

800 North

Creative Collective for Entrepreneurs & Creatives





💡 THE VISION

800 North Is More Than a Building

800 North is a creative hub designed to empower entrepreneurs, creatives, small business owners, and community builders. It is a center for collaboration, innovation, training, economic growth, and opportunity — all under one roof in the heart of Gary, Indiana.

This space will provide resources, community, workspace, creative infrastructure, and structured support for those who are ready to build, create, launch, and scale. 800 North is not just a place. It is a movement rooted in legacy and driven by vision.

The Gap in Gary, Indiana

Many individuals with talent, ideas, and ambition lack consistent access to workspace, mentorship, resources, and structured community support. This gap is real — and it is costing the community its potential.

Underutilized spaces like this building represent untapped value waiting to be activated for long-term economic and community impact.

The Opportunity

Across Gary, Indiana, there is a growing need for a centralized space designed specifically for entrepreneurs, creatives, and small business owners to connect, collaborate, train, and grow.

800 North answers that call — transforming an underutilized property into a powerful engine of revitalization, ownership, and economic development that the community can call its own.



THE CONCEPT

A Live-Work-Support Ecosystem

800 North will be transformed into a multi-functional creative collective designed to support entrepreneurs and creatives at every stage of their journey.

Work

Flexible co-working spaces, private offices, meeting rooms, and media production areas

Create

Event space, workshop areas, and creative infrastructure for activation and programming

Train

Workforce development, business education, mentorship, and skill-building programs

Live

Workforce housing positioned behind the event space for stability and live-work opportunity

Inside the Space

The 800 North creative collective will be thoughtfully designed to include best-in-class amenities for entrepreneurs, creatives, and community members at every stage of their growth.



Flexible Co-Working

Open, adaptable workspaces designed for productivity, collaboration, and daily use



Private Offices

Dedicated private office suites for small businesses and established entrepreneurs



Meeting & Conference Rooms

Professional meeting rooms available for client meetings, team sessions, and presentations



Content & Media Space

A dedicated area for content creation, digital media production, and creative projects



Event & Workshop Area

Flexible event space for workshops, community programming, networking, and activations



Workforce Housing

Affordable, stable housing adjacent to the hub to support live-work community members

WORKFORCE HOUSING

Why Workforce Housing Matters

Workforce housing adds long-term value to the 800 North vision by supporting stability, accessibility, and opportunity. By placing housing directly behind the event space, this project expands beyond a creative hub and becomes a practical, replicable community development model.

Who It Serves

Working individuals, entrepreneurs, creatives, trainees, and community members who need access to affordable, stable housing near centers of opportunity and professional growth.

Why It Matters

800 North is not just creating space to work. It is helping create the conditions for people to **live, build, and grow** — all within the same community they call home.



TRAINING & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Access to Tools, Knowledge & Pathways

800 North will serve as a center for skill-building, mentorship, workshops, and workforce readiness — giving community members more than access to a building. It gives them access to a future.

Training opportunities may include:

- Entrepreneurship & business development
- Financial literacy & small business support
- Digital media & creative skills
- Trade readiness & professional development
- Mentorship & peer networking programs



The Impact

800 North is designed to create measurable, lasting community and economic impact — transforming underutilized space into a powerful engine of opportunity for Gary, Indiana.



Empower Entrepreneurs

Help local business owners build, launch, and scale their ventures with real infrastructure and support



Expand Networks

Create pathways for collaboration, mentorship, and meaningful connection across the creative economy



Build Workforce Skills

Provide access to training, education, and professional development for community members



Drive Economic Growth

Transform underutilized real estate into a high-value community asset with lasting economic returns



THE SPACE TODAY

Rooted in Community. Built on Legacy.

The 800 North building was formerly home to a local beauty supply store — a space that the Gary community already knows and remembers. This project is not about starting over. **It is about reimagining what already exists.**

800 North is continuing a legacy while creating a new future for entrepreneurs, creatives, workers, families, and the surrounding community.

From What Once Was to a Thriving Creative Hub

800 North represents the intentional transformation of an underutilized property into a modern, multi-functional creative and community development space that serves Gary for generations to come.



Before

800 N. at 8th Ave — as it stands today

An underutilized property with untapped potential — a familiar space in a community ready for reinvestment and renewed purpose.



After

The vision — a reimagined creative collective

A vibrant, modern creative collective offering business support, event activation, workforce training, housing, and community revitalization.

Development Components

The 800 North project brings five interconnected components together into a unified vision — each one strengthening the others to create a thriving, self-sustaining community ecosystem.



Every component is designed to support the larger 800 North vision — **business, creativity, training, community, and housing working as one.**

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join the 800 North Vision

800 North is actively seeking aligned partners, collaborators, funders, and investors to help bring this vision to life. There are meaningful opportunities across every facet of the project.

Real Estate & Development

Construction, renovation, architectural design, and property development

Workforce Housing

Affordable housing developers, housing authorities, and impact investors

Programming & Education

Entrepreneurship, creative, media, training, and workforce development programs

Funding & Investment

Public-private partnerships, grants, community investment, and impact capital

Community & Local Business

Local anchor tenants, business associations, and neighborhood stakeholders

Next Steps

800 North is moving forward with purpose and intention. The path from vision to reality follows a clear, phased roadmap designed to build momentum and deliver lasting impact.



Continuing the legacy. Creating the future.

Let's Build Together

We are actively seeking partners, collaborators, and investors to bring this vision to life. 800 North is an extraordinary opportunity to transform an underutilized space into a thriving creative collective, business hub, workforce development center, event destination, and housing-supported community asset.

- 📄 For partnership opportunities, investment inquiries, or additional information, please contact the **800 North Development Team** directly. We look forward to building something meaningful together.



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