

An aerial rendering of a park or urban development. The scene is dominated by green spaces, trees, and walkways. A large, semi-transparent gear graphic is overlaid on the center of the image. The gear has a central hub and several teeth, with a circular path or track winding through it. Small figures of people are scattered throughout the park, suggesting a lively, community-oriented environment. The overall color palette is a mix of various shades of green, from light lime to deep forest green, with some grey and brown tones for the paths and buildings.

Welcome, Economic Alliance of Kankakee County

Community Campus Creation

“When you stop growing you start dying”
- William S. Burroughs

“Why do we need it?”

CHICAGO

- Kankakee County is in extreme competition with Chicago & suburban areas for population growth.

- The creation of a central community core is important to the future growth of Bourbonnais and fostering economic development.

- For decades, Kankakee County’s population has remained relatively stagnant.

- There is high demand in Bourbonnais for a state-of-the-art regional entertainment venue.

BOURBONNAIS PARKWAY

INDIANA

Goals

The Community Campus will serve as Kankakee County's premier public improvement increasing the quality of life for residents of all ages while amplifying regional tourism and fostering economic development with strategic growth.

1

Housing

In order to grow the Bourbonnais housing market & attract new residents to the region, **we must first invest in ourselves.**

2

Funding

New revenue sources were identified to fund construction of the village's largest capital project in its history having minimal impact on taxpayers.

3

Growth

Over time, the Community Campus will be a catalyst for new housing, new commercial and new business opportunities spurring new economic growth throughout the village.

Project Timeline

The Community Campus is the outcome of a five-year community development project and vision shaped by **over 3,000+ residents** to create a central core in the heart of Bourbonnais for all ages to actively and passively enjoy year-round.

2019-2020

Engagement

- Project Announcement
- Community Research
- Engagement Phase
 - Open House
 - Online Surveys
- Master Plan Adoption

2021

Design

- Design Development from Engagement Input
- Steering Committee Review
- Village Board Approval
- Construction Documents Drafted for RFP

2022-2023

Construction

- Design Unveiling at Business After Hours
- Request for Proposals
- Groundbreaking on the 18-month construction project
- \$3M Grant Awarded from DCEO
- \$50,000 Grant Awarded from KCCVB

2024

Grand Opening

- Ribbon Cutting with Chamber of Commerce: 6/18
- Friendship Festival First Look: 6/26-6/30
- Opening Day: 7/1
- Grand Opening Event: Bourbonnais Food Truck Fest 8/17

Key Contributors

Village Board of Trustees

- Mayor Paul Schore
- Clerk Brian Simeur
- Treasurer Ron Riebe
- Trustee Bruce Greenlee
- Trustee Rick Fischer
- Trustee Randy King
- Trustee Jeff Keast
- Trustee Jack Littrell
- Trustee Angie Serafini

General Contractor

Johnson Downs Construction:

- Jeff Downs
- Jim Brown

Consultants

The Lakota Group:

- Kevin Clark
- Deb Samyn
- Morgan Harty

Architects

Alliance Architect:

- Bill Lamie
- Joe Nucciarone

Village Management

- Administrator Mike Van Mill
- Asst. Administrator Laurie Cyr
- Police Chief Jim Phelps
- Deputy Chief Dave Anderson
- Public Works Director Terry Memenga
- Asst. Public Works Director Frank Triveline
- Finance Director Tara Latz
- Human Resource Manager Sue Pranskus
- Marketing & Public Engagement Manager Lindy Casey

Engineering

MG2A:

- Mike Gingerich
- Jared Gingerich
- Joel Greer
- Adam Schaeffer
- Matt Hill
- Mark Schierholz

Subcontractors

- Corsetti Structural Steel
- Duco Cement Construction
- Earthworks by Lavicka Inc.
- Geocon Professional Services
- Glade Plumbing & Piping Co.
- Hamann Wagner
- Knotts Masonry
- Lambert Sign Solutions
- Langlois Roofing inc.
- Osterhoff Fence
- Ruder Electric
- Tatro Painting
- M/E Design Services
- TPC Technology

Amenity Review

AMENITY	AMENITY	SEASONAL
Two-Sided Performing Arts Stage with Green Room	16'x20' LED Video Screen	Splash Pad
Village Green Event Lawn Space	ADA-Friendly Playground	(6) Firepits
Village Green Viewing Hill	Outdoor Restrooms & Family Changing Facilities	Skate Park
Festival Street Food Truck Alley & Walking Trails	Renovated Pavilion	Mobile Ice Rink
Bosque Café Area	Renovated Children's Safety Town	Sledding Hill
Concession Stand	Increased On-Site Parking	Fishing

COMMUNITY

CAMPUS

FUN FACTS



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* THE ENTIRE SITE OF
THE COMMUNITY
CAMPUS IS
12.5 ACRES.

