

Indianapolis

A Smart Growth Vision

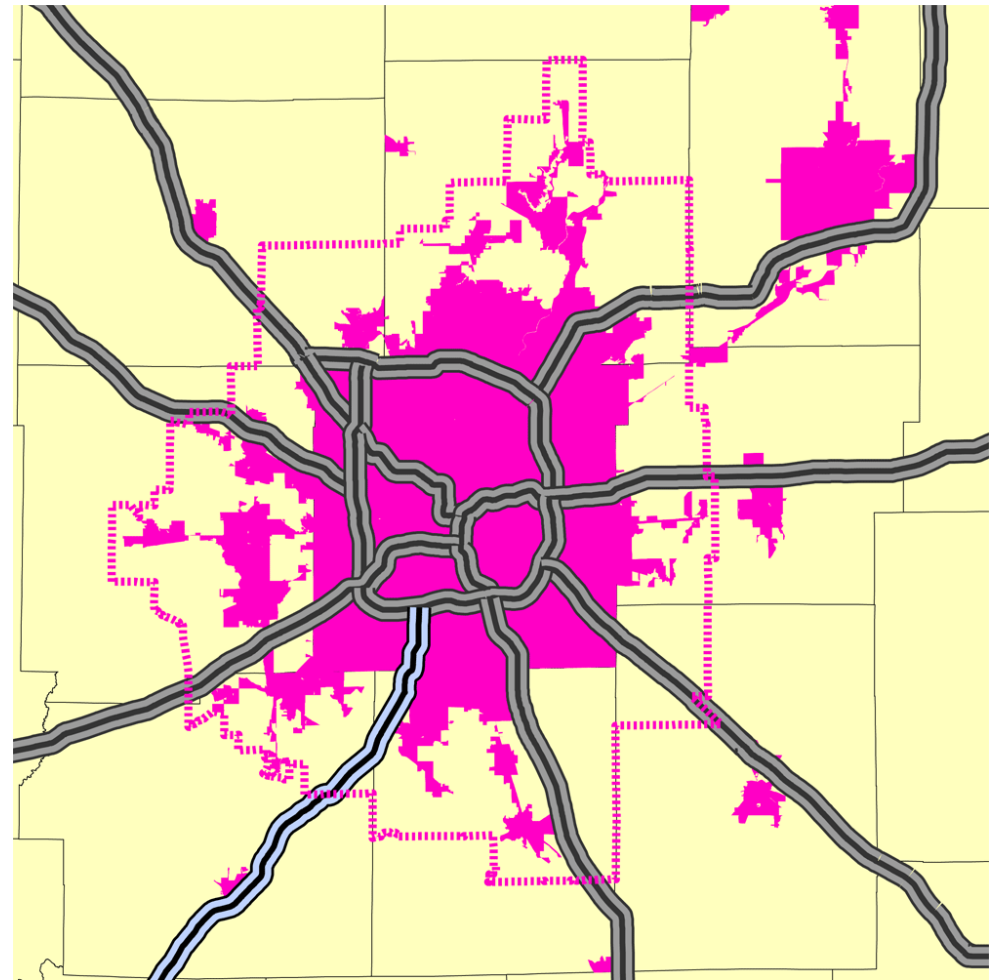
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Smart Growth for Indianapolis

Should we be thinking about . . .

