

# INDIANA'S GREAT SOUTHWEST

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## Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana

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## The Post House brings Next Level Transformation to Indiana's Great Southwest



**(Evansville, IN August 13, 2018)** – The Post House, a \$40 million mixed use development in downtown Evansville, officially broke ground and will move toward an early 2020 opening. [Scannell Properties](#), one of the country's premier real estate developers, is spearheading the project. The Post House will provide real-time research for smart energy technologies and is being built on the remaining property adjacent to the historic Greyhound Bus Station, which is now home to the Bru Burger restaurant.

The Post House will be a "living laboratory" for [Vectren Energy Delivery](#) (Vectren) to test and utilize smart energy products, behavioral energy usage programs and clean energy generation technologies. These products will include rooftop solar panels, small-scale battery energy storage, various smart appliances and smart home automation features, electric vehicle charging stations and ultra-efficient heating and cooling systems.

[Read full press release](#)

## Community Development News

### OCRA's Altered Plan Grant Process

To aid with streamlining the plan grant process, the [Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs](#) (OCRA) now requires communities to submit a draft plan prior to its approval by the community. This new process allows for any feedback from OCRA to be easily incorporated into the document before community officials pass the local resolution adopting the plan.

Despite the change in the process, plan grants are still a great tool for local communities to utilize to analyze and determine strategies for addressing a variety of issues including: Comprehensive Plans;

Downtown Revitalization Plans; Economic Development Plans; Historic Preservation Plans; Community Facilities Plans; Conservancy District Plans; Master Parks Plans; Environmental Assessment Plans; Dams and Levees Plans; USDA/EPA/HUD Preliminary Engineering Reports; Stormwater Plans; Water Plans; and Wastewater Plans.

Should your community have a need for any planning initiatives, contact the Community Development Division at 812-423-2020.

### Micro-Learning Videos Now Available

There is a new resource available for communities to utilize for capacity building, partnership development, and leadership development. The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs will release a new informational video on the second Wednesday of each month to provide communities with tools to help them prosper.

[Micro Learning Videos.](#)

### Award-winning Vlog already?

Just in its infancy, the Coalition video blog *The Real Southwest Indiana - Our Stories, Our Way* recently garnered a gold dotCOMM Award for it's vlog: **Plastics, Good for the Graduate, Great for Southwest Indiana** featuring Berry Global.

The dotCOMM awards is an international competition honoring excellence in web creativity and digital communication; and, is administered by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals.

[View the Berry Global Vlog here](#)



### Stakeholder Spotlight - Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union

Founded more than 80 years ago by a small group of educators, Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union is now southern Indiana's largest credit union. From the beginning, our mission has been to return value to our members. Today, we're returning more value than ever through innovative financial products and services.

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