* VILLAGE GREEN
CIRCLE IS **800 FT**
LONG.

6 TIMES AROUND
THE CIRCLE = **1 MILE.**

VILLAGE GREEN
EVENT LAWN IS
OVER **52,000 SQ FT** &
CAN HOLD **4,335**
GUESTS.

2 NEW BATHROOM
FACILITIES ARE NEAR
THE MAIN STAGE AND
THE CHILDREN'S
AREA.

* VIEWING HILL IS
12 FT TALL &
TRANSFORMS INTO
A **SLEDDING HILL**
DURING WINTER.

SPLASH PAD IS
6,400 SQ FT & CAN
HOLD **100 GUESTS.**

FUN FACTS

LANDSCAPE INCLUDES:

- **7,873** PERENNIALS
- **6,821** GROUND COVER PLANTS
- **4,373** ORNAMENTAL GRASSES
- **463** EVERGREEN TREES
- **217** TREES

- **46** PLANTERS
- **34** PICNIC TABLES
- **28** ADIRONDACK CHAIRS
- **27** BENCHES
- **24** BIKE RACKS
- **9** ROCK SEATS
- **6** GAS FIRE PITS
- **4** SEAT WALLS
- **4** SET OF CUBE SEATS

**NEW ONSITE
PARKING ALONG
WILLIAM LATHAM
DR. & STRATFORD
DRIVE EAST.
INCREASED LOT
BEHIND
ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE.**

**PARKING INCREASED
FROM **140** STALLS
TO **256** ON-SITE
STALLS.**

FUN FACTS

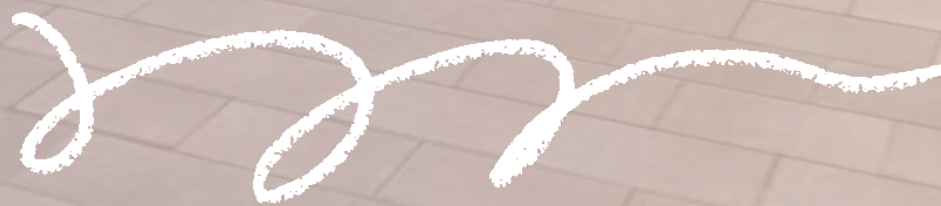
MAIN PERFORMANCE
STAGE IS **1,300 SQ FT.**

MAIN STAGE
LED SCREEN
IS
16 FT X 20 FT.

MAIN STAGE
BATHROOMS

BACK PERFORMANCE
STAGE IS **500 SQ FT.**

GREEN ROOM IS
200 SQ FT.



Favorite Events

During Community Campus construction, the village took events on the road in 2023 and introduced new attractions to continue building community engagement.

*In only its third year, Bourbonnais Food Truck Fest welcomed **over 8,000+ attendees** for the free **8-hour event** in 2023 (*PlacerAI Technology)*

Chocolate Tour

Food Truck Fest*

Rockin' Around the Tree Lighting

St. Patrick's Day Senior Dinner

Movies in the Park

Mobile Ice Rink

Easter Eggstravaganza Trail Hunt

Yoga in the Park

Trunk or Treat

Play all day (*and year*) in Bourbonnais!

Summer

- Yoga on the Green
- Movies on the Green
- Village Board & Brew
- Festival Street Lunchtime Eats & Entertainment
- Fridays @ Five
- Summer Concert Series
- Picnics in the Park
- Open Mic Nights
- Teen Tuesdays
- Senior Socials
- Skate Park Series
- Bourbonnais Business Strolls
- Food Truck Fest

Fall/Winter

- Festival Street Trunk or Treat
- Safety Town Trick-or-Treating
- Christmas on the Campus:
 - Santa @ the Schoolhouse
 - Ice Skating with Santa
 - Winter Wonderland Walk
 - Miracle on Main Street Holiday Market
- Sip & Paint in the Park
- Art in the Park/Wine Walk
- Ladies Night/Men's Night Out
- Adult Date Night/Dinner & Movie in the Park
- Teen Sk8, Sip & Skate, Lunch & Skate, Spooky Skate
- Seasonal Pet-Focused Event

2025

- Cruise Nights @ the Campus
- Main Street Market (Farmers Market Sundays)
- Laser Light Shows
- Bourbon, Beer & Brew Fest
- Spring Home Improvement Event

Community Partnerships

- American Cancer Society
- Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society
- Bourbonnais Public Library District
- Bradley-Bourbonnais Rotary
- CSL Behring
- Kankakee County Community Arts Council

Questions?

**Let's go for
a walk!**

