



# Great Places 2020

## Overview and Plan Progress Update

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# About Great Places 2020

According to the Project for Public Spaces, a city must have a number of great places to be a community where people choose to live, work, and play. Indianapolis has some great places to be sure: Fountain Square, Irvington, Broad Ripple, Downtown, and others. But, we need to be more proactive in growing these places as we continue to compete both regionally and nationally.

Great Places 2020 is an initiative created to respond to this need. The effort seeks to transform strategic places in Marion County into dynamic urban villages. These places already have great assets and potential, but they also have challenges that this process hopes to address. Philanthropic, civic, and private partners will engage with neighborhoods to make significant social and capital investments to enhance quality of life and spur private investment.

As a collective impact initiative, Great Places 2020 counts on the contributions of many for its success—from neighborhood stakeholders at each of the Great Places to citywide investment partners.

## Implementation Partners:



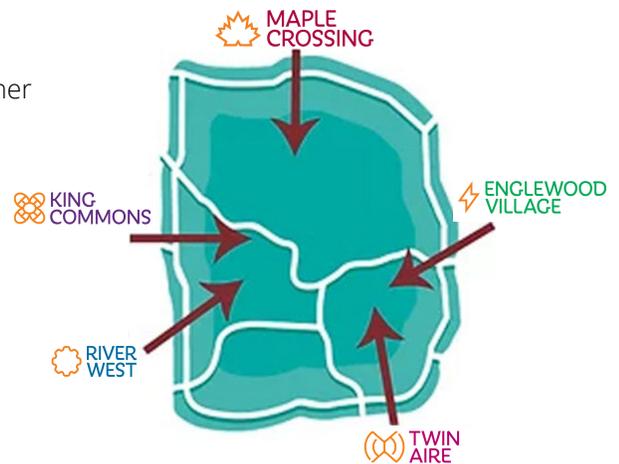
## Great Places and Neighborhood Conveners:



## Locations:

Five strategic places located within the west, north and, east sides of Indianapolis, have deep roots in our city's history. While each Great Place has its own unique character and vision, together they strengthen Indianapolis and will contribute to the City as Indianapolis continues to grow and prosper. In late 2014, the first three Great Places were selected, followed by Twin Aire and King Commons in 2018.

- Englewood Village is centered at the intersection of East Washington and Oxford streets
- Maple Crossing is centered at the intersection of 38th and Illinois streets
- River West is centered at the intersection of West Michigan Street and King Avenue
- Twin Aire is centered at the intersection of Southeastern and English avenues
- King Commons is centered at the intersection of 25th and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. streets



*\*IUPUI served as the previous convener for River West.*



Just east of downtown Indianapolis is an area centered at the intersection of East Washington and Oxford streets. The residents there are the doers, the innovators, the community looking to once again spark the city with their ingenuity, intellect, and uplifting spirit. Englewood Village's Great Place designation is helping increase the sense of community and inspiration as the area looks to become an established place of sustainability and innovation.

Prior to the Great Places 2020 initiative, Englewood Village was characterized by an increasing population after a steep decline over the previous decade, high rates of residents without a high school diploma, low median household incomes, and high vacancy rates. Englewood Village is comprised of a majority-white population, although in recent years it has seen a decline in their proportion of white residents (from 57 percent in 2015 to 51 percent in 2018), and an increase in their proportion of Black residents (from 18 to 21 percent).

Like much of the Near Eastside, the spirit of Englewood Village community exists because of its strong sense of history combined with a dedication to community development. As part of the city-wide Great Places 2020 initiative, Englewood Village has completed a strategic planning process that identifies goals and strategies in four areas: Livability, Opportunity, Vitality and Education.