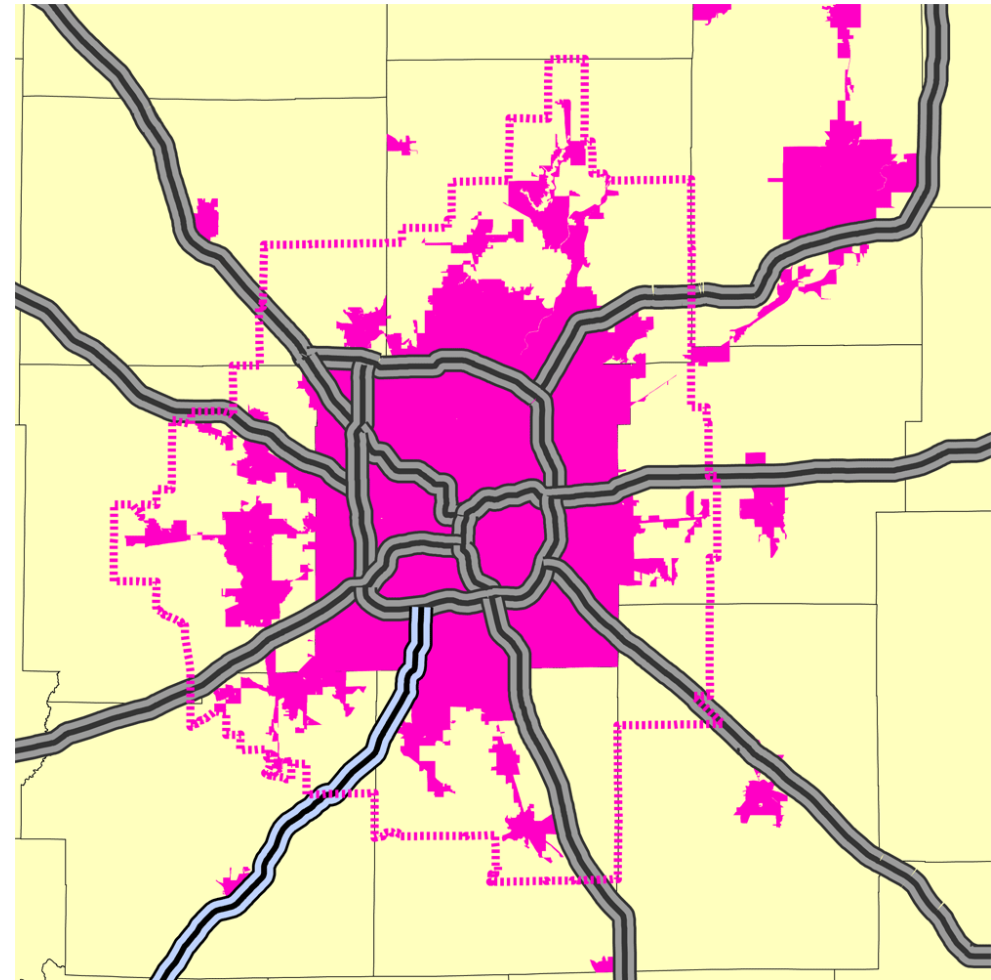
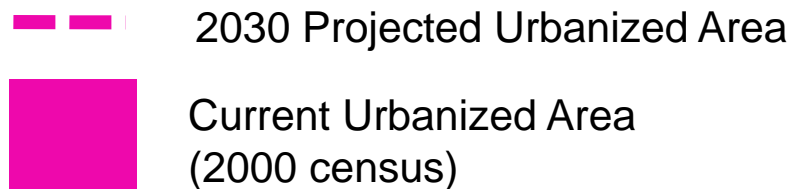
- Urban growth management?
- A framework for metropolitan agriculture and Indiana rural heritage?
- A basis for preservation of open space and natural resources?



Indianapolis Urbanized Area

The Indianapolis region is urbanizing without “Smart Growth”




Most of this growth is suburban and displacing open space and agricultural resources.

