

YEAR *in* REVIEW



Looking back. MOVING FORWARD.



In a year like no other, New Albany continued to attract new businesses while helping existing businesses expand. By embracing a collaborative, community-wide approach to strategic planning, the city carefully evaluated its assets, prioritized infrastructure and quality of life needs and created a pathway to progress in continuing to build a connected community.



1 Opened Rose Run Park, a “central park” in Village Center that connects civic assets with a pedestrian bridge, promenade, birch walk, library garden, children’s play area and protected bike lane.

55

Expanded the leisure trail network to 55 miles connecting walkers and cyclists to neighborhoods, Village Center and parks.

25

Ranked 25th among “America’s 50 Best Cities to Live” based upon quality of life in *USA Today*.



2 Installed two electric car charging stations behind the Heit Center for Healthy New Albany for residents and employees.



Dining alfresco

When Ohio restricted indoor dining due to COVID-19, New Albany was among the first in central Ohio to issue permits to restaurants, bars and cafes temporarily expanding outdoor seating in parking lots and right of ways.

Smart growth

The city completed Engage New Albany, a new strategic plan for the community as well as an Economic Development Plan, Parks Framework Plan, Veterans Memorial Plan, Taylor Farm Park Plan and Village Center Parking and Traffic Study.



\$1 billion

In 2020, Facebook began serving traffic at two of five planned data centers in New Albany representing a \$1 billion investment in 2.5 million square feet of space.

“Bullseye”

Bisnow, a national commercial real estate publication, quoting a site selector explaining New Albany’s appeal to data centers seeking to scale in an abundant, affordable and renewable energy environment.

80%

Rapidly pivoted during pandemic and conducted more than 80 percent of inspections virtually, increasing safety for employees and improving service for customers.

1 Hims & Hers, a telehealth and personal care powerhouse, opened one of the largest licensed pharmacies in the country as part of its new operations and distribution center here.



24,488

Quickly deployed a virtually platform that logged 24,488 minutes of meeting time to ensure the city kept pace with private development efforts.

\$273 million

The city issued permits for new projects totaling \$273 million and 2.2 million square feet of space, including three new data centers, two multi-tenant buildings, an amphitheater and hotel.

\$217,680

New Albany distributed \$217,680 in federal CARES Act funding to more than 50 small businesses to offset expenses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

LOOKING AHEAD.

The city of New Albany is anticipating investments worth \$335 million in 2021, including a new fulfillment center and expansion of two existing personal care and beauty manufacturing companies.