

ST. JOHN, INDIANA IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS.



Welcome to St. John



Over the last decade, St. John, Indiana has experienced rapid population growth. Located just outside Chicago, it's become an oasis for urban professionals and their families desiring a small town environment with all the conveniences of a major urban center. People come to St. John and stay in St. John.

St. John's ever-increasing population has brought major investments into infrastructure and expanding sustainable development within the town. All of this growth and investment make St. John an ideal location for expanding commercial and retail operations.

St. John, Indiana
**A GREAT
PLACE
TO LIVE
& WORK**

No stranger to the spotlight, St. John was recently featured in *Businessweek's* "Best Places to Raise Kids 2013." Judged by diverse criteria — though heavily influenced by public school systems, safety and the local job market — St. John was deemed the Best Place to Raise Kids in the State of Indiana and 15th nationwide.

The coverage in *Businessweek* highlights what local business owners and residents already know: St. John is a great place to be. They praise the country feel of this quiet community even as more and more city dwellers are packing up and moving in.

Our Town
**AT-A-
GLANCE**

20 MILES FROM CHICAGO

Just across the Illinois state line, St. John offers easy access to the major expressways and airports of Chicagoland as well as suburban commuter and commercial trains.

\$103,662 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

St. John is growing and with a median income 173% above the national average (\$52,000) it's easy to see why.

ONE OF AMERICA'S
**BEST PLACES
TO LIVE**

In 2009 CNN ranked St. John number 48th among the 100 best places to live in the U.S.

Since 2000, our job growth rate exceeded CNN's best places to live average by at least 15%.



A TRUE SENSE OF **COMMUNITY**

St. John has quiet neighborhoods, more than 20 public parks and an extensive network of bike and pedestrian trails. Our commercial district offers both locally-owned and chain shops and restaurants.

37.7% JOB GROWTH

St. John's rate of job creation is significantly above average — the figure above represents average growth rates from 2000 to 2010.



St. John is dedicated to working with business owners and residents to build community life and foster healthy growth.

Our town consistently exceeds national and state averages in income, employment and home values (among other things). Truly, there's no better place to grow your business.

15,000
LOCAL POPULATION

480,000
POPULATION, 15 MILE RADIUS

1,214
LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS

9,680,000
POPULATION, CHICAGOLAND

\$255,100 MEDIAN HOME VALUE

73% OF THE POPULATION IN THE WORK FORCE

SEVEN THOUSAND
TOTAL ACRES AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT



ST. JOHN, INDIANA IS BUILT FOR BUSINESS

Over the past decade, St. John has aimed to create development-friendly plans to expand the town's infrastructure, zoning and services. This has kept St. John an ideal place to live as evidenced by continuing, rapid population growth and, of course, economic growth.

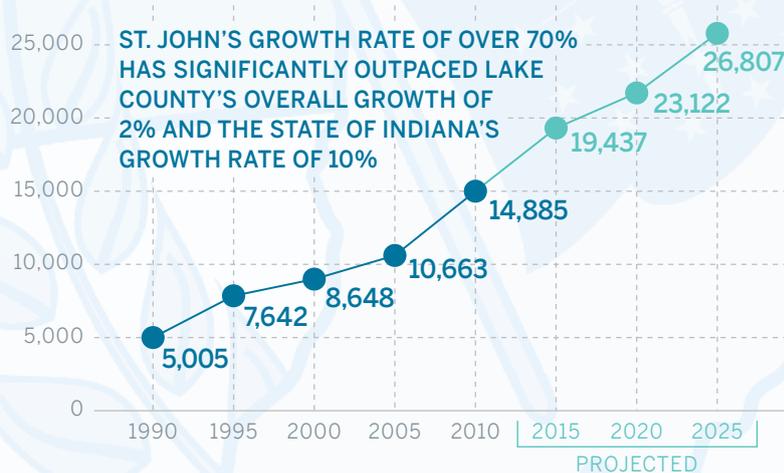
The town is home to a growing number of local businesses and commercial chains in its US 41 Commercial Corridor and Frontage Road Retail Area. Most recently, several major retail chains have purchased land to take advantage of St. John's growth and growth-friendly policies.



