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The financial support that the scholars receive is designed to help them focus on their studies and minimize barriers to college success. They receive a stipend that allows them to focus on the intensive course load instead of earning an income.

A FAMILY PHILOSOPHY

Mike and his two brothers, Jim and Ed, grew up in Lafayette, in a family situation not unlike that of many ASAP scholars. They went on to successful careers in business. That success was inspired, in part, by adults who believed not only in the Smith brothers, but also in the capacity of higher education to transform lives.

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All three brothers have had success in their careers, both in Lafayette and beyond. Mike Smith’s career brought him to Indianapolis. After retiring, Smith and his wife, Susan, established a fund with



CICF, The Michael L. Smith and Susan L. Smith Family Fund, which their children help manage.

“Being on CICF boards and working with the staff as a grantor, we’ve been moved to streamline and make our philanthropy more meaningful,” says Smith, whose fund focuses on four core areas of community improvement. “Having our whole family involved – both our kids with our fund and my brothers and their wives with the ASAP

program – has represented a wonderful, special family opportunity.”

The Smith family’s opportunity to give has in turn provided a meaningful opportunity for ASAP scholars at Ivy Tech, Lafayette.

After just one year of ASAP on the Lafayette campus (the second year is in progress), the Smith family investment is yielding returns. From the 2011-2012 cohort, 86% of ASAP students earned a degree or are still enrolled after 12 months – a rate five times better than the average for all Ivy Tech Community College students and nearly ten times better than the average for at-risk, low-income students. The success of some ASAP scholars has helped inspire younger siblings and even parents to make a college degree a personal goal.

“It’s remarkable to witness these high-achieving youngsters model to their own families that higher education is accessible,” says Smith. “We have one student whose mother is returning to school and whose younger sister is now planning on getting a degree. These kids are an inspiration in their families.”

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KEN CHAPMAN REMEMBERED

His service to his country, community, family and friends may have come to an end, but his legacy lives on.

Kenneth I. Chapman (known to most simply as “Ken”) passed away on Saturday, December 15th, 2012 at his Indianapolis home. Ken was 88 when he died, and left behind his wife, Jane, two daughters and two sons, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. For those who met and knew Ken, he was a man of integrity, common sense, good humor and a deep commitment to philanthropy and service.

Ken became the executive director for The Indianapolis Foundation in 1977, a year in which the average cost of a new home was \$49,000, and an average annual income was \$15,000. The Foundation’s assets totaled \$16 million and employed just four people. Greg Lynn, who retired from CICF in 2012, was one of those employees, and worked with Ken for 16 years.

“Back then, grant applicants came and met with Ken in person,” Lynn remembers. “Sometimes he could be pretty direct, but Ken was regarded by them as approachable, accessible and fair.” Chapman retired in 1994. Before he did, assets for The Indianapolis



Foundation swelled to nearly \$100 million. Lynn says that was only the beginning. “Ken laid the groundwork for Ken Gladish (Chapman’s successor) and the extraordinary changes that led to CICF”

Like everyone who knew Ken, we are saddened by his passing, and will share more of his story in the fall issue of Inspiring Philanthropy. Until then, please feel free to share your thoughts. Visit www.cicf.org and click Ken Chapman Remembered.

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Associate Accelerated Programs help Ivy Tech students double up on college credits – and exceed expectations.

Compared to three decades ago, a greater share of Americans - of all socioeconomic backgrounds – are completing bachelor’s degrees today. But affluent students are improving their college attainment rates at a much faster pace than poor students. According to researchers from the University of Michigan, the gap between rich and poor students earning baccalaureate degrees was 31 percentage points 30 years ago. Today, that gap is 45 points.

Educational leaders, business people and funders alike agree that such a large gap has a negative impact on American cultural and fiscal health. It means that talented, creative young people are likely missing a critical step toward employment and economic success – a college degree – and that they are less able to contribute to the economy and their communities. To address this challenge, many colleges are using creative programs to increase college degree attainment for low-income students. ASAP, the Associate Accelerated Program, is one such model, and it’s spreading throughout Indiana’s largest postsecondary educational institution, Ivy Tech Community College.

And for 25 ASAP students at Ivy Tech’s Lafayette campus, one family – linked by a common interest in education and a childhood in Lafayette – is making it possible for a select group of hard working students to finish an associate’s degree in just one year.

FAST CREDIT

The Associate Accelerated Program (ASAP) model was conceived in a planning retreat for the Indiana Commission for Higher Education in 2008. ASAP targets high-achieving students from low-income families. ASAP students earn two years of college credit in just one year, quick-starting their postsecondary experience in what might otherwise be a challenging transition year. With funding from the Lumina Foundation, the model was launched at Ivy Tech’s Indianapolis and Fort Wayne campuses in 2010.

