

IndyEast Promise Zone

Second Round



Lead Organization:

John H. Boner
Community Center

Population:

17,100

Poverty Rate:

47.39%

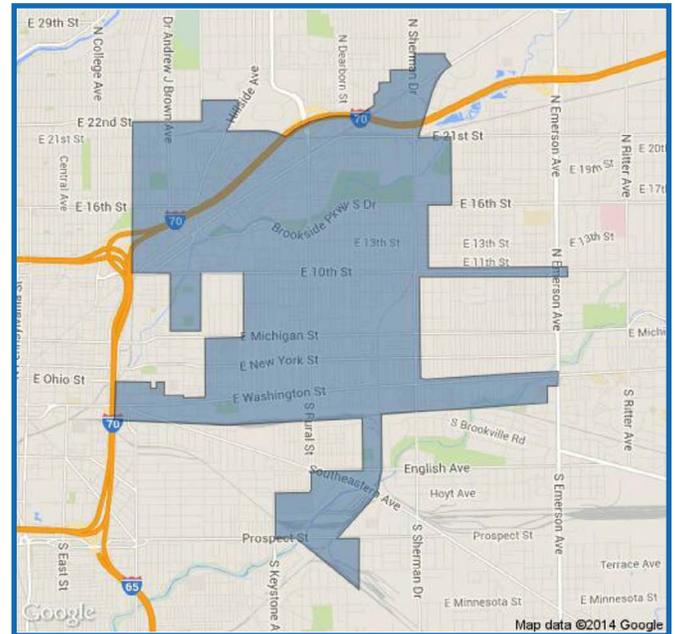
Unemployment Rate:

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

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