

# Community Facilities

## **Introduction**

Community facilities, including educational (schools), governmental (safety offices, general government offices, etc), parks and recreation, cultural facilities, and historic and cultural resources all play a vital role in the delivery of services to the public and the quality of life in Allen County and the City of Fort Wayne. Their location, size, and accessibility impact the way service providers reach out to the community and effect how well a facility is utilized. The purpose of this chapter is to document and provide an assessment of schools, public safety, parks and recreation, and historic and cultural facilities and resources within both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Allen County.

These facilities not only provide necessary services to the general public, but they also serve as a symbol of public service and governance and add stability, if properly sited, to the community's neighborhoods. They function as place makers in the community by providing needed gathering space as well as identity. As the County and City's population grows and changes, the demand for these services and the facilities that house them will grow as well. Over the past 50 years the land use pattern has changed dramatically, altering the relationship of these facilities to the population they serve. (See Land Use Chapter).

The chapter is organized into the following sections:

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### **Method and Scope**

This chapter documents the facilities that house public services in Allen County and the City of Fort Wayne and examines issues related to the delivery of these services. It is not an assessment of how effectively or efficiently these services are being delivered (e.g. cost or levels of service), but more an understanding of how these services are impacted by growth and development. This includes educational (both public and private), public safety, parks and recreation, and historic/cultural facilities and resources. Information was collected by Allen County and City of Fort Wayne staffs along with the Plan Element Work Group Members through interviews with administrative personnel and studies prepared by service providers. The level and extent of requested information (e.g. enrollment data) was not available for all service providers.

### **Key Findings**

The following gives a brief overview of the key findings of the Community Facilities chapter:

#### **Schools**

- Enrollment trends in school districts in Allen County tend to be primarily affected by out-migration trends, then school quality and development.
- New enrollment in county school districts is primarily affected by out-migration from Fort Wayne Community Schools. Because of Fort Wayne’s diminishing growth in school age population, this out-migration will affect future enrollment in county schools.
- Well over sixty percent of the households in a school district do not have school age children or do not send their children to the schools within the district they reside. This is even higher in the East Allen County School District.
- Recently, Fort Wayne Community Schools has shown a decreasing enrollment pattern, while the enrollments of the three other Allen County school corporations increased.

- Even though the enrollment data in East Allen County Schools, shows a slight increase every year until 2003-2004, enrollment projections to 2007-2008 forecast a decreasing pattern: lower grades (under grade 5) are showing smaller enrollments, while most upper grades are showing increasing enrollments.
- In Northwest Allen County School District, a majority of new students come from Fort Wayne Community School District, followed by the East Allen County School District.
- A demographic projections report prepared for Northwest Allen County School District indicates that total enrollment in the Northwest Allen County schools will grow by 1,521 students, or 28.9 percent, between 2003-2004 and 2008-2009 as a result of continuing in-migration of young families.
- Northwest Allen County Schools need to maintain a growth of over 200 students a year to continue the level of revenue from the state due to a change in the state funding formula. This enrollment level may be difficult to maintain because of declining household size.
- Over the past five years, from 1999 to 2003, the total enrollment in the Fort Wayne Community Schools gradually increased until 2002 but dropped from that year. In particular, elementary school enrollment data shows a decreasing pattern from 2001.
- The Fort Wayne Community School District has experienced growth in its northern schools which may be attributed to continued residential development in the north, while southern schools have remained at the same or similar enrollment levels.
- The Fort Wayne Community School District has had an influx of new families into the City with many students who speak English as a second language.
- Current enrollment in the Lutheran Association for Elementary Education is 2,000 students (K-8). Enrollment in the Lutheran Schools is decreasing slightly due to shrinking congregations and continuous increase in the cost of tuition. Concordia Lutheran High School has 700 students.
- In addition to the Lutheran and Catholic schools, there are approximately 35 additional private and parochial elementary and high schools in Allen County. These include Montessori, academies, charter schools, Christian schools, and several Amish schools.
- There is concern among some school administrators over buses maneuvering within cul-de-sacs, which do not have adequate turning radius.
- There has been an unexpected slight increase in elementary age population in the Southwest Allen County Schools. The majority of new students are primarily coming from the Fort Wayne

Community Schools area, with periodic spikes in enrollment from outside Allen County.

### **Public Safety**

- The Southwest Fire District is considering the purchase of land for a new station as a result of the growth in the area.
- The Fort Wayne Fire Department (established in 1839) employs 352 firefighters supported by 14 civilian employees and serves over 220,000 citizens within 91.9 square miles.
- Two new City of Fort Wayne fire stations are scheduled to be operational by January 1, 2006 to serve the Aboite annexation area. One is Station 18 at Scott and Covington Roads and the other is Station 19 at Liberty Mills and Homestead Road. Along with Station 17, these two new stations will serve the entire Aboite annexation area.
- The Fort Wayne Fire Department's average response time is 4 minutes and 30 seconds, which is in the excellent category level by national standards.
- With respect to water availability to control fires, the private utility AquaIndiana does not always provide adequate pressure for hydrants in some of the north and southwest areas of Allen County.
- The Fort Wayne Police Department has an authorized strength of 424 sworn officers, with a current actual strength of 413 officers. After the Aboite annexation, the Department will cover an area of 112 square miles.
- Twenty new officers are being hired to the Fort Wayne Police Department to accommodate the Aboite annexation.
- The review of development proposals for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is believed to be helpful and worthwhile in the prevention of crime.
- The Allen County Sheriff's Department has a total of 300 employees, 124 of which are sworn police officers. Although the Department has an overall Allen County jurisdiction of 660 square miles, their non-Fort Wayne patrol area (after the Aboite annexation) will be 548 square miles.
- There are no proposed changes to any existing Allen County Sheriff's Department facilities with the exception of the "4-B" complex, located on Lima Road, which is in need of replacement due to age, asbestos, etc.
- The Allen County Sheriff's Department has service agreements with Grabill and Leo-Cedarville for dedicated patrol time. Huntertown recently signed a contract with the Sheriff's Department resulting in the hiring of a County officer to work Huntertown exclusively.

- Increased calls for service for the Allen County Sheriff's department directly relate to population changes, traffic issues, school developments, and other new development.
- A large increase in the number of nursing homes and assisted living facilities has resulted in a relatively large concentration of EMS calls per facility.
- The New Haven Police Department employs a full-time staff of twenty-five. Eighteen police officers and six dispatchers provide twenty-four hour coverage for law enforcement and police/fire/EMS services dispatching.

### **Parks and Recreation**

- The Allen County Park Department now has seven full-time, two full-time/part-time, and 22 part-time staff serving five parks totaling 898 acres.
- The Allen County Parks and Recreation Department's mission focuses on passive recreation with the emphasis on preservation, conservation, and environmental education, while the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department's mission emphasizes opportunities for leisure time and being stewards of parklands, facilities, public trees, and other resources entrusted to their care.
- The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department manages nearly 2,670 acres of land in 82 parks and maintains and operates over 90 structures with over 450,000 square feet under roof.
- During the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department peak production season (spring-fall) the Park Division employs up to 103 employees; sixty (63) full time bargaining unit employees, twenty-five (25) seasonal and fifteen (15) full time supervisory, management, technical and support staff.
- Funding for parks and recreation within the City of Fort Wayne has not kept pace with the increasing demand placed on the system by the continued growth of the community, as well as the need to update existing infrastructure. The key issue for the Parks Department is serving a larger audience than what is paying for the services.
- The Fort Wayne Comprehensive Parks Master Plan indicates the need for special community committees in the Park Board and the importance of public input. The draft plan recommends "new funding components outside of user fees should be considered," but it does not state the funding sources in detail.
- When considering potential growth to the north, northwest, and west sides of Allen County, more active park acquisition should be pursued in these areas to meet future needs.
- The New Haven-Adams Township Park and Recreation Department has eight staff serving 18 parks totaling 286 acres. Their mission

statement affirms the importance of “developing and maintaining quality parks (including natural wooded areas), providing facilities and programs for people of all ages, and planning for the future facility requirements and activities that will serve the year-round recreational needs and interests of the community.”

- Additional municipal and township parks are located in Grabill, Harlan, Leo-Cedarville, Monroeville, Aboite Township and Jefferson Township.
- According to an analysis of projected park need in Allen County, about 1,223 acres of parkland will be needed by 2025. Sixty-six percent of that need is for block parks and special recreation areas.

### **Cultural Facilities**

- The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) is a countywide system with taxing authority. The library system is composed of a main library in downtown Fort Wayne and 13 branch libraries located in Fort Wayne neighborhoods and in several Allen County communities.
- The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) is widely recognized as a primary community institution. Among the unique assets of the ACPL, the Fred J. Reynolds Historical Genealogy Department is the nation’s largest public genealogy research library, with more than 300,000 printed volumes and 314,000 items of microfilm and microfiche.
- The Fort Wayne/Allen County Convention and Visitors Bureau is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to expand Fort Wayne's economy by attracting convention and leisure visitors.
- Visitors spend \$370 million in Allen County each year. Over 5.3 million visitors come here annually for activities such as shopping, meetings, and leisure activities.
- The County’s tourist attractions and museums informally communicate to plan development of facilities, programs, or activities. Therefore, the cooperation among those organizations should be more active.
- Funding is a traditional concern while operating museums, historic sites, and attractions. Inadequate funding can lead to neglect of facilities and collections, limitations on operating hours, limited programs, and other problems. Also, inappropriate development in or around museums, historic sites, and attractions can lead to loss of historic character or attractiveness and ultimately contribute to decreased visitation rates.
- Arts United is the umbrella organization for non-profit arts groups in northeast Indiana, with a mission “to provide support to arts organizations and to unite and coordinate arts efforts in northeast Indiana.” Arts United provides leadership to the local arts

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- Arts United owns and manages the Performing Arts Center, the Hall Community Arts Center and the historic Canal House, where the administrative offices are located. These buildings are all located in downtown Fort Wayne.
- There are other arts organizations with facilities and venues in Allen County that are not owned by Arts United. Among the other organizations or facilities are: The Embassy Centre, The Fort Wayne Philharmonic, The Scottish Rite Center, The Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) School of Visual and Performing Arts, The University of St. Francis -Department of Art and Visual Communication, and The Arena Dinner Theater.
- The Grand Wayne Convention Center, along with the attached Hilton Hotel, opened in 1985. This facility is located in downtown Fort Wayne and attracts conventions, corporate meetings, trade shows, banquets, and other special events. The Grand Wayne Center is currently undergoing an expansion, expected to be completed in 2005.
- The Memorial Coliseum opened in 1952. This multi-purpose facility is also the location of the Memorial Coliseum Exposition Center and Memorial Stadium.

### **Historic and Cultural Resources**

- Fort Wayne has 63 individual properties or districts that are designated as Local Historic Districts. Fort Wayne also has 41 properties or districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places within its boundaries. There are eight additional properties or districts listed on the National Register in Allen County, making a total of 49 county-wide. Even though these districts cannot provide complete protection, making information readily available about their location and significance is an important step toward preservation.
- Fort Wayne and Allen County have a combined total of approximately 39 potential historic districts, and many more individual properties, that are deserving of special recognition and protection, but are not currently designated as historic. Historic buildings, structures, and sites in Fort Wayne and Allen County have been documented through two major inventories that were



completed by 1996. The information in both surveys is considered out of date.

- The majority of the City and County's listed and eligible historic properties are concentrated in the urban areas developed prior to World War II. This emphasizes the importance of downtown revitalization, and creating a physical environment that supports the preservation of historic properties and districts.
- Historic farms and other agricultural properties, individual houses, bridges, cemeteries, and township schools are historic resource types that are among the most likely to be threatened by new development in Fort Wayne and rural Allen County.
- Fort Wayne and Allen County contain several heritage corridors. Among the county's historic corridors are: the river systems (the Maumee River Heritage Corridor and the Wabash River Heritage Corridor), Wayne Trace, the Piqua Road, The Wabash & Erie Canal, the various railroad lines, and the Lincoln Highway.
- The State of Indiana, Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, sponsors the Hoosier Homestead awards program. There are approximately 85 Hoosier Homesteads in Allen County.
- Allen County has proven to have a rich archaeological heritage that shows evidence of all prehistoric periods. Archaeologists have identified and documented approximately 2,080 prehistoric and historic archaeological sites in Allen County as of September 15, 2004.
- The only Allen County archaeological site with any official historic designation is the Fox Island Nature Preserve Archaeological District, 4324 Yohne Rd.
- The Fort Wayne Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) is composed of seven-members, appointed by the mayor. It was established to preserve and protect historically or architecturally worthy buildings, structures, sites, and districts that serve as visible reminders of the historic heritage of the City of Fort Wayne.
- Allen County government does not have an historic preservation ordinance, nor does the county offer historic preservation programs. The same is true for all other municipal units within Allen County with exception of Fort Wayne.
- In addition to the historic preservation efforts of local and state governments, private preservation organizations and other interested groups such as ARCH, Inc., Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (HLFI), and the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society (the History Center) are involved in promotion and protection of Allen County's history and cultural resources.
- The goal of the Historic Preservation Strategy (currently underway) is to look at ways to improve the preservation of historic structures and other cultural resources in the incorporated and unincorporated

areas of Allen County. The outcome of this process will be a set of suggested policy recommendations for Allen County’s legislative bodies to consider and strategies for stakeholders to use to promote and preserve Allen County’s past.

### **Trends and Policy Implications**

Derived from the assessment and the key findings, the following implications have been identified as a major step toward evolving plan policies.

#### **Schools**

- Many families are more informed about school performance and choose where to live based on the school with the best academic performance rather than choosing the most suitable community or neighborhood. This is often in the newer, better-funded districts at the periphery of the community, as evidenced by increasing enrollments in these districts and dropping or stabilizing enrollments in others.
- In-migration of students into Northwest Allen County Schools and Southwest Allen County Schools continues to grow, however at a lower rate. Much of this in-migration is coming from the Fort Wayne Community School District. However, elderly, empty nest, and other households with no school age children continue to increase in Fort Wayne. This will affect future enrollment patterns in county schools and may affect facility planning for these districts.
- Newer school facilities, their size, design and location, have taken on an altered form much like other suburban structures: large and infrequent, generally unadorned due to limited funding and surrounded by parking, located nowhere in particular. Students primarily arrive at these school facilities by bus (an added, frequently unaccounted for expense) and auto transit contributing to the vast areas reserved for parking. Several Allen County school districts bus children that are within walking distance of a facility, because they are located on a highly traveled, major arterial with no or little accommodation for pedestrians. Studies (Barker, *Big School, Small School*) show that the smaller the school facility, the better the student performance. These studies further state that elementary schools, in particular, should be smaller and more a part of a neighborhood (like a number of Fort Wayne and Allen County’s older schools) and located within a certain distance of homes thus giving students a choice to walk or use their preferred method of transportation.



The former Harlan High School.

#### **Public Safety**

- Safety services are not only hampered by the lack of connectivity (as indicated by the comments on “disconnected” cul-de-sacs), but

also by the lack of a sense of community. A study published by the Harvard School of Public Health found that community spirit and willingness to get involved reduced violent crime by as much as 40 percent. Race and income, according to the study, were not factors in determining whether or not people were willing to watch out for one another.

- The design of neighborhoods, streets, and houses also plays an important role in helping to create a sense of community. Residents on streets with low traffic volumes, for instance, have more contact with their neighbors than do neighbors on streets with high traffic volumes. And, the design of individual houses can help create a safe environment. Neighborhoods designed with prominent garages and fences and minimal windows facing the street result in few “eyes on the street.”

### **Parks and Recreation**

- Like most urbanizing areas with low density development (see Land Use chapter), Allen County and the City of Fort Wayne are deficient in the number of neighborhood parks, block parks and special recreation areas. Low-density development is using up land at an increasing rate, thus reducing the opportunity to conserve large areas of open space. Open space has economic benefit, increasing property values of nearby homes and is an important contributor to a community’s quality of life. As densities increase and communities are made more compact, additional open space in the form of neighborhood parks will be an essential ingredient.
- Funding for parks and recreation, particularly within the larger Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department, has not kept pace with the increasing demand placed on the system by the continued growth of the community, as well as the need to update existing infrastructure. Other funding sources will need to be pursued to accommodate their expanding service area.

### **Historic and Cultural Resources**

- Because the historic property inventories of Fort Wayne and Allen County are considered to be out of date, they should not be viewed as definitive lists of properties, sites, and potential districts. A comprehensive project is needed to reevaluate and update both the city and county surveys of historic properties. The new or updated inventory should be performed at a countywide level to ensure that the information is consistent. The information must be maintained and updated at regular intervals.
- In addition to properties that have been identified on various local, state and national registers, historic farms and other agricultural properties, individual houses, bridges, cemeteries, and township

schools are historic resource types that are among the most likely to be threatened by expansion and growth of Fort Wayne and new development in rural Allen County. Because the existing inventories of historic properties are quite dated, they do not reflect new information and new preservation interests that are emerging in the community.

- Heritage corridors, based on historic transportation systems, have been developed and promoted in other localities. Fort Wayne and Allen County have a number of historic transportation corridors that have recently gained attention. Among the county's historic corridors are: the river systems (the Maumee River Heritage Corridor and the Wabash River Heritage Corridor), Wayne Trace, the Piqua Road, The Wabash & Erie Canal, various railroad lines, and the Lincoln Highway. Each of these historic resources could be developed for heritage tourism or trail development in Allen County. Existing historical organizations such as the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society, Canal Society of Indiana, and the Lincoln Highway Association would be natural partners. The National Park Service has recently reported to Congress with a Special Resource Study of the Lincoln Highway, including suggestions for developing historic resources and heritage tourism along the route(s).

