

DUBOIS STRONG

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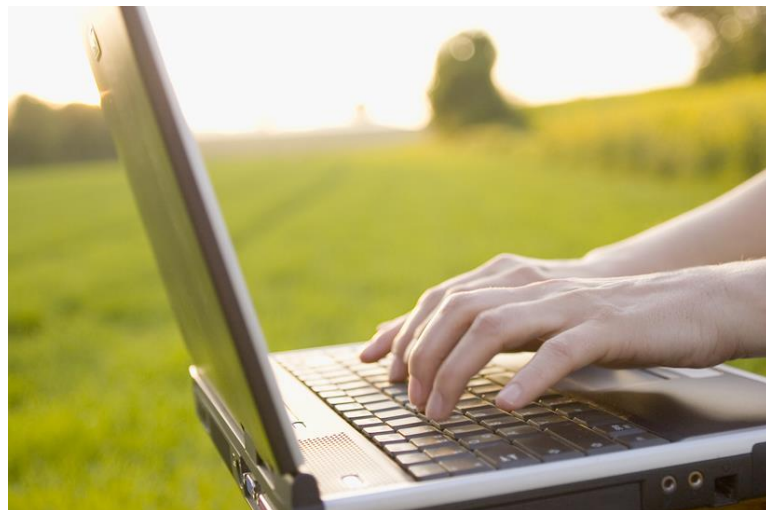
Our mission is to maximize our resources and assets to foster economic growth in Dubois County.

Workforce Retention + Attraction Forum



Dubois Strong hosted the **2019 Workforce Retention and Forum** on September 26th at the VUJ CTIM Theatre. **Blair Milo, Indiana Secretary of Career Connections & Talent** and **Marti Coffey, Director of Human Resources, Applied Composites** in Indianapolis were the featured presenters. A panel of human resource professionals including **Elaine Graber, Toyota Motors Manufacturing Indiana; Christian Blome, Vincennes University Jasper; and Marti Coffey** shared their ideas on employee retention best practices.

Rural Broadband Committee



The first meeting of the **Dubois County Rural Broadband Committee** was on September 12, 2019 at the **Dubois County Community Foundation**. **Jeff Warren and Ed Cole co-chair the committee**. By working with a variety of community leaders and internet providers, the goal is to expand high speed internet services to underserved areas in Dubois County.

- Senator Erin Houchin explained the **Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program** for internet providers was designed to target areas in Indiana with no internet access in the first grant round. Second round was to target areas with internet speeds of less than 10/1 Mbps. Third to target areas with less than 25/3 Mbps.
- The first step is to conduct a Dubois County Rural Broadband needs assessment/study. A completed study will help to apply for grant funding.
- Potential sources of funding for the Rural Broadband study include the Dubois County Community Foundation and Grow Dubois County.
- A Request for Proposal (RFQ) is being prepared to send to potential consulting firms which would be capable of performing a county wide internet broadband study.

Neighborhood Assistance Program



WHAT IS NAP? The Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP), established by Indiana Code 6-3.1-9, offers \$2.5 million in tax credits annually for distribution by not-for-profit corporations.

Grow Dubois County received \$11,399 worth of tax credits from the **Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)** through the **Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA)**.

- Donors will receive a **2019 Indiana State tax credit for 50% of the contribution amount**, reducing state income tax liability.
- A business or an individual taxpayer can “buy” as little as \$100 to receive a \$50 state income tax credit.
- Donations are used to provide low income home buyers in Dubois County, down payment assistance.
- **INTERESTED IN PURCHASING CREDITS?**
Contact ecole@duboisstrong.com

Tour of Opportunity



The **2019 Tour of Opportunity** for the ninth-grade classes of all four Dubois County school corporations took place on October 16th. Dubois Strong collaborated with **VUJ, Hub 19** and **Patoka Valley CTE** on the daylong event. Around 550 students met with and toured, businesses which matched their previously selected career path.

Without the partnership of the following businesses The Tour of Opportunity wouldn't have been possible:

- **Agriculture:** Hopf Equipment, Farbest Foods, Dubois County Soil & Water, Green Thumb Nursery, Superior Ag, All Seasons Lawn Equipment, Precision Farming Solutions, Southern Indiana Purdue Agriculture Center, German American Bank.
- **Arts/Audio Visual/Communication:** DC Broadcasting, WBDC, WJTS18, The Herald
- **Automation/Robotics/Manufacturing:** Indiana Furniture, Jasper Engines & Transmissions, Kimball Electronics, Kimball International
- **Automotive/Trucking Services:** Uebelhor & Sons, Sternberg Chrysler Center
- **Building Trades/Construction:** Gudorf HVAC and Electrical, Dubois County Block and Brick, Krempp Lumber, Spring Valley Bank & Trust, Wright Masonry, Dennis Voegerl Construction, Designs by Megan
- **Finance/Investments-Business:** German American Bank, Springs Valley Bank & Trust
- **Healthcare/Social Services:** Memorial Hospital & Health Care Center
- **Hospitality:** Schnitzelbank Restaurant, Schnitzelbank Catering, Hampton Inn
- **Information Technology-Business:** Matrix Integration, Meyer Distributing
- **Management/Marketing-Business:** OFS
- **Public Safety:** Dubois County Security Center, Community Corrections, Jail Officers and Deputies, Dispatch, Emergency Management, Probation Officer, Prosecutor's Office, Jasper Fire Department, Jasper City Police, Memorial Hospital & Health Care Center EMS
- **Welding/Precision Machining:** Patoka Valley CTE - Welding & Machining Program at Pike Central High School

Southwest Indiana Ag Summit



The **2019 Southwest Indiana Ag Economic Summit** was held on Friday, Nov. 8th at the VUJ, CTIM Building theatre. About sixty people were in attendance. Guest speakers for the event included: **Christian Blome/Susan Brocksmith - Vincennes University Jasper**, **Hans Schmitz - Purdue Extension**, **Jordan Seger - Indiana State Dept. of Agriculture**, **Steve Howell/Ed Ebert - Allied Industry Affairs**. Event sponsors included Dubois County REC, Superior Ag, Hopf Equipment and German American Bank.

