



**Recreation Matters:** Investing in recreational infrastructure and programming helps promote healthy lifestyles, social connections, and positive youth development. A vibrant community with a high quality of life is attractive to businesses and residents alike.

**Collaboration:** I want to conduct surveys or town hall meetings to understand the community's recreation needs, wants and preferences. This information would guide decision-making and resource allocation. I would work with relevant stakeholders, including parks and recreation departments, the Vigo County YMCA, Wabash Valley Sports Center, and other community organizations, and residents, to develop comprehensive recreation plans that address a variety of interests and age groups.

**Preserving our Natural Resources:** Protect and preserve natural areas such as parks, forests, and waterways to provide opportunities for outdoor recreation, wildlife habitat, and environmental education. Implement conservation measures to maintain biodiversity and ecosystem health.

I'd like to work with the Lilly Foundation and Rose-Hulman to connect our community through the expansion of the heritage Trail. Supporting the City of Terre Haute and the Next Level Trails grant program to advance the Riley Trail project and make sure the \$1.9 million that was awarded continues moving forward with the ADA accessible asphalt project that will run from Riley to Rea Park.

**Promote Active Lifestyles:** I would encourage participation in physical activities and sports by organizing events, leagues, tournaments, and fitness programs. Partner with local schools, sports clubs, and businesses to provide opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

**Support Cultural and Arts Programs:** Recognize the importance of cultural and arts activities as part of recreation. Encourage the development of cultural events, art exhibitions, music festivals, and theater performances to enrich the community's recreational offerings.

**Enhance Accessibility:** Ensure that recreational facilities and programs are accessible to all members of the community, including people with disabilities, seniors, and low-income residents. This may involve improving infrastructure, providing transportation options, and offering financial assistance programs.

**Tourism Promotion:** Capitalize on Vigo County's natural beauty, cultural attractions, and historical significance to promote tourism. Invest in marketing campaigns, infrastructure improvements, and events that showcase the county's unique offerings and attract visitors.

So, I ask for your vote, your trust, and your partnership in this journey. Together, let us build a future where education is a priority, and our youth are empowered to lead.