# MARKTOWN FUTURES INDUSTRY, HEALTH & HOME



### Industry & Health in America

In 2019, 150 million (46%) Americans lived with and breathed polluted air, placing their health and lives at risk. -American Lung Association

> In America, People of Color are exposed to 1.28 times more particulate matter than white people. Black People are exposed to 1.54 times more particulate matter than white people. People in poverty, of any race, are exposed to 1.35 times more particulate matter than the overall population. -American Journal of Public Health, 2019

> > 100 companies are responsible for more than 70% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions since 1988 - CDP Carbon Majors Report 2017



Since 2001, BP has paid

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in environment-related offenses

### US Locations of the Top 60 Worst Polluters

LyondellBasell Boeing Huntsman BASF Dow Inc. Celanese General Electric Terumo Eastman Chemical Royal Dutch Shell Ecolab National Oilwell Varco Berkshire Hathaway Mitsui Kubota TMS International Ashland Inc. Northrop Grumman Albemarle SPX FLOW Exxon Mobil Howmet Aerospace Rio Tinto Koch Industries Becton Dickinson Kennametal Daikin Occidental Petroleum Akzo Nobel Evonik Industries

Freeport-McMoRan Marathon Petroleum Valero Energy Edwards Lifesciences Linde Phillips 66 Solvay Ametek Chevron ArcelorMittal Lincoln Electric Holdings Tenneco Emerson Electric Allegheny Technologies Pentair Carpenter Technology Westlake Chemical Kingspan PLC Parker-Hannifin O'Neal Industries Middleby PBF Energy Baxter International United States Steel American Electric Power ΒP Carlyle Group PPG Industries TechnipFMC Deere











### Industrial Ownership, 2020



Amoco (BP)

Arcelormittal

Isplat Inland Steel





**MARKTOWN HISTORY** 

# **BP & Marktown**

## **Ending Rumors About BP Buying Marktown**

I don't like lies or rumors about myself, those I respect or the Marktown Historic District, When I do hear them I make a concerted effort to either have them confirmed or denied. And so it was the case this past January. I had attended a conference on environmental issues and during the break a past resident of Marktown said "I have a good friend that's a senior engineer at BP and he told me that they have billions of dollars and their going to buy up everything in Marktown and tear it down for their refinery expansion.

"Their gonna buy the property where that trucking company was over there by the west bridge and their going to put a bunch of the new refinery on that property too."

On January 16, 2007 I sent a letter to Mr. Thomas Keilman, Director of Public Affairs - BP Whiting detailing the comments and asked that he respond in kind. The following is the text from his response:

February 5, 2007 Dear Mr. Myers,

This letter is in response to your January 16, 2007 letter regarding BP's intentions related to property issues in the city of East Chicago. BP has no intention of purchasing residential property in the Historic Marktown District for the BP refinery reconfiguration project. At one time BP did briefly explored the possibility of purchasing commercial property in Marktown. This option was ruled out because the property was not suitable for the specific office needs of BP or possible contractor employees. BP has never considered the possibility of purchasing residential property in Marktown.

With regard to the potential acquisition of industrial property owned by Mittal Steel directly north of Marktown, BP is currently in discussion with Mittal Steel on a potential long-term lease agreement for property on both sides of the Bridge north of 129<sup>th</sup> St. in the City of East Chicago. The details of this agreement as of now have not

been finalized. If this agreement is finalized, BP will be willing to share the details of future land use of the property with the City of East Chicago, Councilman Robert Garcia, and the residents of Marktown including you as Executive Director.

BP does appreciate your concerns related to BP's announced investment. It is critically important that BP has open lines of communication with the community and our neighbors. Once we are able to share additional details beyond what has already been previously announced we are committed to sharing this with the local community.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime regarding these issues.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Keilman Director of Public Affairs

Cc: Councilman Robert Garcia























BP has paid over \$1.1 million

for property in Marktown

The total value of Marktown property has gone down

**21%** since 2012

# **BP** has demolished **50 HOMES** since 2014

**ECONOMIC CONDITIONS** 



# **52** CERCLA/Superfund Sites

- 423 Hazardous Waste Sites
- **460** Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)
  - **3** Wastewater Treatment Works
  - **15** Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)



