

Introduction



Acknowledgements

City of Whiting, Mayor

Hon. Joseph M. Stahura

Whiting City Council

Chris Sarvanidis
Steve Spebar
Rebeca Unate
Kenneth Zubeck
Bruce Stolman
Larry Jennings
Millie Greer

Whiting City Staff

Bob Kark, Director Economic Development
Brian Lowry, Community Development
Denise Sejna, Whiting City Attorney
Kathy Kazmierski, Mayor's Administrative Assistant
Michael Hrinoyo, Building Commissioner
Martin Jakubowski, Parks Department

Whiting City Clerk Treasurer

Mark S. Adam

Stakeholder Committee

Mark Lopez, Congressman Visclosky's Office
Elaine Chandler, Lake County Parks
Mitch Barloga, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
Jody Melton, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
Milan Kruszynski, Hammond Port Authority
Martin Jakubowski, Whiting Lakefront Parks Department
Darlene Beerling, Whiting Chamber of Commerce
David Dabertin, UCA
Chris Sarvanidis, Whiting City Council
Sue Davis, Army Corp of Engineers
Dwayne Williams, City of East Chicago
Will Woodley, Community Builders

Tina Rongers, Policy Analytics
Denise Sejna, City of Whiting
Steve Spebar, City of Whiting
Michael Hrinoyo, City of Whiting
Sandra Martinez, City of Whiting Schools
Thomas Keilman, BP
John D. Artis, City of East Chicago
Bob Nickovich, Lake County Parks
Joe Eberts, Lake County Parks
Kerry Keith, SEH, Inc.
Rick Trevino, SEH, Inc.
Bill Bercik, WR Boat Club

Whiting Lakefront Development Plan Public Planning Charrette

Eileen Adam	Lindy Fisher	Chuck Kosalko	Michael Ring	John Toleikis
Erik Adam	Mike Golando	Jeanie Kristek	Tom Rueth	Rick Trevino
Mark Adam	Mark Harbin	Tom Kzilun	Jim Sandrick	Joe Vajda
Jim Adduci	Pam Harris	Jody Maltar	Carolyn Sarvanidis	Tom Vavrek
Joe Alamillo	Robert Hennessey	Carolyn Marsh	Jim Scharier	Kathy Winsberg
Annamarie Avilaarf	Michael Hrinoyo	Priscilla McCarty-Reed	Scott Sefton	Kathy Winsley
Tom Bercik	Julie Hy	Ginny McHale	Denise Sejna	Will Woodley
Rick Bieniab	Carol Jacobson	Linda McHale	Joe Skvarek	Chris Young
Anthony Borgo	Jack Jaros	Caitlin Mills-Groninger	Cathy Sobilo	David Reed
Bryan Ciers	Brett Jennings	Tim Mills-Groninger	Rich Sobilo	Larry Jennings
Ken Dallmeyer	Brett Jers	Abraham Olivares	John Sopo	Delia Ramirez
Betty Delinck	Larry Jones	Kelly Olson	Erik Sprenne	John Haynes
Arlene Dobrowski	Joe Jurek	Paul Olson	Mayor Joe Stahura	Gus Danielides
Joe Dobrowski	Mark Kalwinski	Annette Perz	Bruce Stolman	Bob Kark
Marty Dybel	Kerry Keith	Marty Pybel	Nancy Stolman	Tom Keilman
Roy Evans	Gayle Kosalko	Brian Rebac	Arlene Toleikis	Kathleen Ulm

American Structurepoint, Inc.

Shane Burkhardt, AICP - Master Planner

John Kennedy
Glen Campbell
Tad Lupton, AIA, LEED AP
Matthew C. Bartlett, AIA, LEED AP
Jing Li, Assoc. AIA, LEED AP
Gina Tirinnanzi, RLA
Megan Coler
Brandon Hoopingarner

Mike Koyak, PE
Dan Kmiecik, EI
Wing Lau, PE
Bob Henrickson, PE
Wes Merkle, PE
Emily Perry
Sandy Rosetta
Karen Gillmore

Emily Dunn
Tara Nees
Chris Murphy, PE
Briana Bosse
Jeff Spicer
Dustin Graves



Purpose of the Plan

The purpose of the Whiting Lakefront Park Master Plan is to set a new focus on improving the wonderful amenity known as Whiting Lakefront Park. With a new emphasis placed on connecting with the lakeshore through the Marquette Plan, Mayor Joseph M. Stahura saw an opportunity to improve upon this existing jewel along the lakeshore. Better connection with the park and lakeshore will serve to increase Whiting's amenity value within the region and improve the quality of life for its residents and visitors.

In December 2003, the City of Whiting adopted an amended redevelopment plan for Whiting that specifically called for an additional focus on development, amenities, and connection with the lakefront. Under the Mayor's leadership, the City embarked in July 2008 on a year-long planning process to develop a new long-term vision for the lakeshore that would result in immediate and lasting improvements to the park. The process included a large amount of public participation to draw upon the creativity and desires of Whiting's residents. The public participation process included numerous focus groups, a survey of local businesses, stakeholder engagement interviews, regional coordination, and a three-day public design charrette.

Through numerous meetings, brainstorming sessions, and hard work, a vision and plan emerged that reflects the values of the Whiting community. Strategic in nature, this plan is not designed to complete the tasks of transforming the lakeshore and improving the park, but sets up a road map and desired destination. It will be the hard work of Whiting's leaders and citizens to make this plan a reality.