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# THE QUARTERLY

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## Town of Shelburn Utilizes Brownfield Program for Redevelopment

In the past two years the Town of Shelburn has used grants from the Brownfield Site Assessment Grant Incentive (SAGI) program to initiate the redevelopment of an abandoned grain elevator site and the town's former Interurban Station. The SAGI program is administered by the Indiana Finance Authority and is designed to encourage communities to identify and remediate sites that may present a threat to the health and safety of residents because contaminants are suspected to be present.

The Town of Shelburn received a \$ 10,360 SAGI grant for a Phase I environmental assessment and a Phase II Assessment, and a Remediation grant of \$164,413 for the actual remediation of the abandoned Smith Grain Elevator Site. This allowed the Town to hire ATC Associates, Inc. to test the site thoroughly for contaminants. The

nature and location of the contamination was then identified and a remediation plan was formulated. Finally, the recently awarded Remediation grant will allow the site to be properly remediated according to the plan formulated by the assessments. Upon completion of remediation a developer will purchase the site and use it as the location for a manufacturing facility with an initial estimated investment of \$200,000 - \$500,000.



The Town also received a \$1,500 SAGI grant for a Phase I Assessment and \$ 8,400 for a

Phase II Assessment of the town's former Interurban Station which has languished in disrepair for years. The Town hopes to set the stage for the facility to be donated to a not-for-profit so that it can be redeveloped as a museum. In the interim the Town has now been assured that no significant threat exists at the site other than an old in-ground tank that appears to be empty.

This program provides a very effective and cost efficient way for local governments to resolve potential brownfield issues without incurring significant financial or environmental liability.

**If your community needs assistance in brownfield redevelopment projects contact our office at 1-800-489-1561.**

## AGENCY CELEBRATES 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WITH A FACELIFT

In case you have not noticed, during the past couple of months, the headquarters of WCIEDD at 1718 Wabash Avenue has received a renovation and a more modern look.

Workmen have removed the front façade of the 1960's building and have replaced it with a modern stucco front. A newly repaved driveway provides visitors with a smoother parking area and access to the side of the building.

Also, marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the agency is a greatly improved and modernized transportation planning program, with in house traffic simulation modeling capability and most other state of the art traffic analysis techniques available

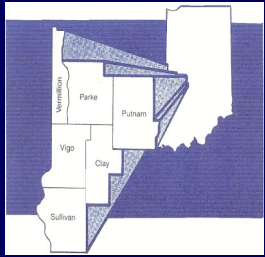
through our current staff.

The Area 7 Agency on Aging programs for senior and handicapped have recently undergone many changes to realign with regional needs and funding availability. A revamped noon meal program is offering more flexibility for clients and is becoming increasingly more popular with our customers. Case Management, Adult Day Service, Senior and Disabled Transportation, Aged and Disabled Resource Center, noon meal program, and planning and coordination of services are all still part of the agency as we near our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday in May.

Economic Development; which was

the original service offered by the agency in 1968, continues to provide assistance to the region in new job creation, job retention, and community development services. A new brick production facility, horseshow facility, and a new corporate headquarters move to our region are all recent success stories. Many area communities are benefitting from community development assistance such as funding for community infrastructure, housing assistance and community planning.

We look forward to celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> while continuing to look to the future.



## Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death in the United States.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the number of people who died in crashes across the country decreased from 43,510 in 2005 to 42,642 in 2006. In addition the number of people injured declined for the seventh year in a row to just under 2.6 million. These traffic crashes cost the Nation over \$230 billion each year.

To improve safety, a coordinated response is needed from all levels and branches of government – Federal agencies, State legislatures, city and county councils, and local agencies. A coordinated response may result

in increased safety funding, more effective safety laws, and enhanced education, enforcement, engineering, and emergency response efforts targeting critical safety issues.

As part of the overall strategy to reduce fatalities and serious injuries, Indiana has an approved Strategic Highway Safety Plan, which identifies the following emphasis areas: develop safer young drivers, increase occupant protection, reduce impaired drivers, improve motorcycle safety, reduce large truck crashes, reduce bicycle and pedestrian crashes, reduce “high risk” rural road crashes, minimize

the possibility and consequences of leaving the roadway, improve safety at intersections, reduce crashes at highway railroad crossings, enhance emergency services response to traffic crashes, expedite crash clearance to reduce secondary crashes and congestion, and improve the quality of the data used to make safety improvement decisions. To obtain a copy of the SHSP, contact INDOT or FHWA Division Office Safety Engineer.

Source: Transportation Safety Planning – Safety State Fact Sheet (<http://tsp.trb.org/>)

If your community would like to undertake community development projects and need financial solutions to complete them contact our Economic Development Planner-Terry Jones at 812-238-1561 or 1-800-489-1561 or email [tjones@westcentralin.com](mailto:tjones@westcentralin.com)

Visit our website for up-to-date information on all our programs and projects at [www.westcentralin.com](http://www.westcentralin.com)

## Pre-Disaster Planning Nearly Complete

West Central staff have been extremely busy assisting 5 counties of the District, (Clay, Parke, Putnam, Vermillion and Vigo) with the planning process for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning Project.

All 5 counties have completed their first 4 meetings in the planning process.

The complete planning process involves approximately 6

meetings over an 8-12 month period.