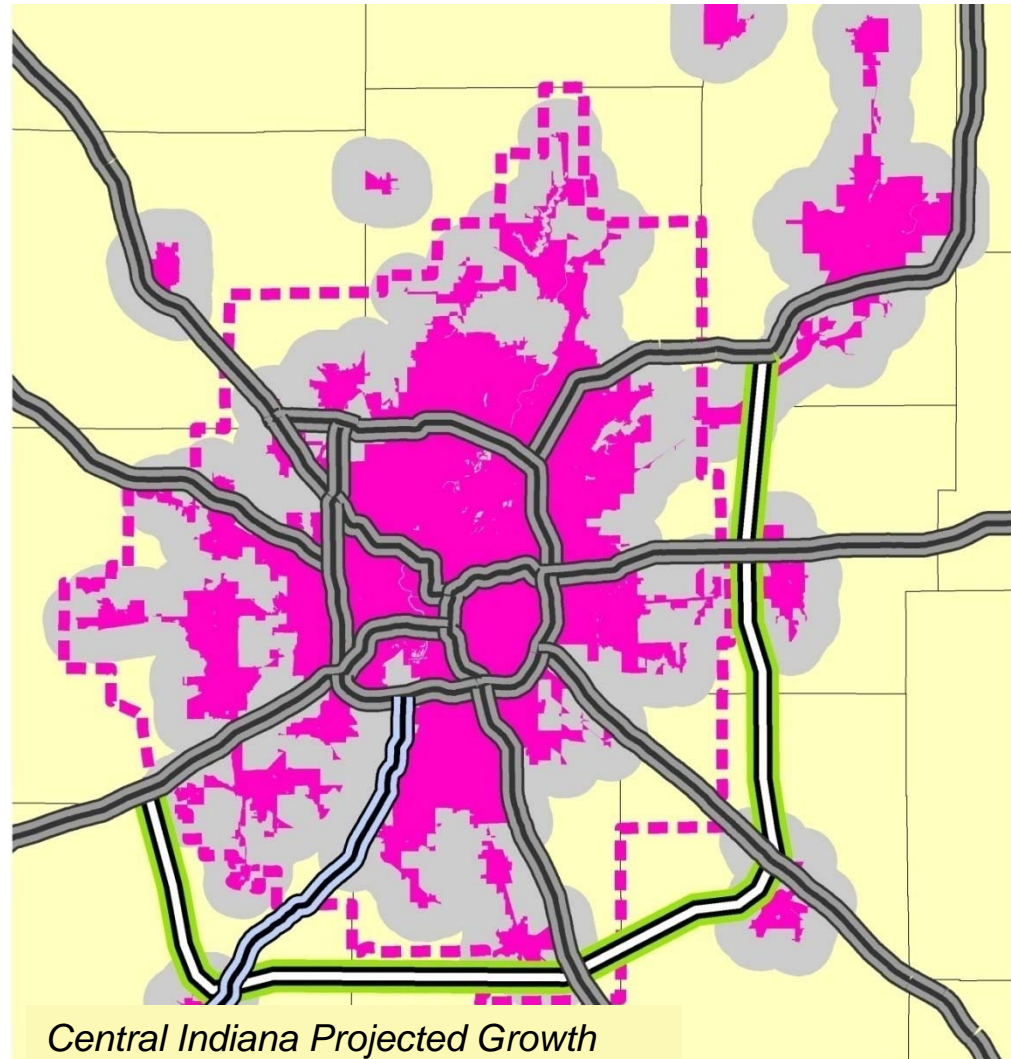


Indianapolis Urbanized Area

Anderson and Columbus urbanizing areas are merging with Indianapolis

A Smart Growth Management Boundary can direct economic growth and preserve rural resources

-  2030 Projected Urbanized Area
-  Current Urbanized Area (2000 census)
-  Proposed 2030 Smart Growth Management Boundary