**Livability Goals:**

- Make walking, biking, and public transit the preferred option
- Create public spaces that are unique, lively, and authentic
- Expand existing and develop new recreation, public health, and sustainability opportunities
- Provide crime prevention education and safety efforts

**Opportunity Goals:**

- Create mixed-use, walkable developments at key commercial areas
- Promote food production as economic development
- Effectively market existing, but hidden, industrial and commercial assets
- Assist entrepreneurs and small business owners in local investments
- Increase employment density and encourage larger businesses with employment opportunities to locate here in legacy industrial properties

**Vitality Goals:**

- Provide a variety of housing types and financing mechanisms
- Increase local control of concentrated vacant property areas
- Retain existing residents with homeowner and rental repair funds and programs

**Education Goals:**

- Convene an Early Childhood Taskforce to increase high-quality early childhood education
- Develop a local, neighborhood school and excellent K-8 education resources
- Provide education opportunities for vulnerable youth
- Connect adults to education and job training options in the community
- Pursue opportunities with higher education providers and local partners

# ENGLEWOOD VILLAGE

Eighty-seven strategies were identified to achieve the LOVE goals in Englewood Village, and progress on these strategies was recorded by the neighborhood coordinator. After four years, 86 percent of the strategies to achieve LOVE goals in Englewood Village were either recorded as completed or in progress, while 14% had either no action or had been put on hold.



## **Livability**

Health and/or recreational facilities improved: 4  
Projects within 1 block of projected transit corridors: 20  
Greenspace improvements: 36  
Connectivity improvements: 14  
Cultural/creative placemaking events: 3118  
People impacted by food initiatives: 550  
Public safety and community partnerships: 19

## **Opportunity:**

Brownfields tested or remediated: 29  
New jobs created: 110  
Small businesses assisted: 106  
Commercial square footage improved: 502,526

## **Vitality:**

Housing units new or improved for rent: 110  
Housing units new or improved for sale: 20

## **Education:**

Educational programs and facilities assisted: 36

## Success Stories:



The long-vacant PR Mallory Campus site is now home to Paramount School of Excellence and Purdue Polytechnic, creating educational and employment opportunities for neighbors, and is once again a valuable asset for the Near Eastside community.



Neighboring properties Parker Place, 39 units serving seniors from vulnerable populations, and Oxford Senior Apartments, a 30-unit net-positive energy development, help address the need for affordable housing while bringing state-of-the-art facilities to the Near Eastside.



The Nature Playspace and Community Garden is a wonderful neighborhood asset and features dozens of trees, 12 raised garden beds, a sandbox, picnic shelter, several murals and compost bins. The space provides a nature learning environment to students of DayStar Childcare.



Residents and visitors can stroll down Washington Street and sample the tamale-focused Tlaolli and visit the print shop and artist cooperative, Cat Head Press.



The East Washington Branch Library opened its doors in 1910 as one of the original Carnegie libraries in Indianapolis. The branch was completely renovated in 2016, bringing a century-old building into the 21st century.



The neighborhood is also home to Uplift Produce, an indoor farm that utilizes a multi-tiered agricultural system and climate-controlled environment to produce a high and predictable yield of year-round fresh, organic produce.



201 Studios is an exciting redevelopment of a 100-year-old factory on the near East side. The transformed 60,000 square foot building is now home to small and medium studios hosting an eclectic group of talented artists and makers, including painters, print-makers, woodworkers and more.



Englewood Village is also home to Thomas Gregg Neighborhood School, formerly IPS School #15. After years of planning by a neighborhood taskforce, a unique partnership with IPS paved the way to convert this school to an Innovation Network School.



Making the corridor more pedestrian-friendly by providing more generous sidewalks, and adding crosswalks like this one at the intersection of Washington and Parker, has helped create the character of an urban village.



Spend any time near 38th and Illinois streets, the central node of this Great Places 2020 district, and you'll hear stories of the old neighborhood. Together, neighbors banded to form a strong and tight-knit community, where children played with one another, music was played, school was attended and all congregated in unity at church. What is now called Maple Crossing is an area full of history, richness, culture and love. Maple Crossing sits at the cross points of four neighborhoods: Butler-Tarkington, Crown Hill, Meridian-Kessler and Mapleton-Fall Creek. Maple Crossing is the neighborhood in the middle of it all with mid-century modern style emerging from a midlife crisis, halfway between a conflicted past and an optimistic future.