### **Schools: Existing Conditions**

This section examines the school district facilities within Allen County. It includes a look at changes in the school age population, current enrollment and enrollment trends. Allen County is comprised of four school districts: East Allen County Schools, Fort Wayne Community Schools, Northwest Allen County Schools, and Southeast Allen County Schools. Private and parochial schools including the Lutheran Association for Elementary Education and Catholic Schools of Fort Wayne were also included. The following information was summarized based on interviews with key school personnel, existing enrollment studies, demographic studies completed by McKibben Demographic Consulting and other supportive documentation. Some information was not available for this chapter including some school superintendents' interviews and demographic studies.

### **East Allen County Schools**

Between 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, the total number of enrollment in East Allen County Schools increased slightly from 9,602 to 9,604. Enrollment data shows a slight increase every year until 2003-2004, enrollment projections until 2007-2008 forecast a decreasing pattern: lower grade (under grade 5) enrolled by a smaller number, while most upper grade

enrolled by increasing numbers in the previous years. With the graduation of upper grade, the total number of enrollment will decrease gradually. Well over sixty percent of the households in the East Allen County School District do not have school age children or do not send their children to the schools within the district. This is due in part to the growing number of “empty nesters” and slow increase in new families to the district. According to Mckibben Demographic Consulting, it usually takes 30 years after graduation of the last child from school before the original occupants of the house move out, allowing a new young family with school age children to move into that home.

### **Fort Wayne Community Schools**

Fort Wayne Community Schools currently enroll about 32,000 students. The School District has had an influx of new families into the City with many students who speak English as a second language. There has been growth in its northern schools which may be attributed to continued residential development in the north. On the other hand, the southern schools have remained at the same or similar enrollment levels.

Over the past five years, from 1999 to 2003, the total enrollment in the Fort Wayne Community Schools gradually increased except for 2002-2003. The decrease between 2002 and 2003 is explained by the decreasing number of enrollment in elementary schools and the increasing numbers of enrollment in middle schools and high schools. Currently, only thirty-four percent of households in Fort Wayne have school age children and trends show a growing elderly population. This trend could lead to a possible decrease in enrollment for the school district.

Most of the elementary schools are located within residential neighborhoods, while middle and high schools are generally located or near large intersections and arterials with high traffic volumes. Students who live within a mile of an elementary school are expected to walk to school. There is no policy that would discourage students from walking to school.

All schools are available for scheduled activities in evenings and weekends, charging a fee to the group except for use by other government organizations. In addition, the South Side High School natatorium is open for community use and scheduled events.

### **Northwest Allen County Schools**

The current total enrollment in the Northwest Allen County School District is 5,500 students with 600 employees and 330 teachers. The school district forecasts an estimated enrollment of 8,000 students in 2010. The district has increased its enrollment over the past years, and is forecast for substantial future growth: The demographic projections report indicates that total enrollment in the Northwest Allen County schools is projected to grow by 1,521 students, or 28.9 percent, between 2003-2004 and 2008-2009 as a result of continuing in-migration of young families.

Sixty-five percent of the district’s students live in Perry Township, 25 percent in Eel Township, and 10 percent in Lake Township. A majority of the new students transfer from Fort Wayne Community Schools and the East Allen County Schools. Approximately sixty-two percent of the households in the Northwest Allen School District do not have school age children or do not send their children to the schools within the district. A study team composed of administrators, teachers, and parents was formed to determine new school facility locations. The team recommended two elementary, one middle school, and one high school site. The process for planning for new schools includes an extensive amount of public outreach. The new school locations are as follows:

<b>Location/Name</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Acreage*</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>	<b>Open</b>
SW Corner of Gump and Coldwater Roads	Elementary School	30 acres/ 9,000 sq. ft.	550	Fall 2006
Bethel Road North of Carroll Creek (S. of new Carroll Middle School)	Elementary School	30 acres/ 9,000 sq. ft.	550	Fall 2008
Carroll Road/ Carroll Middle School	Middle School	180,000 sq. ft.	1,000	Fall 2004
Gump and Coldwater Roads (Feasibility study for new High School)	High School	250,000 sq. ft.	1,500	2010

*\*As a reference, standard school acreage is as follows:  
elementary – 30 acres, middle – 40 acres, and high school – 65 acres.*

*Source: Northwest Allen County School District*

Currently, only the Huntertown Elementary School could be considered a neighborhood school or walkable from home. The new elementary schools are programmed to be more walkable. For liability reasons, students are not allowed to walk to school if they must cross a major thoroughfare.

Sixty-six percent of the school’s operating budget comes from the state, while local property taxes account for only a third of the operating budget. Northwest Allen County Schools need to maintain a growth of over 200 students a year to continue the level of revenue from the state due to a change in the state funding formula. This enrollment level may be difficult to maintain because of declining household size.

All schools are available for scheduled events, but permission is required to use the facilities and participants must be supervised due to safety issues. Playgrounds are open and available to everyone on weekends and evenings.

As part of the continuing development coordination with all Allen County school districts, new subdivision plans are routed to the superintendent by the Allen County Department of Planning Services.

### **Southwest Allen County Schools**

There has been an unexpected but slight increase in elementary age population in the Southwest Allen County Schools. The majority of new students are primarily coming from outside Allen County and secondarily from within Allen County and from the Fort Wayne Community Schools' area. Southwest Allen County Schools are maintaining a growth rate of 80-160 new students per year.

No new schools are proposed. A new middle school will open in 2005 or 2006 on West Hamilton Road which will replace the existing middle school.

Only three elementary schools can be considered neighborhood schools surrounded by residential development. There has not been any real discussion on creating more neighborhood/walkable schools since no other new schools are currently proposed. Students are not allowed to walk to school based on distance, crossing major thoroughfares or railroad tracks, and absence of sidewalks.

Schools are available for scheduled events only. Groups are allowed to rent space at the schools at a minimal rate. Playgrounds and outside courts are open and available to everyone on weekends and evenings.

Residential development plans are routed to the school district by Allen County Department of Planning Services for review. The school district's transportation director and superintendent review plans.

### **Lutheran Association for Elementary Education**

Current enrollment in the Lutheran Association for Elementary Education is 2,000 elementary students (K-8), while Concordia Lutheran High School has 700 students. Enrollment is shrinking slightly due to a decline in congregational size and continuing increase in tuition costs.

Thirteen schools are in the Lutheran Association for Elementary Education and 10 of these schools are located in Allen County, not including Concordia Lutheran High School. Currently, there are no school expansions or closures planned. Individual church congregations dictate school policy and the Association helps in providing coordination of resources and proposes curriculum. However, services are not supervised.

Ninety-eight percent of the students are bused or are dropped off, with very few schools within walking distance of a neighborhood. No overall bus system is provided, and only five schools are running a limited bus system owned by the congregations.

Most of schools are not available for use as (free) community centers. Individual congregations determine the use of facilities.

### **Catholic Schools - Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend**

Current enrollment for Catholic elementary schools (K-8) in Allen County is 4,598. Catholic High School enrollment is 1,542.

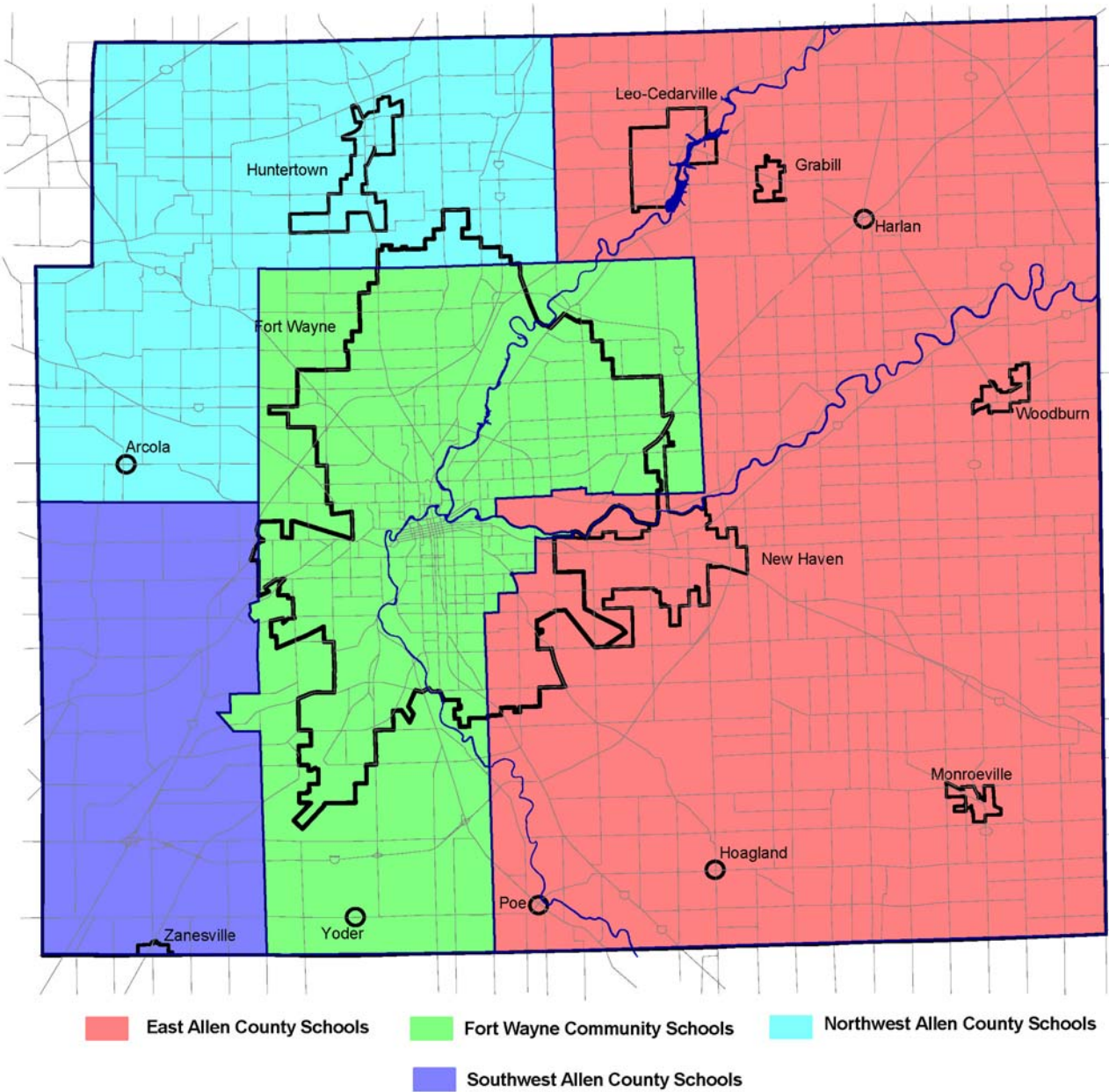
There are 13 Catholic elementary schools located in Allen County and Two high schools.

**Other Parochial and Private Schools**

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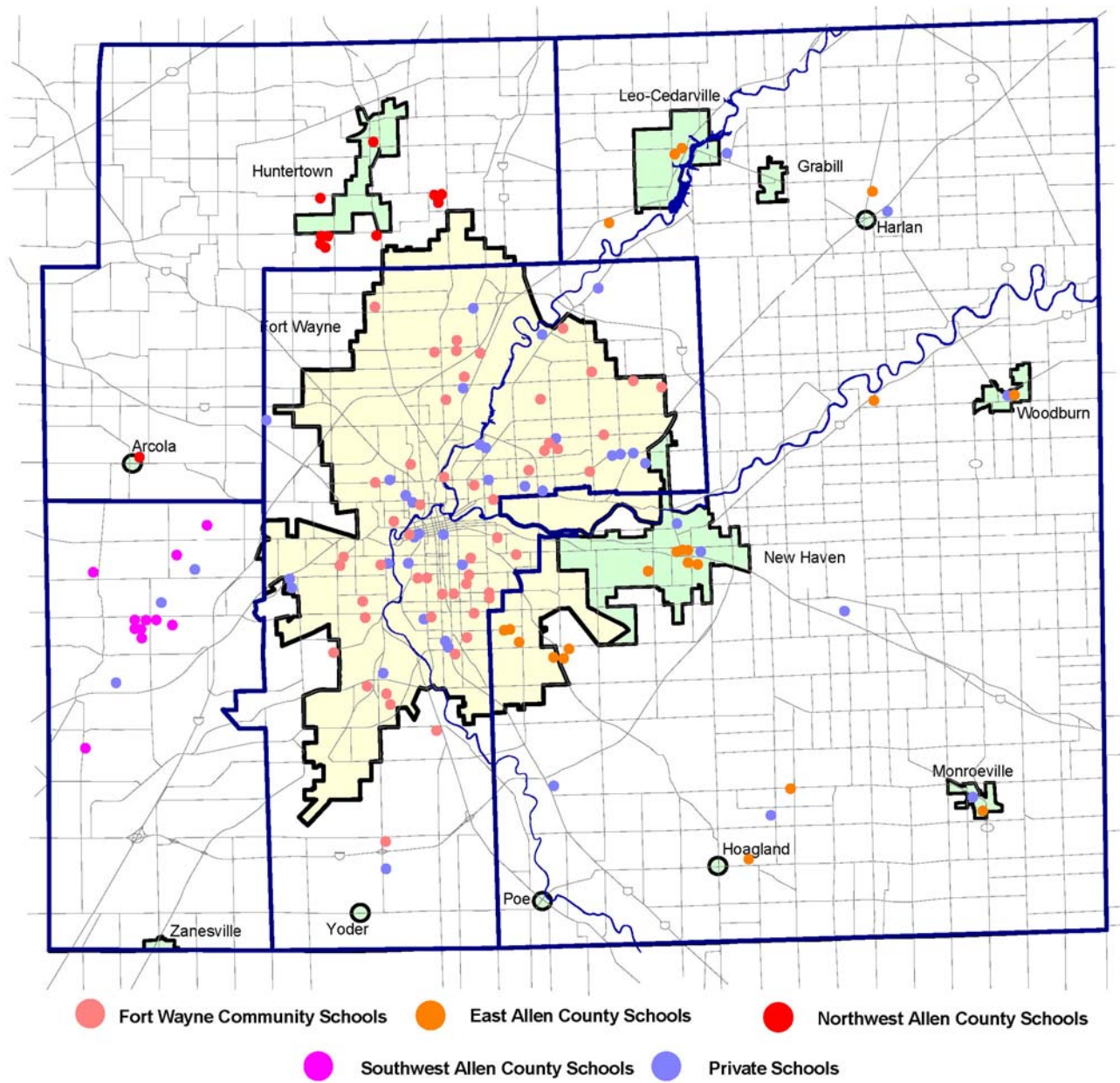


Map 1. School Districts, Allen County



Source: City of Fort Wayne

Map 2. Location of Schools, Allen County



Source: City of Fort Wayne

## **Public Safety: Existing Conditions**

This section examines fire, emergency medical, and police services and facilities within Allen County. It includes an overview of the major safety facilities and issues dealing with the delivery of safety services. Allen County is comprised of five primary safety service providers: Fort Wayne Fire and Emergency Services, Allen County Fire and Emergency Services, the Fort Wayne Police Department, the Allen County Sheriff's Department and the New Haven Police Department. Monroeville and Woodburn also administer police departments. The following is based on interviews with key safety personnel, as well as other supportive documentation.

### **Fort Wayne Fire and Emergency Services**

The Fort Wayne Fire Department (established in 1839) employs 352 firefighters supported by 14 civilian employees and serves over 220,000 citizens living in an area of 91.9 square miles. The Department's focus is to protect property and save lives through innovative fire prevention, public education and fire suppression, coupled with fire investigations that determine cause and origin. The Department provides 24-hour fire protection to residences and businesses in the City of Fort Wayne. The services include fire, EMS, Haz-Mat, search and rescue, and extrication.

Sixteen stations are strategically located and operated throughout the City. Station 17, located at 1910 Getz Road, also serves as a Fort Wayne Police Department Outpost. This enables police officers to access their computer, write paper work, and obtain much needed paper work without having to leave their area of service unattended. Two new fire stations are scheduled to be operational by January 1, 2006 to serve the Aboite annexation. One is Station 18 at Scott and Covington Roads and the other is Station 19 at Liberty Mills and Homestead Road. Along with Station 17, these two new stations will serve the entire Aboite annexation area.

In cases of emergency medical calls, response time is very important. Poorly placed addresses on residential and commercial buildings can be a problem. Wooden street sign markers can also be problematic and sometimes difficult to read, especially at night. Letters painted with reflective paint are easier to identify. Cul-de-sacs sometimes do not provide large enough turning radii, which can increase response times, especially if cars are parked along the curb. With respect to water availability to control fires, there is not adequate pressure for hydrants in some areas of the north and southwest areas of the City and County.

The Three Rivers Ambulance Authority (TRAA) is an oversight organization and has contract agreements with American Medical Response. Lutheran Hospital has its own ambulance. Firefighters are also beginning to provide medical response services more frequently. Fort Wayne Fire Department's average response time is four minutes and 30 seconds, which is in the excellent category level by national standards.

## **Allen County Fire and Emergency Services**

Outside of the City of Fort Wayne, the provision of fire prevention and protection services is provided by fourteen other fire departments, some with full time paid staff and many with fully trained volunteer firefighters. These include the Aboite, Arcola, Cedar Canyons, Churubusco, Grabill, Hoagland, Huntertown, Monroeville, New Haven-Adams Township, Poe, Southwest Fire District, St. Joe, Washington and Woodburn Fire Departments (See Fire District Map 3).

The New Haven-Adams Township Fire Department operates three fire stations and is considering a fourth station in the Landin Road area on the north side of the district to accommodate 600 new homes and to alleviate railroad blockage issues, while trying to maintain a four-minute response rate within a two-mile radius. New Haven Township has an Insurance Services Organizations (ISO) rating of five on a scale of one to 10 with one being the best.