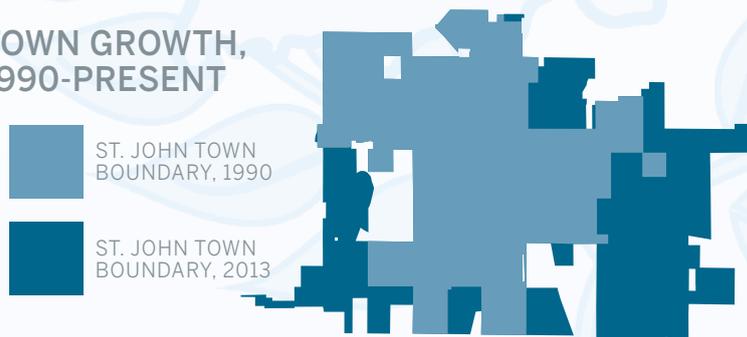
A \$160,000,000 INVESTMENT

St. John has a large daytime population — including 10,057 students, teachers and staff in the Lake Central School Corporation. Lake Central is one of the town's larger employers and has recently started a \$160 million expansion project. St. John's schools outperform Indiana averages: Graduation Rate: 89.9% (Indiana: 86%); Passing Trend: 79% (Indiana: 72.4%); SAT Score: 995 (Indiana: 990); ACT Score: 23 (Indiana: 22).

ACTUAL & PROJECTED POPULATION GROWTH, 1990-2025



TOWN GROWTH, 1990-PRESENT



GOVERNANCE WITH A SMALL "G"

St. John is managed by an elected town council that has a long history of working with developers, citizens and business leaders to develop a town in the best interests of the community as a whole. With 70% of the population in the work force, the entire community stands behind growth-oriented policies. Town meetings are open access and transparent — business owners and citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of the community.

“ We have been doing business in St. John for 35 wonderful years. I've owned businesses in other towns, but St. John is by far my favorite. The people here are truly warm and friendly. We consider them family. ”

— KEVIN HITZEMAN, OWNER, DAIRY QUEEN



HOSPITAL SERVICES

St. John is home to a variety of local medical professionals, specialists, physicians and dentists and has a new Community Outpatient Hospital Centre. In addition to local medical services, St. John is located near several major hospital systems.

CIVIL SERVICES

St. John maintains its own police, fire and emergency services. These services are presently undergoing rapid expansion to accommodate the town's growth. Recent improvements included a 25,000 sq.ft. addition to police and fire department facilities as well as a 3,600 sq.ft. addition to town hall.

KEY LOCAL BUSINESSES

The St. John business community is alive with activity. Boasting 14 financial institutions, St. John proves that growth and prosperity are here to stay. Other large, successful businesses in St. John include Strack & Van Til, Target, Schilling Home Center, Community Hospital Outpatient Centre, Alsip Home & Nursery, Walgreen's & Fire Service, Inc.

EDUCATION

St. John's two major school districts, Lake Central and Hanover, have excellent public schools that outperform Indiana averages in terms of test scores and graduation rates. St. John also has private schools including Crown Point Christian (Evangelical) and St. John the Evangelist (Catholic) and a number of community and four-year colleges are within easy driving distance.

CHURCHES & RELIGION

St. John has vibrant religious communities – whether Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, Evangelical or Non-Denominational, there is a church for you in St. John.

PARKS & RECREATION

St. John has more than 20 public parks and a large network of bike and pedestrian trails. Our goal is to create an interconnected system of open green areas that enhance the community's quality of life and provide recreational activities for residents. Our park system offers access to sports facilities, family picnic outings as well as fishing, boating, hiking and in the winter months skating, cross-country skiing and sledding.

CLOSE TO EVERYTHING

(EXCEPT ILLINOIS TAXES)

