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### **Deig pleased to see Mount Vernon receive Community Focus Fund grant**

INDIANAPOLIS—On Friday, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs awarded the City of Mount Vernon a \$300,000 state grant to demolish and remove abandoned grain silos from the Mount Vernon waterfront. The Community Focus Fund grant will assist the city in revitalizing the community and attracting new businesses to the area.

State Senator Bob Deig (D-Mount Vernon) said he was happy to see the grant money awarded to Mount Vernon because it will enable the city to renovate the waterfront into a space that will be enjoyed by residents and enhance economic development.

“This grant application is one of many steps towards accomplishing our revitalization plans for Mount Vernon,” said Deig. “There have been many occasions when Indiana communities develop their waterfronts and begin to see not only the immediate aesthetic improvements, but a boost in their local economy as well.”

Earlier this year, Deig encouraged local community members to apply for the Community Focus Fund grant and wrote a letter of support that was included in the city’s application for the grant.

Mount Vernon is one of 22 rural communities in Indiana to receive Community Focus Fund grants through the federal Community Development Block Grant program. Statewide, this round of grants totaled more than \$10.1 million. Community Focus Fund grants are awarded through a competitive application process.

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*State Senator Bob Deig represents Senate District 49, which encompasses portions of Gibson, Posey and Vanderburgh Counties. For more information on Sen. Deig or other State Senate business visit [www.in.gov/49](http://www.in.gov/49).*