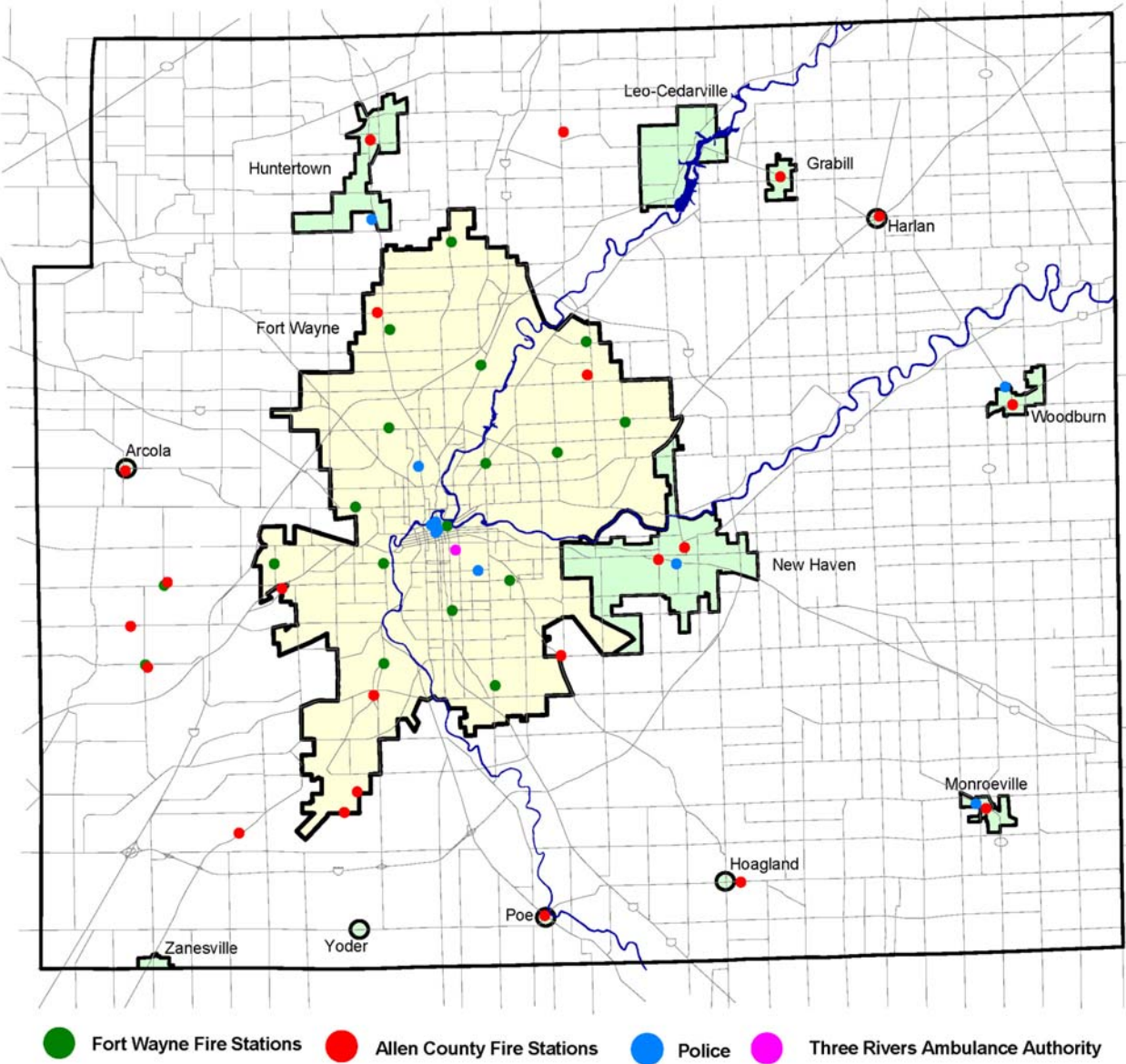
The Southwest Fire District is considering the purchase of land for a new station as a result of area growth. Currently, there are 22 tanker trucks in Allen County for both hydrant and non-hydrant areas, as well as 18 County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) units.

Although not universally accepted, interviews with a number of representatives of the fire and emergency service community indicated the following issues and concerns with respect to the current provision of fire safety services.

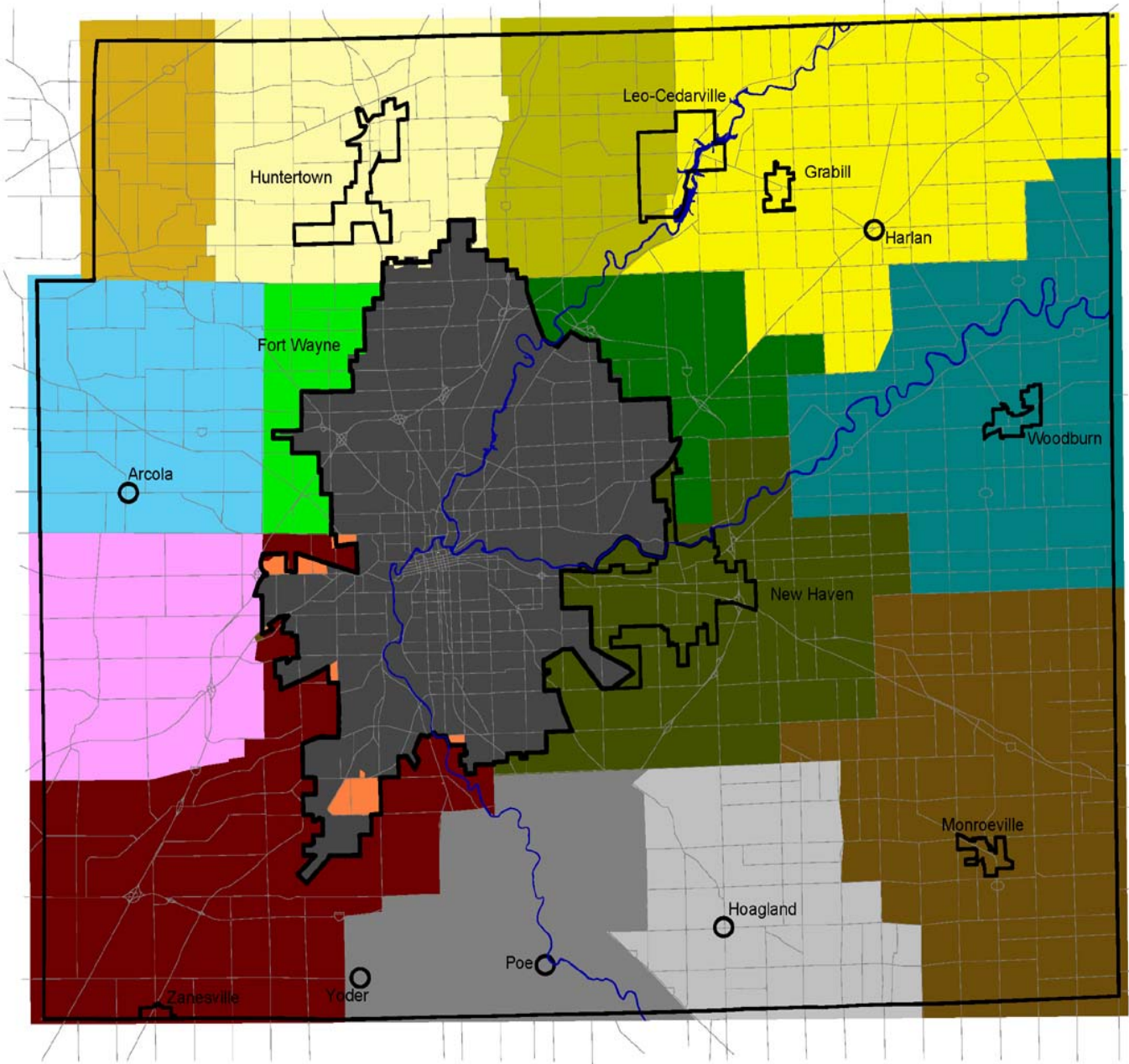
- Confusing location and non-standardization of addresses can cause delayed response times for emergency vehicles.
- Home or land based phone lines automatically dispatch emergency calls to the proper fire/police department, but cell phones do not, as yet, automatically trace emergency calls to the address of the call's origin.
- The proper location of fire hydrants on development plans, the review of development plans by fire departments, and the proper installation of sprinkler hookups in accordance with development plans is important.
- Several interviewed representatives indicated that rail traffic is noticeably increasing throughout the County, thereby resulting in potential fire and EMS delays.
- Certain types of land use such as airports, and large industrial or manufacturing complexes often require specialized equipment. Although fire departments can be held liable, they cannot always afford the required and proper equipment.
- An increase in the number of nursing homes and assisted living facilities has resulted in a comparatively large concentration of emergency calls per facility.
- Emergency alert systems, such as tornado sirens, home weather alert monitors and cable television alerts should be supported and encouraged. Tornado sirens in new subdivisions could be noted on development plans.





Map 3. Location of Emergency Services in Allen County



**Map 4. Allen County Fire Districts**



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|  DUAL RESPONSE AB/SW |  FWFD                |  POE        |
|  ABOITE              |  GRABILL             |  SOUTHWEST  |
|  ARCOLA              |  HOAGLAND            |  ST JOE     |
|  CEDAR CANYONS       |  HUNTERTOWN          |  WASHINGTON |
|  CHURUBUSCO          |  MONROEVILLE         |  WOODBURN   |
|  DUAL RESPONSE FW/SW |  NEW HAVEN ADAMS TWP |  |

### **Fort Wayne Police Department**

The Fort Wayne Police Department has an authorized strength of 424 sworn officers, with a current actual strength of 413 officers. The major organizational components of the department are as follows: Patrol Uniform Operations consisting of four divisions (Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest), Investigative Support Division, and Information Services Division.

The City has recently renewed the lease of the Creighton Avenue Police Station from the McMillen Foundation through September, 2009. The presence of the police headquarters in the Hanna-Crieghton neighborhood may not necessarily deter or reduce crime. However, the removal of its stabilizing influence could adversely affect the neighborhood.

There are two “outpost” police facilities: one on Getz Road and the other on Lima Road. Currently, there are no patrol vehicles at these locations, but patrol vehicles will be needed in the future. A combination police/fire station at Liberty Mills and Homestead Roads will be built and operational by January 1, 2006. It will serve the Aboite annexation and eliminate the need for the current outpost on Getz Road. Twenty new officers are being hired by the Fort Wayne Police Department to accommodate the Aboite annexation.

The department noted that the review of development proposals for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is believed to be helpful and worthwhile in the prevention of crime.

The volume of police calls in the southeast and northwest quadrants of the City are generally comparable. The design and development of residential subdivisions and commercial areas does not pose the access problem that it can with fire trucks, school busses and EMS vehicles.

The City is hopeful in being able to install Global Positioning Systems in every patrol car. This will enable the Department to identify the precise location of every police vehicle. Eighty percent of the Department cars are taken home. The Fort Wayne Police Department has initiated a program involving the cross training of patrol officers to work with Community Corrections.

### **Allen County Sherrifs Department**

The Allen County Sheriff's Department has a total of 300 employees, 124 of which are sworn police officers. The Department is made of specialized units, which are tasked with specific duties to help fulfill the mission of keeping Allen County residents safe and secure. The Allen County Jail is located downtown on the block surrounded by Calhoun St. on the West, Clinton St. on the East, Superior St. to the South, and Headwaters Park to the North. The Allen County Jail currently has 462 beds with an average inmate population of about 600. A proposed renovation project will add another 220 beds.

There are no proposed changes to any existing Sheriff's Department facilities with the exception of the "4-B" complex, located on Lima Road, which is in need of replacement due to age, asbestos, etc.

The Sheriff's Department has service agreements with Grabill and Leo-Cedarville for dedicated patrol time. Huntertown has signed a contract with the Sheriff's Department resulting in the hiring of a County officer to work Huntertown exclusively. The Department is hoping to expand on this arrangement to other Allen County communities and possibly to residential subdivision.

Increased calls for service for the Allen County Sheriff's department directly relate to population changes, traffic issues, school developments and other new developments. The community's "perceived" duties of the Department are changing. The Sheriff's Department has become more involved with the criminal justice system and jails than patrolling within the County. The City of Fort Wayne's annexation of part of Aboite Township may continue this trend as the Fort Wayne Police Department will be the primary patrolling agency.

#### **New Haven Police**

The City of New Haven now covers over ten square miles with a population of almost 14,000 people. To serve the current law enforcement needs of the community, New Haven Police Department employs a full-time staff of twenty-five. Eighteen police officers and six dispatchers provide twenty-four hour coverage for law enforcement and police/fire/EMS services dispatching.



## **Parks and Recreation: Existing Conditions**

This section examines the parks and recreation services and facilities within Allen County/Fort Wayne. It includes an overview of the major park and recreation providers and issues dealing with the provision of park facilities and the delivery recreation services. Allen County/Fort Wayne is comprised of three major park organization and districts: Allen County Park Department, Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department, and the New Haven – Adams Township Park and Recreation Department. The following is based on interviews with key safety personnel and other supportive documentation.

### **Allen County**

On July 19, 1965, the Allen County Park Board was formed. It was re-established with a seven-member board in 1985. The Allen County Park Department, which is controlled by the Allen County Park Board, has seven full-time, two full-time/part-time, and 22 part-time staff. Their responsibilities vary from serving the general public to maintaining programs and activities. Volunteers are one of the important assets of the Department, assisting with trail guiding, hayrides, bird observation building host/hostess, cross-country skiing, and any other programs. Most of the Department budget comes from user fees. For example, in 1999, \$91,000 was generated by its users and \$5,000 was appropriated by the Allen County Council.

The Allen County Park and Recreation Master Plan, adopted on March 14, 2001, provides a five-year planning direction for the years 2001-2005. The goals and objectives for the Master Plan can be found in the appendix of this chapter. The Allen County Parks and Recreation Department's mission focuses on "passive recreation with the emphasis on preservation, conservation, and environmental education". The Allen County and Fort Wayne Park departments have worked together to meet the recreational needs of Allen County citizens.

### **City of Fort Wayne**

In 1863, the first city park (Old Fort Park, site of Anthony Wayne's first fort) was given to the city. The first Board of Park Commissioners was appointed in 1905. Today, a four member Board of Park Commissioners approves budget revenues and expenditures, passes bond issues, acquires and improves property, adopts new programs, establishes management policy and regulations for the Parks and Recreation Department.

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department manages nearly 2,670 acres of land and maintains and operates over 90 structures with over 450,000 square feet under roof. These structures range from a modest, pre-engineered, metal, open-air pavilion to a 48,000-square-foot botanical conservatory in the heart of downtown. The Department's parkland is comprised of several park types and sizes. For planning purposes the system

is considered in five planning districts. The four original planning districts used by the Fort Wayne Planning Department—Northwest, Northeast, Southeast, and Southwest—divided the city geographically into quadrants roughly defined by the rivers. A fifth planning district, Aboite, has been added to the city’s comprehensive master plan in anticipation of the Aboite annexation. To date, no parks or special recreation areas are owned or operated by the Department in this district, though there are existing park areas.

Funding for parks and recreation has not kept pace with the increasing demand placed on the system by the continued growth of the community, as well as the need to update existing infrastructure. Currently, Fort Wayne invests about \$47 per resident in parks and recreation services. Average expenditures in communities with populations between 300,000 and 400,000 (\$62 per resident) are almost one-third (32%) higher than Fort Wayne. These communities spend an average of an additional \$23 per resident, 64% more than Fort Wayne, on capital expenditures. Per capita figures vary based on the number of acres and recreation facilities maintained. The key issue for the Department is serving a larger audience than what is paying for the services.

Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department has become one of only 54 park systems in the country to receive national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). National accreditation requires parks and recreation departments to engage in a two-year self-assessment and peer review process. Agencies must respond to 156 standards in 10 categories that represent elements of effective and efficient operations.

The creation of a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan was approved by the Fort Wayne Board of Park Commissioners in November 2002 and the Comprehensive Master Plan was approved by the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department in 2004. The Plan indicates the need for special community committees within the Park Board and the importance of public input. It also recommends, “new funding components outside of user fees should be considered,” but it does not state the funding sources in detail. The plan is being developed using input from focus groups, stakeholder interviews, user group surveys, and a citywide citizen survey.

The Plan indicates that “determining how to make decisions regarding the protection of sensitive natural resources or cultural heritage is a significant challenge.” The Plan focuses on improving the existing park system more than pursuing acquisition or expansion. However, the Plan also says that the shift from the previous plan includes encouraging greater preservation of open space through the establishment of additional greenways, and supporting the expansion of the sidewalk and bikeway system to supplement greenway connections (see Appendix).

