

Grant County, City, Town Projects 2018-2022:



Grant County Projects (Road Show Held Sept. 7, 2017)

- Explore seeking a housing developer for a new housing development in the area of I69/SR 18.
- SR 5 Extension: Local interest in extending SR 5 from north of Upland through Matthews, Gaston (Delaware County) and Yorktown (Delaware County) to State Road 67 in Daleville (Delaware County) – intersecting highways SR 28, SR 332, SR 32 and US 67. This project would create a state highway corridor to run parallel to I69 and could assist in releasing traffic congestion. Commercial, economic development, safety and geographic access are also benefits are reasons for the proposed project.
- Greenways/Trails Development: County wide projects and completion of connection to existing Cardinal Greenway in Delaware County.
- Complete a US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant application in cooperation with Grant County, Marion and one other selected regional partner.
- Explore options to create “Welcome to Grant County” signage along I69.
- Infrastructure road/water/sewer at I69 and SR 18 and 35 in relation to potential new economic development projects.
- Work with INDOT to address options to improve road drainage on I69 south of mm 264.
- Work cooperatively with INDOT to widen I69 and improve the interchange ramps to better accommodate truck traffic.
- Continue to assist the towns with Community Crossing Grant applications for road funding.
- Develop a program to identify commercial/industrial properties with delinquent taxes that can be repurposed.

- Seek funding for blighted structure demolitions.



Fairmount Projects:

- Obtain OCRA Main Street improvement Grant. ***Completed
- USDA wastewater treatment project. ***Completed
- Demolish former high school – building is in extreme decline; adjacent Madison-Grant Youth Basketball League needs the property for parking and expansion of their program.
- Expanded travel lanes on I-69 and development of the intersection of I-69 and SR 26.
- Establish connectivity between the town and the I-69/SR 26 intersection.
- Complete the downtown Main St. project with awarded proceeds from OCRA (\$500,000) and town match (\$200,000).
- Explore creating a facade grant program.
- Continue blight removal efforts.
- Continue to grow and expand upon the new town TIF District.
- Seek a housing developer for both family and senior housing related projects.
- Identify a location and seek zoning and infrastructure improvements on a new housing subdivision.



Fowlerton Projects

- Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO): Corrective action to improve CSO problems and reduce pollution while improving public health and safety.
- Update park equipment, baseball diamonds and basketball court.
- Create a plan to improve the town park.
- Identify significant historic structures.
- Create a sidewalk improvement plan.
- Develop plan for infrastructure improvements/extensions to service the I-69/SR26 interchange.



Gas City Projects

- Street Rebuild: Total rebuild of First Street in Gas City (main route, heavily traveled by trucks) – from the high school on the north to South “H” Street – a total of 1.5 miles, including street, curbing and sidewalks.
- Street Repairs: On the east end, near I-69, repair street and add new streets to aid economic development.
- North Sloan Drive: Repair and install curbs along 1,350 feet of street.
- Wheelteck Drive: Rebuild, including base and curbing from Sloan Drive to the rear of an industrial building and bordering to north side of many acres of shovel ready land.
- New Water Meters: Upgrade water meters to radio-read meters.
- Water Lines: Loop 5100 feet of 6-inch and 8-inch water mains on the east and west sides of town at an estimated cost of \$264,000. An environmental assessment has been completed with findings of no significant impact.
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Jonesboro Projects

- Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO): Corrective action to improve CSO problems and reduce pollution while improving public health and safety.
- Develop a Main Street organization.
- Park improvements.
- Sidewalk, streetlight, signage improvements.
- Development of a facade grant program.



Marion Projects

- Construct a water tower at SR 18 & I-69. Need for a one million gallon tank in order to provide adequate water supplies and pressure to existing and potential employers in the SR18/I69 corridor.
- SR 18 corridor enhancements and beautification traveling in and out of Marion.
- Continue to develop and grow the Marion business incubator. Work to attract clients and recruit potential entrepreneurs from the local colleges.
- Develop plan to upgrade the Marion Municipal Airport facilities.
- Make SR 18 & SR 9 area pedestrian more friendly with the inclusion of sidewalks.
- Redevelopment of the Five Points Business Area.
- Expand Pedestrian crossing on Washington Street Bridge.
- Purchase of rail line to connect SR-9 & SR-18 to downtown and Cardinal Greenway.
- Construct water tower at SR 18 and I-69.
- Extend water and sewers to airport far side and to SR 22.



Matthews Projects

- Matthews Elementary School: Use closed school as a community center/town hall. ***Completed
- Sewer upgrades. ***Completed
- Complete a community visioning session to prioritize downtown redevelopment and beautification projects.
- Consider OCRA grants.
- Continue to update/repair sidewalks for ADA accessibility.
- Complete five year park master plan.
- Identify blighted properties and consider demolition or redevelopment opportunities.



Swayzee Projects

- Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO): Correct CSO problems to reduce pollution while improving public health and safety.
- Complete the Street and sidewalk repaving with Community Crossing grant award funding.
- Establish a downtown streetscape committee.
- Consider establishment of a formal park board and new park tax rate for park improvements.



Sweetser Projects

- Create a downtown streetlight map and apply to the USDA for streetlight funding.
- Obtain quotes and seek funding for a new town sign with digital display.
- Explore options for new housing projects.
- Continue to maintain and expand the Sweetser Switch Trail.
- Seek residential housing developers for neighborhood expansion.



Upland Projects

- Continue with downtown redevelopment projects.
- Expand upon the Ball State study/plan for community improvement projects.
- Prepare a plan for a north-south trail connecting the town to the university and an east-west trail from the ball diamonds to the lake.
- Establish a TIF district to capture revenue for downtown projects.
- Consider the development of a facade grant program.
- Continue with the blight elimination efforts.
- Consider expansion of the town to I-69 and SR 35.
- Explore more cooperative town/university projects.
- Seek prospective tenants for retail spaces in the downtown.



Van Buren Projects

- Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO): Correct CSO problems to reduce pollution while improving public health and safety.
- Sidewalk and Street improvements.
- Develop town beautification projects.