

RESOLUTION NO. 97-5**A RESOLUTION supporting LaPorte County's continued membership in the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission**

WHEREAS, the Westville Town Council is charged with protecting the safety and health of Westville residents; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the town wastewater treatment plant and water plant are crucial to the performance of that charge; and safe highways through the area are also of critical importance; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission has played a key role in the Town of Westville's obtaining grants in excess of \$1 million to make major improvements to the wastewater treatment plant, and to allow for construction of a new drinking water filtration plant; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC staff members have helped the officials of the Town of Westville apply for, prepare paperwork for, make contacts on, perform income surveys and followup reports, and ultimately to receive said grants, which may have been impossible without NIRPC's help; and

WHEREAS, the grant for the water plant is now at a critical juncture in terms of timing and the loss of NIRPC staff support could jeopardize the town of Westville receiving crucial funds; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC committees have also played a role in improvements to local highways which have greatly improved safety within the Westville, Indiana, town limits; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC has the organization, the staff, the means and the ability to help the town of Westville and others in LaPorte County seek and obtain further grants for other major projects; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC can only continue to work with the town of Westville on the water grant and other projects so long as LaPorte County retains membership in the commission; and

WHEREAS, the LaPorte County Board of Commissioners is the body which shall make a decision on retaining membership; and the amount of money awarded in grants to the town of Westville alone has been far more than the cost of membership in NIRPC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTVILLE, LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

The Westville Town Council respectfully urges the LaPorte County Commissioners to continue LaPorte County's membership in the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WESTVILLE, LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA, ON THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE 1997.


Mike Albert, council member

ATTEST: 
Carol Rotzien, Clerk-treasurer


Eugene Freese, council member


Donald Hunt, council member


Raymond Kennedy, council member


Jeffrey Mayes, council member