## **New Haven – Adams Township**

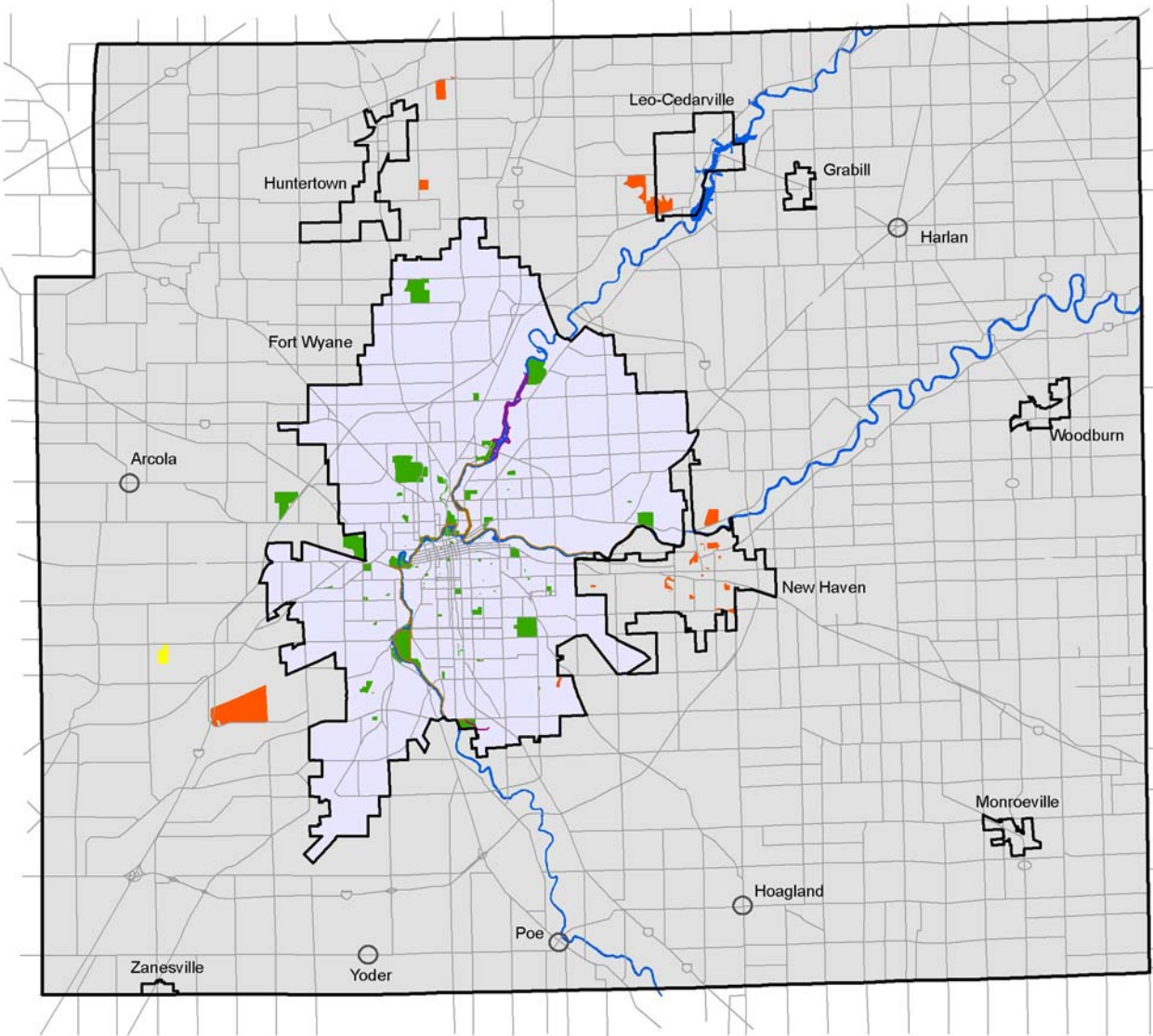
The New Haven Park and Recreation Board was established on November 10, 1955 and on June 8, 1982 Ordinance NO. G-82-10 was passed by the New Haven City Council reaffirming the New Haven – Adams Township Park and Recreation Department and Board of Directors’ powers, duties, and authority. The Park Board is comprised of five members; four appointments are made by the Mayor of New Haven and one appointment is made by the Allen County Circuit Court.

The five Year Master Plan (2004-2009) for New Haven-Adams Township was prepared by the Park and Recreation Department and was approved on January 5, 2004. The New Haven-Adams Township Park and Recreation Department’s mission statement affirms the importance of “developing and maintaining quality parks (including natural wooded areas), providing facilities and programs for people of all ages, and planning for the future facility requirements and activities that will serve the year-round recreational needs and interests of the community.”

The Plan indicates that major funding sources for the implementation of the Five Year Master Plan could come from Park Board revenues and local donations. The Plan recommends other possible sources: income from trust funds, bequests, gifts or special community fundraising activities, income derived from user fees, in-kind contributions of labor through the use of volunteer help, the use of a non-reverting fund program, general obligation, revenue bonds, county funds, and public/private partnership and Federal and State Sources of Funds such as local public works projects of the Economic Development Administration, Community Development Block Grant funds through the U.S. Department of HUD, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Home Town Indiana Program, the National Recreational Trails Funding Act Program, Indiana State Agencies, and Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act programs.

In addition to the Five Year Master Plan (2004–2009), the City of New Haven has developed a Comprehensive Trails and Pedestrian Walkways Master Plan. The Plan addresses the safety concerns of City residents and provides safe access to the downtown area, neighboring commercial areas, and the schools. Map 4 shows the location of park facilities in Allen County.

Acquisition is one of the primary goals of the Five Year Master Plan in New Haven-Adams Township. The Department has four parcels of land held as reserve land for future parks: Werling Road Property (7.5 acres) located on Werling Road for a community park or community center, Haskamp Property (80 acres) located on Hartzell Road, and Riverhaven North (one acre) located in Riverhaven for a future picnic and playground area.



- Parks in Fort Wayne
- Parks in Allen County
- Aboite Park
- Existing Rivergreenway Trails
- Proposed Rivergreenway Trails

## Allen County and Fort Wayne Park Standards and Design Principles

The City of Fort Wayne’s Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan categorizes its parks into Block Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks, Regional Parks, and Greenways. Table 1 shows the park design principles based on these categories and Table 2 represents all the parks in Allen County according to the park design principles.

**Table 1. Park Design Principle**

Category	Size of Park	Service Radius	Age Segments Served
<b>Block Park</b>	2 acres or less	0.25 acres per 1,000 residents	One to two
<b>Neighborhood Park</b>	2 to 10 acres	1.5 acres per 1,000 residents	More than four
<b>Community Park</b>	10 to 50 acres	3 acres per 1,000 residents	Six to eight
<b>Regional Park</b>	More than 50 acres	4 acres per 1,000 residents	Ten
<b>Greenway</b>			Six to ten

*Source: City of Fort Wayne, Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan*

The Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan divided the City of Fort Wayne into five planning districts including the Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, Southeast, and Aboite. As can be seen in Table 2, the northwest planning district of the City of Fort Wayne has various park types in the district. The northeast planning district has no block parks, and southwest and southwest planning districts have no regional parks. In addition, Aboite planning district only has Aboite Township Park categorized as a Community Park.

Several municipalities, including Grabill, Leo-Cedarville, and Monroeville are proposing new parks. New Haven-Adams Township Park Department has more Block Parks, Neighborhood Parks, and Community Parks, but does not possess any regional parks and special recreation areas.

The Fort Wayne Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan indicates that “the total park acres, number and size of facilities, and number of different park types are out of balance,” citing the importance of “an equitable distribution of parks and services.” When considering potential growth to the north, northwest, and west sides of Allen County, more active park acquisition should be pursued in these areas to meet future needs.

Table 3 shows the projected park need in Allen County (including Fort Wayne, unincorporated Allen County and the incorporated towns), for 2025 based on parkland standards and population projections by the Holts Model as developed in the Demographics chapter. According to the analysis, about 1,223 acres of parkland will be needed by 2025. Sixty-six percent of that need is for block parks and special recreation areas. Parks and recreation goals and objectives for the State of Indiana Allen County and the City of Fort Wayne are found in the Appendix.

**Table 2. Allen County Parks by Category**

Areas	Planning District	Park Types												
		Block Parks		Neighborhood Parks		Community Parks		Regional Parks		Special Recreation Areas		Undeveloped**		
		(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)	
Allen County				Cooks Landing	4.5	Payton County Park	38.0	Fox Island	605.0					
								Metea County Park	250.0					
				<i>(Sum)</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>(Sum)</i>	<i>38.0</i>	<i>(Sum)</i>	<i>855.0</i>					
City of Fort Wayne*	Northwest	Zeis Park	0.05	Vesey Park	15.4	Franke Park	316.4	Buckner Farm Park	144.8	Trader's Point	4.5			
		Little Turtle Park	0.13	Gren Park	5.9	Johnny Appleseed Park	31.0	Salomon Farm	170.0	Historic Old Fort	1.5	Skate Park		
		Grisworld Playlot	0.57	Hamilton Park	16.5	Lawton Park	39.3			Northwood Middle School	8.0			
		Boone Street Playlot	0.33	Camp Allen	3.5	West Swinney Park	48.2			Lindenwood Nature Preserve	110.0			
		Wells Street Park	0.11	Bloomington East and West Park	11.6					Roosevelt Park	1.5			
		<i>(Sum)</i>	<i>1.19</i>	<i>(Sum)</i>	<i>52.9</i>	<i>(Sum)</i>	<i>434.9</i>	<i>(Sum)</i>	<i>314.8</i>	<i>(Sum)</i>	<i>127.5</i>			
	Northeast				Bob Arnold Northside Park	37.5	Shoaff Park	184.5	Kreager Park	172.6	Hanna's Ford	0.5		
					Jehl Park	3.7					Hurshstown Reservoir	360.0		
					Klug Park	2.0								
					Lakeside Park	23.8								
					Lions Park	14.4								
				<i>(Sum)</i>	<i>81.4</i>	<i>(Sum)</i>	<i>184.5</i>	<i>(Sum)</i>	<i>172.6</i>	<i>(Sum)</i>	<i>360.5</i>			
Southeast		Bowser Playground	0.92	Brewer Park	5.1	Headwaters Park	30.0			Courthouse Green				
		Brackenridge Playground	0.38	Casselwood Park	1.5	McMillen Park	168.2			Freimann Square	4.6			
		East Central Playlot (East Side)	1.00	East Central Park	3.7	Memorial Park	42.0			Japanese Garden	0.11			
		John Street Block Park	0.17	Hanna Homestead Park	2.5					Jennings Center	0.75			
		Nuckols Memorial Park	1.40	Lafayette Park	1.8									

Areas	Planning District	Park Types													
		Block Parks		Neighborhood Parks		Community Parks		Regional Parks		Special Recreation Areas		Undeveloped**			
		(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)		
		Old Fort Park	0.20	McCormick Park	12.4										
		Seiling Block Park	0.60	Reservoir Park	13.1										
		Summit Street Block Park	0.34	Weisser Park	20.0										
		Turpie Playlot	0.62												
		Williams Park	0.74												
		(Sum)	6.37	(Sum)	60.1	(Sum)	240.2	(Sum)		(Sum)	5.46				
	Southwest	Bass Playground	0.52	Indian Village Park	10.5	East Swinney Park	46.3			Botanical Conservatory	4.7				
		Ewing Park	0.74	Ketter Park	6.3	Foster Park	254.9			Community Center	1.8				
		Miner Playground	1.80	McCullough Park	4.1	Foster West Park	22.0			Guilden Park	8.2				
		Orff Park	0.02	Moody Park	5.1					Mason Drive LL Complex	11.0				
		Rudisill/Fairfield Park	0.10	Packard Park	4.5					Noll Park	9.2				
		West Central Playlot	0.09	Psi Ote Park	8.9					Salon Plaza	0.1				
				Rockhill Park	27.8					Strathmore Drive	0.8				
				Study Park	5.0										
		(Sum)	3.27	(Sum)	72.2	(Sum)	323.2	(Sum)		(Sum)	35.8	(Sum)		0.0	
	Aboite					Aboite Township Park									
	N.A***	Wabash Play	0.3	Rea Park	5.5			Tillman Park	70.0	Waynedale Gardens	1.1				
				Waynedale Park	8.0										
		(Sum)	0.28	(Sum)	13.5	(Sum)	70.0	(Sum)		(Sum)	1.1				
Grabill														Grabill Community Park "Jack R Harris Park"	
														Grabill Park	
Leo-Cedarville														Leo-Cedarville Park	
														Proposed-Riverside Gardens	
Monroeville														Monroeville Community Park	

Areas	Planning District	Park Types											
		Block Parks		Neighborhood Parks		Community Parks		Regional Parks		Special Recreation Areas		Undeveloped**	
		(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)	(Name)	(Acres)
New Haven-Adams Township		Park Office Park	2.5	Heatherwood Park	15.0	Havenhurst Park	30.0			Canal Landing	0.5	Haskamp Property***	80.0
		Riverhaven Park - South	2.5	Klotz Park	10.5	Jury Memorial Park & Pool	9.4			Community Trail (under development)	20.0	Riverhaven Park - North***	1.0
				Koehlinger - Yoder Park	23.5	New Haven Park & Pool	3.5					Werling Road Open Space***	7.5
				Meadowbrook Park & Pool	5.5	North River Rd. Nature Area	38.0						
				Moser Park	29.0								
				Schnelker Park	3.5								
				Sunnymede Park	3.5								
				(Sum)	70.9	(Sum)	134.5	(Sum)	80.0				
<b>Total</b>			<b>16.11</b>		<b>375.10</b>		<b>1,301.70</b>		<b>1,457.40</b>		<b>550.84</b>		

\* Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan of Fort Wayne classified all the parks into five categories. The parks of other areas were classified according to the standards.

\*\* These parks do not have any descriptions or locations.

\*\*\* These parks were categorized by their descriptions.





**Table 3. Projected Park Need (2025), Allen County**

	<b>Standard Ratio<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Existing Park Area, 2000</b>	<b>Current Ratio</b>	<b>Projected Park Area, 2025<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Projected Park Need</b>
	(acres/1,000 population)	(acres)	(acres/1,000 population)	(acres)	(acres)
Neighborhood Parks	1.5	375.10	1.1	615.52	240.42
Community Parks	3.0	1,301.70	3.9	1,231.05	-70.65
Regional Parks	4.0	1,457.40	4.4	1,641.40	184.00
Others (block parks, special recreation areas, etc)	3.5	566.95	1.7	1,436.22	869.27
<b>Total park land</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3,701.15</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>4,924.19</b>	<b>1,223.04</b>

<sup>1</sup> Standard ratios are guidelines of the City of Fort Wayne from the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

<sup>2</sup> Based on 2025 population estimate (Holts), park areas were projected for 2025 under the same standard ratios.

### **Improvement Recommendations for the River Greenway System**

According to the report, “*Improvement Recommendations for the RiverGreenway System,*” prepared by Jack L. Stark, Greenway Coordinator, Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department, the current condition of the Greenway is poor, while the community has expressed a desire for more greenways and pathways. A series of inspections of the River Greenway system informed recommendations for upgrading and improving the system. The report is divided into seven sections: Pavement, Signage and Markers, Bridge Underpasses, Trail Heads, Redesign, Maintenance, and Miscellaneous Projects. (Specific recommendations from this report can be found in the Appendix.) For a more detailed discussion of the River Greenway System, see the chapters on Transportation and Environmental Stewardship.

### **Cultural Facilities: Existing Conditions**

#### **Public Libraries**

The Allen County Public Library (ACPL) is a countywide system with taxing authority. The library system is composed of a main library in downtown Fort Wayne and 13 branch libraries located in Fort Wayne neighborhoods and in several Allen County communities. The ACPL is widely recognized as a primary community institution, and is considered a top-ranked system nationally. Among the unique assets of the ACPL, the Fred J. Reynolds Historical Genealogy Department is the nation’s largest public genealogy research library, with more than 300,000 printed volumes and 314,000 items of microfilm and microfiche.

The library board held a series of community meetings in November 1998 to gather citizens’ opinions on library facilities and to hear their views on space needs for the future. A capital improvement plan was developed to ensure that ACPL facilities have adequate and appropriate space to serve the community for at least the next twenty years. The ACPL developed a plan to renovate and significantly expand the downtown main library and to construct several new branches that would replace existing, severely

overcrowded branches. The remaining branches are also being updated, expanded, and renovated to meet future needs. Adequate parking will also be provided at all library locations.

This wide-ranging building and improvement project is in progress, and a substantial portion of the work is complete. The main library is currently operating in a temporary downtown location while construction proceeds at the main library building.

### **Fort Wayne/Allen County Convention & Visitors Bureau**

The Fort Wayne/Allen County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to expand Fort Wayne's economy by attracting convention and leisure visitors. The CVB is responsible for marketing Fort Wayne and Allen County as a desirable destination for convention, sporting, and tourism activities. The CVB operates an information center, and acts as a convention sales force and tourism promotion organization for the area, as well as a catalyst for economic development and growth. Visitors spend \$370 million in Allen County each year. Over 5.3 million visitors come here annually for activities such as shopping, meetings, and leisure activities.

### **Museums, Historic Sites, and Attractions**

While the CVB is the most identifiable organization that can provide a voice for over thirty museums, historic sites, and attractions in Allen County, it is limited primarily to promotion and marketing activities. The County's tourist attractions and museums informally communicate to plan development of facilities, programs, or activities. Therefore, the cooperation among those organizations should be more active.

Funding is a traditional concern while operating museums, historic sites, and attractions. Inadequate funding can lead to neglect of facilities and collections, limitations on operating hours, limited programs, and other problems. Also, inappropriate development in or around museums, historic sites, and attractions can lead to loss of historic character or attractiveness and ultimately contribute to decreased visitation rates.

### **Arts Facilities and Organizations**

#### **Arts United**

Arts United is the umbrella organization for non-profit arts groups in northeast Indiana, with a mission "to provide support to arts organizations and to unite and coordinate arts efforts in northeast Indiana." Arts United provides leadership to the local arts community and is the largest single source of financial support for the arts in the region. Arts United is the entity that brings the arts community together to address key issues and questions. The most important function of the

organization is fundraising and distribution of funds to dozens of member arts groups in the region. Arts United disbursed upwards of \$1.25 million to support area cultural activities.

Arts United owns and manages the Performing Arts Center, the Hall Community Arts Center and the historic Canal House, where the administrative offices are located. These buildings are all located in downtown Fort Wayne. Arts United also owns the Fort Wayne Ballet building, with responsibility for major capital repairs and acquisitions. Nearly 150,000 people pass through these facilities annually.

