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Fort Wayne, Ind. -- Mayor Tom Henry continued his commitment to neighborhood infrastructure improvements today as he joined residents of the Hillcrest neighborhood to announce this year's street, sidewalk and trail improvements. For the second year in a row, the City will invest more than \$20 million in transportation infrastructure, including streets, sidewalks, ADA ramps, and trails. Additionally, City Utilities will be investing more than \$35 million this year, improving neighborhood sewer and water infrastructure. The Utility projects will improve service for more than 10,000 customer accounts, an estimated 25,000 residents, across the City. The Hillcrest improvements demonstrate a commitment to neighborhoods and an efficient use of funding by coordinating work to save money and minimize neighborhood interruption. The Hillcrest enhancement is collaboration with NIPSCO: placing new gas lines; City Utilities: installing new storm, sanitary and water lines; and Public Works: repairing streets, sidewalks, and installing new ADA ramps. "Careful planning leads to major improvements for neighborhoods that will strengthen our community for generations to come," said Mayor Henry. "We continue to make significant investments in our neighborhoods. By working together, our neighborhoods are strong and vibrant. We're making an impact and building on our momentum." The unprecedented improvements led by Mayor Henry, coupled with other neighborhood programs, are strengthening neighborhoods, building pride and improving property values. "Curb appeal doesn't stop at a homeowner's property line. When the City improves sidewalks, streets, ADA ramps, curbs and drainage in a neighborhood, it increases property values," said realtor, Jeff Vaughan.

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