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North Vernon Selected as Stellar Community

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman has announced that North Vernon and Greencastle will serve as pilot communities for the new multi-year, multi-million dollar Stellar Communities program. Together, these communities will receive \$31 million to complete their proposed comprehensive development projects.

Hannum, Wagle & Cline Engineering (HWC) worked in partnership with Strategic Development Group on behalf of the City of North Vernon to provide engineering, design and planning services in preparation of their proposal.

Following the selection, HWC will serve as the Project Manager and lead design consultant for the improvements.

North Vernon, the only city between the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center and I-65, will use its funds to become an economic hub for the defense industry. Planned improvements include a new event center, a pedestrian plaza, improvements to the Irish Hill neighborhood, and more commercial opportunities on Main Street.

“Our region is not able to take full advantage of Muscatatuck without a vibrant North Vernon” Mayor Harold “Soup” Campbell said. “Without Stellar Communities, we would certainly lose out on millions of dollars of economic activity.”

The Stellar Communities program, spearheaded by Lt. Gov. Skillman, is a collaborative effort by INDOT, The Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority and the State Revolving Fund.

Forty-two communities submitted proposals to become a pilot community for this program, and were narrowed to twelve following the scoring of the Letters of Intent. The final twelve communities then submitted detailed proposals and hosted site visits, which resulted in the overall selection.

Other partners in the successful proposal of North Vernon included KZF Design and Administrative Resources Association (ARa).

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