



# State Route (SR) 49 Corridor Plan

## Valparaiso, Indiana

**Services:**

- Corridor Planning
- Visual Preference Surveys
- Special Area Planning (Catalyst Sites)
- Low Impact Development (LID)

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The Corridor Plan was developed by planner Aaron Tuley, AICP and his team to address landscape conservation and development-related issues along a six-mile segment of State Route 49, from U.S. Highway 6 to U.S. Highway 30; the principal goal of which was to provide planning guidance and physical design direction for urban growth and development, regional change, and environmental management over the next 10 to 20 years. A key objective of the Corridor Plan was to encourage compatible professional/office development patterns that limit uncoordinated expansion in order to preserve the corridor's natural, cultural and scenic resources and amenities for which Porter County is known. An arterial thoroughfare (Memorial Drive Extended) was proposed to run parallel to SR 49 in order to provide access to large portions of developable land, and ensure a coherent pattern of contiguous development that prevents sprawl and preserves open space and rural landscape character. The proposed thoroughfare promotes connectivity and manages access to existing transportation corridors while providing synergies with adjacent, complementary land uses. Thoroughfare improvements included active transportation facilities to ensure multi-modal transportation improvements for multiple user groups.

Public engagement activities included small group listening sessions; an online community survey, which included a visual preference survey focused on illuminating important corridor character attributes; and community open house.

Additional landscape preservation and commercial development strategies were organized within four focus areas: residential and commercial growth and development; transportation infrastructure, utilities infrastructure; and economic development and corridor promotion.