



## ***Neighborhood Partnership News***

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Telling a compelling community story is a key component of development work, the purpose is to spark excitement and engage individuals in investing in community development work. This was one of the many highlights of the Comprehensive Community Development Community of Practice Retreat hosted by the Indiana Association for Community Economic Development ([IACED](#)) and Local Initiative Support Corporation Indianapolis ([LISC](#)) that I attended in February as part of a team with other Near West community stakeholders. We had the opportunity to hear a fantastic story from [Danny LeBlanc](#) about [community development work](#) happening right outside of Boston in Somerville, MA.

A recent request the Office of Neighborhood Partnerships has received is to assist the [NearWest](#) community in refining its community story for broader audiences. If being a part of this impactful process is of interest to you or a class you are teaching, please contact Starla Officer, [officers@iupui.edu](mailto:officers@iupui.edu) or (317) 278-3475, before the semester's end.

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