



# NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## RESOLUTION 13-23

### A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTION OF THE DEFINED LIVABLE CENTERS BOUNDARY MAP FOR NORTHWEST INDIANA

**WHEREAS**, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as “The Commission”, being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Council of Governments for the Lake, Porter and La Porte County Region, has committed to implementing the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan which addresses the areas of Transportation, Land Use, Environmental Management, Economic Development and Environmental Justice planning; and

**WHEREAS**, integrating land use and transportation planning with economic development, environmental and social equity considerations, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan provides a framework for how the three-county region can develop in the next generation, and is a tool to guide our actions and direct our resources to achieve our vision of a vibrant, revitalized, accessible and united region; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan includes a goal of encouraging livable urban, suburban and rural centers and revitalizing the urban core and concentrating growth and employment within existing communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan has identified the development of Livable Centers within the Growth and Infill areas as fundamental in achieving the implementation of the preferred regional strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, Livable Centers support existing communities and attract public investment to encourage a sustainable pattern of population and employment growth that maximizes the use of areas already served by roads and utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Livable Centers are compact and support a vibrant mix of uses within a concentrated, accessible area; and

**WHEREAS**, Livable Centers are walkable and promote non-motorized opportunities for pedestrians and bicyclists and provide convenient and safe alternatives to driving for local trips; and

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC initiated a new program to define Livable Centers boundaries with the 41 communities in Northwest Indiana. These boundaries are based upon block size, residential density, employment density, transit stations and stops, roadway density and connectivity, land use and the communities’ current and future plans; and

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC also developed a new funding program called Creating Livable Communities (CLC). The program will support community-based transportation/land use projects that bring vitality to downtown areas, neighborhoods, station areas, commercial cores, and transit corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the CLC funding program will support projects that are guided by the principle of “place-making” to ensure increased residential development, a mix of uses and connectivity in livable and neighborhood centers that can serve each community’s need; and

**WHEREAS**, eligibility for applying and receiving CLC funding, planning projects must be within the defined Livable Centers boundary map; and


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby adopts the CLC Program and the defined Livable Centers Boundary Map for Northwest Indiana.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this seventeenth day of October, 2013.



David Uran  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
James G. Ton  
Secretary