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in

Adams County
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Hello, from the City of



The City of Decatur is a community of about 9,500 people in northeast Indiana. We are located about 25 minutes south of Fort Wayne, and about 10 minutes from the Indiana/Ohio border.

The Decatur community has been on the move, since it was a Stellar Communities finalist in 2014 and 2015, a state program that recognizes communities that are planning for future development. The city and community have worked together to develop a variety of projects – from a new nature preserve and addition to the local Rivergreenway trail system, to the creation of new downtown festivals, Thursday Night Concert Series and a new downtown events plaza set to open in June 2018.

The community is also investing in the arts, highlighted by the Decatur Sculpture Tour – a 10-month, rotating public art display that lines the streets of downtown Decatur with sculptures from accomplished artists from around the country. Sculptures even line a portion of our Rivergreenway trails system.

Another new program is the city's curbside recycling program, implemented in 2017. Currently, twice-monthly curbside recycling is offered to all city residents for no additional charge on their utility bill.

Below, you will find a handful of websites to navigate at your leisure. Also, attached you will find a listing of 2018 community events, as well as information highlighting the city's free Thursday Night Concert Series.

City of Decatur: www.decaturin.org; <https://www.facebook.com/decaturin/?ref=bookmarks>

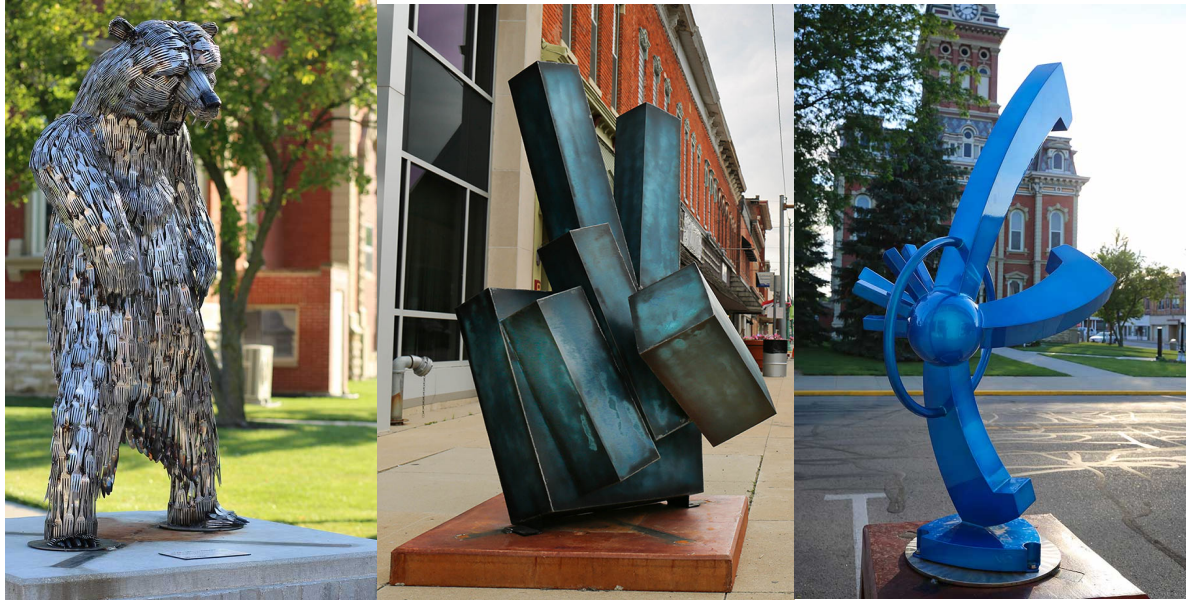
Decatur Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.decaturchamber.org/>

North Adams Community Schools: <https://www.nadams.k12.in.us/>

Bellmont High School features an Early College Program, where students often graduate high school with a two-year college degree

Decatur Sculpture Tour: www.decatursculpturetour.org

Decatur hosts an annual public art show in our downtown area, featuring sculptors from across the country.