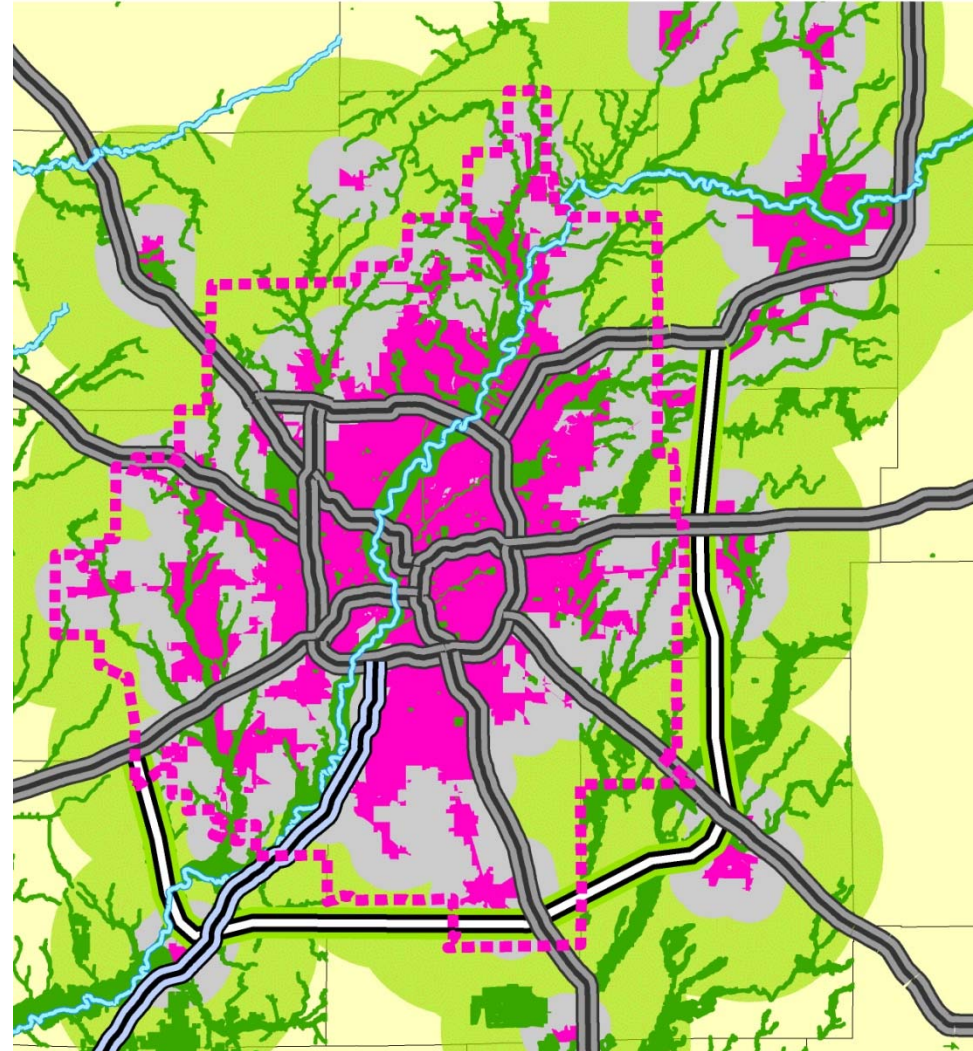


Urban Growth Management

considers:

- Balanced multi-modal transportation
- Containment of sprawl and vehicular congestion
- Focused economic development intensity at nodes to support mass transit
- Preservation of agriculture and open space resources to support Indiana's regional economies

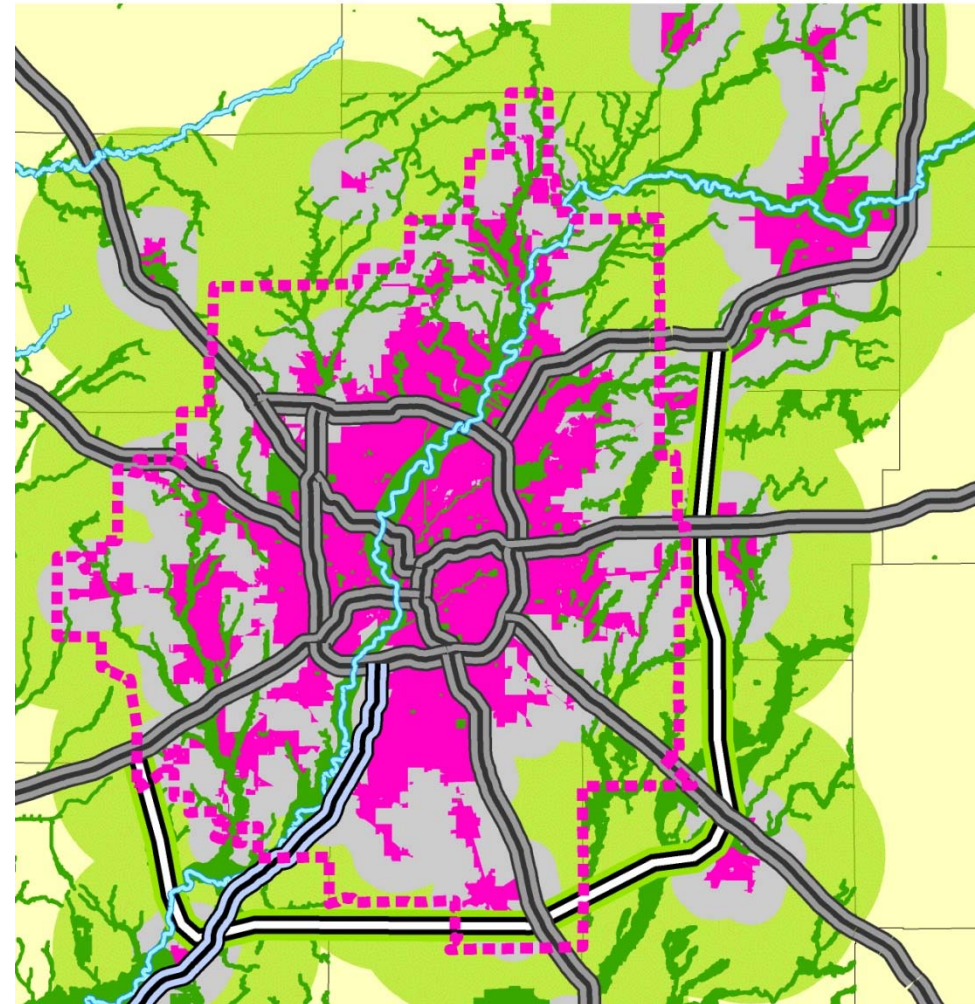
- Smart Growth Management Boundary
- Metro Region Rural Preservation Area