Isplat Inland Steel, US Steel, Arcelormittal



**BP** Refinery



Whiting, Portside, Cokenergy Ilc, etc.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS** 



### **ASTHMA EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS, 2009**



Lake County residents have the

Bto highest risk of cancer in the US

Hoosier Environmental Council

Lake County Asthma Rates are

**BX** the state average



IHME & ISDH

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS**



MARKTOWN, SUMMER 2020

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Zillow: Homes for sale under \$20,000



## BP paid an average of \$18,475 per parcel in Marktown

## In the last 10 years, only 5 Marktown properties have been sold to outside buyers



## Environmental Displacement

Air Pollution (BP & Adj. Steel)

Lead Exposure

Soil Contamination

Asthma Rates (Trucking)

Fire/Explosion Risk

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## Economic Displacement

Vacancy

Priced Out (BP as main buyer)

Area Job Loss

Foreclosures (East Chicago)

Dropping Property Value



**DRIVING QUESTION** 

What is justice for a community whose power of choice has been so unjustly diminished?

**DRIVING QUESTION** 









Gathering/Organizing Space




TODAY PROPOSAL - MARKTOWN ARCHIVE & EXHIBIT

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TODAY PROPOSAL - COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AT THE QUADPLEXES























Homecoming Celebration







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## **Biden Environmental Justice Funds**



The Biden plan already commits to providing low-income and communities of color preference in competitive grant programs. Today, Biden commits to go even further and target 40% of his historic investment in a clean energy revolution to disadvantaged communities. Building on the ambitious New York State climate law, Biden will:

- Target relevant investments with the goal of delivering 40% of the overall benefits from those investments to disadvantaged communities, specifically:
- Targeting investments made through programs ٠ related to clean energy and energy efficiency deployment; clean transit and transportation; affordable and sustainable housing; training and workforce development; remediation and reduction of legacy pollution; and development of critical clean water infrastructure; and
- Utilizing the results of the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool to help identify these disadvantaged communities, which are threatened by the cumulative impacts of the multiple stresses of climate change, economic and racial inequality, and multi*source environmental pollution. (joebiden.com)*



State of Indiana **Qualified Allocation Plan** 

### INDIANA QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN

For all Developments that will impact existing tenants, provide a displacement/relocation plan. Required Documentation: A detailed displacement/relocation plan that includes all of the following information must be submitted in Tab L:

- Any potential permanent, temporary or economic displacement/relocation issues;
- The number of current tenants to be relocated;
- ٠ Where the tenants will be relocated during the rehabilitation and for the length of time;
- How displacement/relocation will be minimized and how relocation expenses will be paid for if they are incurred;
- Displacement/relocation assistance plan (e.g. Who will get assistance? How much assistance will they receive? When and how will they receive their assistance? Who will provide advisory services to those displaced?); and
- Anticipated relocation budget with itemized expenses. Note: Relocation expenses must also be listed in the development budget in Form A.





A PLACE TO COME HOME TO

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Homecoming Celebration



FUTURE PROPOSAL - ENERGY GENERATION



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FUTURE PROPOSAL - STRATEGIC PLANTING: MANAGED FORESTS & REMEDIATION

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FUTURE PROPOSAL - LAKE MICHIGAN LAKESHORE

#### INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE

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FUTURE PROPOSAL - COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AT THE QUADPLEXES





space between vacant homes as gathering, B organizing, and community documentation space) to economic policy (adapting Indiana's Qualified Allocation Plan for displacement

### Gathering/Organizing Space

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**Managed Forestry** 

dependency on oil and gas. In this reality, we imagine that BP is forced to close their Indiana Harbor operations and due to the scale of remediation, the surrounding land falls into the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior. In conjunction with the remaining and past residents of Marktown, the town and surrounding area adapt into a entirely new context, reclaiming their space and redefining 'productive' land.



How does a group of people fight such a large corporation?

Architecture & Planning certainly had a role in creating Marktown's obstacles, but does it have a role in solving them?

intend to serve?

What is safety for someone who can't (or won't) leave an unsafe home?

> How do we calculate the health risks of being removed from one's community?

What responsibility do I have, as an architecture student, to realism when exploring real life issues? Is speculation even appropriate in the case of Marktown?

When will we stop poisoning people with our excessive resource use?

# How can environmental justice initiatives be more inclusive of the populations they