### **Community Arts Council (CAC)**

The Community Arts Council (CAC), sponsored by Arts United, was created in 1981. Its mission is to provide a networking forum for area arts and humanities organizations, to assist them in achieving their goals, and to help further public awareness of the arts in northeast Indiana. Through the CAC, Arts United offers technical assistance and peer networking. Monthly meetings of the group are held from September through May each year. The CAC currently has 56 member organizations and three membership levels: Funded Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members.

### **Other Arts Organizations**

There are other arts organizations with facilities and venues in Allen County that are not owned by Arts United. The Embassy Theater Foundation owns the Embassy Centre, and maintains its operations and events. The Fort Wayne Philharmonic uses the Embassy as its primary performance venue; however the Philharmonic also maintains offices and practice facilities at 2340 Fairfield Ave. The Scottish Rite Center is a historic auditorium located in downtown Fort Wayne. It is owned by a fraternal organization that has been working to rehabilitate and revitalize the structure and its programs. The Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) School of Visual and Performing Arts has diverse programs and facilities located on the IPFW campus. The University of St. Francis – School of Creative Arts also has an active program with modern educational and gallery facilities. The Arena Dinner Theater is located at W. Berry Street and Rockhill Street in the West Central Historic District.

### **Grand Wayne Center**

The Grand Wayne Center, along with the attached Hilton Hotel, opened in 1985. This 100,000 square foot facility is located in downtown Fort Wayne near the Embassy Centre and the Allen County Public Library. The facility attracts conventions, corporate meetings, trade shows, banquets, and other special events.

The Grand Wayne Convention Center is currently undergoing an expansion, and the project is expected to be completed in 2005. The renovated facility will feature a new sub-divisible 50,000 square foot multi-purpose Convention Hall. This reconfiguration will result in an additional ballroom of 10,000 square feet, and up to 13 meeting rooms.

The Grand Wayne Convention Center operated during the construction until July 1, 2004, when it closed for renovation and reconfiguration, and for the existing structure to be joined with the new construction. The Center will reopen in spring 2005 as Indiana's second largest convention center.

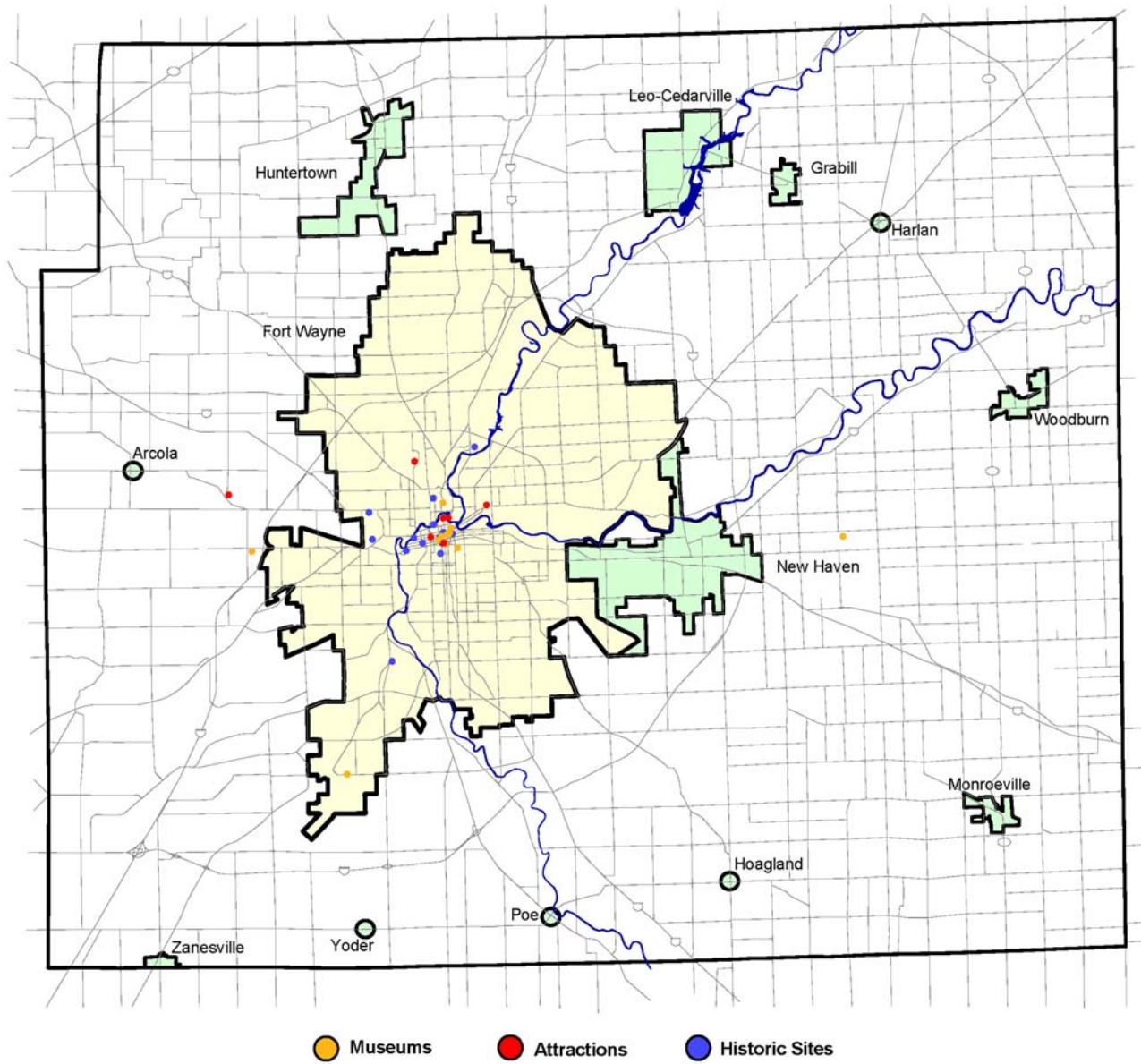
### **Allen County War Memorial Coliseum**

The Memorial Coliseum, located at the southeast corner of Coliseum Boulevard and Parnell Avenue, opened in 1952 as a World War memorial. The arena is primarily used for major sports events, concerts, circuses, and stage presentations. The Memorial Coliseum Exposition Center attached to the arena is used for trade shows, retail expos, graduations, concerts, and sporting events. Also, Memorial Stadium is adjacent to the Memorial Coliseum used primarily by the Fort Wayne Wizards.

### **County-owned Public Facilities**

The Allen County Commissioners control some significant public facilities. This includes the City-County Building, the Allen County Court House, and the Allen County Fairgrounds. The City-County Building is the location of city and county offices, meeting rooms and council chambers, and public meeting spaces such as the Omni Room. A National Historic Landmark, the Allen County Court House houses county courts and offices. It is open for public tours and can be used by arrangement for some special events. The Fairgrounds is a year-round facility that hosts the Allen County 4H Fair and a number of other family oriented events such as dances, rodeos, craft and antique shows. An estimated 225,000 people visit the fairgrounds each year. In addition to hosting the County Fair, the fairgrounds host other shows and events, ranging from computer expos and wedding receptions to horse sales and the Muddy River Run, a hot rod show.

Map 6. Museums, Attractions, & Historic Sites, City of Fort Wayne, Allen County



Source: City of Fort Wayne

## Historic and Cultural Resources: Existing Conditions

The historic and cultural resources of Fort Wayne and Allen County are diverse and abundant. The U.S. Land Office opened in Fort Wayne in 1823 and the federal government offered vast tracts of land for sale. The abundant real estate available created new opportunities for settlement and development. Allen County was created by an act of the Indiana General Assembly on December 17, 1823, to go into effect in April 1824, and Fort Wayne was incorporated as a town in 1829.

From the eighteenth century to today, much of the history of Fort Wayne and Allen County consists of the story of changes in transportation modes, industrial and manufacturing innovations and technologies, opportunities and changes in agricultural economies, and the settlement of the area by people that represent a wide variety of nationalities and cultural groups. These forces, and others, shaped the City and the County, and the effects of these forces remain in the City and County's cultural and historical resources.

The portage route originally maintained by the Miami Indians allowed for river transportation between the St. Lawrence and Mississippi River valleys, and made the geography of the Fort Wayne area important for transportation. The Chief Richardville House on Bluffton Road, built in 1827, reflects this period. It is the oldest building in northern Indiana, and the oldest Native American structure in the Midwest. The construction of the Wabash & Erie Canal in the 1830s brought a "boomtown" character and great commercial and industrial growth to Fort Wayne and Allen County. The John Brown Stone Warehouse (or the "Canal House"), built in 1852, is one of few remaining buildings that was directly associated with the canal. Development of railroads and streetcars began in 1854 and led to the development of Fort Wayne as a center of industry and manufacturing in the later nineteenth century. There are many historic resources that show the effects of the railroads and industry (and the resulting wealth), such as Pennsylvania Station (Baker Street Station), the Olds Wagon Works building, Wayne Knitting Mills, the General Electric complex, the Allen County Courthouse (a National Historic Landmark), and the John H. Bass Mansion.

Horse-drawn streetcars, later replaced by electric streetcars, first came into use in Fort Wayne in 1872. The availability of streetcar service to outlying residential neighborhoods in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century led to a specific kind of residential development in Fort Wayne. The Williams Woodland Park and South Wayne historic districts are examples of "streetcar suburbs." The construction of improved roads has perhaps made the largest impact on the physical character of the community today. Automotive transportation needs have shaped both urban areas and the countryside, leading to a reduction in development density. The historic Southwood Park neighborhood in Fort Wayne is an example of early

suburban development based on automobile transportation. Cindy's Diner, built in 1954 in Fort Wayne, is an outstanding example of commercial architecture of the automotive age.

### **Historic and Cultural Resource Inventories**

Historic Buildings, structures, and sites in Fort Wayne and Allen County have been documented through two major inventories that were completed in the 1990s. The Fort Wayne Historic Sites and Structures Inventory was completed and published in 1996 as an Interim Report, making the information somewhat accessible to the public and government agencies. Fieldwork for the Allen County inventory of historic sites and structures was completed in 1992; however the data was not published. The information in both surveys is considered out of date.

These inventories of historic sites and structures are snapshots of the community's cultural resources at a particular moment in time. In general, buildings, sites, structures and districts were included if they were built by c.1950, and represented the history of the community in a significant way, or if they were good examples of important architectural styles or building types. The two inventories also included a variety of outstanding historic bridges, all known cemeteries, and all historical markers. The combined inventory projects collected information on approximately 8,000 individual properties.

Because the two inventories are considered to be out of date, they should not be viewed as definitive lists of properties, sites, and potential districts. A comprehensive project is needed to reevaluate and update both the city and county surveys of historic properties. The new or updated inventory should be performed at a countywide level to ensure that the information is consistent, is published, and the information must be maintained and updated at regular intervals.

Most potential historic districts identified in Fort Wayne and Allen County surveys are residential neighborhoods; however there are also several industrial and commercial districts. Examples of potential or eligible historic districts include the Harrison Hill and Forest Park Historic Districts and the General Electric Historic District in Fort Wayne. Fort Wayne and Allen County have a combined total of approximately 39 potential historic districts and many more individual properties that are deserving of special recognition and protection, but are not currently designated as historic.

The majority of the City and County's historic properties are concentrated in the urban areas developed prior to World War II. Central city areas of Fort Wayne and New Haven contain significant concentrations of potential historic districts and properties. Monroeville also has a large historic area that was identified in the Allen County survey. Many other eligible historic properties are located on or near the historic transportation corridors, such as the railroads, South Calhoun Street, Lake, Wells, and



Broadway in Fort Wayne, and, for example, Besancon on the Lincoln Highway and Harlan on State Road 37. Significant historic properties, however, are scattered across the City and County.

Historic farms and other agricultural properties, individual houses, bridges, cemeteries, and township schools are historic resource types that are among the most likely to be threatened by expansion and growth of Fort Wayne and new development in rural Allen County. Because the existing inventories of historic properties are quite dated, they do not reflect new information and new preservation interests that are emerging in the community.

An emerging issue is heritage corridors. Several local and national groups exist that study and advocate the preservation of historic transportation systems. Among the county's historic corridors are: the river systems (the Maumee River Heritage Corridor and the Wabash River Heritage Corridor), Wayne Trace, the Piqua Road, The Wabash & Erie Canal, the various railroad lines, and the Lincoln Highway.

### **Cemeteries**

Cemeteries provide a unique view of the history of a community and its people. Much like buildings, cemeteries can reflect the influence of both folk heritage and design professionals. Architects and landscape architects, as well as traditional religious groups and their cultures, have shaped the 144 known cemeteries and gravesites in Fort Wayne and Allen County. Some unique types of cemeteries, each within the Fort Wayne corporate limits, provide examples of Allen County's funerary variety: Lindenwood Cemetery, established in 1859 on West Main Street, Catholic Cemetery on Lake Avenue, five Lutheran cemeteries, Orthodox Jewish Cemetery, and Township cemeteries.

### **Archaeological Resources**

Allen County has proven to have a rich archaeological heritage that shows evidence of all prehistoric periods. Archaeologists have identified and documented approximately 2,080 prehistoric and historic archaeological sites in Allen County, as of September 15, 2004. This figure represents more recorded archaeological sites than any other county in Indiana, and it includes sites of all periods from Paleoindian to American settlement of the nineteenth century. Growth in the area around Fort Wayne is a concern for professional archaeologists, and surveying and documenting sites and collections in this area is a high priority. The only Allen County archaeological site with any official historic designation is the Fox Island Nature Preserve Archaeological District, 4324 Yohne Rd.

The Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne (IPFW) Archaeological Survey is the only public archaeology program in northeast Indiana. It was created in 1981 as a community service enterprise and

instructional support service of the IPFW Anthropology program, serving as an umbrella for cultural resource and research-based archaeological activities within the geographic service area of the university. The Survey is committed to the dissemination of archaeological information and public involvement in midwestern archaeology.

## **Historic Preservation Programs**

### **Fort Wayne**

The City of Fort Wayne has a Historic Preservation Ordinance and maintains a Historic Preservation program within the Division of Community Development. The City has status as a Certified Local Government (CLG) and thus participates in state and federal historic preservation programs in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, and the National Park Service. Fort Wayne has 63 individual properties or districts that are designated as Local Historic Districts. Fort Wayne also has 41 individual properties or districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places within its boundaries.

The Fort Wayne Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) is composed of seven members, appointed by the mayor. It was established to preserve and protect historically or architecturally worthy buildings, structures, sites, and districts that serve as visible reminders of the historic heritage of the city. This purpose is advanced by enforcing those provisions found in the Fort Wayne Historic Preservation and Protection Ordinance. The Board has jurisdiction over all buildings, sites, structures, and districts designated as “Local Historic Districts,” and reviews proposed exterior changes to those properties to ensure that the character defining historic features remain intact. The HPRB also reviews nominations for Local Historic Designation as well as National Register nominations. Staff of the Division of Community Development serves the HPRB.

### **Allen County**

Allen County government has not established a historic preservation ordinance, nor does the county offer any historic preservation programs. The same is true for all other municipal units within Allen County (other than Fort Wayne). The Allen County Commissioners, however, recently submitted a National Register application that resulted in listing two historic houses that are owned by Allen County. There are currently eight individual properties or districts listed on the National Register in Allen County, in addition to the properties within Fort Wayne’s boundaries, making a total of 49 National Register listings in Allen County.