Dubois County Housing Update

Demand	Projects
JASPER 225 to 410 total units between 2015 - 2020	MVAH Partners Jasper Lofts Phase I 67 apartments (Completed 2017)
	MVAH Partners Jasper Lofts Phase II 40 apartments (Projected expansion)
	MVAH Partners Vine Street Lofts 62 senior apartments (Complete 2018)
	Boxer Girl LLC River Centre 75 apartments (In progress)
	Kerstiens Park Place Apartments 148 units (In progress)
	Kerstiens Autumn Creek III 10 single-family units + 32 condominiums (Planning stages)
	Kerstiens Brookstone VI 13 units (In progress)
	Kerstiens Trinity Crossing 23 units (In progress)
	Legacy Living of Indianapolis Legacy Living Jasper 88 senior living units (In Progress)
	MVAH Partners 30 townhomes (Planning stages)
HUNTINGBURG 75 to 125 total units between 2015 - 2020	Jagoe Homes Hunter's Crossing Phase I 50 single-family units (In progress – 13 available lots, 34 sold lots)
	Jagoe Homes Hunter's Crossing Phase II 94 single-family units (In progress – 6 available lots, 4 sold lots)
	MVAH Partners Lofts of St. Joseph 45 senior apartments (Completed 2016)
	Paragus Group Wagon Works 56 apartments (In progress)
	MVAH Partners 56 apartments/townhomes (Planning stages)
FERDINAND 100 to 175 total units between 2015 - 2020	Brad Brosmer Apartments 8 apartments (Completed 2015)
	Sisters of St. Benedict 15 senior apartments (Completed 2016)
	Begle Properties 54 apartments (In progress)
	Begle Properties 2 duplexes (Completed 2015)
	Begle Properties 2 duplexes (Completed 2017)
	Kerstiens County Ridge Estates 16 units (In progress)



The Mid-States Corridor Regional Development Authority (RDA) and the [Indiana Department of Transportation \(INDOT\)](#) started a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), on June 6, 2019, which is required by the [National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\)](#) for major construction projects that will include federal funding.

- The [Mid-States Corridor](#) is anticipated to begin at the William H. Natcher Bridge crossing of the Ohio River near Rockport, continue generally through the Huntingburg and Jasper area and extend north to connect to Interstate 69.
- The Tier 1 EIS is expected to take just over two years to complete with a Record of Decision (ROD) expected in summer 2021. The ROD is the Federal Highway Administration's final approval of the preferred corridor.
- After a Tier 1 ROD, a more detailed Tier 2 environmental study will determine specific alignments and preferred alternatives within the selected Tier 1 corridor.
- The Mid-States Corridor has an office located on the Vincennes University Jasper Campus. The office is in the Administration Building, Room 216 and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, and by appointment.
- The project office can be contacted at 812-482-3116. Additional project info can be found online at www.midstatescorridor.com

Enterprise Loan Fund (ELF)



Provide your venture with the funding it deserves. [Dubois Strong's Enterprise Loan Fund \(ELF\)](#) supports the retention and expansion of current businesses as well as establishing new business opportunities in Dubois County.

This loan program offers independent loans to eligible entrepreneurs and small businesses as minimum "gap" financing to assist the local

financial institutions in creating a complete financial package. ELF serves as a compliment to local resources rather than replacing or competing with traditional lenders.

Thank you, Dubois Strong investors!



Dubois Strong 2019 Private Investors

Diamond Investors

Access Storage/Progressive Development/Progressive Investments/Seufert Construction
Bingham Greenebaum Doll
Dubois REC
German American Bank
Jasper Engines & Transmissions
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Platinum Investors

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Mulzer Crushed Stone/JH Rudolph
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Smithville Communications
Springs Valley Bank & Trust
Stac Material Handling Inc
Superior Ag Resources
Wabash Valley Produce

Gold Investors

Dubois County Community Foundation
Indiana Municipal Power Agency
International Paper
Jagoe Homes
Matrix Integration
NSWC Crane
SERVUS!
Southwest Indiana Association of Realtors
Stens Corporation
UB Klem
Versteel/Ditto Sales

Silver Investors

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Cash Waggner & Associates
Dubois County Tourism Commission
Ferdinand Farmers Insurance
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Indiana Furniture
Jasper Rubber
Kerstiens Homes & Design
Kunkel Insurance Agency
LIVEwire Co-Working Space
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PSC
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Universal Design

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Dubois County Tire & Supply
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Ubelhor and Son Insurance
Uebelhor Developments
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Weyer Electric
Young Men's Institute #497 (YMI)

Dubois Strong 2019 Public Investors

City of Huntingburg
City of Jasper
Dubois County
Town of Birdseye
Town of Ferdinand
Town of Holland

Dubois Strong 2019 Partners

Dubois County Soil & Water Conservation
Ferdinand Chamber of Commerce
HoosierEnergy
Hub19
Indiana Economic Development Association
Indiana Economic Development Corporation
Indiana Municipal Power Agency
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Purdue CES Education, Dubois County
Purdue Technical Assistance Program
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