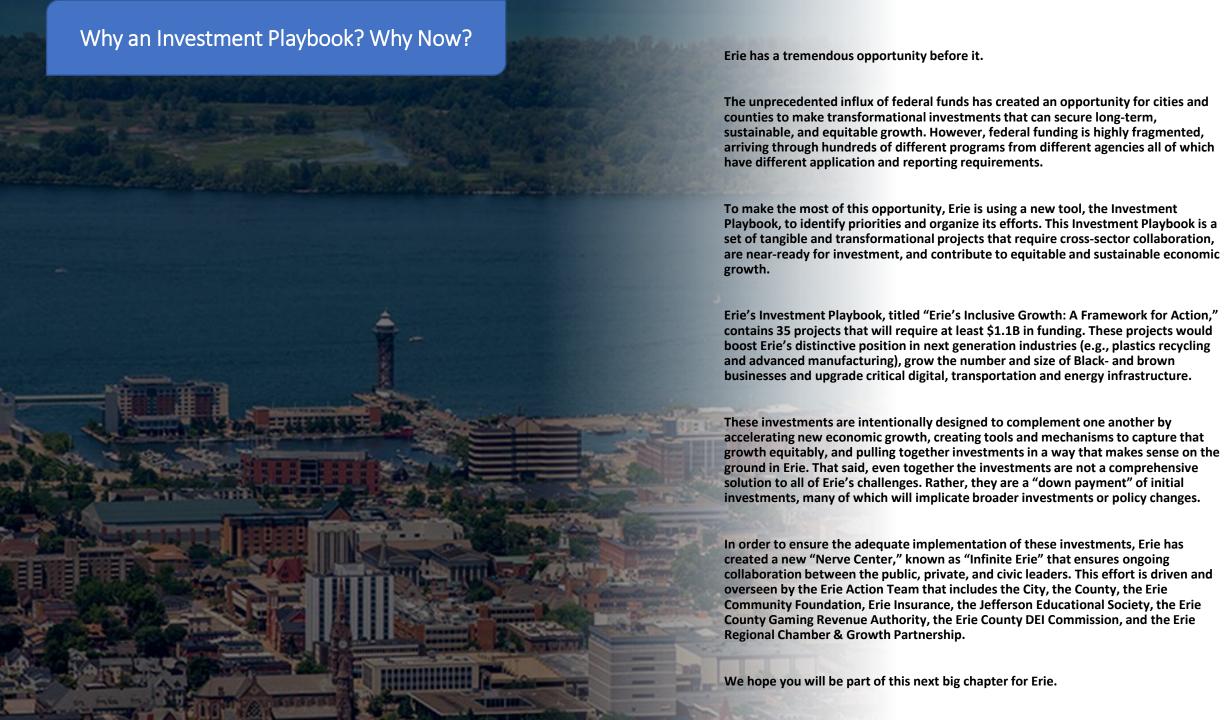
Investment Playbook

Putting Plans into Action





What will the Investment Playbook do?

The Investment Playbook will boost Erie's distinctive position in next generation industries (e.g., plastics recycling and advanced manufacturing), grow the number and size of Black- and brown businesses, improve homeownership rates, increase organizational capacity, and upgrade critical digital, transportation and energy infrastructure. It brings together big moves in seven key focus areas:



Clusters: Build clusters in plastics recycling, advanced manufacturing, and tech

- 1.1 Create center for manufacturing competitiveness and heavy industrial battery test center
- 1.2 Invest in new recycling plants and technologies
- 1.3 Create Great Lakes Testing and Remediation Lab
- 1.4 Create Corry CATCH Hub

Entrepreneurship: Boost entrepreneurship, with a focus on black- and brown-owned small businesses

- 2.1 Boost programming and capacity of entrepreneurial support organizations
- 2.2 Provide quality capital for Erie small businesses that is fit to purpose
- 2.3 Establish Supply Erie to direct more procurement to local businesses

Infrastructure: Accelerate community-wide infrastructure and quality of life improvements

- 3.1 Invest in complete broadband regionally
- 3.2 Increase connection to Presque Isle via Millcreek Presque Isle Gateway District
- 3.3 Implement Active Erie Transportation Plan
- 3.4 Improve power grid to create renewable, dependable energy for city core
- 3.5 Expand capacity of City Planning Office