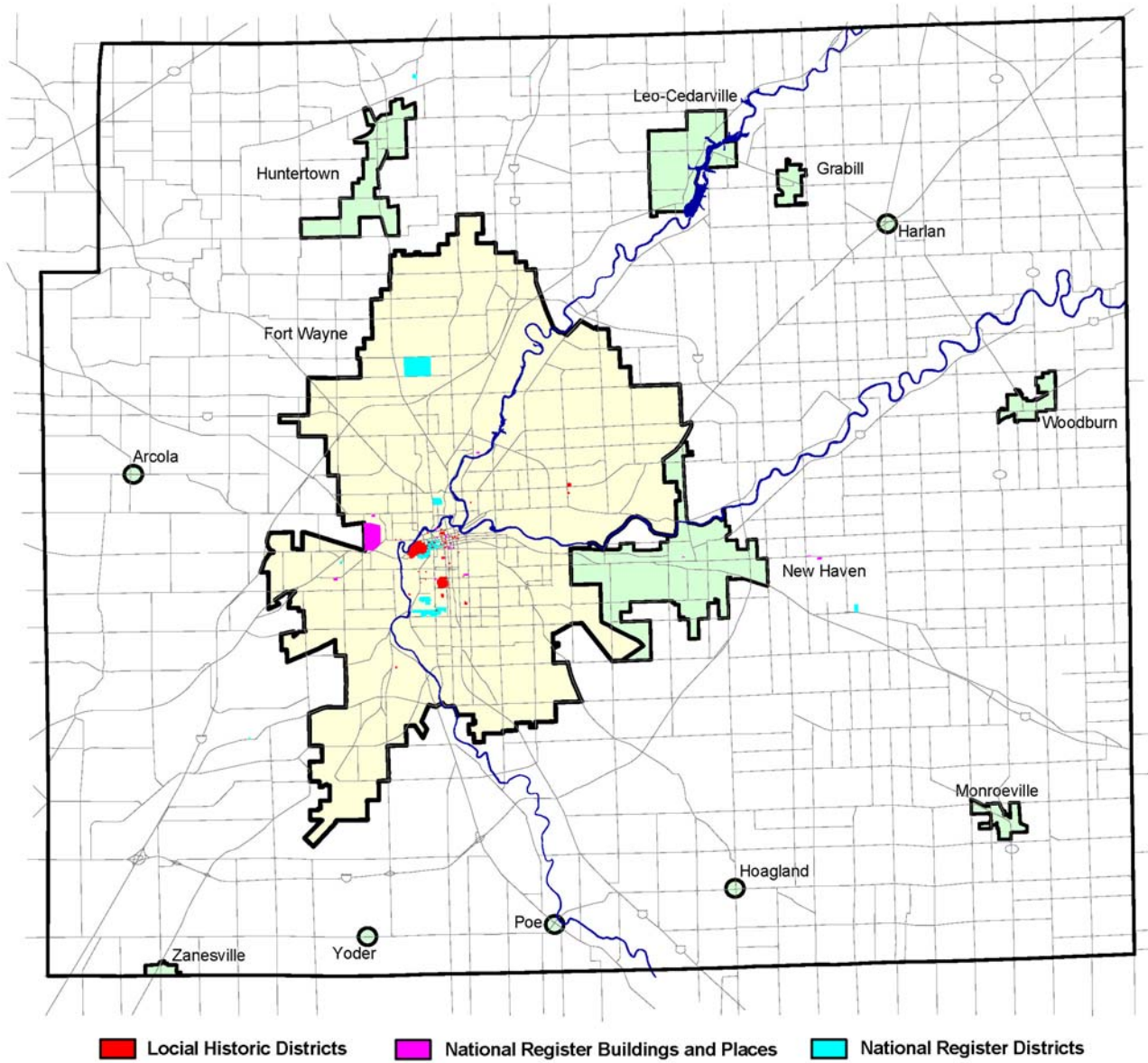
## **Other Preservation Programs**

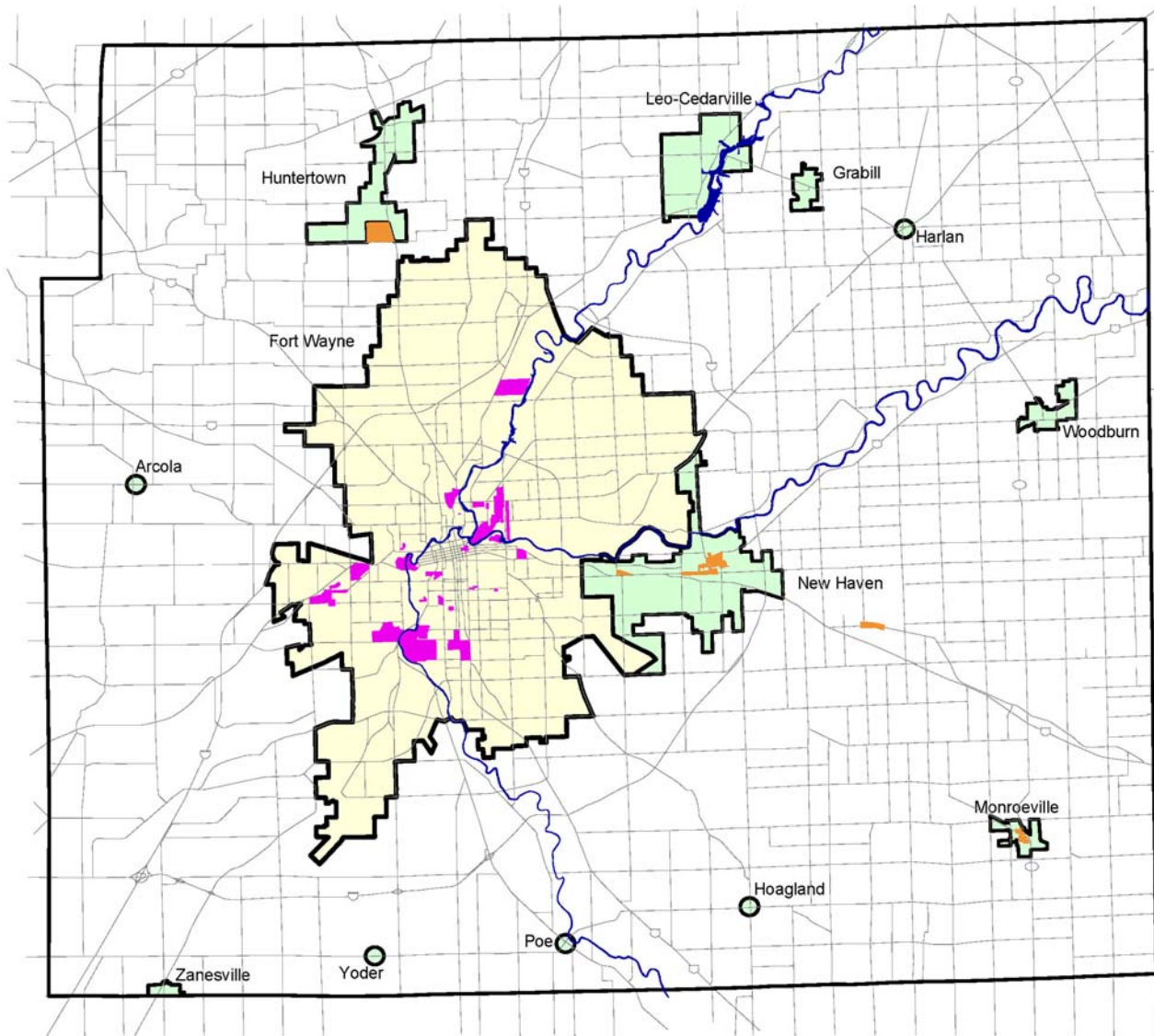
In addition to the historic preservation efforts of local and state governments, private preservation organizations and other interested groups such as ARCH, Inc., Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (HLFI), and the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society (the History Center) are involved in promotion and protection of Allen County's history and cultural resources. There are also many historical societies in Allen County that have interests related to either specific communities or special interests. Special interest groups are also active in specific topical areas of history, such as the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society. The State of Indiana, Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, sponsors the Hoosier Homestead awards program. There are approximately 85 Hoosier Homesteads in Allen County.

### **Historic Preservation Strategy**

The City of Fort Wayne is currently leading a project to develop and implement a Historic Preservation Strategy in cooperation with other governmental units in Allen County. The goal is to study and recommend ways to improve the preservation of historic structures and other cultural resources in Fort Wayne and Allen County. The expected outcome of this process will be a set of suggested policy recommendations for Allen County's legislative bodies to consider, and strategies for stakeholders to use to promote and preserve Allen County's past (see Appendix). A 20 member advisory committee has been established.

Map 7. Historic Districts, City of Fort Wayne





Potential County Historic Districts
  Potential Fort Wayne Historic Districts

# Appendix

## School Interviews

Fort Wayne Community Schools - Stephen L. Parker, Director of Facilities - 8/24/04

Lutheran Association for Elementary Education - Dr. Clifford Dietrich, Superintendent - 8/20/04

Northwest Allen County Schools - Steve Yager, Superintendent - 8/12/04

Southwest Allen County Schools - Jim Coplen, Business Manager - 9/22/04

## Parks Inventory

City/Town	Address	Name	Acres	Amenities
Allen County	7324 Yohne Rd	Fox Island	650	270 acre nature preserve, nature center, fishing and swimming
Allen County	8401 Union Chapel Road	Metea County Park	250	Nature preserve
Allen County	600 Shoaf Rd	Cooks Landing	4.5	Roadside park with picnic tables, parking, fishing, canoe launch, shelter
Allen County	Huntertown	Payton County Park	38	Picnicking, trails, shelter
Fort Wayne	1700 Hoagland	Bass Playground	0.52	Basketball, Pavilion/Shelter, Playground
Fort Wayne	Sherman & Pape	Bloomingtondale Park E & W	11.6	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Fishing, Natural Open Space, Picnicking, Playground, Rivergreenway
Fort Wayne	E. State and Parnell	Bob Arnold Northside Park	37.5	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Football/Rugby, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Soccer, Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, Volleyball
Fort Wayne	1500 Boone & Mechanic	Boone Street Play lot	0.33	Playground
Fort Wayne	1100 S. Calhoun	Botanical Conservatory	4.7	Floral Display, Restrooms, Conservatory, Rentals, Meeting Rooms, Tours
Fort Wayne	Reed & Fisher Streets	Bowser Playground	0.92	Basketball, Pavilion/Shelter, Playground, Restrooms
Fort Wayne	Brackenridge & Monroe	Brackenridge Playground	0.38	Basketball, Playground
Fort Wayne	Pettit & Weisser Park	Brewer Park	5.1	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Picnicking, Playground
Fort Wayne	Kroemer Rd. south of Leesburg Rd.	Buckner Farm Park	144.8	Natural Open Space, Undeveloped
Fort Wayne	Camp Allen Drive & Fair St.	Camp Allen Park	3.5	Basketball, Playground
Fort Wayne	Hessen Cassel & Casselwood	Casselwood Park	1.5	Basketball, Picnicking, Playground
Fort Wayne	233 W. Main St.	Community Center	1.8	Floral Display, Restrooms, Recreation Center, Rentals, Programs
Fort Wayne	600 Coombs	East Central Park	3.7	Natural Open Space
Fort Wayne	Roy & Reynolds	East Central Play lot (aka Eastside)	1	Ball Diamonds, Playground
Fort Wayne	1600 W. Jefferson Blvd.	East Swinney	46.3	Fishing, Floral Display, Natural Open Space, Picnicking, Restrooms, Rivergreenway, Tennis Courts, Historical - Swinney Homestead, Tennis Ctr., Welcome Beds
Fort Wayne	Ewing & Lewis	Ewing Park	0.74	Picnicking, Playground
Fort Wayne	3900 Old Mill Road	Foster Park	254.9	Ball Diamonds, Fishing, Floral Display, Golf Course, Natural Open Space, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Rivergreenway, Tennis Courts, Trails/Paths, Trails/Fitness, Volleyball, Foster Gardens, Bridal Glen, Lincoln Log Cabin Replica
Fort Wayne	Winchester Road	Foster West	22	Ball Diamonds, Restrooms, Rivergreenway, Soccer, Dog park
Fort Wayne	3411 Sherman Blvd.	Franke Park	316.4	Fishing, Ice Skating, Natural Open Space, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Trails/Paths, Zoo, Shoaff Lake, Day Camp, Outdoor Theatre, Sledding
Fort Wayne	200 E. Main St.	Freimann Square	4.6	Floral Display, Fountains
Fort Wayne	Trinity & Cambridge	Gren Park	5.9	Ball Diamonds, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground
Fort Wayne	Elizabeth & Griswold	Griswold Avenue Playlot	0.57	Playground, Rivergreenway
Fort Wayne	Van Buren St. & Michaels	Guildin Park	8.2	Boating/Sailing, Fishing, Natural Open Space, DNR Boat Ramp
Fort Wayne	Spring & Cherokee	Hamilton Park	16.5	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Tennis Courts

Fort Wayne	Gay & Lewis	Hanna Homestead Park	2.5	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Pavilion/Shelter, Playground
Fort Wayne	St. Joe River Dr. & Parnell	Hanna's Ford	0.5	Natural Open Space, Riverbank
	Downtown, east and west side of Clinton Street, north of Superior Street	Headwaters Park	30	Festival Grounds, Recreational Water Fountain, Floral Display, Rivergreenway, Open Space
Fort Wayne	Spy Run Avenue	Historic Old Fort	1.5	Natural Open Space, Rivergreenway, Historic Reproduction of Old Fort Wayne
Fort Wayne	16000 Roth Road, Grabill	Hurshstown Reservoir	360	Boating/Sailing, Fishing, Picnicking, Special Notes: Grabill IN - BOW owned, the Fort Wayne Park and Recreation Department operates the program
Fort Wayne	1701 Bluffton Road	Indian Village (Sears) Park	10.5	Natural Open Space, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Rivergreenway
Fort Wayne	Main & Spy Run	Japanese Garden	0.11	Special Notes: Gift from Sister City - Takaoka, Japan. Owned by Arts United
Fort Wayne	Kendawa & White Eagle Drive	Jehl Park	3.7	Basketball, Picnicking, Playground, Trails/Paths, Trails/Fitness
Fort Wayne	1300 McCulloch	Jennings Center	0.75	Basketball, Playground, Restrooms, Recreation Center, Rentals, Programs
Fort Wayne	2500 Block of John Street	John Street Block Park	0.17	Playground
Fort Wayne	Coliseum at Harry Baals Dr.	Johnny Appleseed Park	31	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Boating/Sailing, Camping, Fishing, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Rivergreenway, Volleyball, Boat Ramp, Campground, Vietnam War Memorial. Location of Johnny Appleseed's grave as recognized by the National Register of Historic Places
Fort Wayne	Belmont & 5400 Buell	Kettler Park	6.3	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Tennis Courts
Fort Wayne	Leroy & Charlotte	Klug Park	2	Basketball, Playground
Fort Wayne	N. River Road	Kreager Park	172.6	Ball Diamonds, Natural Open Space, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Soccer, Tennis Courts, Trails/Paths
Fort Wayne	Glencoe & Lafayette Esplanade	Lafayette Park	1.8	Pavilion/Shelter, Playground, Tennis Courts
Fort Wayne	1401 Lake Ave.	Lakeside Park	23.8	Basketball, Fishing, Floral Display, Ice Skating, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Rivergreenway, Tennis Courts, Rose Gardens, Lake
Fort Wayne	1900 Clinton & Fourth	Lawton Park	39.3	Ball Diamonds, Fishing, Floral Display, Football/Rugby, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Rivergreenway, Kids Crossing Playground, Park and Recreation Department Maintenance Offices, Greenhouses
Fort Wayne	600 Lindenwood Avenue	Lindenwood Nature Preserve	110	Natural Open Space, Pavilion/Shelter, Trails/Paths, Environmental Study Area, Nature Trails
Fort Wayne	Carew & Hazelwood	Lions Park	14.4	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Tennis Courts
Fort Wayne	Lawton Place E. of Spy Run	Little Turtle Memorial	0.13	Historical - Site of Chief Little Turtles Grave
Fort Wayne	Belle Vista Drive	Mason Drive LL Complex	11	Ball Diamonds, Special Notes: Leased to Elmhurst Little League
Fort Wayne	Holly & 2300 Raymond	McCormick Park	12.4	Basketball, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Soccer
Fort Wayne	Broadway St. & Parkview	McCulloch Park	4.1	Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Historical - Governor Samuel Bigger Gravesite



Fort Wayne	Oxford & 3900 Hessen Cassel	McMillen Park	168.2	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Football/Rugby, Golf Course, Ice Skating, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Soccer, Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, Indoor Ice Rink, Driving Range
Fort Wayne	2301 Maumee	Memorial Park	42	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Swimming Pool, Trails/Paths
Fort Wayne	Miner & Dewald	Miner Playground	1.8	Pavilion/Shelter, Playground
Fort Wayne	College & Jones	Moody Park	5.1	Basketball, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground
Fort Wayne	Taylor & Washington Rd.	Noll Park	9.2	Natural Open Space, Picnicking
Fort Wayne		Northwood Middle School	8	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Playground, Trails/Paths, Special Notes: School / Park Site
Fort Wayne		Nuckols Memorial Park	1.4	Floral Display, Special Notes: Memorial to Councilman John Nuckols
Fort Wayne	Clay & Main	Old Fort Park	0.2	Special Notes: First City Park, Site of Original Old Fort Well
Fort Wayne	Main & Rockhill	Orff Park	0.02	Rivergreenway, Special Notes: Smallest Park, Wabash Erie Canal Aqueduct, Monument
Fort Wayne	Fairfield & Packard	Packard Park	4.5	Ball Diamonds, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Tennis Courts
Fort Wayne	Wennonah Lane	Psi Ote Park	8.9	Basketball, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground
Fort Wayne	Holly & Raymond	Rea Park	5.5	Natural Open Space
Fort Wayne	2300 Clinton	Reservoir Park	13.1	Basketball, Fishing, Ice Skating, Pavilion/Shelter, Playground
Fort Wayne	Catalpa & W. Jefferson	Rockhill Park	27.8	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms
Fort Wayne	1800 W. Main St.	Roosevelt Park	1.5	Natural Open Space, Rivergreenway
Fort Wayne	Rudisill & Fairfield	Rudisill/Fairfield Park	0.1	Natural Open Space
Fort Wayne	Dupont Road	Salomon Farm	170	Fishing, Natural Open Space, Trails/Paths, Special Notes: Undeveloped
Fort Wayne	Wayne & Webster	Salon Plaza	0.08	Natural Open Space
Fort Wayne	Wayne Trace & New Haven Ave.	Seiling Block Park	0.6	Playground, Special Notes: Historical-"Wayne Trace" Indian Route to Cincinnati
Fort Wayne	6401 St. Joe Rd.	Shoaff Park	184.5	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Boating/Sailing, Fishing, Golf Course, Natural Open Space, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Soccer, Tennis Courts, Trails/Paths, Driving Range, Boat Ramp, Frisbee Golf Course
Fort Wayne	Clinton and 4th streets	Skate Park		20,000 square foot, professionally designed facility for inline skating and skate boarding
Fort Wayne	Strathmore & Covington Road	Strathmore Drive	0.8	Natural Open Space, Special Notes: Undeveloped
Fort Wayne		Study Park	5	Basketball, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Tennis Courts
Fort Wayne	1400 Block of Summit St.	Summit Street Block Park	0.34	Playground
Fort Wayne		Superior Property	2	Rivergreenway
Fort Wayne	600 Tillman	Tillman Park	70	Ball Diamonds, Natural Open Space, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Rivergreenway, Soccer, Tennis Courts, Trails/Paths, Stewart McMillen Tennis Center
Fort Wayne	Fourth Street	Traders Point (RGW)	4.5	Natural Open Space, Rivergreenway
Fort Wayne	Turpie & Manford	Turpie Playlot	0.62	Playground
Fort Wayne	Irvington & Eastbrook	Vesey Park	15.4	Natural Open Space, Picnicking
Fort Wayne	1500 Block of Wabash St.	Wabash Play	0.28	
Fort Wayne	Broadriple & Beatty	Waynedale Gardens	1.1	Natural Open Space, Playground

