IndyEast Promise Zone

Second Round

Lead Organization:
John H. Boner Community Center

Population:
17,100

Poverty Rate:
47.39%

Unemployment Rate:
24.53%

Key Partners:
City of Indianapolis; Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership; Local Initiatives Support Corporation; Indiana University on behalf of IUPUI and Indiana University Public Policy Institute; United Way of Central Indiana; Indianapolis Housing Agency; Indianapolis Public Schools; Near East Area Renewal (formerly known as IndyEast Asset Development); Indianapolis Eastside Revitalization Corporation (doing business as East 10th Street Civic Association); Englewood Community Development Corporation; Westminster Neighborhood Services

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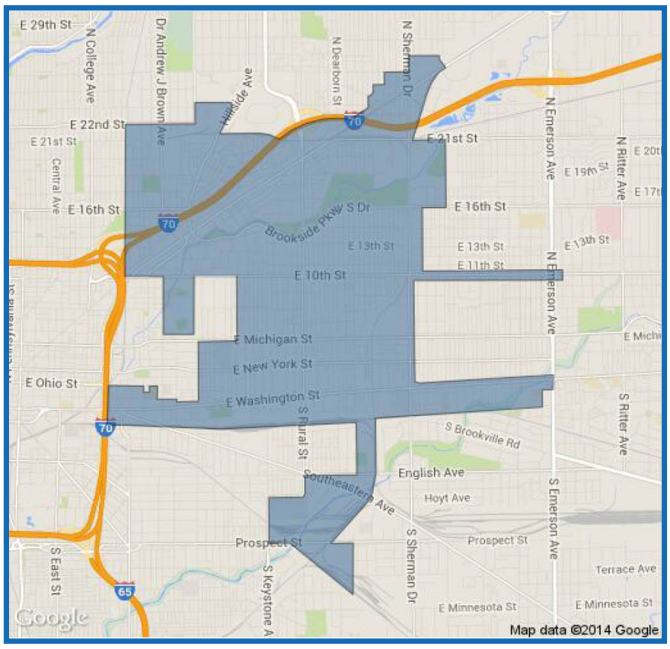
In the 1980's, the Near Eastside of Indianapolis was home to middle-class families with good-paying manufacturing jobs. With the decline of this sector of the local economy, and the resulting loss of many of those working families, these neighborhoods suffered from under-investment, concentrated poverty and blight. In 2007, Near Eastside residents came together to develop a comprehensive, grassroots approach to neighborhood redevelopment.



As the lead applicant, the John H. Boner Community Center and the residents of Near Eastside Indianapolis have enlisted the assistance of multiple organizations to develop strategies around the following five goals to improve the quality of life and accelerate revitalization.

These goals include:

- Create Affordable Housing Options
- Create Jobs
- Increase Economic Activity
- Reduce Serious And Violent Crime
- Improve Educational Opportunity

"The Promise Zone designation can open opportunities and allow the City and Implementing Partners to address structural challenges in one of our neighborhoods with the greatest potential to thrive."

Gregory A.Ballard, Indianapolis Mayor