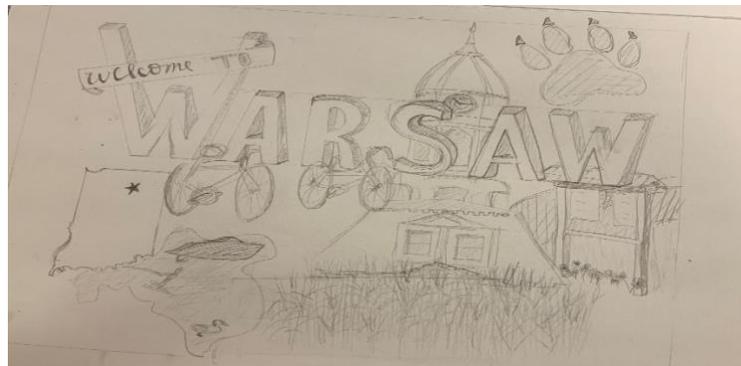


**Emily Pancheri Presents:  
Warsaw, Indiana  
My Community, My Vision**



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# Executive Summary

Since September 2018, I (Emily Pancheri) have been working have been working with the City of Warsaw, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, and other members of the community to try and make the city a better place to live and work. The students have been working diligently to try and analyze what they can do to try and make the city a more attractive location for younger generations to settle down in and live.

At the beginning of the project, the students came up with several ideas that they would have liked to have completed that was not only within the budget allowed but would also be an attraction to their peers. After several weeks the students came up with ideas to recycle, a soda shop, a mural, a raise the roof attraction, and a few other ideas that were quickly rejected due to practically and other concerns. After much consideration and attention to detail, the students finally thought it was best to do a mural as a tribute to the city that they live in and love. The students have decided that this is the best way of embracing the whole part of the city. They feel that this serves as a memorial to their past, present, and future.

While trying to best complete many steps in the process, we have been set back sometimes due to inclement weather. Nevertheless, life will continue forward and the students have been focused on trying to do their best to pursue their goal. The students have been working very hard to use their limited time to the best of their abilities.

As is life sometimes, things do not always work out the way that we initially planned. The first location chosen was rejected because of safety concerns. Another location had to be determined on a short deadline. At the time of going to Bloomington, the students warmed up to the concept of a mural inside the courthouse in the city which will be celebrating its 150 anniversary next year.

The last time we met, the plan of a mural in the courthouse might be dismissed. A local artist said he would be willing to do the mural at a different location for the price that fits the budget. However, the students would like to do more with the mural and are now considering a fundraiser.

# **Background Information on Warsaw, Indiana**

Warsaw is the county seat of Kosciusko in Indiana. The population is just shy of 15,000. Warsaw is located about 2 hours north of the state capital Indianapolis. The city is approximately an hour away from South Bend, Indiana and Ft. Wayne. The city is considered to be an eclectic range of diversity. While the majority of the community is Caucasian and Christian many other ethnic and religious groups call the city home as well. Warsaw, is known as the “Orthopedic Capital of the World” which is proudly displayed upon entering the city limits.

## **Our Planning Process or Timeline:**

- ❖ To be completed in the fall of 2019.
- ❖ Winter 2019: Start planning on a design and exact location where the council would like a mural to be placed.
- ❖ Spring 2019: Secure funds, secure location by reaching out to the community and other committees, and people associated with community projects.
- ❖ Summer 2019: Continue reaching out to the community, especially Art teachers, local establishments, and other members of the community to make this possible.
- ❖ Fall 2019: Project to be completed for the community to see.

## **SWOT Analysis:**

**Strengths:** The City of Warsaw is a low-crime community. The city offers many churches, restaurants, lakes, and other forms of entertainment. The public schools are considered to be some of the best in the state.

**Weakness:** The City of Warsaw is losing population due to young people leaving for college and not returning upon graduation. Because the city is over 2 hours away from Indianapolis, sometimes finding culture, malls, and more forms of entertainment can be a bit of a challenge.

**Opportunities:** The City of Warsaw has the opportunity to be a bit of a mecca in the county as they are the capital. There are a lot of good wonderful people who are committed to making the city a better place to live and work.

Threat: The Biggest threat to the city is the fact that they are losing populations. So, what can they do to make things better for themselves and ensure the city's survival?

## **Survey Administration & Outcomes**

The surveys suggested to me that there is always room for improvement in the community at large. The students were happy to be currently residing in the city of Warsaw but at this point upon graduating from high school and college had no real plans (just yet) to return to Warsaw. And this is what they are looking to try and change. Most felt that the community was a safe place to live and work. The students also felt that their work and input on the Mayor's Youth Council was going to have a positive influence on other generations and will hopefully encourage others to join the council when they are old enough. As of right now only a few of them had plans to be active in the community as they progressed in age. However, as the immortal Beatle John Lennon stated "life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans".

## **Meetings with Community Experts and Stakeholders:**

The students have met with the Mayor of Warsaw. They have also met with other members of the community such as the Kosciusko Community Foundations, and local artists to best determine where they can place a mural that would be seen by all people of the city who are downtown.

## **Our Goals:**

Our goals are to raise money through a fundraiser (to be determined shortly) to paint a mural that is worthy of the community. We would like to involve local artists, other members who reside in Warsaw, and anyone else who would like to be a part of this project to help us make this dream a reality.

## **Project A: Mural**

This project involves the mural itself and trying to serve as a unique, entertaining, and inspiration to the citizens of the city and surrounding The mural (as shown tentatively) on the cover page is the vision that the students would like to have on display in downtown Warsaw. While originally planned to be at a downtown location at the Community Foundation, this idea while embraced by the employees of the building, was rejected for logistical and safety concerns. While difficult for the students (who had their heart set on this location) they understood. This rejection was not meant to be mean but meant to keep everyone safe. So, as life progresses, the students thought about having a mobile mural in the courthouse. This while still considered to be a good idea, the students feel that the best location for a mural would be directly across the street from the courthouse in the downtown area of the city.

## **Project B: Raise the Roof**

Students have considered several locations that would possibly look towards the courthouse and a nice attractive rooftop with an aesthetically pleasing atmosphere. However, the students have still yet to determine the logistics based on the ADA, weight, and other various factors.

## **Project C: Soda Shop**

Students have planned on possibly doing a soda shop if necessary. However, many of them are not completely warming up to this idea as they feel that this will not completely stand the test of time. They are fearful that residents will lose interest in this idea and the idea runs the risk of being abandoned.

## **What We Have Learned:**

We have learned throughout this process is what might work in theory, might not always work in reality. In the future, further research is needed before getting our hearts completely set on a location. And while our budget is quite generous, sometimes it might not be quite enough to do what we truly have envisioned for ourselves and our community. But, where there's a will, there's a way. We can raise additional funds on our own with some extra work. We are determined to show the community and outsiders who we are, why we care, and why you should care.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, thank everyone who has supported us in our endeavor and anyone else we have forgotten to thank.