

Community & Elected Official Outreach

We have dedicated our time and efforts to proactively meet and engage with residents, civic leaders, regulatory agencies, and elected officials to solicit feedback and incorporate community input into the project design. No NDAs.

This outreach began prior to filing and has continued non-stop up to the very last opportunity to file notarized commitments. Before filing, we tried to anticipate community needs by filing a strong list of commitments which were shaped from initial outreach and lessons from other jurisdictions. We also voluntarily incorporated much of the proposed guardrails.

Following five public meetings and countless one on one meetings, there have been additional written commitments added after feedback from the district councilor, neighbors, and other stakeholders and hundreds of questions answered, some of which involved extensive research after lengthy discussions with stakeholders and experts. We've put forth a strong effort to demonstrate DC BLOX strongly desires to be a good neighbor with full intent to operate in compliance with the written commitments as proven in other jurisdictions. The commitments speak to construction, operation, and decommissioning should that ever occur. Again, in an effort to be a good neighbor, we've even included additional neighbors as those who can quickly enforce any commitments for peace of mind.

From the very beginning, we've shared on the site-specific website that we strive to respond to every inquiry. We've taken media interviews and interacted on social media to share project specific facts. We've even taken feedback to better organize all the expert documents and information on the commitments for a more user-

friendly experience. In addition to commitments, our effort has also included quantifying and sharing community and economic benefits to relevant stakeholders in an effort to be as transparent as possible from project inception. There are still a number of unknowns with the community benefits, but we've made three big announcements outside of the tax process which include:

1. To contribute at least \$20,000 per year for at least five years to benefit the Pennsy Trail (outside of any tax incentive negotiations).
2. To pay for and orchestrate cleanup and maintenance of the easement South of the Pennsy Trail with native plants (outside of any tax incentive negotiations).
3. To partner with local organizations with a multimillion-dollar investment (outside of any tax incentive negotiations) to meet priority needs of the community.

What and When?

- Prior to March 2026
 - Meeting with city staff
 - Meeting with district councilor
 - Outreach to utilities
- March 2026
 - Meeting with District Councilor
 - Meeting with Warren Township Schools
 - Meeting and outreach with city staff
 - Outreach to other councilors
 - Outreach to Irvington Community Elementary School
 - Meeting with Citizens Energy
 - Meeting with IEDI
 - Meeting with Indy Chamber
 - Meeting with skilled labor

- Meeting with leadership from the Irvington Development Organization
- April 2026
 - DCBLOXIndy.com (a project specific website) went live & updated regularly
 - Community mailer asking for feedback to 7200 residents
 - Door to door communication in the area around the Thunderbird Commerce Center
 - Sent detailed cover letter with notice
 - Outreach to Warren Trustee, School Board, & Township Board
 - Meeting with the Far Eastside
 - Meetings with elected officials in neighboring districts
 - Meeting and outreach to city staff
 - Walking tour with city agencies on Pennsy
 - Meeting with Indianapolis City-County Councilors
 - Meetings with members of the Irvington Community Council
 - Meetings with members of the Irvington Development Organization
 - Presentation to Warren Township Development Association
 - Presentation at Downey Avenue Christian Church with Councilor Andy Nielsen with a dozen subject matter experts. Provided written answers to questions before the forum and followed up on questions after the forum.
 - Outreach to Irvington Community Elementary School
 - Ongoing conversations with skilled labor
 - Meeting with Office of Energy Development
 - Meeting with utilities
 - Meeting with local tech leaders with agendas to advance tech workforce locally
- May 2026

- Door to door communication in the area around the Thunderbird Commerce Center
- Meeting with Warren Township School Board member
- Presentation at Warren Township Government Center with Councilor Michael Paul-Hart where every last question was answered continuing the meeting past 10 PM
- Hosted site visits with IEDI, Building Trades, District Councilor, Indy Chamber, and neighbors in Atlanta and Birmingham
- Meeting with the Far Eastside
- Meeting with the Parks Alliance
- Meeting with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation
- Meetings with Indianapolis City-County Councilors
- Spoke at the Irvington Development Organization meeting
- Attended the Irvington Community Council meeting
- Outreach to Irvington Community Elementary School
- Responding to emails from neighbors
- Outreach to IFD
- Meeting with Shepherd Community Center
- Ongoing conversations with skilled labor
- Joined local podcast
- June 2026
 - Door to door communication in the area around the Thunderbird Commerce Center knocking on over 1000 homes
 - Walking site tour with Lauth, brownfield expert, and neighbors
 - Meetings with Indianapolis City-County Councilors
 - Meetings with neighbors
 - Responding to emails
 - Outreach to IFD

- Meetings and tours with local non-profit leaders
- Outreach to the Office of Energy & Natural Resources, Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the Indiana Finance Authority
- Released community protection pledge
- Joined local podcast
- Meetings with Irvington Community Schools
- Executed Project Labor Agreement

Through this outreach, there have been substantial milestones including an executed project labor agreement, a renewable energy plan, and robust commitments to address noise, water, energy, community benefit, and visual impact to name a few. At a recent meeting with neighbors just last week, we thanked them for all of their ideas and accountability because due to their efforts, this petition with the list of commitments is better for the community.

We hope the time and attention given to the community is just a start of a long-term relationship, and we know trust is earned not given. We've filed over seven letters from other jurisdictions that show that DC BLOX has done what they said they were going to do to help give Indianapolis a flavor of how DC BLOX can incorporate well into the fabric of the community in Indianapolis.