Downtown: Accelerate and advance further developments in downtown Erie

- 4.1 Launch new EDDC Fund
- 4.2 Invest in complete streets and new streets
- 4.3 Expand continuum of care for those experiencing homelessness
- 4.4 Accelerate adaptive reuse of key anchor properties on State Street between 9th and 14th streets

Bayfront: Reimagine Erie's relationship with its waterfront

- 5.1 Complete Bayfront Place mixed-use development
- 5.2 Complete Harbor Place development
- 5.3 Implement Bayfront Parkway Central Corridor Project
- 5.4 Invest in new and revised stormwater systems
- 5.5 Establish World Class Waterfront Task Force
- 5.6 Remediate Coke Factory property

12th street corridor:

Redevelop 12th street corridor from pervious industrial uses

- 6.1 Purchase and renovate former EMI site
- 6.2 Identify, purchase, and remediate 3-5 other properties for new uses
- 6.3 Boost capacity of Erie **County Redevelopment** Authority

Neighborhoods: Transform neighborhoods and increase equity

- 7.1 Expand Erie Center for Arts and Technology
- 7.2 Accelerate East Side Renaissance
- 7.3 Revive Savocchio Opportunity Park
- 7.4 Complete HANDS Hammermill affordable housing development
- 7.5 Implement Redevelopment Authority of the City of Erie (RACE) Comprehensive Housing Plan
- 7.6 Expand homeownership with a focus on black residents
- 7.7 Build capacity of BIPOC developers / construction workforce
- 7.8 Purchase and reuse Burton School property
- 7.9 Create conservancy to preserve and support public parks
- 7.10 Boost capacity of community organizations

The Layers of Erie's Investment Playbook

How the Playbook affects the region

Erie's "Greater Core"*

The initial focus of this Investment Playbook is the "Greater Core." This includes place-based investment portfolios in the downtown, along the waterfront, in the East and West Bayfronts, and along the 12th street corridor.

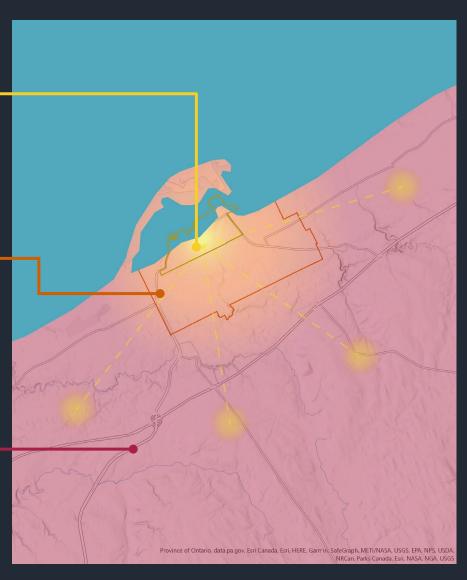
*"Greater Core" includes Downtown, East and West Bayfront, Bayfront, and 12th street corridor)

The City of Erie

Many of the place-based investments in the Playbook are new ideas that can be implemented anywhere in Erie (e.g., purchase and renew anchor buildings, create community equity districts).

Erie County and the Surrounding Region

The cross-cutting elements of the Investment Playbook (e.g., infrastructure, economic clusters, and entrepreneurship) are focused county-wide.



1. Cross-cutting investments are county-wide

Erie cannot be successful unless the entire region succeeds. As a result, significant investments in infrastructure, entrepreneurship, and economic clusters are being made across the County.

2. Investments in the Core have broad effects

In some cases, investments in Erie's Greater Core provide the most "bang for the buck" (for example, because of existing economic activity or the placement of the waterfront). Further investment in those areas can be captured and broadened through equitable mechanisms (e.g., new homeownership programs, community equity districts).

3. The Playbook is connected to regional efforts

The entities working to implement the Playbook are connected to county and regional efforts, ensuring county and regional stakeholders realize similar benefits.

4. Investments can be added to broaden impact

The Investment Playbook is a living document. Its current contents will shift as other investments are prioritized and completed. If there is sufficient interest in other investments, they can be added to this Playbook or used to create a separate Playbook.

