

FOCUS AREAS AND ACTION ITEMS FY 2026 STRATEGY MAP



BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION

Working to understand the needs of existing businesses and fostering an entrepreneurial spirit within LaGrange County

One Hundred business visits annually to assess challenges, opportunities, and growth potential

Facilitation of networking & educational events around the county

Promote local business development Support infrastructure development

Celebrate local success stories Connect entrepreneurs in the county and beyond

Create and Cultivate a business friendly environment

Assess and reallocate LaGrange County Revolving Loan Fund to better serve the community

BUILDING UPON ASSETS

Strategically building upon existing assets, to create a unique identity, attract investment, and stimulate economic development - all while fostering a sense of pride and ownership in LaGrange County

Promote natural resources and tourism as a source of economic development

Identify and nurture local talent by investing in education to assist in the development of a skilled and viable workforce

Support local farmers and Agribusiness

Continued community engagement and empowerment

BUSINESS ATTRACTION

While most of the county's opportunities are likely to come from BR&E efforts, attracting new businesses increases the tax base and creates new job opportunities to reinforce population retention and attraction. Pursuing new businesses that match LaGrange County's values and assets will contribute to both new opportunity and future prosperity

Establishment of Site Readiness via Indiana Site Certified

Support Infrastructure Development

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Attracting and retaining a skilled and ready workforce is a critical factor in the success of any business, and it is closely tied to the overall quality of life and appeal of a local community

Encourage development of housing projects that meet the needs of our diverse workforce

Promote a diverse and inclusive community

Support Childcare and early learning initiatives in the County

Continued Implementation of LaGrange County Together - Comprehensive Plan

Project and Grant Pursuit for LaGrange County Strategic Investment Plan

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

The long-term funding needs of LCEDC will be carefully monitored and assessed. The priorities established by the LCEDC Board of Directors are all important to the long-term success and prosperity of LaGrange County and the businesses that call LaGrange County Home.