Fort Wayne	2900 Koons & Elzy	Waynedale Park	8	Basketball, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Tennis Courts, Trails/Fitness
Fort Wayne	3000 Hanna	Weisser Park	20	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Natural Open Space, Pavilion/Shelter, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Tennis Courts, Recreation Center, Rentals, Programs
Fort Wayne	Wells & Third	Wells Street Park	0.11	Natural Open Space
Fort Wayne	Fairfield & Lavinia	West Central Playlot	0.09	Playground
Fort Wayne	1600 W. Jefferson Blvd.	West Swinney Park	48.2	Ball Diamonds, Fishing, Floral Display, Natural Open Space, Picnicking, Playground, Restrooms, Rivergreenway, Swimming Pool, Jaenicke Gardens, In-Line Skate Park
Fort Wayne	Calhoun & Wildwood	Williams Park	0.74	Natural Open Space
Fort Wayne	1700 Spy Run Ave.	Zeis Park	0.05	Natural Open Space
Grabill	1400 N. Main St.	Grabill Community Park "Jack R Harris Park"		
Grabill	13131 Indiana St.	Grabill Park		
Leo-Cedarville	St. Rd. 1 / St. Joseph Street	Leo-Cedarville Park		Pavilion, Playground
Leo-Cedarville	Schwartz Road	<b>Proposed-</b> Riverside Gardens		<b>Will Have:</b> Ball Diamonds, Flora, Grand Pavilion, Farmers Market, Restrooms, Open Space
Monroeville		Monroeville Community Park		Pavilion (w/ shower facilities)
New Haven	427 Broadway	Canal Landing	0.5	Picnic Area, Pavilion
New Haven		<b>Under Development -</b> Community Trail	20	Fishing, Pond/Creek/Wetland, Walking Trails
New Haven		Haskamp Property	80	
New Haven	211 N. Rufus St.	Havenhurst Park	30	Archery, Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Picnic Area, Playground, Pavilion, Restrooms, Soccer Fields, Tennis Courts, Walking Trails, Concessions, Volleyball
New Haven	920 Hartzell Road	Heatherwood Park	15	Basketball, Pond/Creek/Wetland, Picnic Area, Playground, Walking Trails
New Haven	1702 Glencoe Blvd.	Jury Memorial Park & Pool	9.4	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Picnicking, Playground, Pavilion, Restrooms, Shuffleboard, Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, Vending, Concessions, Volleyball
New Haven	6000 Attadena Dr.	Klotz Park	10.5	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Pond/Creek/Wetland, Picnic Area, Playground, Pavilion, Concessions, Volleyball
New Haven	Minnich and Moeller	Koehlinger-Yoder Park	23.5	Pond/Creek/Wetland, Walking Trails
New Haven	1177 Woodmere	Meadowbrook Park & Pool	5.5	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Playground, Pavilion, Restrooms, Swimming Pool, Vending
New Haven	601 Main St.	Moser Park	29	Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Fishing, Ice Skating, Pond/Creek/Wetland, Picnic Area, Playground, Pavilion, Restroom, Walking Trail, Concessions
New Haven	328 Bensman	New Haven Park & Pool	3.75	Basketball, Pond/Creek/Wetland, Picnic Area, Playground, Restroom, Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, Vending
New Haven	1125 Hartzell St.	Park Office Park	2.5	Basketball, Picnic Area, Playground
New Haven	6330 Prize Ave.	Riverhaven Park - North	1	
New Haven	6330 Prize Ave.	Riverhaven Park - South	2.5	Picnic Area, Playground
New Haven	956 Park Ave.	Schnelker Park	3.5	Picnic Area, Playground, Pavilion, Restrooms, Shuffleboard, Volleyball
New Haven	2462 Medford	Sunnymede Park	3.5	Archery, Ball Diamonds, Basketball, Restrooms, Concessions
New Haven		North River Road Nature Area	38	Pond/Creek/Wetland, Walking Trails
New Haven		Werling Road Open Space	7.5	

## **Allen County Recreation Goals and Objectives**

Allen County follows State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan goals. Numbered goals are from the State's Plan and bulleted ones are the goals of Allen County, which are consistent with the State's goals.

- Continue to work with Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, and Ball State University Department of Archeology to reduce or avoid impacts to archeological sites in Fox Island developments.
- Continue environmental education programs at Fox Island, Metea, and Payton Parks, and at offsite locations.
- Continue to develop ACPR web site to inform public about properties and programs.
- Continue to provide access to and promote appropriate use of Cedar Creek from Cooks Landing and Metea Parks. Continue to explore land acquisition opportunities along Cedar Creek.
- Encourage and promote outdoor recreation participation.
- Promote opportunities for outdoor recreation activities within and beyond Allen County Parks and Recreation Department.
- Continue development of Fox Island Bowman Lake improvements and multipurpose trails. Construct additional trails and related features, picnic shelters and a Nature Center building designed to provide multiple needs of visitors at Metea. Create a master plan for Payton Park development. Continue to explore land acquisition opportunities throughout Allen County.
- Promote the value of parks and recreation as a tool to promote environmental quality, economic development and tourism to local government, business and civic groups. Support Invent Tomorrow's Arts and Parks Committee goals that are in common with the Allen County Parks and Recreation Department. Work with Fort Wayne City Parks to promote the values of parks.
- Protect and expand Indiana's wetlands, riparian habitats, and water/river recreation resources.
- Work with Fort Wayne City Parks, River Greenway Consortium, Allen County Surveyor, Little River Wetlands Project, Inc. and other groups to enhance and expand trail opportunities in riparian corridors.
- Continue to manage the Fox Island and Meno-Aki nature preserves. Continue to explore land acquisition opportunities in the Cedar Creek and Little River watersheds, as well as other riparian, wetland and woodland areas.
- Provide long-term, consistent funding for outdoor recreation and resource conservation at the state and local level.
- Continue user fee based activities at all Allen County parks. Continue to promote the need for public support through user fees.

Continue to design and acquire facilities that are self-sufficient and income producing.

- Acquire lands for outdoor recreation and resource conservation.
- Continue to expand trail systems and recreation facilities as appropriate throughout the County Park system. Explore Allen County Parks and Recreations role in expanding greenway systems.
- Expand the use of public and private partnerships for providing outdoor recreation opportunities. Continue to work with the Fox Island Alliance, Friends of Metea, Little River Wetlands Project Inc., Invent Tomorrow, National Serv-all Landfill, Stoneco Quarry, and others to provide and explore outdoor recreation opportunities.
- Acquire lands as opportunities arise throughout Allen County. Explore partnering with adjoining counties to develop regional parks with shared boundaries.
- Support legislation easing acquisition of abandoned railroad corridors for recreation and transportation in Indiana. Explore opportunities and support local efforts to acquire abandoned railroad corridors for recreation and transportation.

#### **Allen County Master Plan Objectives**

1. Solicit public participation in the planning process and develop a user view of strengths, weaknesses, needs, and desires.
2. Identify and prioritize issue and opportunities that develop through the planning process.
3. Develop a five-year action plan that will be addressed by the Park Board.

#### **City of Fort Wayne Plan Recommendations**

The vision strategies of the City of Fort Wayne are prepared based on the following seven planning themes:

1. Theme One: Rich Tradition of Stewardship
2. Theme Two: Equitable Distribution of Parks and Services
3. Theme Three: Physical Connectivity
4. Theme Four: Essential Services
5. Theme Five: Social Connectivity
6. Theme Six: Economic Development
7. Theme Seven: Sufficient Funding

Strategies have goals and sub-strategies but in this document, only primary strategies and goals are included.

#### **Strategy One: Celebrate the park system's rich tradition of stewardship.**

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate the rich 100-year tradition of stewardship, quality parks, open space, and greenways by prioritizing resources to maintain existing parks and

facilities to meet the high expectations of the community, and by developing standards for design and maintenance to continue sustainable growth of the system in the future.

**Goal:**

Recognize the qualities that distinguish the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation System and establish an operational and funding structure to maintain those qualities and perpetuate them in future development.

**Strategy Two: Provide an equitable distribution of parks and services.**

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will provide an equitable balance of neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, special recreation areas, and greenways throughout the city.

**Goal:**

Balance the park and recreation system by adopting standards for park classifications and the amount of park land and facilities appropriate for the city and each of its planning districts.

**Strategy Three: Connect the parks through greenways and trails.**

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will connect neighborhood parks, schools, and other destinations through greenways and trails to increase recreational opportunities throughout the city.

**Goal:**

Develop greenways and facilities that interconnect parks and key points of interest in the community.

**Strategy Four: Establish and define the park system's essential services.**

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will establish and define its essential services and commit sufficient resources to meet the needs of residents on an equitable, citywide basis.

**Goal:**

Establish a clear vision for each essential service, create appropriate service standards, and provide adequate funding to meet the needs and expectations of Fort Wayne residents.

**Strategy Five: Connect the community socially through parks, facilities, and events.**

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will connect the community socially to encourage broader participation in programs and events that unite neighborhoods as well as the entire community.

**Goal:**

Enhance existing parks and community heritage features and develop destination parks and events that interconnect citizens and visitors and contribute to the overall quality of life in Fort Wayne.

**Strategy Six: Enhance the park system’s role in economic development.**

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will enhance its role as a catalyst for economic growth in the city.

**Goal:**

Take an active role in supporting economic development through the provision of quality parks and facilities, development of downtown gardens and landscapes, and sponsorship of special events to improve the livability of the community and promote increased tourism.

**Strategy Seven: Secure sufficient funding to maintain and enhance the park system.**

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department will secure sufficient funding to maintain and enhance the parks and recreation system through revenue strategies consistent with the community’s values.

**Goal:**

Establish new funding sources and an appropriate balance of revenue strategies to help cover the operational and capital costs of the Department.

**New Haven – Adams Township Plan Objectives**

- Solicit public participation in the planning process and develop a user view of strengths, weakness, needs and desires.
- Identify and prioritize issues and opportunities that develop through the planning process.
- Develop a long-range action plan that will be addressed by the Park and Recreation Department in the next five years.

**Acquisition**

**Goal:** To acquire land for park and recreational purposes in a manner appropriate for the needs of the community.

**Objectives:**

- A. The provisions of the New Haven subdivision control ordinance will be utilized to provide land for recreational activities and open space requirements in residential neighborhoods.
- B. Acquire land adjacent to existing parks in areas designated as future growth areas.
- C. Identify areas of the park district currently void of parks or recreation facilities and establish a priority for acquisition in order to increase public accessibility to the park system.

- D. When and where possible, the recreational use should be located in conjunction with other appropriate public facilities such as schools.
- E. The size of recreational facilities should be adequate for the function and purpose they will serve.
- F. Encourage the establishment of cooperative agreements with private agencies and groups to be pursued in the development of recreational facilities.

**Preservation and Conservation of Cultural and Historic Values**

**Goal:** To actively preserve areas with significant natural ecological features and historic sites to provide a quality park system.

**Objectives:**

- A. Natural wooded areas, flood plains or other appropriate lands should be designated as open space.
- B. Lands or structures of historic or cultural importance should be identified, designated and preserved.
- C. Encourage the preservation of historic sites by coordinating efforts with agencies having similar interests.
- D. Develop educational programming for all age groups focused on the preservation of historic and ecological sites in the park district.
- E. Preserve rural township character through the acquisition of passive recreational lands.

**Programming and Coordination of Citizen Participation and Accessibility**

**Goals:**

- 1. To develop park areas with both active and passive facilities.
- 2. To develop recreation programs that meet the design and interests of the community’s park district patrons.

**Objectives:**

- A. Determine the community’s needs for recreational facilities and programs.
- B. Offer a variety of programmatic activities to fulfill the leisure time of all citizens of the New Haven – Adams Township Park District regardless of age, race, creed, color, gender or handicap.
- C. Provide a playground within one-half mile walking distance of every major existing residential neighborhood.
- D. Adequately publicize all available programs and facilities.
- E. Seek out and utilize, where possible, local groups, businesses, schools and service organizations to provide additional recreational activities while minimizing the Board’s role in recreational programming.

### **Implementation/Fiscal Resources**

**Goal:** To explore all community and financial resources to support, operate and improve the New Haven-Adams Township Park Department.

**Objectives:**

- A. Establish cooperative partnerships with both organized groups and individual citizens of the community.
- B. Identify all volunteers and financial donors within the community.
- C. Encourage and organize volunteer resources for active support of the park and recreation programs.
- D. Identify and pursue community resources for gifts of land, money and materials to support the park system.
- E. Identify and actively pursue all appropriate park grants and assistance programs.
- F. Develop a detailed park system's "needs list" for potential donors.
- G. Actively pursue public/private partnership agreements with developers to maximize comprehensive park space.
- H. Effectively and actively market the park programs and facilities in order to increase the client base and separate additional revenues from user fees.

### **Accessibility**

**Goal:** To provide equal accessibility to all disabled persons in order to not only meet the American Disability Act (ADA) requirements, but to provide safe and enjoyable recreational experiences to all park patrons.

**Objectives:**

- A. The Park Board shall consistently evaluate the needs of disabled park patrons in order to determine deficiencies in the park system.
- B. The Park Board shall consistently evaluate the accessibility and safety of all park programs, park facilities, and park equipment in order to determine their adequacy.

### **Improvement Recommendations for the River Greenway System**

- **Section 1: Pavement.** The condition of pavement within the Greenway varies and improvement is necessary. The entire length of the Greenway should be inspected and a predetermined length of pathway should be repaved every year. In addition, the long-term goal is that the Greenway should be kept in "skateable" condition throughout its length.



- **Section 2: Signage and Markers.** Signage along the Greenway system needs to be improved significantly. For example, important landmarks and features should be identified, old signage should be removed, and a uniform system of signs should be designed for the existing Greenway. Attractive, informative and well-maintained signage system provides the quality of the Greenway System to the users. It is recommended that a viable and user-friendly signage system be installed throughout the region.
- **Section 3: Bridge Underpasses.** There are fourteen bridge underpasses on the present Greenway system. Most of them are unattractive by their nature and location in the flood plain and by the presence of homeless and their trash. In the short term, a chain link fence under the Harrison Street Bridge needs to be installed to stop the overnight lodgers. The pathways under the Fairfield/Wells Bridge and the Sherman Street Bridge need to be repaved. Also, the drain pipe should be repaved to stop the constant sinking of the path, and the dirt pile should be leveled and the surrounding soil should be removed. For a long term solution, it is recommended that the underpasses be redesigned by a landscape architect to make the underpasses more attractive, to widen and raise the pathway a few inches to elevate it from the adjacent surfaces, and so on.
- **Section 4: Trail Heads.** Even though the Greenway maps distributed by the Park Department shows parking areas at trail heads, there is no indication that the Greenway is nearby. It is recommended that parking sites be identified at the locations indicated on the map and that other convenient sites need to be added.
- **Section 5: Redesign.** Some parts of the Greenway design have proven to be unsafe and inconvenient, or require excessive maintenance. These areas need to be redesigned to make the Greenway safer and more convenient for the users. Pathway design should give consideration to drainage over the long term and all new pathways and reconstructed pathways need to be designed to be at least 10 feet in width and 12 feet in width in high traffic areas.
- **Section 6: Maintenance.** The maintenance of the Greenway System should take into account all of the aspects of Greenway routing and construction. It passes through well-manicured city parks, along muddy floodway riverbanks, on city streets, across county bridges and on top of and at the bottom of flood control levees. Resources in the Park Department should be increased and budgets should be provided for the necessary equipment and access to subcontractors to handle difficult tasks. Furthermore, a contractual relationship between the Park Department and the various city departments needs to be devised for Greenway maintenance.

- **Section 7: Miscellaneous Projects.** Recommendations, in addition to the previous sections, include: 1. Remove all of the old wooden signposts; 2. Along Edgewater Avenue, the riverbank is eroding and may soon threaten the pathway; 3. Along the pathway between Clinton Street Bridge and North Calhoun Street, remove chain-link fence and barbed wire at the top of the old concrete wall; 4. A program for silt-curb should be developed to improve drainage of water away from the pathway; 5. Two monuments along the Greenway should be repaired.

### **Allen County Public Library Facilities**

**Main Library** (Temporary location)

200 East Berry Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46801  
Phone: (260) 421-1200

**Main Library** (Vacant-work in progress)

900 Webster Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
(Note: The main library is currently closed for remodeling and expansion. Completion is expected in 2006.)

**Aboite Branch Library**

5630 Coventry Lane  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804  
Phone: (260) 421-1310

**Dupont Branch Library**

536 E. Dupont Road  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825  
Phone: (260) 421-1315

**Georgetown Branch Library**

6660 East State Blvd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46815  
Phone: (260) 421-1320

**Grabill Branch Library** (Currently under construction-completion Spring, 2005)

13521 State St.  
Grabill, IN 46741

**Harlan Branch Library**

17530 State Road 37, P.O. Box 314  
Harlan, IN 46743  
Phone: (260) 421-1325  
(Note: This branch will be closed and replaced by the new branch in Grabill.)

**Hessen Cassel Branch Library**  
3030 East Paulding Road  
Fort Wayne, IN 46816  
Phone: (260) 421-1330

**Little Turtle Branch Library**  
2201 Sherman Blvd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46808  
Phone: (260) 421-1335

**Monroeville Branch Library**  
115 Main Street  
Monroeville, IN 46773  
Phone: (260) 421-1340

**New Haven Branch Library**  
648 Green Street  
New Haven, IN 46774-1681  
Phone: (260) 421-1345

**Pontiac Branch Library**  
2215 S. Hanna Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46803-2431  
Phone: (260) 421-1350

**Shawnee Branch Library**  
5600 Noll Avenue  
Fort Wayne, IN 46806  
Phone: (260) 421-1355

**Tecumseh Branch Library**  
1411 East State Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805  
Phone: (260) 421-1360

**Waynedale Branch Library**  
2200 Lower Huntington Road  
Fort Wayne, IN 46819  
Phone: (260) 421-1365  
(Note: This branch is currently closed for remodeling.)