Cross-cutting investment strategies (county- and region-wide):

Infrastructure

Accelerate local infrastructure and quality of life investments

Major new investments in infrastructure improve competitiveness, ensure sustainability, and enhance quality of life

Industry Clusters

Build new industries in plastics recycling, advanced manufacturing, and the blue economy

Investments in new economic clusters (e.g., plastics recycling, advanced manufacturing, blue economy) brings high-paying jobs and improves Erie's long-term economic competitiveness

Entrepreneurship

Grow new businesses, especially black- and brown-owned businesses

Smart investments in black- and minorityfocused entrepreneurship ensure that the benefits of new growth are shared equitably

Place-based investment strategies (greater core):

Downtown

Accelerate and advance further developments

New residential and recreational investments, as well as streetscaping improvements, build on recent development momentum and renew activity downtown

Bayfront

Reimagine Erie's relationship with its waterfront

New recreational uses and residential developments across the income spectrum help Erie's remarkable waterfront realize its true potential

12th Street Corridor

Invest in major industrial remediation

Reclamation of old industrial properties creates high-quality space for new industries and clusters

Neighborhoods

Transform neighborhoods and increase equity

Investments in housing stock, homeownership, and minority-owned construction ensure growth is equitably shared among Erie's residents



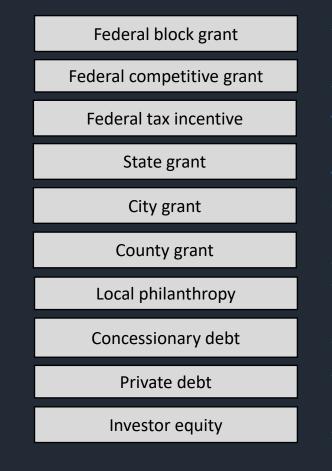
An Investment Playbook organizes Erie for success and helps translate funds to local priorities

Total cost* of Playbook investments:



While this is a large sum, various tools and funding sources can be tapped and funding has never been as available

Types of Capital Deployed:



Investment Categories:

Clusters Infrastructure **Entrepreneurship Downtown Bayfront 12th Street Corridor** Neighborhoods



Three levels of project readiness

Inclusive, Coordinated Investments

Erie's Investment Playbook investments were identified through more than 50 stakeholder interviews and ~12 publicly adopted plans and strategies. Each project was selected based on its ability to:

Build on Erie's
Strengths

Leverage market momentum and work underway

Unlock federal, state, and local resources

Drive equitable growth via community wealth-building strategies

Investment-Ready

Investment-ready projects are projects where considerable planning and design have been completed, costs have been estimated and matched to sources, and champions have been identified. Once funding is secured, work on these projects can begin almost immediately.

Contribute to sustainable, equitable economic growth



Criteria for Investments



Require considerable

innovation, complex design, or cross-sector

coordination

(Near) Investment-Ready

Technical Assistance

Projects that come out of idea/concept phases may require technical assistance to move them forward in the project development process, including but not limited to: grant writing, creating complex capital stacks, &

advocacy.

Exploratory

Exploratory projects have considerable potential for impact but require additional planning, design, and/or coordination. Each exploratory project should deploy a delivery team of local stakeholders to iron out additional details and costs







CROSS-CUTTING

clusters

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	"Investment-ready" projects				
Strategy	Advanced Manufacturing Plastics Blue Economy		Job Training		
Purpose	To provide skilled, higher-paying jobs and a competitive new cluster of businesses in a set of related industries that leverage the unique assets and history of Erie and the surrounding county. The emerging plastics recycling cluster in Erie creates opportunities to research sustainable plastics in Lake Erie and test new clean transportation technology required for plastics recycling.			To ensure that city and county residents have employment opportunities in the new cluster and adjacent businesses	
Initial investments (Total cost)	1.1 Penn State Behrend's Center for Manufacturing Competitiveness and Heavy Industrial Battery Test Center (\$56M)	1.2 New recycling plants and technologies (\$5M)	1.3 Gannon Center for Manufacturing & Technology + Great Lakes Testing and Remediation Lab (\$41M)	1.4 Corry CATCH Hub (\$18M)	
Other investments and planning needed (potential delivery team tasks)		nizations and efforts (e.g., Supply Erie, small business coaching and eat Lakes / Blue Economy efforts) nts in each industry		 Ensure alignment with community college, other educational institutions Ensure entire county has access to job training and upskilling 	