Prior to the Great Places 2020 initiative, Maple Crossing was characterized by an increasing population, low median household incomes, and high vacancy rates. Maple Crossing is comprised of a majority-Black population, although the proportion of Black residents declined slightly between 2015 and 2018, from 62 to 60 percent. Meanwhile, the percentage of white and Latinx residents increased slightly over this time period (from 35 to 36 percent and from 2 to 3 percent, respectively).

As part of the city-wide Great Places 2020 initiative, Maple Crossing has completed a strategic planning process that identifies goals and strategies in four areas: Livability, Opportunity, Vitality and Education.

**Livability Goals:**

- Encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use and discourage excessive motoring speeds
- Turn Tarkington Park into a destination urban park and enhance the physical and natural environment
- Improve health and safety

**Opportunity Goals:**

- Increase local employment and provide direct access to other job centers
- Develop a mixed-use commercial center around Tarkington Park
- Create a place-based strategy for the retention and attraction of small businesses and larger enterprises

**Vitality Goals:**

- Reduce housing blight and abandonment
- Improve existing owner-occupied and rental housing stock
- Increase interest in new home ownership of all income levels
- Create a large-scale, market building redevelopment initiative south of 38th Street

**Education Goals:**

- Transform IPS School 43 into a high-quality neighborhood school for families within the Great Place
- Increase the array and quality of early childhood resources and out-of school time programming for families with children in the Great Place
- Increase educational support services through the Mid-North Promise Program
- Develop targeted strategy for workforce development and entrepreneurship for adult residents within the Great Place



Fifty-eight strategies were identified to achieve the LOVE goals in Maple Crossing, and progress on these strategies was recorded by the neighborhood coordinator. After four years, 63 percent of the strategies to achieve LOVE goals in Maple Crossing were either recorded as completed or in progress, while 36% had either no action or had no information entered.



**Livability**

- Health and/or recreational facilities improved: 10
- Projects within 1 block of projected transit corridors: 13
- Greenspace improvements: 25
- Connectivity improvements: 155
- Cultural/creative placemaking events: 16
- People impacted by food initiatives: 13,015
- Public safety and community partnerships: 9

**Opportunity:**

- Brownfields tested or remediated: 2
- New jobs created: 64
- Small businesses assisted: 51
- Commercial square footage improved: 21,301

**Vitality:**

- Housing units new or improved for rent: 0
- Housing units new or improved for sale: 39

**Education:**

- Educational programs and facilities assisted: 20
- Center for Working Families (CWF) participants in Bridge programming: 18
- CWF participants increasing credit score: 70
- CWF participants increasing net income: 28
- CWF participants increasing net worth: 0
- CWF participants obtaining job: 22

## Success Stories:



Maple Crossing is anchored by Tarkington Park, a public green space “acquired for the people” in 1945. The 10.5-acre park – bound by 39th, 40th, Illinois and Meridian Streets – has many amenities including a cafe, splash park, large children’s play area, central plaza, and an improved streetscape.



A walk from 38th and Illinois to 40th will show you a barbershop, a dry-cleaning business now in its second generation, and the Melody Inn - playing live music and serving libations since 1935.



A full-service stoplight was installed at the corner of 40th and Meridian streets, allowing safer access to Tarkington Park.



The Concord Building is a 14,000-square foot historic site that has gone through many iterations. The building wants to do exactly what its name says to do: bring people together in agreement. The building houses Alkemy, a minority entrepreneurship hub that provides training, mentorship, technical assistance and financial resources.



The 13-mile Red Line, Indy’s first “fixed guideway” transit in more than 60 years, stops in the heart of Maple Crossing. The walkable-built environment along the Red Line connects riders with residential, retail, and business environments.



The Martin Luther King Community Center provides affordable outcome-based after-school programs for working families. In 2018, the Center added a Best Buy Teen Tech Center to help engage youth, teens, and young adults in life-changing experiences.



