

The GOOD NEWS



Elkhart County

This is a Dynamic Market for Economic Development & Job Creation

- **Transportation Hub** - Businesses can reach 1/3 of the US population within just one day's drive. A prime location for logistics and customers!
- **Quick & easy access** to Chicago, Indianapolis and many other large cities. For fun and business.
- **Affordable cost of living!** Elkhart is considerably lower than most of the Midwest and 37% less than Chicago.
- **Overall low tax environment!** Plus, low utility rates. Great for existing businesses to expand and attractive to new companies.
- **Abundant access to rivers and lakes**, including Lake Michigan. Most communities lack these spectacular, natural amenities.
- Unique **Entrepreneurial business climate** - Voted our #1 quality.
- **Generous & caring population** - Voted our #2 quality.
- **Intellectual property & new patent leader!** Elkhart County ranks #2 in Indiana. (only behind Indianapolis/Marion County).
- **Manufacturing powerhouse** - with over 900 manufacturers - Elkhart's population MAKES THINGS & is recognized nationally for teamwork!
- **Diverse Manufacturers** - We make a VARIETY of things. RV's to band instruments to brass nozzles to high-tech electronics to homes to trucks to...
- Abundant **broadband connections**.
- Currently **connecting university intellect with manufacturing know-how**.
- Notre Dame **Nano-Technology** Center (M.I.N.D.) will create an entirely new economy and tremendous economic development for the entire region!
- A **skilled, motivated workforce** is readily available.
- Valuable **training grants** and university/vocational schools are ready.
- **Top-quality manufacturing facilities** and abundant land & utilities are ready.
- Outstanding & progressive **Economic Development Corporation**. (www.elkhartcountybiz.com)
- Great **Chamber of Commerce**. (www.elkhart.org)

Updates!

Even with the recession, good things are still happening in Elkhart.

- More than 12 announced business expansion/relocation projects with a potential of 3,000+ jobs.
- Cutting-edge virtual tech park and business development efforts scoring big victories, attracting new aerospace opportunities and millions of dollars to the Elkhart area.
- Six new restaurants have opened in Downtown Elkhart, adding to the 11 restaurants/bars already established.
- Millions of dollars invested in three bridges, many miles of road resurfacing, roundabouts, a refurbished runway and other projects dedicated to maintaining our premier transportation system.
- Renovation has begun on the Elco/Lerner Theatre, an anchor of the downtown arts and entertainment district.

And the List Goes On!

Many companies & site selectors are becoming aware of all the unique and valuable characteristics the Elkhart Community has to offer.



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Leading Business...Leading Our Community