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The LISC Indianapolis
2013 Annual Report



LISC
Indianapolis
*Helping neighbors
build communities*

✿ In 2012, LISC Indianapolis celebrated its 20th anniversary year...played a significant role in Indianapolis's first Super Bowl...and moved to unique new offices downtown...among the many other things we accomplished. The natural question for 2013 might be, "After a year like that, what can you do for an encore?"



The answer is, "Plenty." It was another year of continuing to drive change in the city we call home. In 2013, LISC invested \$16,399,297 in Indianapolis neighborhoods—and leveraged another \$22,381,725 in additional neighborhood development investment. We continue to work our strategic plan focused on three mission outcomes critical to the success of our neighborhoods:

- **Residents of core neighborhoods participate fully in the regional economy.**
- **Core neighborhoods are attractive places to live, work, learn, and play.**
- **Core neighborhoods are integrated into the regional economy.**

These mission outcomes are straightforward—but they encompass a wide range of programs, activities, ideas, and stakeholders. They speak to the needs of both the

neighborhoods themselves and the people who live, work, and visit: income stability, high-quality educational opportunities, housing, transportation, safety, greenspaces, commerce, and more.

Our comprehensive approach to community development plays out through our LISC Sustainable Communities initiative that brings together a full range of proven, long-term approaches to community revitalization. In 2013, we targeted the majority of our investment in six LISC Sustainable Communities: Near Eastside, Near West, West Indianapolis, Mid-North, Southeast, and Crooked Creek. In addition, we continued to support strategic projects in neighborhoods throughout the city, working with people and organizations committed to lasting change.



✿ And “change” is not just a concept, but a reality. Among the highlights of our accomplishments in 2013:

- Our seven Centers for Working Families (CWF) served 2,931 households in Indianapolis, helping neighborhood residents learn new skills, gain better employment, and increase household income.
- Much of our investment—more than \$14 million—was in Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Last year, we assisted more than 30 community-based organizations in building and transforming 225 units of housing and 115,010 of commercial space, providing more housing and employment options for low-income families and attracting more investment in Indianapolis’s urban core neighborhoods.
- We added new tools to help support businesses in key commercial corridors as part of our Fostering Commercial Urban Strategies (FOCUS) program—which supported the creation of 330 new jobs.
- We helped create the Indy Food Council to link neighborhoods with the local food system and bring new, healthier food options to our neighborhood residents.
- We directed funding to new and ongoing quality-of-life planning efforts in Indianapolis’s Northeast Corridor and Northwest Area, and continued to support the Mid-North neighborhood in the second year of implementing its plan.

Last year was also our first full year at The Platform, the LISC-transformed west wing of the historic Indianapolis City Market. In addition to LISC Indianapolis’s

offices, The Platform is home to a cluster of non-profit organizations engaged in community development; a space for collaboration and engagement in the community development initiatives; and a place for programs and events, including the thriving Indianapolis Winter Farmers Market. This space, which was once being considered for demolition, is now a gathering place where teamwork flourishes and ideas take shape.

LISC has prepared an abbreviated annual report for printed distribution. But we’d also like to invite you to get a glimpse of LISC in action—and to meet some of the other people who are making a difference in Indianapolis neighborhoods. You can find some Indianapolis success stories from 2013 at www.liscindianapolis.org/2013report.

All in all, it was a great—and busy—year. And the pace is not slowing. As we move through 2014, it’s clear that Indianapolis has the people and the passion we need to continue transforming our city. Our past efforts are bearing fruit, and we’re applying what we’ve learned to the future. The possibilities are endless.





2013 By the Numbers

330

new jobs created

96

greenspace
projects
completed

220

businesses assisted
by FOCUS

24

community/police partnerships
implemented

225

housing units built
and transformed

115,010

square feet of commercial space built and transformed

\$16,399,297

LISC investment in
Indianapolis neighborhoods

- **\$14,300,000**
in equity
- **\$1,060,172**
in program grants
- **\$760,092**
in loan financing
- **\$279,033**
in training,
technical assistance,
and capacity building
- **\$22,381,752**
leveraged in other
neighborhood investment

\$7,710,767

leveraged in investment in six
Sustainable Communities' quality-of-life plans

30

educational
facilities/ initiatives
assisted

34

new collaborative
partnerships
established

96%

increase in CWF participants
enrolled in GED classes

503

CWF households gained
new employment

2,931

households served by Centers
for Working Families (CWF)

SUCCESS STORIES

Across Indianapolis, LISC's work touched the lives of hundreds of projects and thousands of people in 2013. We've posted stories of just a handful of them at www.liscindianapolis.org/2013report. Take a look—and see how LISC is helping people realize new possibilities in their neighborhoods.

* Lofty Goals. Serious Results.



For years, the Indy East Motel was a nuisance property in the Irvington neighborhood on Indianapolis's east side. But that all changed when the Irvington Development Organization partnered with LISC to transform the property into Irvington Lofts—an affordable, sustainable residential property that's attracting a lot of positive attention (and even more development). Check out the story behind Irvington Lofts at www.liscindianapolis.org/loftygoalsseriousresults.

* A Congress for the People



It's a pretty exciting time to live on Indy's Near Southeast side. Rehabilitated homes, rebuilt infrastructure, and commercial vitality are everywhere. The efforts LISC helped jumpstart through quality-of-life planning have been continued through the work of the Southeast Neighborhood Congress: local residents who represent the needs and desires of the community at the grassroots level. Learn more about their story at www.liscindianapolis.org/acongressforthepeople.

* Brighter Kids. Brighter Future.



The Children's Museum of Indianapolis is expanding its scope to reach more kids with out-of-school-time programs—a need identified by a study made possible by funding from LISC. See how the Children's Museum is bringing more opportunities for learning to underserved local kids at www.liscindianapolis.org/brighterkidsbrighterfuture.

* Centered on Success



For years, Vince had been struggling to maintain steady employment. So he began taking computer and finance classes at a Center for Working Families—one of seven throughout Indianapolis that LISC helps to oversee and support. Through his hard work and dedication, Vince was finally able to land the great job he was looking for. Get Vince's full story at www.liscindianapolis.org/vincessuccessstory.

* One Hot Tamale



East Washington Street is quickly becoming a more desirable place to live and work, thanks to improved housing and the ongoing growth of local businesses. One restaurant in particular—a little tamale place called Tiaolli—is a shining example of how LISC and the community have come together to bring desirable businesses to the neighborhood and help them succeed. Read more at www.liscindianapolis.org/onehottamale.

* LEEDing the Way



How do you grow a neighborhood in a sustainable way? Indianapolis's Mapleton Fall Creek neighborhood—part of the Mid-North area—is working to become the first LEED-certified neighborhood in Indiana with help and support from LISC. It means a healthier environment—and that means a more desirable urban neighborhood for more people. See the whole story at www.liscindianapolis.org/leedingtheway.



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