In response to the need for quality affordable housing, Midtown Indy partnered with a local developer to transform the vacant, 75,000 sq. ft. former United Way headquarters into Parkside at Tarkington, a mixed-use development with 60 units of affordable senior housing. Targeted completion date is 2021.



James Whitcomb Riley School #43 was selected to receive a learning garden to not only grow food, but to serve as a dynamic outdoor classroom, transforming the urban schoolyard into a vibrant gathering place.



Midtown Indy collaborated with the Harrison Center to highlight the area’s rich history through art including gallery displays, Hip Hoperetta musical history tours, building murals, and more.



River West has a history rich with the contributions from hardworking people. The geographic proximity to factories and industrial businesses provides a convenience for many living in the neighborhood. Residents worked with the Great Places 2020 initiative to create a new vision for the future around a new economy, capitalizing on the proximity to major Indianapolis attractions and anchoring partner organizations is an asset that cannot be ignored. A renewed sense of optimism and focus has been placed on improving the quality of life for all in the neighborhood. Residents and partners are uniting to change the narrative along West Michigan Street so that it might bring walkable and bikeable infrastructure to the neighborhood, focus on activity along West Michigan Street to catalyze demand for residential and commercial development and leverage technology, arts, and supply-chain partnerships to underpin the neighborhood's economic foundation.

Prior to the Great Places 2020 initiative, River West was characterized by stagnant population growth, low median household incomes, high rates of residents without a high school diploma, and high vacancy rates. River West is the most racially and ethnically diverse neighborhood in the Great Places initiative, with 35 percent of the population being Black, 31 percent Latinx, and 30 percent white (as of 2018). Since 2015, the percentage of Latinx residents increased by 4 percent, while the percentage of Black and white residents decreased (by 3 percent and 2 percent, respectively).

As part of the city-wide Great Places 2020 initiative, River West has completed a strategic planning process that identifies goals and strategies in four areas: Livability, Opportunity, Vitality and Education.

#### **Livability Goals:**

- Encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use
- Provide public spaces that are unique, lively, and authentic to the Near West community
- Employ crime prevention strategies and enhance public safety efforts
- Create opportunities to improve public health and access to healthy food
- Enrich arts and cultural opportunities through promoting community creativity, inviting arts programming, and celebrating Near West history

#### **Opportunity Goals:**

- Foster an entrepreneurial environment that builds upon the geographic proximity to downtown Indianapolis, 16 Tech, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IUPUI, and the hospital complex
- Create infrastructure and develop partnerships to support economic development and employment opportunities

#### **Vitality Goals:**

- Increase residential density by providing a variety of housing types with demographic and income diversity
- Create a beautiful, welcoming neighborhood through reducing blight and abandonment
- Improve the awareness and marketability of neighborhood housing stock

#### **Education Goals:**

- Increase access to quality early childhood education offerings
- Improve graduation rates at George Washington Community High School
- Enhance opportunities for adult learning and workforce training



Seventy-seven strategies were identified to achieve the LOVE goals in River West. In 2018, residents shifted the focus to 25 strategies and progress was recorded by the neighborhood coordinator. After four years, 60 percent of the strategies to achieve LOVE goals in River West were either recorded as completed or in progress, while 34 percent had either no action, no information entered, or had stalled or been put on hold, and 4 percent had failed.



**Livability**

- Health and/or recreational facilities improved: 5
- Projects within 1 block of projected transit corridors: 6
- Greenspace improvements: 13
- Connectivity improvements: 1
- Cultural/creative placemaking events: 70
- People impacted by food initiatives: 7,669
- Public safety and community partnerships: 32

**Opportunity:**

- Brownfields tested or remediated: 1
- New jobs created: 11
- Small businesses assisted: 10
- Commercial square footage improved: 9,548

**Vitality:**

- Housing units new or improved for rent: 5
- Housing units new or improved for sale: 17

**Education:**

- Educational programs and facilities assisted: 97

## Success Stories:



The SOURCE River West Entrepreneurship Center promotes and encourages business ownership by assisting in the launch of entrepreneurial ventures and support start-up to scale-up businesses.