Cross Creek Golf Club: <http://www.golfatcrosscreek.com/>

Cross Creek is a public 18-hole golf course that offers public play and memberships. New holes are coming in 2018-2019. A housing community surrounds the golf course, with new construction, fine homes and villas.

ABCinema: <https://www.facebook.com/ABCinemaInc/>

A one-screen movie theater recently opened in downtown Decatur in 2017. Tickets are just \$5, and feature first-run movies Thursday through Sunday.



Adams Memorial Hospital: <https://adamshospital.org/>



BELLMONT HIGH SCHOOL

North Adams Community Schools (Bellmont HS)

- *Bellmont Senior High School serves 700+ students in grades 9-12.*
- *The student/teacher ratio of 14:1 is lower than the IN average of 18:1.*
- *Bellmont Senior High School operates within the North Adams Community s School District.*
- *North Adams Community s School District's 94% graduation rate is higher than the IN state average of 81%.*

We are an academically "A" rated high school by the Indiana Department of Education! We serve around 700 students in grades 9-12. So, we're small enough to know one another, but large enough to offer a comprehensive array of programs and experiences to help prepare every student for life after high school.

We take sincere in pride highly educating and exceeding benchmark standards that prepare our 21st Century learners for a life founded on principles of honest character and integrity, ethics and education. Our educators are highly-qualified professionals are committed to providing the support necessary for your student[s] to achieve the highest level of success to meet his/her academic goals while helping students to develop core personal values, strong self-advocacy skills, independence and confidence.

- **Bellmont Early College:** BHS is **one of only three fully-endorsed early colleges in the State**. That means that BHS students are able to earn a large number of college credits while in high school; however, BHS tries to make sure that our students' credits are intentionally linked to what they want to do and are highly transferrable. Too, through the program, students go on two college visits each year and receive supports in applying to and financing college. In fact, many of our BEC grads earn anywhere from 20-42 college credits, have at least one year of college completed by graduation, and save on average \$20,000 in tuition expenses.
- **Bellmont Career Academy:** BHS is also developing a similar preparatory program for our students heading into the trades or other vocational programs. Through BHS, students have the opportunity to gain experience in automotive technology, building trades, welding, precision machining and manufacturing, pre-engineering, fire and rescue, criminal justice, health careers, agriculture, radio/TV, business, child care, education, and culinary arts. As part of BCA, our goal is that students will be able to visit a variety of trade schools and apprenticeship programs, businesses that represent high wage/high need careers, and have opportunities to participate eventually in competitive internships with local businesses.

We invite you to visit our website and connect with us in ways that continue to uplift and support the educational success of our students at Northwest Elementary, Southeast Elementary, Belmont Middle School and Belmont High School - an academically "A" rated school.

Links:

North Adams Schools Website: <https://www.nadams.k12.in.us/>

Belmont High School: <https://www.nadams.k12.in.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=185>

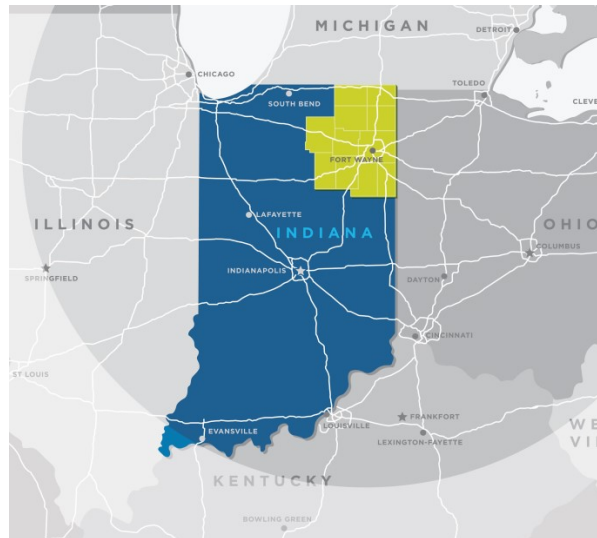
Middle School: <https://www.nadams.k12.in.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=226>

Elementary School: <https://www.nadams.k12.in.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=307>

Public School Review: <https://www.publicschoolreview.com/indiana/north-adams-community-schools/1807680-school-district>



What Is It Like Living in Northeast Indiana?