Mike Smith was at that retreat. Now retired, Smith’s curriculum vitae is steeped in leadership positions: He served as CEO of Mayflower Group, Executive Vice President and CFO of WellPoint, Inc., and also as the

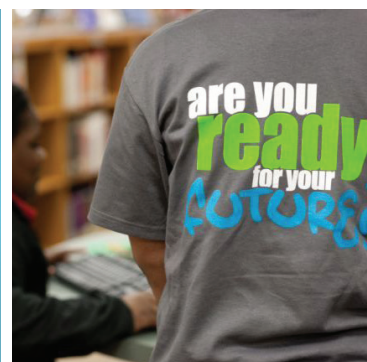
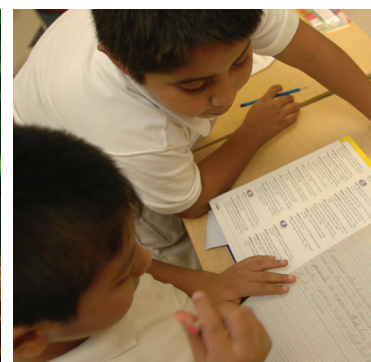
past Chairman of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Smith also serves on the Lumina Foundation board, and chair’s the Foundation’s Investment Committee.

But Smith has long championed access to education and opportunity, both as a volunteer and through his philanthropic efforts, which included serving as board chair for both CICF and Legacy Fund.

As Lafayette natives, Smith, his wife Susan, and his brothers and their wives saw an opportunity to bring the ASAP model to Ivy Tech’s Lafayette campus. Part of the family’s commitment included a million-dollar multi-year grant from the Michael L. Smith and Susan L. Smith Family Fund, a CICF fund.

“As an early advocate of this program, I got so excited, personally, to work with my family and bring the model to our hometown, Lafayette,” says Mike Smith. “And we’re not just giving the scholars money, we really want them to connect to campus life with the entire experience of college, with the confidence that they ’belong.’”

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Transforming your COMMUNITY

Through CICF's Community Leadership Initiatives.

At CICF, we believe central Indiana must develop, retain and attract human capital for it to thrive and succeed.

But for that to happen:

- More families must achieve self-sufficiency and build the assets they need for a better future, including savings for a college education, home ownership, or the capital needed to start a business. Self-sufficiency also means more families will become tax contributors instead of tax consumers.
- We must also grow the intellectual capacity of the region in order to create and attract the types of industries, businesses and newcomers that will strengthen our economy – and community – for years to come.
- Central Indiana must also offer the neighborhoods and cultural amenities that add value to living here while they appeal to visitors, new businesses and those hoping to live, work and play in a vibrant, successful community.

We created the Family Success, College Readiness and Success and Inspiring Places initiatives to transform communities and lives – throughout central Indiana.

Marion County

Inspiring Places

1. Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene & Marilyn Glick (see inset)
2. Mapleton Fall Creek Neighborhood
3. Reconnecting to Our Waterways (see inset)
4. 37 Place
5. Big Car Service Center
6. King Park Area Development Corporation
7. Midtown Indianapolis, Inc.
8. People for Urban Progress
9. Harrison Center for the Arts

Family Success

10. Hawthorne Community Center
11. John H. Boner Community Center
12. Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center
13. South East Community Organization
14. Flanner House Community Center
15. Edna Martin Christian Center
16. Grameen Indianapolis
17. Training Inc.
18. RecycleForce
19. Day Nursery
20. Second Helpings, Inc.
21. Local Initiatives Support Corporation

College Readiness & Success

- All Marion County Middle Schools**
22. H.L. Harshman Magnet Middle School
 23. Longfellow Magnet Middle School*

IPS High Schools

24. Arlington Community (future)
25. Arsenal Technical High School
26. Broad Ripple Magnet High School for the Arts & Humanities*
27. Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School*
28. Eastwood Middle School
29. Emmerich Manual High School
30. George Washington Community High School
31. John Marshall Community High School
32. Key Learning Community High School*
33. Northwest Community High School
34. Shortridge Magnet High School for Law & Public Policy*
35. Thomas Carr Howe Community High School
36. Westlane Middle School
37. Willard J. Gambold Preparatory High School*

Township Schools

- BEECH GROVE CITY SCHOOLS**
38. Beech Grove High School
- DECATUR TOWNSHIP**
39. Decatur Central High School (Partner School)