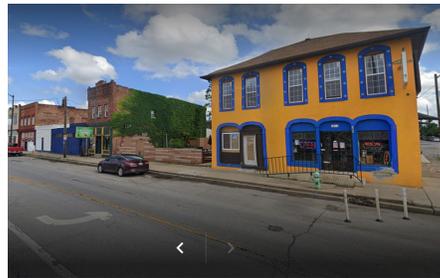
The River West Art Alley is an open-air art gallery located on the West Michigan Street corridor that plays host to a number of cultural events in River West including festivals, pop-up art galleries and musical performances.



Indy Convergence is an arts organization that strives to empower and connect artists in an inclusive, collaborative environment. More than just an artist collective, it is breathing life and beauty into the neighborhood through all art forms.



The Fonseca Theater, a locally operated independent theater that works to give voice to and celebrate minority communities in Indianapolis through the prism of purposeful theater and civic engagement.



The Washington Street corridor features a number of delicious eateries including neighborhood favorites Vee's Sandwich Shop - a breakfast and lunch gathering spot, and Super Tortas - an authentic Mexican sandwich shop.



Neighboring anchor institutions, Eskenazi Health and IUPUI, are part of the Anchoring Revitalization Program, a sweeping strategy aimed at redevelopment that provides incentives for employees to live in River West to be closer to work, spurring neighborhood revitalization across the urban core.



In 2018, Lilly and partners launched the Diabetes Impact Project – Indianapolis Neighborhoods (DIP-IN), a neighborhood-based, data-driven pilot to help address the high rates of diabetes in three neighborhoods, including River West and King Commons. Each area has three Community Health Workers who connect individuals to medical and social resources.



The B&O Trail, which is being developed along a former Baltimore and Ohio Railroad corridor, will soon reach River West. When completed, the 15-mile long corridor will connect White River State Park through Haughville, the town of Speedway, and west into the trail system in Hendricks County.



Through secured federal funding, DPW plans to upgrade and reconstruct Michigan Avenue from White River Parkway West Drive to Holmes Avenue. Planning is underway and construction is scheduled to be complete in 2024. The project includes widened sidewalks, bike infrastructure, upgraded bus stops, and traffic calming elements.



Nestled on the northwest outskirts of downtown Indy, bound by 25th and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. streets, lies a gem of a community. Rich in heritage, culture and green space, King Commons is home to a main street that honors Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., an icon of American history. King Commons is a unique community with a strong Black identity and many interesting cultural initiatives. King's legacy is an enduring part of the cultural commons, shaping the community's drive for peace, justice and prosperity. King Commons is characterized by the West African Adinkra symbol Bese Sake, located in the center of the Flanner House gardens, which represents agriculture, influence, power, abundance, plenty, togetherness and unity.

Prior to the Great Places 2020 initiative, King Commons was characterized by stagnant population growth, high rates of residents without a high school diploma, low median household incomes, and high vacancy rates. In 2018, 87 percent of King Commons' residents were Black, an increase of 4 percent since 2015. The proportion of Latinx residents in the neighborhood also increased over this time frame, from 3 percent in 2015 to 6 percent in 2018. Meanwhile, the percentage of white residents in King Commons decreased, from 6 percent in 2015 to less than 2 percent in 2018.

As part of the city-wide Great Places 2020 initiative, King Commons has completed a strategic planning process that identifies goals and strategies in four areas: Livability, Opportunity, Vitality and Education.

