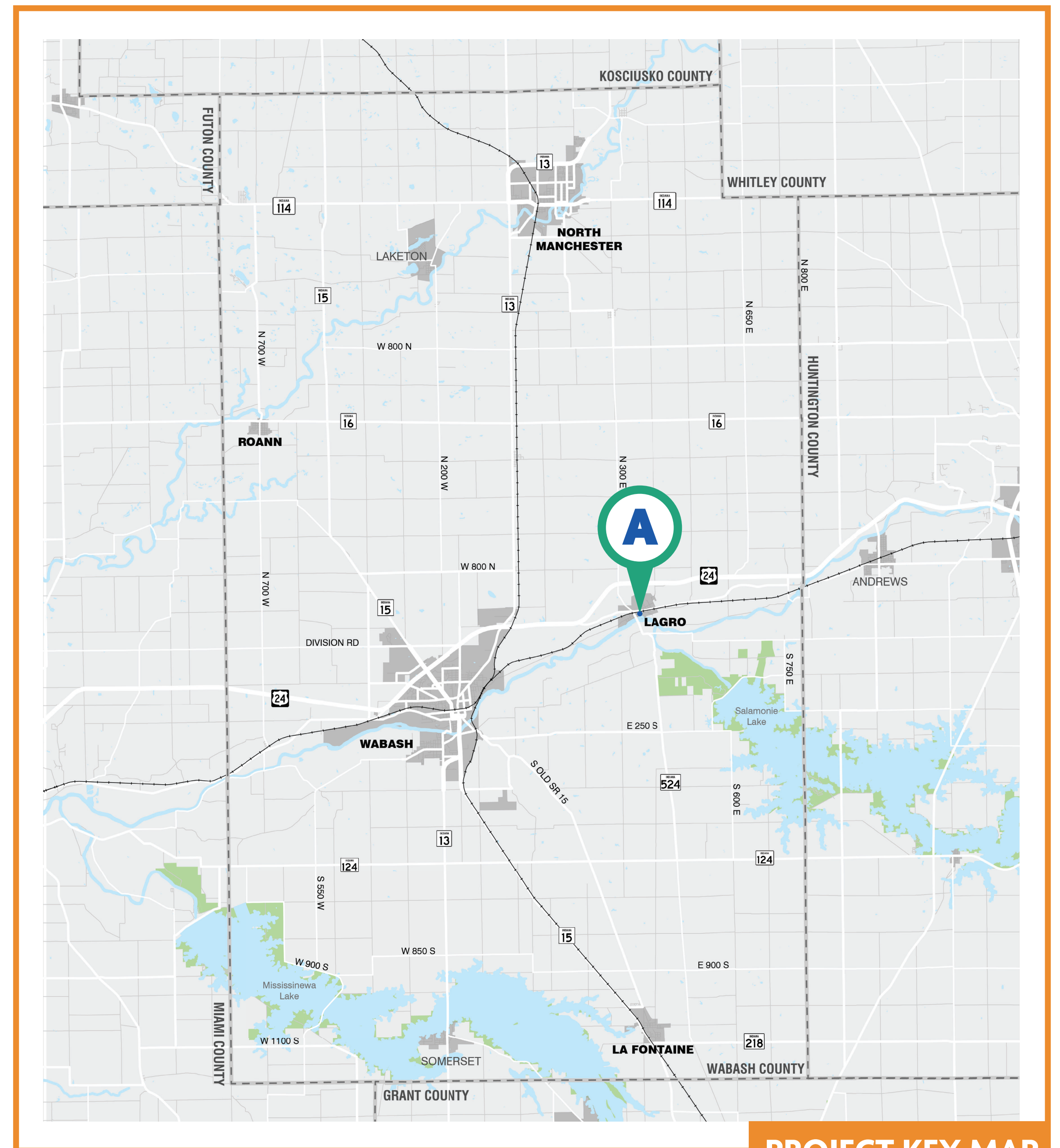


**PROJECT A**  
**LAGRO GROCERY STORE**

870 Washington Street - Lagro, IN

The Lagro Canal Foundation is a diverse group of people who share a common goal of wanting to inspire and foster positive change in the community. This organization has taken strides to renovate the old cafe building at 870 Washington Street with hopes of developing a grocery store in the near future. Not only would this development provide retail services, the idea is to also provide programming related to healthy eating, farm-to-table initiatives, community cooking classes, etc.