Total Estimated Cost: \$120,000,000





CROSS-CUTTING entrepreneurship

"Investment-ready" projects		Additional pla	nning underway	
Strategy	Coaching	Capital	Supply Chain Diversification	
Purpose	To provide guidance and capacity building for new and early-stage black- and brown-owned businesses and entrepreneurs so they can successfully grow their businesses in Erie	To provide productive, non-parasitic capital to new businesses, especially those that are Black- and brown-owned, that allows those businesses to grow and expand	To direct procurement contracts and supply chain spending from anchor institutions to local businesses, thereby growing local businesses and preventing capital flight	
Initial investments (Total cost)	2.1 Boost programming and capacity of entrepreneurial support organizations (ESOs) (\$1.5M)	2.2 Provide quality capital for Erie small businesses that is fit to purpose (TBD)	2.3 Establish Supply Erie to direct more procurement to local businesses (\$7M)	
Other investments and planning needed (potential delivery team tasks)	 Ensure collaboration between funded organizations (EBWS, Paramount Pursuits) Raise additional funds to ensure businesses and entrepreneurs do not experience gaps in support Ensure collaboration with capital providers (e.g., Ben Franklin, Bridgeway Capital) 	 Determine size and structure of SSBCI funds available to Erie County businesses Ensure partnerships between capital and coaching providers Ensure no other funding gaps exist for small businesses (e.g., grants) 	 Obtain commitments from anchor institutions to hit local supply targets Raise funding for buy local campaign Determine other elements of supply chain diversification strategy 	

Total Estimated Cost: \$8,500,000





infrastructure

Accelerate community-wide infrastructure and quality of life improvements

-		"Investment-ready" projects		Exploratory projects	Setup moves
Strategy	Broadband	Streetscaping and Accessibility	Bike Lanes	Electricity	Capacity
Purpose	To connect all Erie County residents with high-speed internet that allows them to learn and work remotely in a post-COVID economy	To improve key access routes across the county to highlight major commercial and recreational assets in the region	To create bike lanes and other active transportation options that increase mobility, reduce emission, and increase the quality and recreational options in Erie	To ensure residents and businesses have reliable access to renewable power even as demand grows from new growth	Increase capacity of key public and private entities that can accelerate infrastructure investments
Initial investments (Total cost ; amount raised)	3.1 Invest in complete broadband regionally (TBD)	3.2 Increase connection to Presque Isle via Millcreek Presque Isle Gateway District (\$6.2M;)	3.3 Implement Active Erie Transportation Plan (\$14.6M)	3.4 Improve power grid to create renewable, dependable energy for city core (TBD)	3.5 Expand capacity of City Planning Office (\$3.6M)
Other investments and planning needed (potential delivery team tasks)	 Consider combining investments with other counties to create multi-country broadband initiative Coordinate planning with other infrastructure initiatives (e.g., bike lanes) 	 Consider similar districts and improvements across County Engage County government and other municipalities 	Coordinate timeline with other infrastructure initiatives (e.g., broadband) to save on construction costs	 Determine split of responsibilities between public sector utilities and developers Consider expansion of renewable power county- wide 	Determine if similar capacity investments are needed in the County or other public entities

INFINITE



PLACE-BASED

downtown

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Accelerate and advance further developments in the central business district

