



**AJ Bytnar**

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AJ Bytnar is Director of Economic Development for the RDA. He brings more than 15 years of experience in economic development, urban planning, zoning, and redevelopment. During his tenure as Executive Director of Redevelopment for the City of Gary, he worked on high-impact initiatives such as the formation of the downtown and Miller Beach Transit Development Districts, Broadway Lofts, Alliance Steel, Hard Rock Casino, and blight elimination efforts. At the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority, Bytnar worked closely with developers, housing providers, and community leaders to implement projects leveraging tax credits, community development block grants, and HOME funds. While in the City of Fishers, he coordinated transformative mixed-use developments within the Nickel Plate District and 116th Street corridor, fostering public-private partnerships that delivered goals of the community at large. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Property Management with a minor in Urban Planning and a master's Certificate in Real Estate Development from Ball State University and recently completed his MBA from Indiana University Northwest.

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#### **About the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority**

Established in 2006 through a bipartisan effort, the RDA is quasi-governmental development entity entrusted to make public investment decisions within a regional framework for supporting catalytic infrastructure projects and inducing private sector investment. Years of successful results have made it a trusted and tested partner for growth in Northwest Indiana. For more information, visit [www.nwitdd.com](http://www.nwitdd.com) or [www.in.gov/rda](http://www.in.gov/rda).