#### **Livability Goals:**

- Become the hub for Black arts and culture
- Promote resilience through community agriculture and celebrating Flanner House's historic role in this area
- Update Watkins Park and other public spaces based on usage and opportunity
- Improve relationships across the neighborhood
- Develop connectivity, enhance sustainability, and improve the pedestrian experience of streets, alleys, and other public spaces that impact the area

#### **Opportunity Goals:**

- Connect residents with a spectrum of educational and career opportunities, from tech to advanced and sustainable building trades
- Provide financial help to nurture start-up businesses of all types, including food-based businesses, the tech industry, renewables, and skilled trades
- Develop a mixed-use presence at 25th and MLK to be a center of community and commercial prosperity
- Create and grow relationships with nearby institutions and local businesses

#### **Vitality Goals:**

- Increase variety of housing options and prices appealing to existing Black community, and former residents who've left in recent decades
- Create affordable home ownership opportunities for renters programs, offer training in rehab and homesteading
- Develop resilient, sustainable concepts for homeowners that are forward-looking and reduce energy costs
- Promote employer incentive housing in partnership with nearby anchor institutions
- Boost access to existing programs and funding for home repairs and upkeep

#### **Education Goals:**

- Develop more relationships with local schools as they evolve in the area
- Provide education opportunities and environments for children beyond the core curriculum of schools
- Provide social support services for K-12 students that address obstacles that impede learning
- Offer educational programs to increase job opportunities and readiness
- Connect residents to opportunities for post-secondary education with local institutions



Seventy-five strategies were identified to achieve the LOVE goals in King Commons, and progress on these strategies was recorded by the neighborhood coordinator. After two years, 44 percent of the strategies to achieve LOVE goals in King Commons were either recorded as completed or in progress, while 56% had either no action, had stalled, or had no information entered.



**Livability**

- Health and/or recreational facilities improved: 3
- Projects within 1 block of projected transit corridors: 1
- Greenspace improvements: 14
- Connectivity improvements: 1
- Cultural/creative placemaking events: 48
- People impacted by food initiatives: 389
- Public safety and community partnerships: 15
- Health partners engaging/investing in the area: 16

**Opportunity:**

- Brownfields tested or remediated: 1
- New jobs created: 74
- Small businesses assisted: 234
- Commercial square footage improved: 7

**Vitality:**

- Housing units new or improved for rent: 52
- Housing units new or improved for sale: 22

**Education:**

- Center for Working Families (CWF) participants  
Bridge programming: 50
- CWF participants increasing credit score: 70
- CWF participants increasing net income: 138
- CWF participants increasing net worth: 0
- CWF participants obtaining job: 89

## Success Stories:



Flanner House has been a community anchor for over a century, providing educational, social and economic resources including Flanner Farm; the Farming, Education, Employment and Distribution, or FEED, program; a shared kitchen; a day care; and an orchard.



On the heels of the Double 8 grocery stores closing, Flanner House established its 2.5 acre Flanner Farm to address widespread food scarcity. Flanner Farm provides healthy, affordable, culturally appropriate produce to those who need it most, while becoming food secure and self-sufficient in the process.



Cleo's Bodega & Cafe opened its doors in 2019, giving area residents access to healthy, affordable foods. The combination grocery store and restaurant sells produce grown by Flanner House, Cleo's parent organization. It also serves as a WiFi hub for the community.



Watkins Park is a 21-acre urban oasis with picturesque views of the Indianapolis skyline. Featuring a picnic shelter, playground, and numerous sporting facilities for basketball, football, baseball and horseshoes, the park is also a popular destination for events and concerts.



King Commons is host to many community events including the Black Owned Business Block Party, highlighting more than 100 businesses across numerous industries, and Open Bite Night, featuring delicious food dishes from local cooks, chefs, caterers and aspiring food professionals.



Flanner House Orchard is a neighborhood-led project that serves as a gathering space and reflects the community's vision and culture; complete with a plethora of fruit trees, raised beds, a playscape and learning space.



Primed for completion in 2021, Canal Village includes 37 single-family homes for low- to moderate-income residents on the Northwest side. Offered on a rent-to-own basis, the project provides a needed pathway to homeownership.



Several colorful murals now welcome residents and visitors at the northern entrance to the King Commons Great Place. Located in Girton Plaza, the artwork was created by resident artists in partnership with Groundwork Indy.



New Life Development Ministries completed renovation of a formerly vacant building located at 2819 Clifton Street to function as a construction trade training center for returning citizens.



