



4.4 Community Facilities and Services

4.4.1 Schools

There are several school systems within the project area. The school systems and individual schools located within the project area are described below:

- *Plymouth Community School Corporation* – No schools are located near the project area.
- *Union-North United School Corporation* – The Union-North School System includes Union Township in St. Joseph County and North Township in Marshall County. This includes much of the project area from just north of West 7B Road in Marshall County to New Road in St. Joseph County.
- *LaVille Elementary School* – Located on Tyler Road just west of US 31. Includes approximately 710 students (kindergarten through 6th grade).
- *LaVille Junior/Senior High School* – Located on US 31 just north of Tyler Road. Includes approximately 600 students (7th through 12th grade).
- *South Bend Community School Corporation* – Includes the project area north of New Road.
- *Forest G. Hay Elementary School* – Located on Johnson Road just east of US 31. Includes approximately 438 students (kindergarten through 4th grade).
- *Andrew Jackson Middle School* – Located on South Miami Road east of US 31 and south of US 20. Includes approximately 811 students (7th and 8th grade)

4.4.2 Churches

There are several churches located within the immediate project area. They include the following.

- *New Philadelphia Church* – US 6 east of US 31
- *Southside Church of God* – US 31 south of Kern Road
- *Southlawn United Methodist Church and Daycare* – US 31 north of Kern Road
- *St. Jude Parish* – Johnson Road east of US 31
- *Lakeside Baptist Church* – US 31 in Lakeville
- *Lakeville United Methodist Church* – US 31 in Lakeville
- *County Line Bretheren Church* – US 31 in Lakeville
- *Lakeville Christian Church* – Pierce Road in Lakeville



4.4.3 Cemeteries

There are several cemeteries located within the immediate project area. They include the following.

- *Mt. Calvary Cemetery* – Located in St. Joseph County on the east side of US 31 just north of New Road
- *Van Buskirk Cemetery* – Located in St. Joseph County at Roosevelt and Ironwood Road
- *Southlawn Cemetery* – Located in St. Joseph County on the east side of US 31 just south of Kern Road
- *Mount Zion Cemetery* – Located in Marshall County on the south side of Tyler Road just east of US 31
- *Lakeville Cemetery* – Located in St. Joseph County on the east side of US 31 just north of Pierce Road
- *White Cemetery* – Located in Marshall County on the north side of West 2C Road near Maple Road. This is a small family cemetery with approximately 15 gravesites.

4.4.4 Libraries

The Saint Joseph County Public Library has a Centre Township Branch located at Kern Road and Miami Street, and a Lakeville Branch located on US 31 in the Old Lakeville School Project just south of Pierce Road. The City of Plymouth has a public library within the city limits, but it is not near the project area.

4.4.5 Fire Stations, Police Stations and Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

North Township in Marshall County is served by the LaPaz North Township Volunteer Fire Department in LaPaz, Indiana. EMS services for Marshall County come from the City of Plymouth or from Union Township EMS in St. Joseph County. The Centre Township Volunteer Fire Department is located at 19971 East Kern Street in St. Joseph County. This fire station serves the unincorporated areas of Centre Township and the eastern portion of Greene Township. Emergency Medical Services for Centre Township respond from South Bend Fire Station #13 located on York Road.

The nearest Indiana State Police Post is located in Bremen just east of the project area. The Marshall County Sheriff's Office is located in the City of Plymouth. The St. Joseph County Police/Sheriff operates out of South Bend but serves the southern portion of St. Joseph County within the project area.

4.4.6 Hospitals

There are three major hospitals in St. Joseph County. They include Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and St. Joseph Community Hospital. These facilities are all located north of the project limits in the greater South Bend area. South Bend Regional Medical Center also has a hospital located in Plymouth, Indiana.

4.4.7 Public Parks and Recreation Areas

The following public parks and recreation areas are located in the project area.

- *Potato Creek State Park* – Located on SR 4 (Pierce Road) approximately three miles west of US 31.



- *Newton Park* – A local park located on the north side of Lakeville, south of Pierce Road and west of US 31.
- *Jackson Road County Park* – Under development at Jackson Road and Locust Road in St. Joseph County, just south of US 20.
- *O'Brien Park* – A South Bend Park located on the east side of US 31 north of Ireland Road.
- *Pleasant Lake Public Access Ramp* – Located south of Lakeville and east of US 31.

4.4.8 Utilities

The Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) supplies the project area with natural gas and electrical service. NIPSCO has approximately 700,000 natural gas customers and 430,000 electric customers in northern Indiana. There are several natural gas pipelines and large electrical transmission lines crossing through the project area. Most of the project area is not serviced by sanitary sewer systems or public water supplies; however, there are sewer and water mains located near the north terminus and within the incorporated areas of Lakeville and LaPaz.