

LEAP LEBANON

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Indiana
Economic Development Corp

1. The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) established the LEAP Innovation and Research District in Lebanon to better position Indiana to compete globally for high-tech jobs and help the state deliver strategic, investment-ready sites to industry leaders.
2. In May 2022, Eli Lilly and Company announced plans to anchor the district, and in April 2023, the company broke ground on its \$3.7 billion pharmaceutical manufacturing campus.
3. While there is currently enough water to support the \$3.7 billion anchor investment from Eli Lilly and Company, additional water will be needed to support other future-focused industries Indiana is working to attract to central Indiana and regions statewide.
4. One of the many driving factors to the LEAP Lebanon strategy was the opportunity to address an inevitable central Indiana water deficiency which has been identified in numerous water studies dating back to the 1960s.
5. Indiana has plentiful water throughout the state. There will be no harm done to any Indiana region in order to solve this water shortage. The Lafayette area will continue to grow.
6. The IEDC is working with state and local leaders on a proposed regional water solution, which would source water from the Greater Lafayette region to central Indiana. The goal of these studies is to identify a way to deliver a viable solution that will give cities and towns near the new water pipeline access to additional water resources that in turn will bring more development and unlock unprecedented economic development investment.
7. These initial studies identified the Wabash Alluvial Aquifer as the most reasonable place for a new water source for central Indiana. Per law, and good public policy, the state cannot pull an amount of water that would adversely impact those attached to the aquifer or inhibit the growth of the Greater Lafayette region.
8. The IEDC is currently working with outside experts to confirm that moving water from the Wabash Alluvial Aquifer will not negatively impact the Lafayette region or any other region in the state. Results from the first two aquifer tests, which can be found [here](#), were extremely promising, revealing there is significantly more water available in the aquifer than originally known and capable of supporting significant withdrawals.
 - Any impacts on residents in direct proximity to the aquifer would be mitigated at no cost to any resident.
9. Greater Lafayette and the surrounding areas will have additional water capacity to expand for decades to come. Cities and towns in this part of the state will be able to tap into the pipeline to have the resources to execute housing and economic development projects.



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10. This is not the end of the analysis or information being released. The state will be completely transparent as we obtain information moving forward regarding all stages of water ecosystem including wastewater, reclamation, etc.
11. While there are still a few more sites to test, current mapping indicates these additional sites will show similar results. The next two study sites have been identified and will be studied before the end of 2023. Once complete, all results will be vetted by experts at Indiana University, Purdue University and Ohio State University to ensure accuracy. The IEDC would welcome any additional reviews other entities would like to conduct.
12. The IEDC is putting resources behind this effort to support everyone's growth – this water solution will benefit Lafayette, central Indiana, LEAP and cities and towns along the water pipeline. This investment for Hoosiers will have a beneficial return for years to come.
13. Ongoing IEDC updates on this project can be found at IndianaLEAP.com.