Just Southeast of downtown Indianapolis is a community that serves as home to a highly diverse group of 2,300 residents. This neighborhood has a rich history as a place of invention and craft, this neighborhood seeks to create a walkable community with an identifiable center, while offering a mix of public spaces and facilities, with quality education options and small business opportunities, all within a unique mix of market-rate housing which is affordable for working-class families and seniors.

Prior to the Great Places 2020 initiative, Twin Aire was characterized by a decreasing population, low median household incomes, and high rates of residents without a high school diploma. In 2015, Twin Aire was a majority-white neighborhood, as white residents comprised 52 percent of the population. However, in the four-year period between 2015 and 2018, new residents moved to the area. As of 2018, 39 percent of Twin Aire's residents were white, 39 percent were Black, and 20 percent were Latinx.

As part of the city-wide Great Places 2020 initiative, Twin Aire completed a strategic planning process that identifies goals and strategies in four areas: Livability, Opportunity, Vitality and Education.

#### **Livability Goals:**

- Increase connectivity throughout the area by expanding trails, improving pedestrian infrastructure, and creating opportunities to access a variety of transportation options
- Expand access to art, nature, and recreational opportunities for all residents
- Improve public health and safety
- Create a community center

#### **Opportunity Goals:**

- Establish a dense, mixed-use center of activity that attracts local businesses and enhances economic development initiatives
- Increase employment opportunities for local residents and create an economic development initiative that leverages the strengths of the neighborhood to attract local businesses and higher paying employers
- Create resources for entrepreneurship and minimize barriers to entry for small businesses

#### **Vitality Goals:**

- Ensure that the area will remain affordable for residents of all income levels by developing programs to assist current residents to remain in their neighborhood
- Improve the quality of the existing housing stock and create a diverse range of new housing options
- Become a model "aging-in-place" community

#### **Education Goals:**

- Increase access to high-quality early learning and youth programming
- Expand opportunities for post-secondary education and workforce development
- Capitalize on the unique cultural context of the area and provide English language programming for non-English speakers
- Work with TANC, SEND and/or Southeast Community Services (SECS) to create new cultural programming to celebrate the heritage of the people in the neighborhood



Sixty strategies were identified to achieve the LOVE goals in Twin Aire, and progress on these strategies was recorded by the neighborhood coordinator. After two years, 83 percent of the strategies to achieve LOVE goals in Twin Aire were either recorded as completed or in progress, while 15 percent had no action, and 2 percent had failed\*.



**Livability**

- Health and/or recreational facilities improved: 2
- Projects within 1 block of projected transit corridors: 0
- Greenspace improvements: 6
- Connectivity improvements: 2
- Cultural/creative placemaking events: 9
- People impacted by food initiatives: 300
- Public safety and community partnerships: 3

**Opportunity:**

- Brownfields tested or remediated: 5
- New jobs created: 72
- Small businesses assisted: 19
- Commercial square footage improved: 25,803

**Vitality:**

- Housing units new or improved for rent: 11
- Housing units new or improved for sale: 57

**Education:**

- Educational programs and facilities assisted: 0

\* Failure is due to the unforeseen closure of the City's electric car-sharing program.

# Success Stories:



The Criminal Justice Center (CJC) is considered a catalyst for redevelopment in Twin Aire. Expected to be completed in early 2022, the project includes a four-story detention center, an 11-story courthouse and an Assessment and Intervention Center.



Near Prospect Falls along the Pleasant Run Trail, you can find a custom art sculpture in the newly replanted pocket park, creating a gateway to the neighborhood in advance of the Community Justice Center's relocation to Twin Aire.



In response to resident activism, the City preserved a 1.3-acre area of green space that borders Pleasant Run stream and Southeastern Ave. and will plant 17 new trees and 66 shrubs. Neighbors hope to preserve parcel of remaining greenery in perpetuity through a conservation easement.



