

DUBOIS STRONG

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IN OTHER NEWS

New housing options progressing in Dubois County



Housing is a critical area of focus to help local employers attract and retain workforce.

Midstate Corridor gets needed support with new bill



2016 Successes

- ★ [Over \\$100,000 in Private Investment in Dubois Strong](#)
- ★ [Certificate of Occupancy Project](#)
- ★ [Wage & Benefit Survey](#)
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2017 Annual Meeting Recap



Senate Bill 128 passed by the Indiana House of Representatives.

Updating Shovel Ready Sites



The Indiana Site Certified program certifies sites that are ready for economic development.

Ready to become an investor? [Click here.](#)

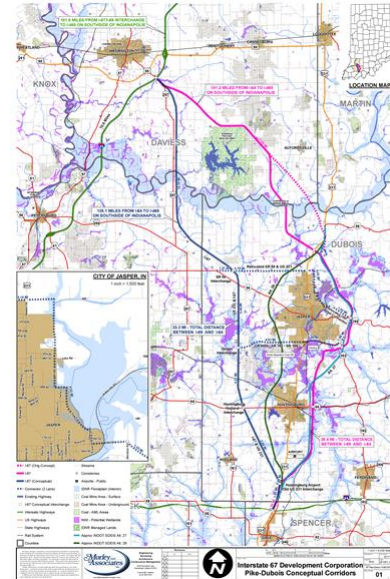


Our mission is to maximize our resources and assets to foster economic growth in Dubois County.

It's a good time to live, work, play and invest in Dubois County.



I-67 Corridor



I-67 Pike-Dubois Route Concept

Midstate Corridor Update

Hank Menke, OFS Brands President and CEO, has been leading the discussion on the Mid-State Corridor, or Interstate 67, project for six years. The vision for the highway is to link Southern Indiana with North Central Kentucky as well as provide a more efficient highway route north, giving Dubois County industries a straighter connection to I-69 and Indianapolis.

A Cambridge University study done on the project in 2012 calculated that the Mid-State Corridor would expand the economy in the county. So far, \$500,000 has been raised locally from private and public sources to fund the road and capture the attention of the Indiana Department of Transportation, which decides road construction priorities for Indiana.

With the 2017 Indiana State legislative session focused on state highway funding District 48 State Senator Mark Messmer (Jasper) and District 63 Representative Mike Braun (Jasper) introduced Senate Bill 128. The bill is designed to allow regional development authorities to enter into a supplemental agreement with the Indiana Department of Transportation to contribute local funds for infrastructure projects such as the Mid-State Corridor. Also under the bill, Regional Development Authorities would be able to apply for FASTLANE federal grants, which fund road and bridge projects across the country. Local governments could also transfer money out of their general or "rainy day" funds to support regional infrastructure development. Private contributions to

the Mid-State Corridor project are tax deductible as a result of the Senate Bill 128.

After successfully passing both the House and Senate, Senate Bill 128 - Regional Infrastructure Improvement Projects, was signed into law by the governor at the end of April.

Dubois Strong is now administering the new Mid-State Corridor Sub-Committee. Members of the sub-committee include: Hank Menke, Neil Dauby, Chris Tretter, Travis McQueen, Ed Cole, Mike Braun, Mark Messmer, Mayor Denny Spinner and Mayor Terry Seitz. The formation of a Regional Development Authority (RDA) is the next step for the project. The Mid-State Corridor RDA must be formed as a legal entity; the sub-committee is underway pushing this task forward.

Digital Marketing Workforce Attraction

Dubois Strong has started work with the [Purdue Center for Regional Development](#) and [HIRONS Marketing](#) on a digital workforce attraction campaign.

Our goal: To increase the number of people who live and work in Dubois County through targeted messages to areas of high unemployment in Kentucky and Illinois.

The digital campaign kicked off on February 15, 2017 and will run until December 19, 2017.

How it works:

- [Facebook](#) ads promoting Dubois County direct interested parties to Dubois Strong's [Employment Opportunities page](#).
- From the Employment Opportunities page the viewer can easily navigate to a top employer's career page.
- Our hope is that they take the next step and apply for an open position.

[Click here to see our digital marketing campaign's progress.](#)

Grow Dubois County Presented Patent Grant



Pictured from left to right: Bill Kaiser, Nick Pieper, Noah Mehringer, Tracy Lorey and Marc Steczyk

Grow Dubois County Board of Directors to presented Jasper High School Seniors, Noah Mehringer and Nick Pieper with a \$4,000 grant to secure a provisional patent on an improvement on medical device.

- Company Name: Mehringer-Pieper Innovations
- Mentored by Jasper High School Technology Instructor, Fred Routson

Grow Dubois County annually receives money from the Dubois County Council to fund specific projects. Previous projects include: the Dubois County Housing Strategy and grant funding in support of the Current Blend co-working space in Huntingburg.

2016-2017 Investor Listing

Our successes would not have been possible without the support from our investors and partners.

INVESTORS:

- A-1 Realty, Inc.
- [Access Storage Now](#)
- [Ackerman Oil](#)
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- [Best Home Furnishings](#)
- [Bingham Greenebaum Doll](#)
- [Bob Luegers Motors](#)
- [Boxer Girl, LLC](#)
- Brosmer Land Surveying & Engineering
- [Buechlein & Associates](#)
- Buehler, Inc.
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- [Jasper Obstetrics & Gynecology](#)
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- [Springs Valley Bank & Trust](#)
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- [Stens Corporation](#)
- Sternberg Riverfront Properties
- [Streicher Construction](#)
- Sunset Laundry & Dry Cleaning
- [Superior Ag Resources](#)
- [Superior Insulation Company](#)
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- [Town of Ferdinand](#)
- [Town of Holland](#)
- [Uebelhor & Sons](#)
- Uebelhor Developments
- [Universal Design](#)
- [Versteel/Ditto Sales](#)
- Wabash Valley Produce
- [Walmart, Facility #870](#)
- [Webb Wheel](#)
- [Woods Printing](#)

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- [Dubois County Free Press](#)
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- [Indiana Municipal Power Agency](#)
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- [Radius | Indiana](#)
- [Southwest Indiana Development Council](#)
- [Vincennes University - Jasper Campus](#)