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RESOLUTION 23-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING THE SENSIBLE TOOLS HANDBOOK+ FOR INDIANA, 2023, BEST PRACTICES FOR A CHANGING LANDSCAPE

December 7, 2023

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission was created by the State of Indiana to provide a coordinative management process for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties and to institute and maintain a comprehensive planning and programming process for transportation, economic development, and environmental policy under the provisions of Indiana Code 36-7-7.6; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission was designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Chicago Urbanized Area in Lake and Porter Counties and the Michigan City-LaPorte Urbanized Area in LaPorte County under the requirements of 23 USC 134; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission previously adopted the Sensible Tools Handbook on June 2007, which covered the basic requirements of applying sensible growth principles in Indiana on planning, zoning, and subdivision of land for cities, towns, and counties based upon Indiana planning and zoning law; and

WHEREAS, Updating the Sensible Tools Handbook was recommended as a high-priority implementation project in the most recently adopted *NWI 2050*, adopted on May 16, 2019. As a result, the *Sensible Tools Handbook+ for Indiana, 2023*, was developed by NIRPC staff with assistance from Indiana planners; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Handbook is developed to supplement the 2007 Handbook by broadening the planning tools and best practices to address new opportunities and challenges. It continues to support cities, towns, and counties as they make decisions to shape the future of their communities. This handbook's common themes: resilient, healthy, sustainable, equitable, and smart are designed for strong, high-quality, and competitive communities; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Policy Committee (TPC) has duly voted to recommend the *Sensible Tools Handbook+ for Indiana, 2023, Best Practices for a Changing Landscape*.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission duly adopts the *Sensible Tools Handbook+ for Indiana, 2023, Best Practices for a Changing Landscape*, as a community guide for sensible growth on this 7th day of December two thousand and twenty-three.

ATTEST:


Sue Lynch
Secretary



Richard Hardaway
Chair