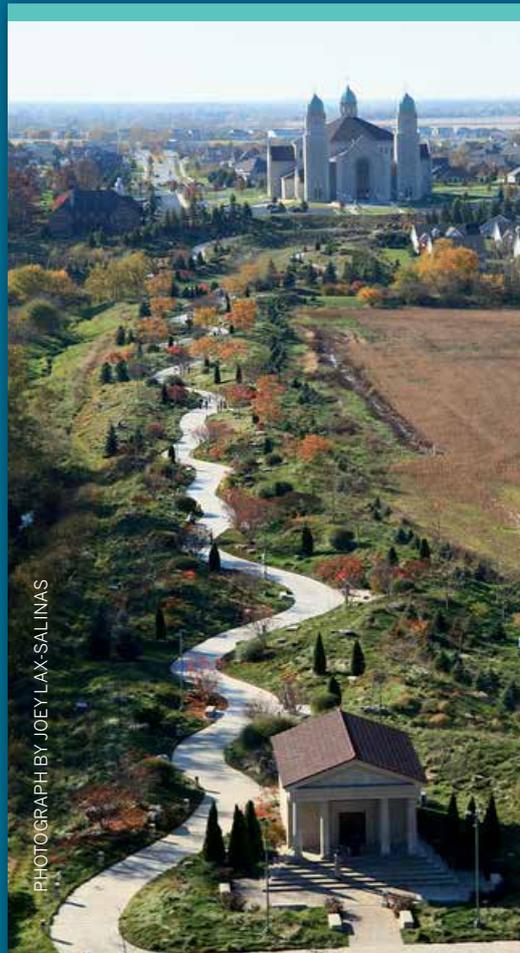
St. John is right in the path of development and at just 20 miles from Chicago, it provides easy access to all a big city has to offer but is near farmland and natural areas. People move to St. John to have the best of both worlds. With easy access to major expressways (I-80, I-90, I-94 & I-65), St. John is in the path of regional travel.

St. John is also just a short drive from major international airports as well as several smaller, regional airfields. Commuter rail service is available close by and there are plans under consideration to add a rail station in St. John to extend commuter rail services from Chicagoland further south and east in Indiana.

PROXIMITIES TO ST. JOHN

CITIES	MILES
CHICAGO	20
CROWN POINT	8
HAMMOND	11
GARY	18
VALPARAISO	25
JOLIET	35
SCHAUMBURG	60
SOUTH BEND	80
FORT WAYNE	130
INDIANAPOLIS	145

EXPRESSWAYS	MILES
80/90	10
94	15
AIRPORTS	MILES
GARY	15
MIDWAY	35
O'HARE	55
PASSENGER RAIL	MILES
AMTRAK	4
SOUTH SHORE	15
METRA	16



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THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION

Members of the St. John community built the Shrine as a not-for-profit project with support of local business leaders and developers. St. John's position at the edge of Chicagoland makes for easy visitor access; the attraction welcomes nearly 200 tour buses a year.

Its idyllic setting in a natural landscape with trees and low hills makes it the perfect place for a 150-acre shrine. The Shrine features a path that walks visitors through Christ's final days from the Last Supper to the Crucifixion. The pathway depicts scenes with sculptures and sound-stations narrated by Bill Kurtis.

One reviewer said, "Anyone who appreciates the artistry of sculpting, landscape and set design will be blown away. [The Shrine] is worth a visit just for that. Even if you are not religious, go anyway. This is a unique outdoor setting great for a quiet, reflective time."

200,000
AVERAGE ANNUAL VISITORS

Where Business & Community Meet

Northwest Indiana is growing quickly with a large number of people relocating to take advantage of competitive tax rates, affordable housing costs, quality schools and the proximity to Chicagoland. Located at the edge of Chicagoland's urban zone and right in the path of development, St. John has always had the foresight to know development was coming and, once it did, it wouldn't stop.



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Business owners and residents promoted St. John as a great place to do business since the early 1960s. After decades of unofficial progress, the St. John Chamber of Commerce was officially incorporated in 1981. Over the past 30+ years, the Chamber has been a strong pro-business voice within the St. John community.

AFFORDABLE TAX RATES

St. John's population continues to grow as Illinois families migrate from Illinois to Indiana in search of low property taxes. Rates in Indiana are nearly half of those in Illinois. With comparable commutes to downtown Chicago it is understandable why families are moving to St. John and the surrounding areas.