Central Indiana Smart Growth Management

Open space and natural resource greenbelt and green corridors


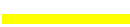



- Floodplains to protect aquifers and water resources
- Wildlife habitat for healthy ecosystems
- Open space for accessible recreation
- Metropolitan agriculture as the local breadbasket

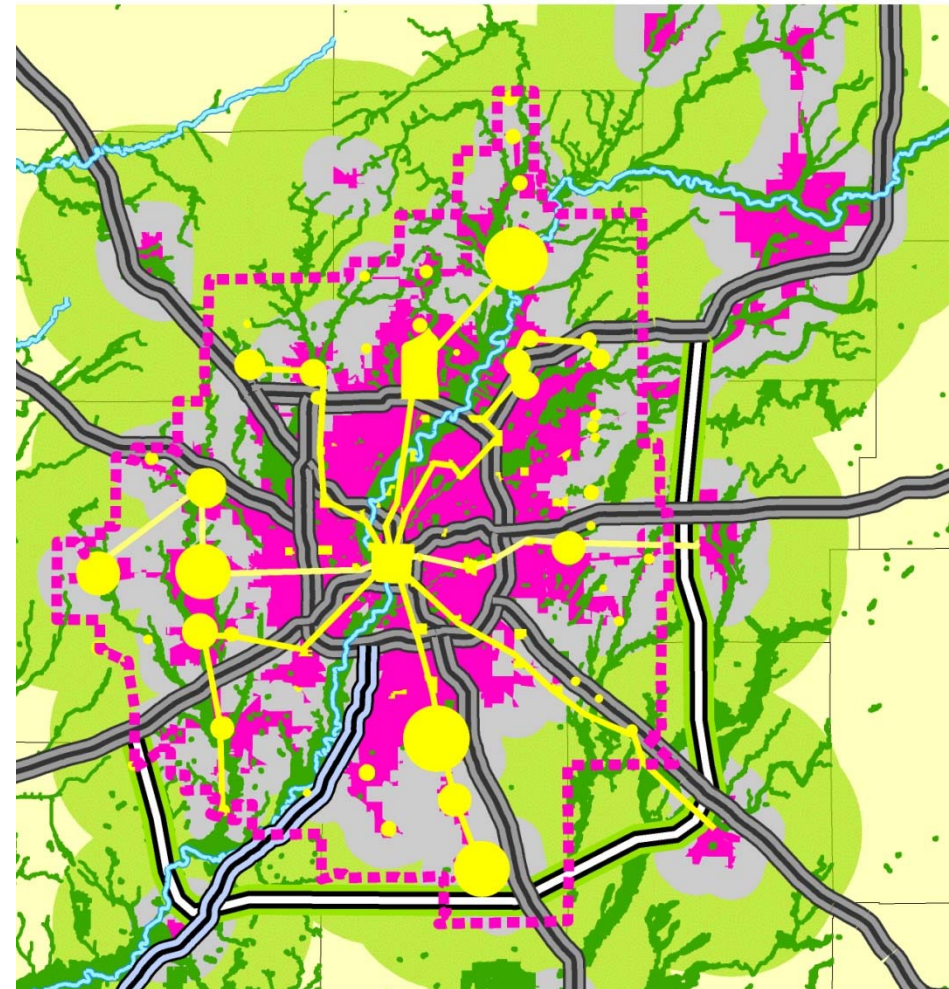


Central Indiana Smart Growth Management

Regional Transit to promote compact development and intense economic development

Connect the most intensely developed districts to maximize ridership and ROI






-  Metro Region Rural Preservation Area
-  Commuter Transit Connections
-  Transit Served Compact Development
-  Current Urbanized Area (2000 census)
-  Smart Growth Management Boundary