While Adams County and Decatur have much to offer on their own, they are also part of a growing region in North-east Indiana with even more to do within a very short drive. Downtown Decatur is only a short 22 miles from downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana's second largest city. Further, there are numerous lakes, festivals, events and entertainment to be found throughout the region.

Northeast Indiana has the charm of small-town life, but with big-city amenities, like vibrant downtown Fort Wayne. It has dining and nightlife that rival the most eclectic places across the nation. Downtown is lined with outdoor cafes, a huge food-truck scene, and brand-new high-rise condos. We're big on outdoor adventures, and we love to explore. If you're a fan of professional sports, you won't be bored. You'll be busy. If you like fairs, festivals, and happenings, you'll have every weekend covered.

There are so many things that make Northeast Indiana a wonderful place to live, including lake life, lake play, kayaking, hiking, biking, and walking. And our growing trail system is unrivaled.

If you're thinking about moving here, we want you to know that you will be part of a growing, vibrant community, and you will be welcomed with our big-hearted hospitality.

Still not convinced? Well, don't just take our word for it. There are plenty of reasons that living in Northeast Indiana is a wonderful mix of traditional values and diversity, and here are just a few:

- You can do more and save more because living here is affordable.
- We like to show off our pride. Just take a look at how proud we really are at any of our regional festivals.

- From rural lakeside counties to our vibrant downtown center in Fort Wayne, quality-of-life assets in Northeast Indiana are creative, imaginative, and adventurous.
- If you're ready to relocate, make Northeast Indiana the place. We are our growing region, and we welcome you to join us.

Please peruse the following links for more information on all the exciting things mentioned above:

Downtown Fort Wayne: <http://neindiana.com/living-here/videos-of-life-in-the-region/a-vibrant-heart>; <https://www.visitfortwayne.com/things-to-do/downtown/>



Dining and Nightlife: <http://neindiana.com/living-here/quality-of-life/dining-and-nightlife>

Outdoor Adventures: <http://neindiana.com/living-here/quality-of-life/outdoor-adventures>

Sports: <http://neindiana.com/living-here/quality-of-life/sports>



Fairs, Festivals and More: <http://neindiana.com/living-here/quality-of-life/events-fairs-and-festival>

Affordable Living: <http://neindiana.com/living-here/quality-of-life/cost-of-living-calculator>



Overview

Adams County is located to the Southeast of Fort Wayne in the northeast portion of Indiana. While mainly a rural community of 35,000 people, it has 4 incorporated cities and towns.

Decatur is the largest community with over 9,000 people, and the county seat. Decatur has numerous festivals, concerts, and events (see below), and represents a vibrant and artistic culture nestled in the safety and community of an agrarian community.

Berne, the second largest city, is very proud of its Swiss heritage with its beautiful Swiss themed architecture, Swiss Days festival and Clock Tower Park. It is known throughout the country the craftsmanship of its many furniture and cabinet makers.

Geneva represents the very best of small town living with lake-front housing that is mere golf-cart ride away from a downtown with all the necessities of daily life. Geneva is further a Certified Indiana Bird Town with an assortment of trails and bird-watching in and around the Limberlost State Historical Site.

Adams County, in addition to having a strong Agricultural Industry, also has a strong Advanced Manufacturing base. Roughly a quarter of its workforce and one-third of all income are in manufacturing. From food-processing, to automotive, to furniture, there is also a wide variety of types of manufacturing.

Adams County believes in taking care of its people. That is why the County maintains a state-of-the-art county-owned hospital, as well as some great county run nursing homes. The three High Schools are all A-rated by the state. Adams County Public Library is full of fun things to do and learn for our area children, including a Maker's space where they can work with cutting-edge technology like 3D-printers, video and graphic design software or musical equipment.

Please see the Links below for some additional information about the county and all it has to offer:

Adams County Government: <https://www.co.adams.in.us/>

Adams County Hospital: <https://adamshospital.org/>

Adams County Library: <http://www.apls.lib.in.us/>

Statistics: http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/highlights/profile.asp?geo_val=S18;C001&page_id=1