-	"Investment-red	ady" projects	Exploratory	projects
Strategy	Commercial and Residential Development	Complete Streets		Adaptive Reuse
Purpose	To continue and to accelerate the revival of the downtown with new housing, recreational, and commercial opportunities	To accelerate the revival of the downtown by beautifying streets and increasing pedestrian transportation options	To ensure that Erie residents have access to critical services and are not left behind by development in the downtown	To accelerate the revival of the downtown by finding new uses for urban renewal properties
Initial investments (Total cost)	4.1 Launch new EDDC Fund (\$200M)	4.2 Invest in complete streets and new streets (\$80M)	4.3 Expand continuum of care for those experiencing homelessness (TBD)	4.4 Accelerate adaptive reuse of key anchor properties on State Street between 9 th and 14 th streets (TBD)
Other investments and planning needed (potential delivery team tasks)	 Coordinate with other efforts to invest in local businesses (e.g., SSBCI) to ensure local businesses are receiving quality and balanced capital Consider similar investment vehicles elsewhere in the City 	Consider similar improvements elsewhere in the city	 Coordinate new effort with other housing investments Determine whether other social services (beyond supportive housing) also require additional investment 	 Identify new uses for properties in downtown and certain neighborhoods in aligned processes

Total Estimated Cost: \$280,000,000





PLACE-BASED

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		"Investment-ready" projects	Exploratory projects and setup moves	
Strategy	Residential and Recreational Development	Accessibility and Transportation	Resilience and Sustainability	Reclamation and New Uses
Purpose	To increase opportunities for Erie residents to interact with the waterfront by creating new office, commercial, residential, and recreational developments	To ensure Erie residents have easy access to the waterfront from downtown and nearby residential neighborhoods	To ensure that Erie and its waterfront can withstand environmental changes and shocks	To determine uses for old industrial and underdeveloped properties and create a truly world-class waterfront based on global best examples
Initial investments (Total cost)	5.1 Complete Bayfront Place mixed- use development (\$208M) 5.2 Complete Harbor Place development (TBD)	5.3 Implement Bayfront Parkway Central Corridor Project (\$13M)	5.4 Invest in new and revised stormwater systems (\$13M)	5.5 Establish World Class Waterfront Task Force (\$125k) 5.6 Remediate Coke Factory property (\$205M)
Other investments and planning needed (potential delivery team tasks)	Ensure alignment with future uses of other properties	Ensure all neighborhoods and residents have sufficient access to waterfront; build additional pathways if necessary	 Determine other sustainability needs from other public and private entities along waterfront Conduct additional analyses of resilience needs (e.g., dock walls) 	Identify uses of other underdeveloped properties along waterfront in conjunction with Coke plant

Total Estimated Cost: \$439,125,000





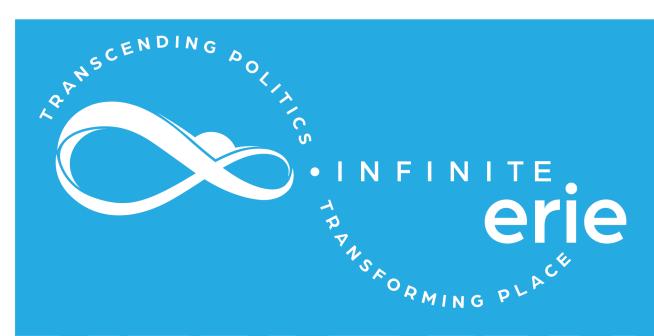
12th street corridor



<u> </u>	"Investment-ready" and exploratory projects	Setup move		
Strategy	Industrial Reclamation	Increase Capacity		
Purpose	To accelerate economic regeneration, remove blight, reduce environmental hazards, and bolster local pride by purchasing and remediating properties along the 12 th street corridor and turning them into new commercial spaces fit for Erie's new industries	To ensure city and county agencies are adequately staffed to make a major push for acquisition and renovation of industrial properties		
Initial investments (Total cost)	6.1 Purchase and renovate former EMI site (\$74M)6.2 Identify, purchase, and remediate 3-5 other properties for new uses (\$200M) (more planning required)	6.3 Boost capacity of Erie County Redevelopment Authority (\$1.2M)		
Other investments and planning needed (potential delivery team tasks)	 Identify and acquire other properties along the 12th street corridor for purchase and remediation in line with new commercial needs Raise up to \$200M total for purchase and remediation of multiple properties 	Ensure other agencies and partners are adequately staffed to work with ECRDA		

Total Estimated Cost: \$175,400,000





neighborhoods

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Transform neighborhoods and increase equity