“ We couldn't be happier with our investment in the St. John community. The Town has been cooperative and easy to work with from the beginning. Since we opened our store in April of 2006, our goals and expectations have been consistently surpassed each and every year. ”

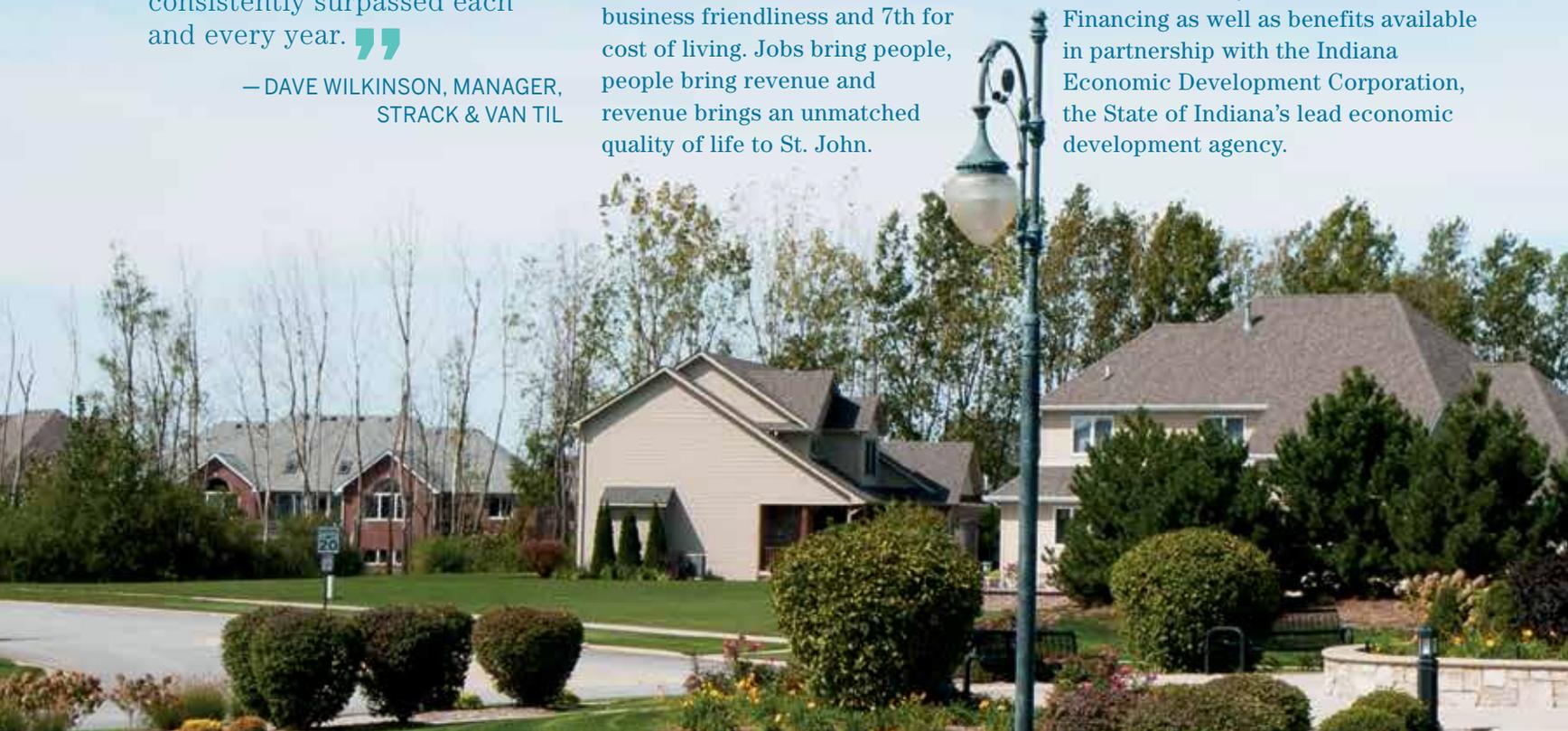
— DAVE WILKINSON, MANAGER,
STRACK & VAN TIL