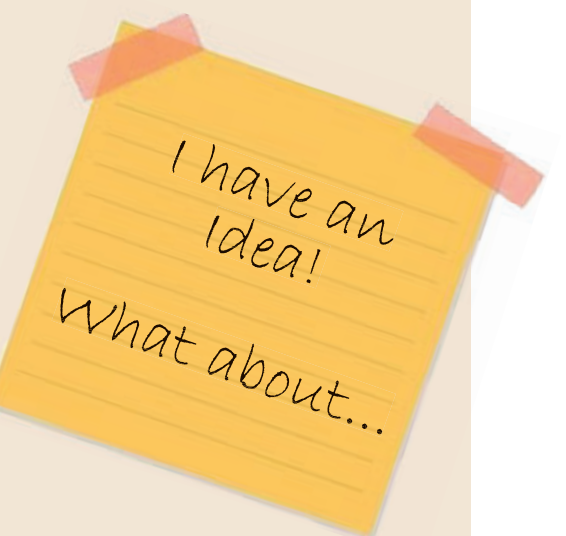
While exterior improvements such as painting, windows, and roofing have already occurred, there is still a significant amount of construction left to do inside. This project funding would assist the Lagro Canal Foundation in acquiring equipment for grocery store and complimentary programs.



PROJECT KEY MAP

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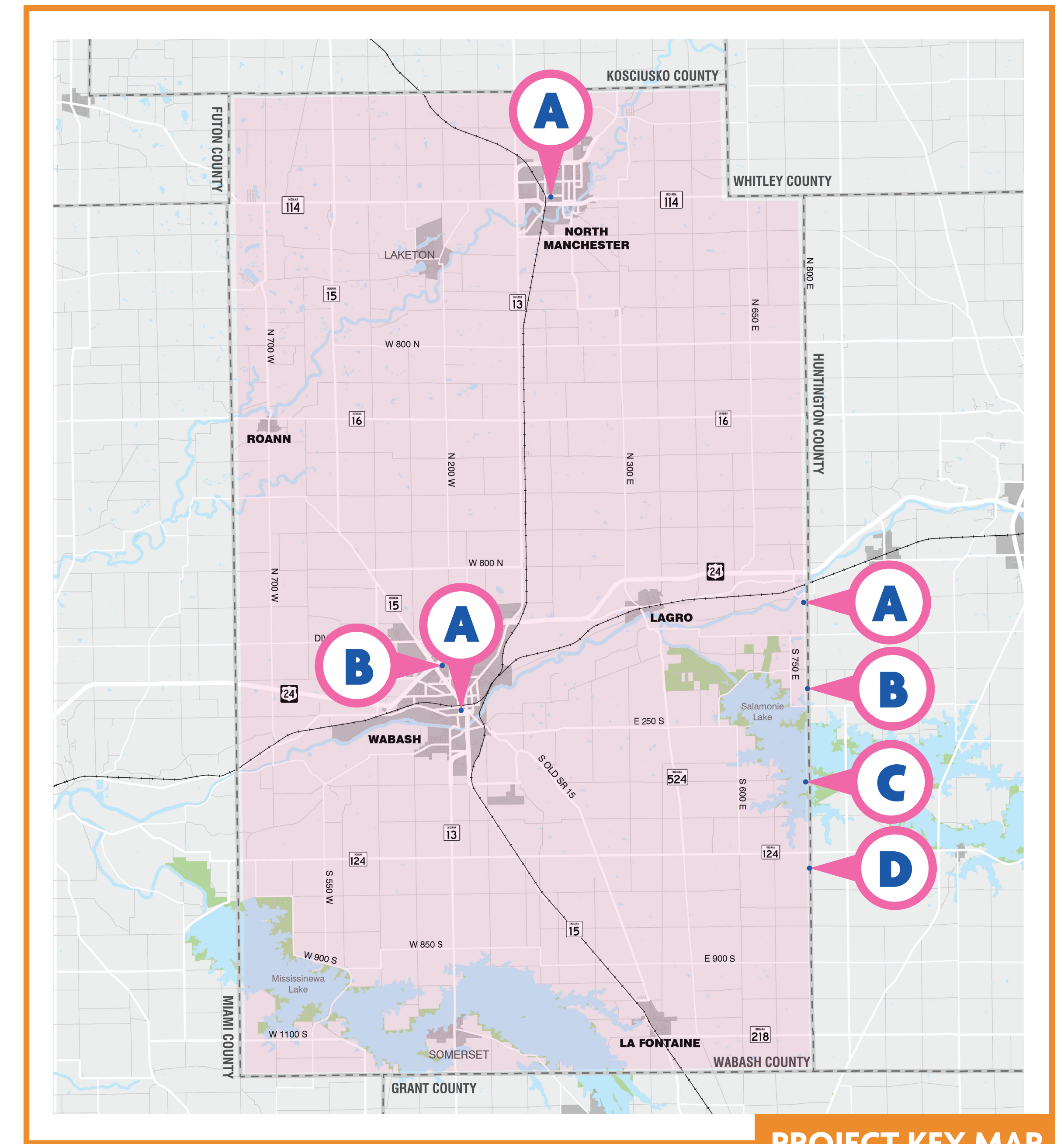
# PROPOSED PROJECTS

