

DUBOIS STRONG

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

Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)



Do you want to lower your Indiana State Income Taxes? Through the 2020-2021 Neighborhood Assistance Program from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), Dubois Strong (DS) was allocated \$2080 worth of tax credits in July.

Dubois Strong can double amount (\$4160) by asking for contributions from businesses or individuals who want to help their community and reduce their 2020 State Income tax liability. The money raised is used to provide low income homebuyers down payment assistance or for rent payment assistance. If you would like to know more about the tax credit program, please contact Ed via email ecole@duboisstrong.com

Mid-States Corridor



The Mid-States Corridor Project Office is temporarily closed as part of the nation-wide effort to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Project information can be found online at www.midstatescorridor.com.

Enterprise Loan Fund



Do you know someone considering starting a small business? **Dubois Strong Enterprise Loan Fund (ELF)**. Dubois Strong Enterprise Loan Fund makes loans for small business start-ups and existing businesses.

Eligibility for the loan program is limited to businesses located within Dubois County. We can provide loan qualification information. **Digital and hard copy applications are available**. Let us help you launch your small business or help your existing business buy the new machine or equipment you need. Contact us at: ecole@duboisstrong.com

Virtual Southwest Indiana Agriculture Economic Summit



Dubois Strong presented the Fifth Annual Southwest Indiana Ag Summit on November 13 from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. via Zoom Webinar with 49 virtual attendees. Speakers included:

- **Sam Schwoeppe**, Owner, Schwoeppe Dairy Farm
- **Phil Seger**, Vice President of Live Turkey Operations, Farbest Farms, Inc
- **Steve Howell**, Senior Director of Industry Affairs and **Edward Ebert**, Senior Director of Grain Production & Utilization Indiana Soybean Alliance
- **James Mintert, Ph.D.**, Professor of Agricultural Economics & Director, Center for Commercial Agriculture

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Strategic Plan Update



Work began on a new strategic plan in June, it had been five years since our last strategic plan was created.

A stakeholder survey was sent out to 200 recipients. The survey focused on the perceived effectiveness and community value of the Dubois Strong organization. With a total of 61 respondents, much of the feedback was positive, but ideas for organizational improvement were also included.

Work continues on fine tuning the new strategic plan. Consultant Tad Dickel presented the draft plan to the full Dubois Strong Board on October 22. Some changes and improvements were suggested by the board.

Next steps include the assignment of timelines and metrics by the new committees which will be formed to help implement the new three-year strategic plan. Implementation of the new strategic plan will begin on January 1, 2021.

Housing Update

Municipality	Projects
JASPER	MVAH Partners Jasper Lofts Phase I 67 apartments (Completed 2017)
	MVAH Partners Jasper Lofts Phase II 40 apartments (Planning stages)
	MVAH Partners Vine Street Lofts 62 senior apartments (Completed 2018)
	Boxer Girl LLC River Centre 75 apartments (Completed 2020)
	Kerstiens Park Place Estates 30 units (Completed 2020) 44 units (In progress)
	Kerstiens Autumn Creek III 10 single-family units + 32 condominiums (In progress)
	Kerstiens Brookstone VI 41 units (In progress)
	Kerstiens Evans Brook II 18 units (In progress)
	Kerstiens Trinity Crossing 23 units (In progress)
	Legacy Living of Indianapolis Legacy Living Jasper 88 senior living units (Completed 2020)
	MVAH Partners 30 townhomes (Planning stages)

Municipality	Projects
HUNTINGBURG	Jagoe Homes Hunter's Crossing 144 single-family units (In progress – 12 available lots, 61 sold lots)
	MVAH Partners Lofts of St. Joseph 45 senior apartments (Completed 2016)
	Paragus Group Wagon Works 16 apartments (Completed 2020) 40 apartments (In progress)
	MVAH Partners 56 apartments/townhomes (Planning stages)
	Kerstiens Chestnut Gardens 12 senior duplexes (Planning stages)

Municipality	Projects
FERDINAND	Brad Brosmer Apartments 8 apartments (Completed 2015)
	Sisters of St. Benedict 15 senior apartments (Completed 2016)
	Begle Properties 24 apartments (Completed 2020)
	Begle Properties 2 duplexes (Completed 2015)
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	Kerstiens County Ridge Estates 16 units (In progress)
	Forest Oaks Apartments 37 units (In progress) 50 units (Planning stages)

Investor Campaign



If you have not already, please consider contributing to Dubois Strong. **As of November we have reached 99% of our investment goal for 2020.** Fifty-percent of our economic development funding comes from community-minded, organizations and businesses like you.

Our Dubois Strong 2020 organizational focuses are workforce attraction and housing, rural broadband access and the Mid-States Corridor.

With your continued support we can build upon the positive economic momentum happening within the County. If you have questions, please contact our office at ecole@duboisstrong.com or call 812-482-9650.

Thank you investors!



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