

ULI Indiana has been selected by top elected officials from Central Indiana communities to convene a regional council.

## The reason?

A regional council creates a forum for ideas, problem-solving and action strategies with the capacity to raise overall economic competitiveness, innovation and quality of life.

*"The decisions we make in city government have an impact beyond our county lines. This Council gives us the opportunity to share ideas, resources and solutions with our peers in neighboring counties, all with the goal of improving quality of life in Central Indiana."*

*—Greg Ballard, Mayor of Indianapolis*

## About ULI

The Urban Land Institute is the preeminent, multidisciplinary real estate forum providing leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide.

As a district council of the Urban Land Institute, ULI Indiana brings together a variety of stakeholders to find solutions and build consensus around land use and development challenges. ULI Indiana activities involving local community and outreach opportunities are complemented by the resources and services provided by ULI at the international level.

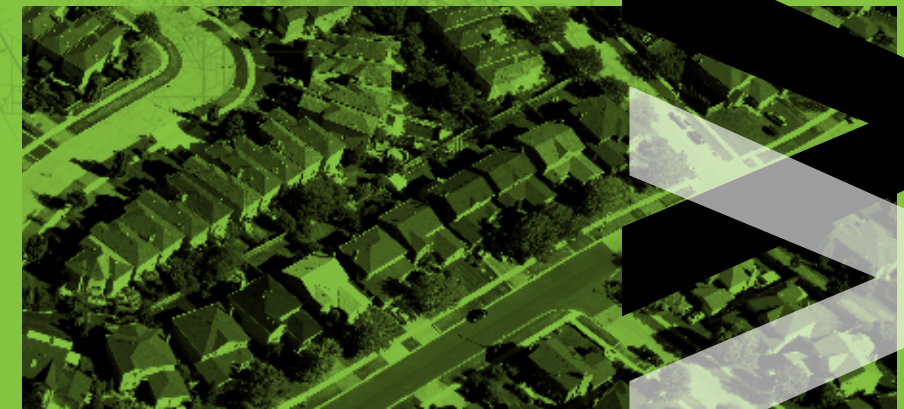
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# A Collaborative Council to Create a Thriving Regional Community



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## Why a Regional Council?

### *Because we get more done together*

- > A peer group of top elected officials from Central Indiana's cities and towns provides collective, dynamic leadership to solve common problems.
- > Building regional consensus on challenging issues forms a strong unified position, involves community partners in developing solutions, and establishes greater impetus for collective action.
- > Regional councils built on collaboration, innovation and action are having long-term success in similar metropolitan areas, such as Minneapolis-St. Paul and Denver.
- > Major 21st century challenges—job growth, sustainability, housing, infrastructure, transportation—are complex and cross geographic boundaries. The lack of cohesive regional strategies forces Central Indiana municipalities to tackle these problems alone with mixed results.

*"These meetings allow us to confer with the mayors and town council presidents of adjoining municipalities in a setting free of media, and the resulting conversations are candid and insightful."*

*—Tom DeBaun, Mayor of Shelbyville*

## Why ULI?

### *Because we're uniquely positioned to foster collaborative change*

- > Founded in 1936, the Urban Land Institute (ULI) has 30,000 members in 95 countries. ULI is one of the world's most respected sources of objective research and education on urban planning, growth and development.
- > Without political ties, ULI Indiana can ensure a true peer-to-peer forum exists for the discussion of common and multi-jurisdictional issues.
- > What does ULI bring to the table?
  - a national network of experts and information
  - proven research on best practices for specific urban challenges
  - a nonpartisan, nonpolitical, solution-oriented approach.

*"Part of being a successful and progressive local government is working in cooperation with other municipalities in an effort to better the lives of all citizens."*

*—Andy Cook, Mayor of Westfield*

## What's at stake?

### *The opportunity to ensure our region's future*

- > Central Indiana must continue building on its success to remain globally competitive.
- > Collaboration and leadership can be a force for positive dialogue and innovative solutions.
- > A better built environment and strong quality of life will benefit residents and businesses alike.

## How will it be sustained?

### *Through broad-based community support*

- > Public and private organizations that value collaborative leadership and change are financially supporting this effort
- > Three-year funding commitments will ensure the council's long-term success and sustainability
- > ULI Indiana provides planning, administration, meeting content and communication
- > ULI's vast resources and network offer access to dynamic programming and objective facilitation for council meetings

*Support the regional council as a forum for ideas, innovation and action. Ask us how you can help.*

# The result?

*Together, we can build a collaborative spirit that creates innovative solutions, takes meaningful strategic action and resolves complex challenges of regional significance. Together, we can improve the quality of life for communities throughout Central Indiana. Together, we can accomplish much more.*