"Investment-ready" projects			Exploratory	Exploratory projects				
Strategy	Commercial Corridors	New Housing Construction	Housing Renovation	Homeownership	Construction and Development Workforce	Repurpose Anchor Properties	Park Preservation	Capacity improvements
Purpose	To boost economic activity and accelerate revitalization in residential neighborhoods	To build new housing across the affordability spectrum (housing for homelessness to market rate)	To reduce blight and improve existing housing stock through home repairs	To increase opportunities for first-time homeowners, especially for residents of color	To expand job opportunities in construction and development for BIPOC residents	To provide important services and amenities in residential neighborhoods	To preserve and improve parks and reduce administrative burden on the city	To boost the capacity of neighborhood organizations to implement this work
Initial investments (Total cost)	7.1 ECAT Expansion (\$10.8M) 7.2 Accelerate East Side Renaissance (TBD) 7.3 Revive Savocchio Opportunity Park (\$8.5M)	7.4 Complete HANDS Hammermill affordable housing development (\$21M)	7.5 Implement Redevelopment Authority of the Cite of Erie (RACE) Comprehensive Housing Plan (\$13.5M)	7.6 Expand homeownership with a focus on Black residents (TBD)	7.7 Build capacity of BIPOC developers / construction workforce (TBD)	7.8 Purchase and reuse Burton School property (\$6M)	7.9 Create conservancy to preserve and support public parks (TBD)	7.10 Boost capacity of community organizations (\$6.1M)
Other investments and planning needed (potential delivery team tasks)	Identify investments in other corridors beyond the East Bayfront (TBD)	Create hundreds of additional housing units, especially for workforce (~80% AMI) and persons experiencing homelessness	Increase investments and leverage on RACE programs, coordination with community organizations	Create more comprehensive strategy that builds on the city's initial investment in homeownership	Ensure support and sufficient investment across talent pipeline beyond initial support to Paramount Pursuits	Identify additional properties and new uses across Erie	Assess feasibility for conservancy / new entity	Determine which community organizations need capacity at what level of investment

Total Estimated Cost: \$44,900,000



Delivery Teams

Created to help determine specific needs, costs, funding sources, and next steps on investments or strategies that are especially important for the Investment Playbook.

	Delivery Team Topic:	Category and relevant investments:	Issues to Address:
1	Expand and rollout Clusters strategy	Clusters (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4)	Determine funding sources, build partnerships, and provide added capacity to Clusters projects
2	Develop and align inclusive entrepreneurship programs	Entrepreneurship (2.1, 2.2)	Determine specific needs for new entrepreneurship programs and align existing initiatives
3	Create Supply Erie initiative	Entrepreneurship (2.3)	Design and launch Supply Erie
4	Determine needed electrical upgrades	Infrastructure (3.4)	Identify needed electrical upgrades and division of responsibilities
5	Explore public capacity boost needs	Infrastructure (3.5)	Determine specific needs and feasibility for city (and potentially other) boosts in capacity
6	Develop comprehensive homelessness strategy	Downtown (4.3)	Create integrated strategy to address homelessness and associated costs
7	Explore adaptive re-use downtown	Downtown (4.4)	Identify properties for renovation and re-use, determine new uses
8	Explore Bayfront remediation and new uses	Bayfront (5.5, 5.6)	Determine new uses for underused Bayfront properties based on global best practices
9	Develop comprehensive housing strategy	Neighborhoods (7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7, 7.8, 7.10)	Determine needs for comprehensive housing strategy that expands upon current investments. Note: this delivery team may need to be expanded to multiple teams given the extensive scope
10	Explore park conservancy feasibility	Neighborhoods (7.9)	Determine feasibility and appetite for new conservancy
11	Expand geographic reach of Playbook	Other	Explore new project clusters outside of Greater Core; determine "home" for these projects (e.g., this Playbook, county initiatives, other)



The Investment Playbook is not another "plan," instead, we put plans into action



Erie Refocused



Erie Downtown Master Plan



Erie Forward



East Bayfront Neighborhood Plan



OWB Community Plan



Port Authority Master Plan



Active Erie Transportation Plan



Chamber Pipeline Report



Embrace Millcreek



Northwest Pennsylvania CEDS Strategy



Emerge 2040



Chamber Target Industries



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