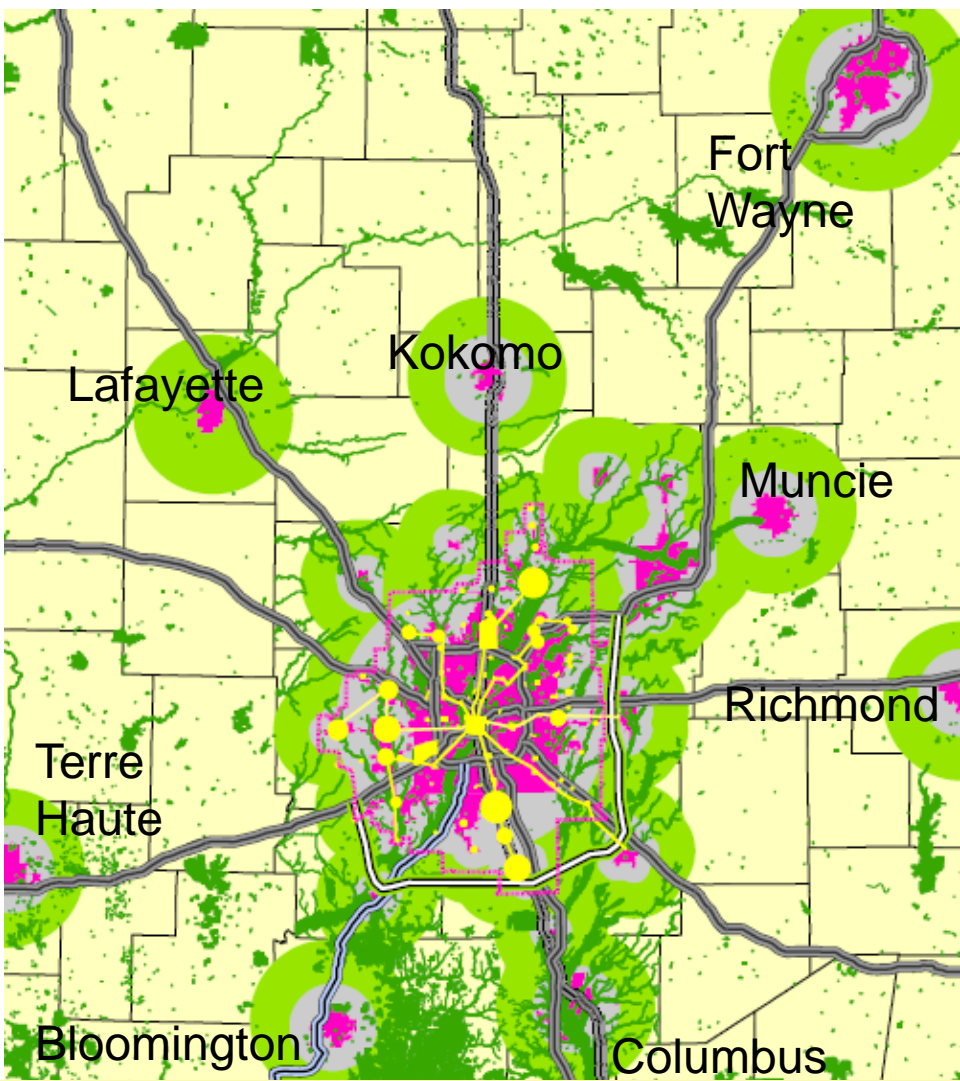


Central Indiana Commuter Transit Connections

Growth management is a statewide issue

Metropolitan areas are merging along transportation corridors.