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

40. Franklin Central High School
41. Franklin Township Middle School West
42. Franklin Township Middle School East

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

43. Lawrence Central High School
44. Lawrence North High School

PERRY TOWNSHIP

45. Perry Meridian High School
46. Southport High School

PIKE TOWNSHIP

47. Pike High School
48. Speedway Senior High School

TOWN OF SPEEDWAY

49. Warren Central High School (Partner School)

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

50. Northview Middle School
51. North Central High School

WAYNE TOWNSHIP

52. Ben Davis High School

Additional Organizations

53. Center for Leadership Development, Inc.
54. College Summit Indiana
55. La Plaza, Inc.
56. Starfish Initiative
57. YMCA Urban Mission Branch
58. Indiana Youth Institute
59. Ivy Tech Community College
60. IU/PUI

* Magnet School

Hamilton County

Inspiring Places

1. Coxhall Gardens
2. Cool Creek Park Nature Center
3. Boxley Cabin
4. Noblesville Downtown Square
5. Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation
6. Noblesville Parks and Recreation
7. Sheridan Historical Society

Family Success

8. Westfield Youth Assistance
9. Inspirations of Hamilton County, Inc.

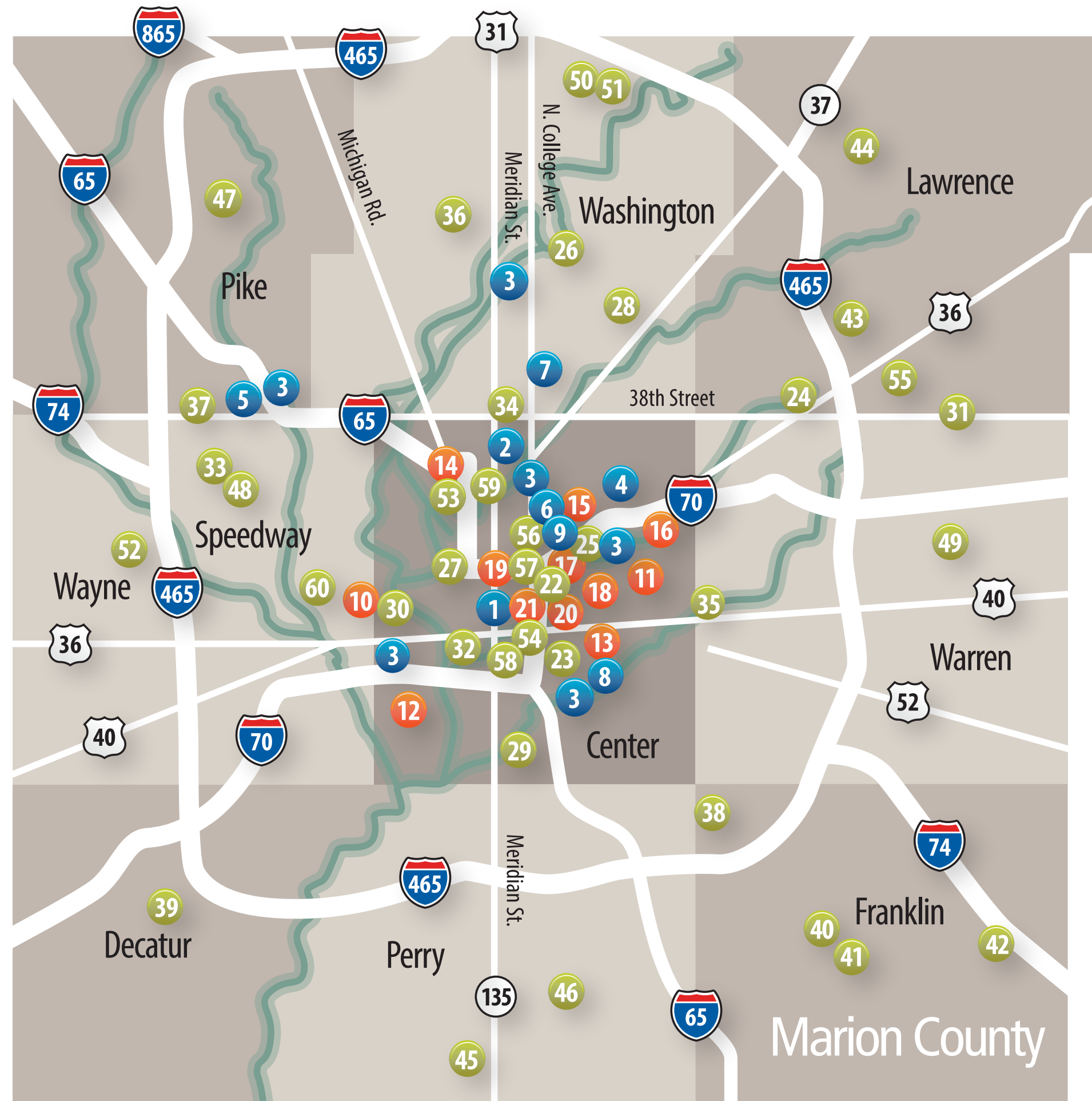
College Readiness & Success

All Hamilton County Middle Schools

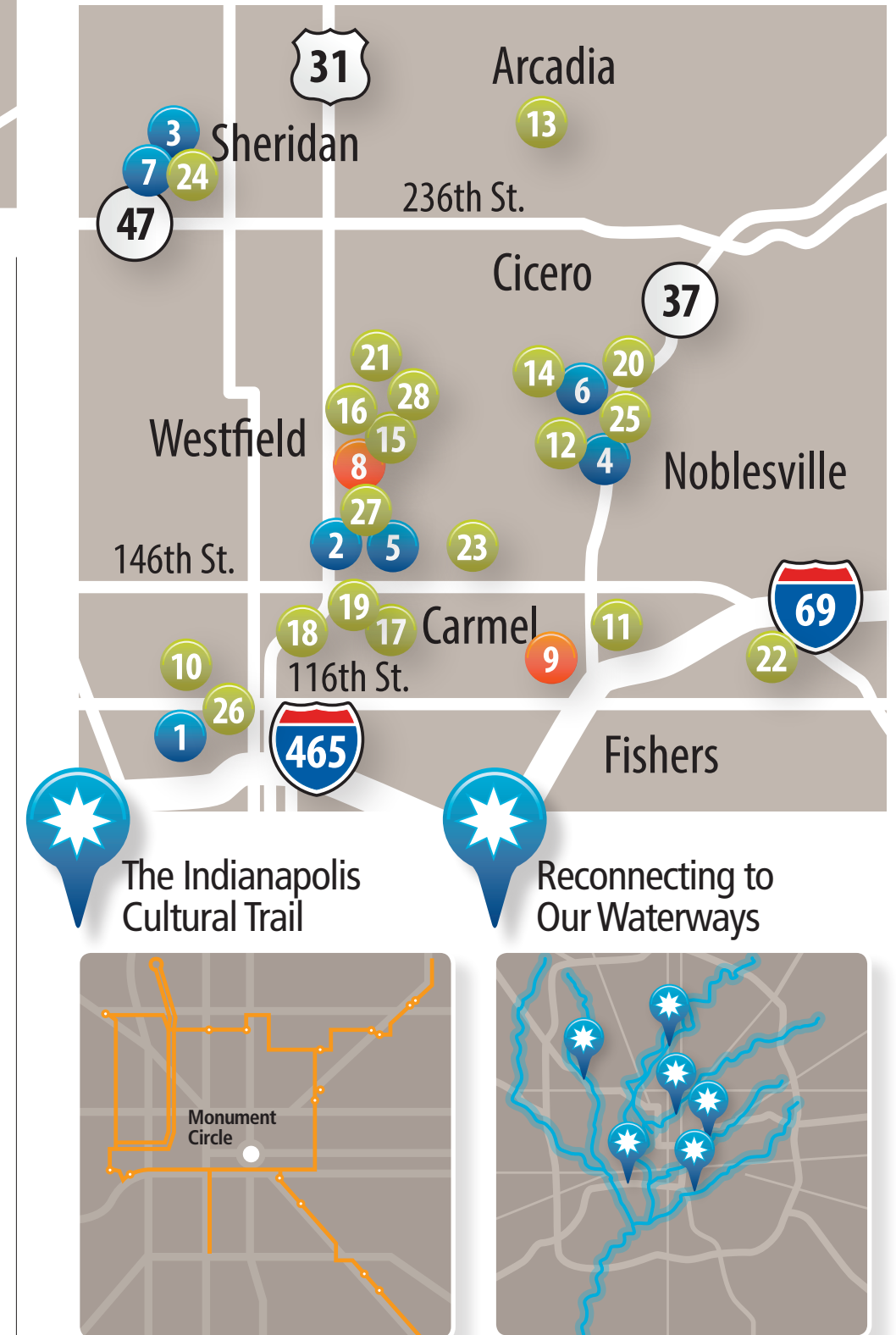
10. Creekside Middle School
11. Fishers Junior High School
12. Noblesville East Middle School
13. Hamilton Heights Middle School
14. Noblesville West Middle School
15. Westfield Intermediate School
16. Westfield Middle School
17. Clay Middle School
18. Carmel Middle School

High Schools

19. Carmel High School
20. Noblesville High School
21. Westfield High School
22. Hamilton Southeastern
23. St. Theodore Guerin High School
24. Sheridan High School
25. Noblesville Youth Assistance Program
26. University High School of Indiana
27. Westfield Youth Assistance
28. Westfield High School



Hamilton County



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