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WHAT

A state-wide designation from Indiana Arts Commission.
Only 12 in Indiana!

WHERE

River to Rails and Honeywell to Paradise Spring

WHO

Lead Member and Fiscal Agent: Downtown Wabash, Inc.

Committee Representatives from: City of Wabash, Wabash County Museum, Honeywell Arts, Artist Panel, Visit Wabash County, Grow Wabash County, Schools, District Residents

STEP ONE

Self-Assessment

Your team evaluates your current creative assets.

STEP TWO

Letter of Intent

Your team articulates your creative assets.

STEP THREE

Spotlight Community Recognition

When the Support Team finds your community meets all the LOI criteria, it will recommend this special recognition.

STEP FOUR

Cultural District Application

Spotlight Communities are invited to apply for Cultural District designation.

STEP FIVE

Designation and Funding

Cultural District Designation is recognized by the Indiana General Assembly.

STEP SIX

Leadership and Innovation

Collaborating with other designated Cultural Districts, lead the field statewide in cultural development.

HISTORY

City Council passed a resolution in 2016 to begin the process. Wabash applied in 2016, 2018, and 2020.

We submitted an 83-page letter of intent in Spring 2020 and the Indiana Arts Commission conducted a site visit during First Friday, October 2, 2020. We received the “Spotlight Designation” in December 2020. More than a dozen communities applied and only four were designated.

The committee decided to apply for the full Cultural District Designation with another 86-page application in March 2021. Four communities were vying for the title: Wabash, Goshen, Kokomo, and Fort Wayne. In June, we received news our application was successful along with Fort Wayne’s Arts Campus.



FUTURE

Since receiving the Cultural District Designation, the committee continues to meet. Our current project is to design a logo for our local district. We received a \$3,000 grant from Arts Midwest for marketing materials. We are planning to dedicate the Cultural District with a celebration on First Friday in June 2022.