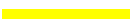



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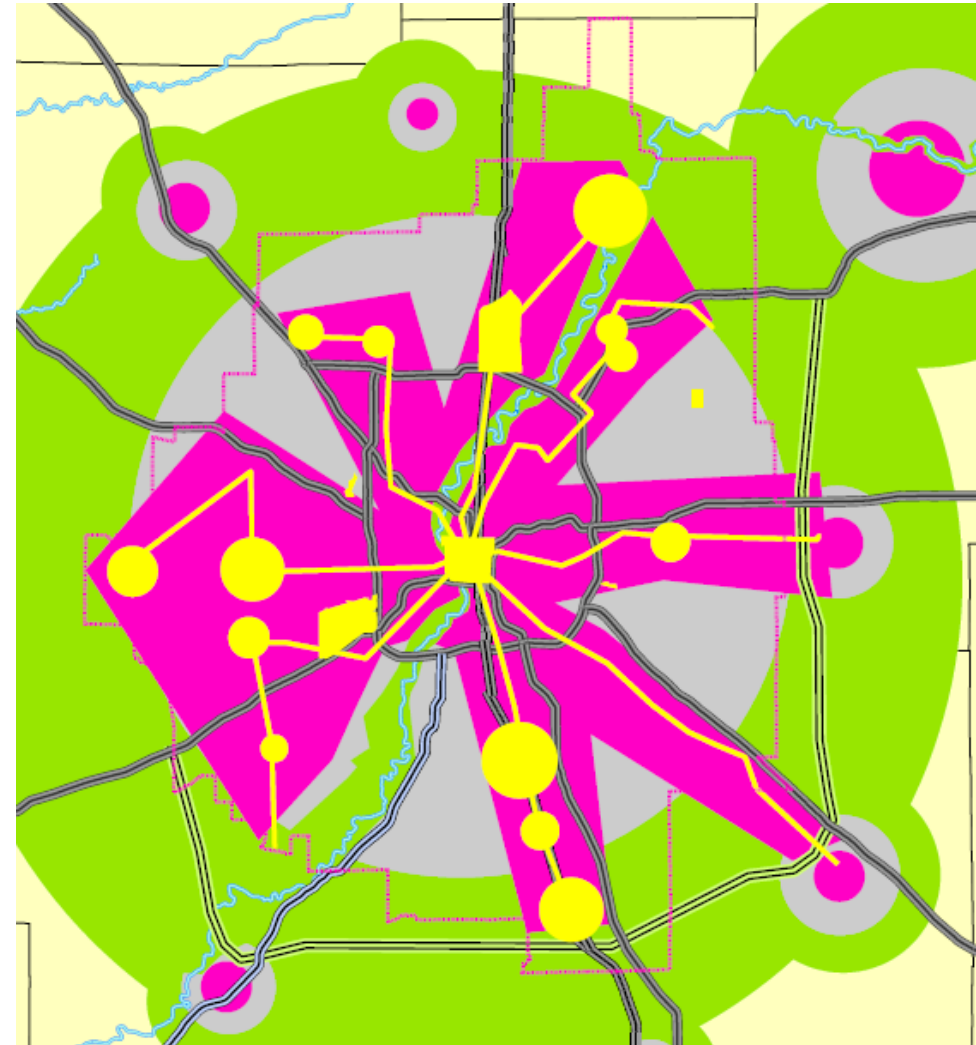


State Wide Growth Management

Growth management creates areas for policy focus

Different tools apply in different regional areas.

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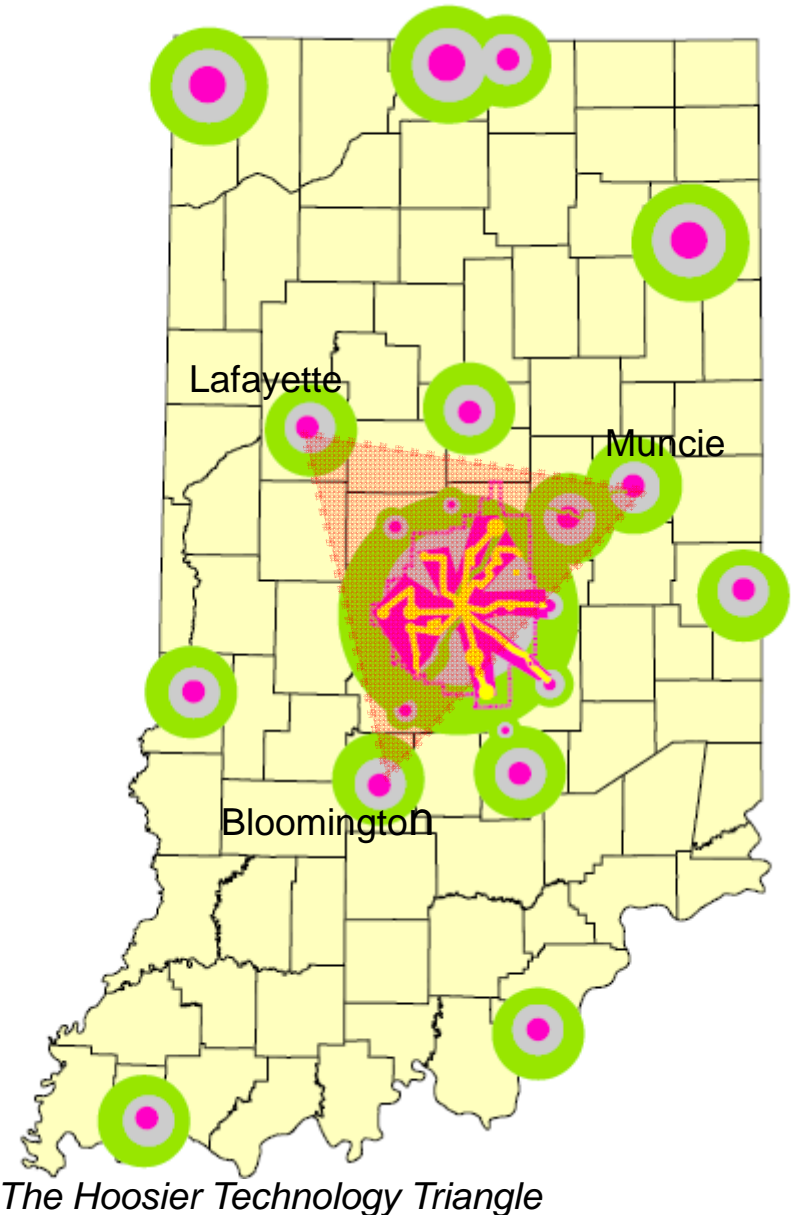