The purpose of the planning is to provide the county and its incorporated entities with a pre-disaster mitigation plan that will help identify and reduce the risks and potential loss of community assets as a result of a natural disaster.

Once complete and approved by FEMA, this plan will qualify

the counties/communities for additional grant funding opportunities to help complete those mitigation strategies in the plan.

If you have any questions about this project and its purpose please contact Terry Jones 800-489-1561.

## INDOT and MPO Team Up to Launch SR 641 Website

It's here. For many who followed the SR 641 project since the early stages of its development, and for those who are just interested, the SR 641-Terre Haute Bypass website is now online. The MPO and INDOT teamed up to develop the new site,

which is designed to provide the public general information about the project. Information available via the site includes a project overview, project maps, project news, a “FAQ” page, associated links, and more. You can access

the site either via the Transportation Page of the WCIEDD website (<http://www.westcentralin.com/transport>) or by pasting the following link into your browser: <http://www.in.gov/indot/div/projects/sr641/>.

## MPO Optimizes Count Programs: 2007 A Record Year for Traffic Count Data Collection

During the summer and fall of 2007, MPO staff members developed and implemented new scheduling procedures and processes that allowed them to complete a record number of Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS), coverage and special traffic counts. A combined total of 114 HPMS, coverage and special counts were conducted between June and early December 2007. Each count covered a minimum coverage period of 48 hours.

The 33 HPMS counts completed by the staff are of particular importance since data derived from these counts is used in the Federal-aid apportionment formula that provides funding for road and highway projects. Currently, the MPO collects data at 99 designated HPMS sites in Terre Haute and Vigo County on a 3-year cycle (1/3 of the sites per year). In addition, INDOT collects HPMS data for U.S. Highways, the Interstate Highway System (IHS) and designated sites on state routes that traverse the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) that includes all of Vigo County.

The purpose of the MPO's coverage count program is to insure data is collected on 345 selected segments of local roads and streets that are classified as collector or higher in the urbanized area of the community, or major collector or higher in the county. This data is used to determine local road and street usage, which is a component considered during short- and long-range metropolitan transportation planning efforts. Coverage counts are currently conducted on a 4-year cycle (approximately 1/4 of the total counts per year) so relatively up-to-date count information is available from a system perspective for the metropolitan transportation plan update, which also occurs on a 4-year cycle.

Six special traffic counts were conducted by the MPO in conjunction with traffic planning studies, safety studies or at the request of local or state agencies in 2007. Information obtained from special counts is often used to help assess the need for new traffic signals or signage, intersection improvements and attendance at special events that have a measurable economic impact on the community.

Throughout the 2007 count season, collected data was entered into a new database application developed by the staff. By maintaining information in this fashion, the staff can now easily manipulate data for sophisticated analysis, generate custom reports and export data for use in other software applications such as Trans CAD. The application has also proven to be a very effective instrument for developing and managing the MPO's annual count

## Money Follows the Person Grant

The State of Indiana has applied for a Money Follows the Person Grant. This Grant will allow individuals residing in Nursing Facilities to return to the community and receive in home services in their own home. WCIEDD/Area7 Agency on Aging and Disabled will

have a case manager who will identify nursing facility residents that wish to return to their own home. The case manager will complete a care plan to insure the individual's safety once they are out of the facility. If the individual qualifies for the program, the services

will be paid for under the MFP grant for one year. The individual will then be transferred to a Medicaid Waiver in order to remain on services. The State of Indiana hopes to implement this new program in early 2008.



### Quarterly Tip:

Choose fish more often for lunch or dinner. Look for fish rich in Omega-3 fatty acids, such as salmon, trout and herring. Some ideas are:

- Salmon Steak/filet
- Salmon Loaf
- Grilled or Baked Trout



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# NUTRITION PROGRAM MAKES MAJOR CHANGES

West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Inc. welcomes Midland Meals as the new caterer to provide the meals for the West Central Indiana Nutrition Program. They began providing frozen meals to the program at the end of October. The first week of November brought the system to all of the sites.

The frozen meals coming from Midland Meals meet the Dietary Reference Intakes: calories, fiber, calcium, sodium, and fat. These are the requirements for the State of Indiana as requested by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. The federal Administration on Aging approved Indiana's request to begin with these DRIs to receive funding for nutrition services through the

Older Americans Act.

Participants are pleasantly surprised at how good the food tastes and are glad to see items on the menus that they have not seen before. Not all parts of the meal are frozen; fresh fruits, breads and other items are still being included in some menus.

We want to thank our former food caterer, Fox Canteen, for their many years of service and dedication to the program. They chose not to bid on the contract to continue providing the food for the program when it was put out for re-bid in August. They assisted in the changeover and we appreciate their assistance.

Congregate meals are served five days a week in 18 dining sites and home delivered meals are delivered to clients five days a week throughout

the six counties served by Area 7 Agency on Aging and Disabled (Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo Counties). Persons aged 60 and older are eligible to eat in the congregate dining sites; however, reservations must be made in advance. Persons who are disabled or home bound must be assessed by an Area 7 case manager to determine eligibility to have the meals delivered to their homes.

To learn more about the West Central Indiana Nutrition Program or refer someone for home delivered meals, contact the Information and Assistance Department at (812) 238-1561 or toll-free at 1-800-489-1561.