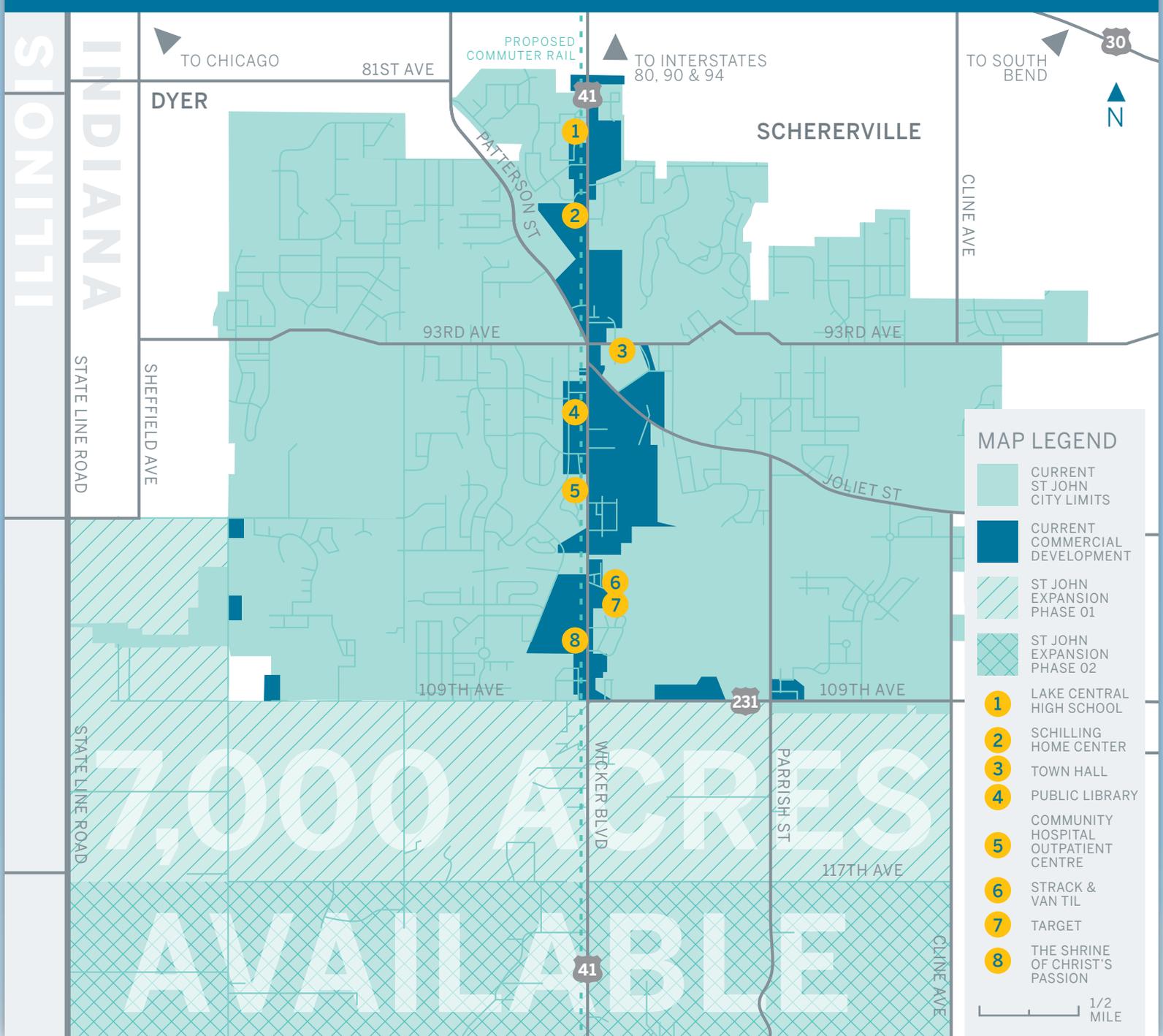
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

St. John's local government has always promoted business growth and the region garners national accolades for its business climate. The State of Indiana also ranks 5th nationally for business friendliness and 7th for cost of living. Jobs bring people, people bring revenue and revenue brings an unmatched quality of life to St. John.

INCENTIVES FOR GROWTH

When the town is presented with a development proposal that creates jobs and improves the quality of life, St. John has a variety of economic development incentives at its disposal. These incentives include Tax Abatements, Tax Increment Financing as well as benefits available in partnership with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, the State of Indiana's lead economic development agency.





7,000 ACRES AVAILABLE

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Illustrating the current and prospective future town borders, the above map demonstrates the potential for expansion and growth in St. John. The town — currently comprising 8,622 acres — is prepared to grow by an additional 7,000 acres in the coming years with two phases of annexation planned.

Current growth trends predict that the town will annex over 4,000 additional acres by 2045. Due to this anticipated growth, St. John is planning a Phase 02 annexation that will bring the total land area to 15,954 acres. A projected 200% increase in size and the population will mean more businesses, more residents and more improvements to infrastructure. St. John is growing quickly and constantly.





GROW WITH US

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