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Growth management links Indiana's core communities

Economic development initiatives can have a regional focus.

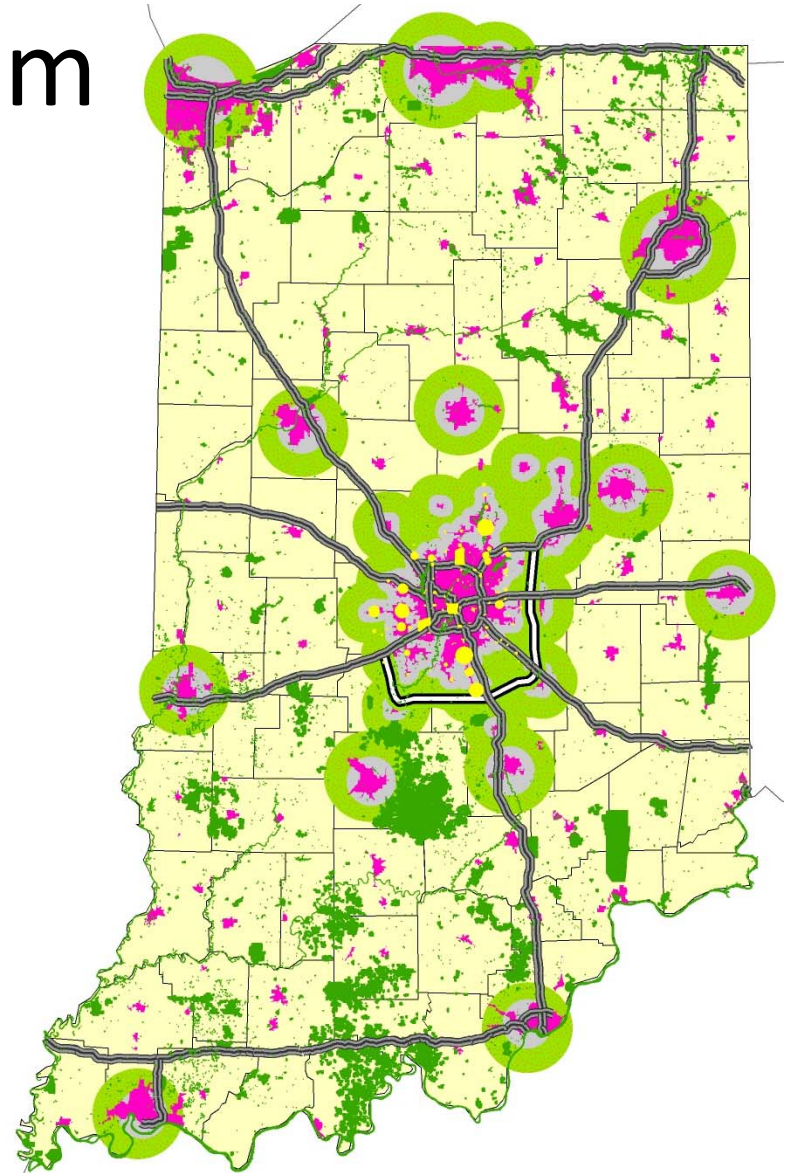
- Position Central Indiana's University resources
- Create Hoosier Technology Triangle linkages
- Integrate economic development initiatives



The Hoosier Technology Triangle

State and regional economies are an interdependent system

- Regional rail
- Statewide policy on growth management
- Protect Indiana's rural heritage
- Leverage infrastructure investment to facilitate land use policy



An Indiana positioned for the future



Smart Growth Defined

- Concentrate growth in the center of a city to avoid urban sprawl
- Compact, transit-oriented, walkable, bicycle-friendly land use
- Streets that work for everyone
- Mixed-use development with a range of housing choices
- Long-range regional considerations of sustainability