**Woodburn Branch Library**  
4701 State Road 101 North  
Woodburn, IN 46797  
Phone: (260) 421-1370

## **Historic Preservation Strategy**

### **Goal**

The goal of the Historic Preservation Strategy is to look at ways to improve the preservation of historic structures and other cultural resources in Allen County. The outcome of this process will be a set of suggested policy recommendations for Allen County’s legislative bodies to consider and strategies for stakeholders to use to promote and preserve Allen County’s past. The project began in October 2004.

**Timeline**

- Phase 1: Introduction
- Phase 2: Topic Discussions
- Phase 3: Draft Recommendations
- Phase 4: Public Review
- Phase 5: Refining Draft
- Phase 6: Presentation
- Phase 7: Implementation

Phase	Months											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.
1: Introduction												
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7: Implementation												

**Roles of Staff**

The City of Fort Wayne Planning Department staff will manage and actively participate in the project. Staff will be responsible for research, writing, and presentations of information at Committee meetings. Staff will also produce relevant GIS maps and other materials and make them available for the Committee’s use. Prior to the first Committee Meeting, staff will compile an educational packet of material that will orient Committee members to the benefits of Historic Preservation and the current Fort Wayne Historic Preservation program. The packet will also include a summary of historic preservation related comments collected during the Comprehensive Plan public meetings. At subsequent meetings staff will prepare and present information on a variety of

relevant topics in Historic Preservation. Staff will maintain meeting notes and records and make them available to Committee members after each meeting.

Staff will draft recommendations for the Historic Preservation Strategy based on discussion and recommendations of the Committee, and will present the draft recommendations to the Committee and to the public. Staff will make any appropriate revisions to the recommendations, and ultimately will present the recommendations to the appropriate governing bodies. Staff will prepare suggested methods for implementation of the recommendations, and make a presentation to the Committee.

In general, staff will be responsible for reproduction and distribution of materials, emails, mailings, meeting scheduling, and other logistical and administrative functions.

### **Roles of Committee**

The 20 members of the Historic Preservation Strategy Committee will partner with City Planning Staff to develop the Historic Preservation Strategy. Members will represent a wide range of professional expertise, and will include; Fort Wayne Historic Preservation Review Board members, history and preservation interest groups, a Realtor, an architect, an archaeologist, and representatives of various Fort Wayne, Allen County, and small town governing bodies. The Committee is strongly encouraged to choose a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

The Committee will be facilitated by city staff, and will be provided with material and presentations on current issues and practices in the field of Historic Preservation, with emphasis on “best practices” and how these issues could be relevant to the historic resources of Fort Wayne and Allen County, including the small towns and rural areas. The Committee will respond to concepts and draft documents from staff, and will analyze, prioritize, and balance Historic Preservation with other community issues. The Committee will provide important input into the plan by selecting and refining preferred themes, and will act as a sounding board for staff. Committee members should expect to meet 10 times in a 1-year period. Meeting length is expected to average 1 ½ to 2 hours. Committee members are also encouraged to attend the public meeting(s) and any of the presentations to various governing bodies.

### **Scope of Work**

**Phase 1 Introduction:** In phase 1, we will discuss the purpose for developing a historic preservation strategy for Fort Wayne/Allen County. This phase will include an introduction to the benefits of historic preservation, policies and ordinances that are currently in place (in Fort Wayne), and a review of historic preservation related comments

collected during the Allen County/Fort Wayne Comprehensive Plan public meetings.

**Month 1**

*Committee Meeting 1* - Introduction/overview/review of public comments

*Committee Meeting 2* - Overview of current preservation regulations and policies (FW Historic Preservation Ordinance, Historic Preservation Review Board, local district designation, other city policies)

**Phase 2: Topic Discussions** in this phase we will cover a variety of issues addressing ways to improve historic preservation in Fort Wayne and Allen County. Each meeting session will cover one or two topics and will include an overview of existing programs and policies, examples of what other communities are doing (best practices), and open discussion on what may work for our community.

**Month 2**

*Committee Meeting 3* - Topics: Current Indiana Enabling Legislation for Historic Preservation, Historic Preservation Commissions, And Countywide HP Commissions

*Committee Meeting 4* - Topics: Rural Heritage, Rural Cultural Resources, Historic Corridors

**Month 3**

*Committee Meeting 5* - Topics: Improving Government Policies and Procedures, Financial Incentives for Property Owners

**Month 4**

*Committee Meeting 6* - Topics: Education, Marketing, Outreach, and Promotion

**Phase 3 Draft Recommendations:** Based upon the committee’s discussions in phase 2, a set of recommendations will be drafted by staff and presented to the committee. These will be revised based upon the committee’s review.

**Months 5-6**

*Developing Draft* - Staff will compile information collected; issues discussed by the committee and develop a set of draft recommendations

**Month 7**

*Committee Meeting 7* - Draft recommendations are presented to the committee for review and comment.

**Phase 4: Public Review** In this phase, the public will have an opportunity to review the draft recommendations for the strategy and provide ideas and comments. This meeting will be open to all Allen County residents.

**Month 8**

*Public Meeting* – Time and location TBD.

**Phase 5: Refining Draft** Based upon the public meeting comments, staff and the committee will determine where changes are necessary and make appropriate changes.

**Month 9**

*Committee Meeting 8* - Discussion of public meeting comments and revision of draft recommendations

**Phase 6: Presentations** In phase 6, if applicable, staff would present the recommendations to the following groups: FW City Council, Allen County Commissioners, Woodburn City Council, Leocedarville City Council, New Haven City Council, Grabill Town Council, Monroeville Town Council, and Hunteertown Town Council.

**Months 10-11**

*Presentations* – Various locations

**Month 11**

*Committee Meeting 9* - Staff and the committee will discuss the outcome of the various presentations and determine what changes to the strategy are necessary.

**Phase 7: Implementation Plan** Staff and the Committee will meet to determine the best means to implement the strategy's recommendations.

**Month 12**

*Committee Meeting 10* - Staff and committee members will discuss methods to execute the strategy's recommendations.

**Twenty Member Advisory Committee:**

- (2) Historic Preservation Review Board Member
- (1) ARCH
- (1) History Center

- (1) County Historian
- (1) West Central Neighborhood Association
- (1) Williams Woodland Neighborhood Association
- (1) AIA Northeast Indiana Chapter representative
- (1) Board of Realtors
- (1) Archaeologist
- (1) Allen County Commissioners (appointee)
- (1) Fort Wayne Mayor (appointee)
- (1) Allen County Council (appointee)
- (1) Fort Wayne City Council (appointee)
- (1) City of New Haven (Council appointee)
- (1) City of Leo-Cedarville (Council appointee)
- (1) City of Woodburn (Council appointee)
- (1) Town of Grabill (Council appointee)
- (1) Town of Monroeville (Council appointee)
- (1) Town of Huntertown (Council appointee)

**List of Historic Properties and Districts of the City of Fort Wayne and Allen County**

Updated through December 6, 2004, this list includes all properties in Fort Wayne and Allen County that have obtained any type of historic designation. Each entry includes the historic name of the property or district, the year of listing in parentheses, and the address of the property. The types of historic designation are: Fort Wayne Local Historic Districts, the Indiana State Register of Historic Places, the National Register of Historic Places, the Historic American Buildings Survey, and one National Historic Landmark.

**Fort Wayne Local Historic Districts**

The Fort Wayne Historic Preservation and Protection Ordinance provides for Local Historic Designation. Local Historic District designation may be applied to a single property or a group of properties. Upon designation, a design review process, prescribed by the ordinance, regulates proposed exterior changes by requiring property owners to apply for and obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness before a building permit can be issued or exterior work begun.

**The Landing** (1965)

**Chief Richardville Residence** (1966)  
5705 Bluffton Rd.

**Embassy Theater/Indiana Hotel** (1975)  
121 West Jefferson Blvd,

**Canal House** (1976)  
114 East Superior St.



**Engine House No. 3** (1977)  
226 West Washington Blvd.

**Trinity Episcopal Church** (197?)  
611 West Berry St.

**Hugh McCulloch House** (1980)  
616 West Superior St.

**Old National Mill Building** (1983)  
(Market Building)  
817 South Barr St.

**Business Equipment Company** (1983)  
618-620 South Calhoun St.

**Atlantis Travel Building** (1983)  
916 South Calhoun St.

**Mommer Building** (1984)  
814 South Calhoun St.

**Maier/DeWood Residence** (1984)  
818 South Lafayette St.

**Elektron Building** (1984)  
215 East Berry St.

**West Central Historic District** (1984-1985)

**Williams-Woodland Park Historic District** (1985)  
Knights of Pythias Hall (1985)  
120-122 West Washington Blvd.

**Freistroffer Block** (1986)  
(Some Wear on Main)  
207 West Main St.

**Engine House No. 5** (1987)  
1405 Broadway

**Kresge-Groth Block** (1989)  
914 South Calhoun St.

**Schmitz Block** (1989)  
926-930 South Calhoun St.

**Blackstone Building** (1989)  
112 West Washington Blvd.

**Fort Wayne Printing Building** (1989)  
114 West Washington Blvd.

**Dr. Schulz Office/Residence** (1990)

(Betty's Antiques)  
1421 Broadway

**Pennsylvania RR Station** (1990)  
(Baker Street Station)  
231 West Baker St.

**Cindy's Diner** (1991)  
830 South Harrison St.

**Welch Hardware Building** (1991)  
(Bercot)  
1915-17 South Calhoun St.

**Doubleday Building** (1991)  
437-441 East Berry St.

**Troy Laundry Building** (1991)  
1717 South Calhoun St.

**Rialto Theater** (1993)  
2614-16 South Calhoun St.

**Stellhorn Photo** (1995)  
816 South Calhoun St.

**Eakins-Kline House** (1995)  
521 West Wayne St.

**R.C. Bell House-Klaehn Funeral Home** (1995)  
420 West Wayne St.

**Tilbury Farm** (1996)  
1928 Reed Rd.

**Mordhurst Oriental Drug Store** (1997)  
(Klingler Jewelers)  
812 South Calhoun St.

**Old City Hall/ACFW Historical Museum** (1997)  
302 East Berry St.

**Shawnee Place Historic District** (1998)

**Engine House No. 10** (1998)  
1245 East State Blvd.

**Hildebrand Hardware Buildings** (1998)  
2036 & 2042 Broadway

**Broadway Theater** (1998)  
2441 Broadway

**William & Edith Mossman House** (1998)

450 West Oakdale Dr.

**Engine House #7** (1998)  
1716 West Main St.

**William D. Bostick House** (1998)  
533 West Washington Blvd.

**William Moellering & Sons Bldg.** (1999)  
1301-09 Lafayette St.

**Fairfield-Nestel House** (1999)  
813-15 West Creighton Ave.

**J. Ross McCulloch House** (1999)  
334 East Berry St.

**Hoosier Store #28** (1999)  
3412 Fairfield Ave.

**Gerding's Drug Store** (1999)  
3414 Fairfield Ave.

**Sophia & Elizabeth DeWald House** (1999)  
460 East DeWald St.

**Henry J. Baker House** (1999)  
1004-1008 Delaware Ave.

**George Fox House** (1999)  
803 Walnut St.

**Dryer-Flick House** (1999)  
143 Waldron Circle

**Bostick-Keim House** (2000)  
426 East Wayne St.

**Braun-Leslie House** (2000)  
4817 East State Blvd.

**Fort Wayne Engraving Company Bldg.** (2000)  
120 West Superior St.

**Commercial Building** (2000)  
1111-1113 Broadway

**Spiegel Block** (2001)  
1401 Broadway

**Col. Sion & Eliza Bass House** (2001)  
509 West Washington Blvd.

**South Side Farmers Market** (2001)  
3300 Block Warsaw Street

**Harry A. Keplinger House (2002)**  
125 West Creighton Ave.

**Hiram B. Woolsey House (2002)**  
129 West Creighton Ave.

**Clyde A. Jackson House (2002)**  
130 West Creighton Ave.

**International Harvester Tower (2003)**  
2701 S. Coliseum Blvd.

**Macbeth House and Office (2003)**  
419 E. Wayne St.

**William and Louise Thiel House (2003)**  
1522 W. Main St.

### **Indiana State Register of Historic Places**

The criteria for listing properties on the State Register are virtually the same as the National Register of Historic Places criteria. Listing protects historic properties from adverse effects of state-funded construction projects.

**Fox Island Nature Preserve Archaeological District (1983)**  
4324 Yohne Rd.  
Fort Wayne

**Bash Building (1990)**  
126 W. Columbia St.  
Fort Wayne

**William and Louise Thiel House (2003)**  
1522 W. Main St.  
Fort Wayne

### **National Register of Historic Places**

The National Register of Historic Places is the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources. Properties listed in the Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. Listing protects properties from the adverse effects of federally funded projects. The National Park Service administers the National Register, with the assistance of the Indiana DNR-Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology and the City of Fort Wayne as a Certified Local Government (CLG).

**Johnny Appleseed Memorial Park (1973)**  
3800 block Parnell Ave., east side

**Fort Wayne City Hall (1973)**  
302 East Berry St.

**Embassy Theater/Indiana Hotel (1975)**  
121 West Jefferson Blvd.

**William S. Edsall House (1976)**  
305 West Main St.

**Allen County Courthouse (1976)**  
715 South Calhoun St.

**Lindenwood Cemetery (1978)**  
2324 West Main St.

**Trinity Episcopal Church (1978)**  
611 West Berry St.

**Christian G. Strunz (Sponhauer) House (1979)**  
1017 West Berry St.

**Engine House No. 3 (1979)**  
226 West Washington Blvd.

**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (1980)**  
1117 South Calhoun St.

**Robert M. Feustel House (1980)**  
4101 West Taylor St.

**Hugh McCulloch House (1980)**  
616 West Superior St.

**John Claus Peters House (1980)**  
832 West Wayne St.

**Thomas W. Swinney House (1981)**  
1424 West Jefferson St.

**John H. Bass Mansion (1982)**  
2701 Spring St.

**Journal Gazette Building (1982)**  
701 South Clinton St.

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (1982)**  
1126 South Barr St.

**Fairfield Manor (1983)**  
2301 Fairfield Ave.

**Harry A. Keplinger House (1983)**  
235 West Creighton Ave.

**Craigville Depot (1984)**  
Ryan and Edgerton Rds.  
New Haven vicinity

**West End Historic District (1984)**

**Horney Robinson House (1985)**  
7320 Lower Huntington Rd.  
Fort Wayne vicinity

**Fisher West Farm (1985)**  
17935 West Rd.  
Huntertown vicinity

**Kresge-Groth Building (1988)**  
914 S. Calhoun St.

**Schmitz Block (1988)**  
926-930 South Calhoun St.

**Blackstone Building (1988)**  
112 West Washington Blvd.

**Fort Wayne Printing Building (1988)**  
114 West Washington Bldg.

**Louis Mohr Block (1988)**  
119 West Wayne St.

**Wells Street Bridge (1989)**  
Wells St. at St. Mary's River

**Randall Building/Wayne Hardware (1990)**  
616-18 South Harrison Blvd.

**St. Peter's Square (1991)**  
Roughly bounded by St. Martin, Hanna, East Dewald, & Warsaw Sts.,  
including 518 E. Dewald.

**Williams-Woodland Park Historic District (1991)**

**Masonic Temple (1991)**  
206 East Washington Blvd.

**South Wayne Historic District (1992)**

**The Landing (1993)**

**St. Vincent Villa/YWCA (1994)**  
2000 Wells St.

**Dutch Ridge Historic District (1995)**  
17915 and 17819 Old Auburn Rd. and Salem Reformed Church  
Cemetery Huntertown vicinity

**St. Louis Besancon Historic District** (1995)  
15529-15535 East Lincoln Highway  
New Haven vicinity

**New York, Chicago, & St. Louis Railroad Steam Locomotive No. 765** (1996)  
15808 Edgerton Rd.  
New Haven

**Chief Jean-Baptiste de Richardville House**  
(Chief Richardville Residence) (1997)  
5705 Bluffton Rd.

**John Brown Stone Warehouse** (1997)  
114 East Superior St.

**Pennsylvania Railroad/Baker Street Station** (1998)  
221 West Baker St.

**Oakdale Historic District** (2000)

**McCulloch-Weatherhogg Double House** (2001)  
334-336 East Berry St.

**Smith Field** (2003)  
426 W. Ludwig Rd.

**Wabash Railroad Depot** (2003)  
530 State St.  
New Haven

**John and Dorothy Haynes House** (2004)  
3901 N. Washington Rd.

**Irene Byron Tuberculosis Sanitorium-Physicians' Residences** (2004)  
12371 and 12407 Lima Rd.

**Alexander T. Rankin House** (2004)  
818 S. Lafayette St.

### **Historic American Buildings Survey**

The Historic American Building Survey (HABS) program began in 1933 as a Civil Works Administration effort. Buildings that have undergone HABS documentation have been measured, photographed, researched, and carefully drawn. This permanent record is stored in the Library of Congress.

**Aboite Township District School No. 5** (Year Unknown)  
Aboite Center Rd. near Homestead Rd.  
Fort Wayne vicinity

**Pleasant Township School (Demolished)** (1972)  
SW corner Smith and Ferguson Rds.

Fort Wayne vicinity

**Thomas W. Swinney House (1934)**

1424 West Jefferson St.

Fort Wayne

**National Historic Landmark**

The National Historic Landmark (NHL) program was initiated by the Historic Sites Act of 1935. Properties designated as NHLs have been recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as having significance for all Americans.

**Allen County Courthouse (2003)**

715 South Calhoun St.

Fort Wayne