Florence Fay School Senior Apartments is the renovation of an iconic school building to fill an unmet need for senior housing in an aging neighborhood. The development serves area seniors through 73 units of quality affordable housing with modern conveniences.



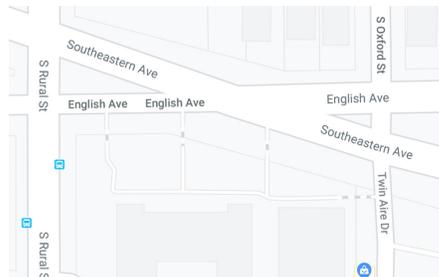
Invent Learning Hub was granted a charter and made Twin Aire its home in 2019. The K-8 charter school is focused on design thinking, personalized learning, and post-secondary planning.



The Twin Aire Neighborhood Coalition (TANC) was formed by surrounding neighborhood associations, business owners, nonprofit managers, and other stakeholders of the Twin Aire area to form a collaborative initiative in seeking participation in the Great Places 2020 Initiative.



A new fire training facility is planned just south of the CJC Center and will open in 2021. The facility will include classrooms, a computer lab, fitness room, three-story live burn structure and a fire training tower.



Twin Aire is planning numerous infrastructure improvements including road and walkability enhancements along Southeastern and in the intersection of Rural/Southeastern/English.



The Twin Aire Homeowner Repair Program, managed by SEND in partnership with 46201 Project and Rebuilding Together, is focused on making aging modifications and completed 53 homes in 2019.

# Overall Trends in Great Places

356 total strategies were identified to achieve the LOVE goals in all Great Places. As of July 2020, 67 percent of the strategies to achieve LOVE goals were either recorded as completed or in progress, while 28 percent had no action or no information entered, 4 percent had either stalled or been put on hold, and 1 percent had failed.



## **Livability**

Health and/or recreational facilities improved: 24  
Projects within 1 block of projected transit corridors: 40  
Greenspace improvements: 94  
Connectivity improvements: 173  
Cultural/creative placemaking events: 461  
People impacted by food initiatives: 21,923  
Public safety and community partnerships: 78  
Health partners engaged/invested in the area: 16

## **Opportunity:**

Businesses relocating to a Great Place: 1  
Brownfields tested or remediated: 37  
New jobs created: 331  
Small businesses assisted: 420  
Commercial square footage improved: 559,185

## **Vitality:**

Housing units new or improved for rent: 178  
Housing units new or improved for sale: 155

## **Education:**

Educational programs and facilities assisted: 153  
Center for Working Families (CWF) participants in  
Bridge programming: 68  
CWF participants increasing credit score: 140  
CWF participants increasing net income: 166  
CWF participants obtaining job: 111

## Success Stories:



In alignment with the Thrive Indy initiative, each Great Place hired a resilience ambassador to serve as resilience- and sustainability-focused community organizers. These individuals lead their communities in the development of neighborhood-chosen demonstration projects that built resilience and improved quality of life, including a water retention tank, a shared tool trailer, teaching kitchen, bicycle fleet and more.



The LISC Small Business Facade and Property Improvement Program provides matching grants to property owners willing to renovate the street-front exteriors of their structures. To date, the program has awarded 31 grants totaling \$546,785 to businesses in Great Places neighborhoods, impacting 331,667 commercial square feet.



The Great Places have completed numerous Creative Placemaking projects such as art exhibitions, film festivals, concert series, temporary storefronts, and street festivals. All activities were able to bring people together, beautify the neighborhoods, and develop relationships between residents and stakeholders.

## Co-Investment

Galvanizing the collective impact of several community-based organizations helps bring together both traditional and non-traditional partners, concentrate resources and adapt to the needs of each neighborhood. To date, more than **\$266 million** has been invested in the five Great Places from more than **50 partners**. This amount was calculated by investment summaries submitted by Great Places 2020 co-investment partners and review of neighborhood convener data entered into InsightVision.



To learn more about this initiative or download strategic plans from each neighborhood, please visit [www.greatplaces2020.org](http://www.greatplaces2020.org).