

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE HELP Kosciusko and Town of Pierceton invite community to celebrate new sidewalks

May 8, 2025 (Pierceton, IN) – The <u>Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP) Kosciusko</u> and the Town of Pierceton invite the community to a ribbon cutting event to celebrate new sidewalks in Pierceton.

The celebration will take place on Thursday, May 29 at 4 p.m. at the corner of Third Street and Pierceton Elementary School. Parking will be available at the school.

"We are very pleased to see another project completed in Pierceton," said Pierceton Town Council President Glenn Hall. "The new sidewalk project was already in the works when I joined the Council so it is always fulfilling to see these projects finished. The new sidewalk creates a safer environment for those walking to and from school and to the park. It is a beautiful addition to our town."

The project spans the east side of Seventh Street, the south side of School Street, and the east side of Third Street. Improvements include the installation of six-foot-wide concrete sidewalks, ADA-compliant ramps, driveway enhancements, and seeding. In total, approximately 2,600 feet of new sidewalk was installed.

The need for this project was identified by a volunteer committee of local community members participating in the HELP program. And the project was supported and funded in part by the <u>Indiana</u> <u>Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA)</u>.

"This new sidewalk is more than just concrete, it's a connection between our community and our children's education," said Whitko Community Schools Superintendent Amy Korus. "By providing a safe and accessible path to Pierceton Elementary, we're investing in both safety and stronger ties between families and the heart of our town."

The sidewalks will not only enhance the community by improving safety, the addition will encourage a more walkable, connected town where neighbors can interact, support local businesses, and experience a stronger sense of place.

"We're thrilled to see this project come to life," said Kosciusko County Community Coordinator Amy Roe. "These improvements make Pierceton safer and more walkable, and help foster a more vibrant place to live, work, and visit. We encourage anyone to join us for this celebration!"

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