Indiana Department of Health  
Up to \$75,000 in Funding - No match

WHICH PROJECT WOULD HAVE THE **GREATEST IMPACT** ON IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE AND HELPING UNDER-SERVED GROUPS IN WABASH COUNTY?

PLEASE SELECT **ONE** PROGRAM BY PLACING A DOT STICKER BELOW.

VOTE HERE!	POSSIBLE PROGRAMS
	<p><b>PROGRAM A</b> <b>85 HOPE</b></p> <p>85 Hope is a free medical clinic with offices in Wabash and North Manchester. Free services offered include medical exams and care, prescription and over-the-counter medications, lab and radiology testing at Parkview Wabash Hospital, physical therapy services, annual vaccines and screenings, healthcare navigation services, and referrals for specialty care needs. Currently, office hours and clinic hours are very limited in both Wabash and North Manchester. However, with additional support, the program could explore ways to extend their operating hours and/or provide additional services.</p>
	<p><b>PROGRAM B</b> <b>ART THERAPY IN LOCAL HOSPITALS</b></p> <p>Honeywell hires visual artists and musicians to visit Parkview Wabash Hospital 4-6 times per month. Their work spans various areas of the hospital, including the infusion clinic, room-to-room visits for patients, art therapy sessions for hospital staff, the memory and depression unit, and lobby performances. Currently, funding is only secured for one year. However, with additional support, the program could be extended for multiple years. Honeywell is also exploring regional expansion of the program with the long-term sustainability backed by the Parkview Foundation.</p>
	<p><b>PROGRAM C</b> <b>BASHBAGS</b></p> <p>Bash Bags is a Wabash County based 501(c)3 organization that helps provide weekend food for school-aged children in our community. Bash Bags serves Pre-K to 6th-grade students at MSD of Wabash County Schools, Wabash City Schools and St. Bernard Catholic School. The organization currently serving 547 students each week for approximately 31 weeks of the school year. Each student receives between 8-9 items in their bag that contain two hot meals, two breakfast foods, and snacks that last the weekend. With additional support, the organization could explore ways to expand options for healthy, local produce.</p>
	<p><b>PROGRAM D</b> <b>MATERNAL INFANT OUTREACH PROGRAM</b></p> <p>Parkview Hospital has partnered with BABE of Wabash County to develop a program specifically for new parents and infants. This new program will provide access to mom groups, safe sleep education, children CPR classes, breastfeeding classes, and other resources for new and young moms.</p>



PROJECT KEY MAP

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