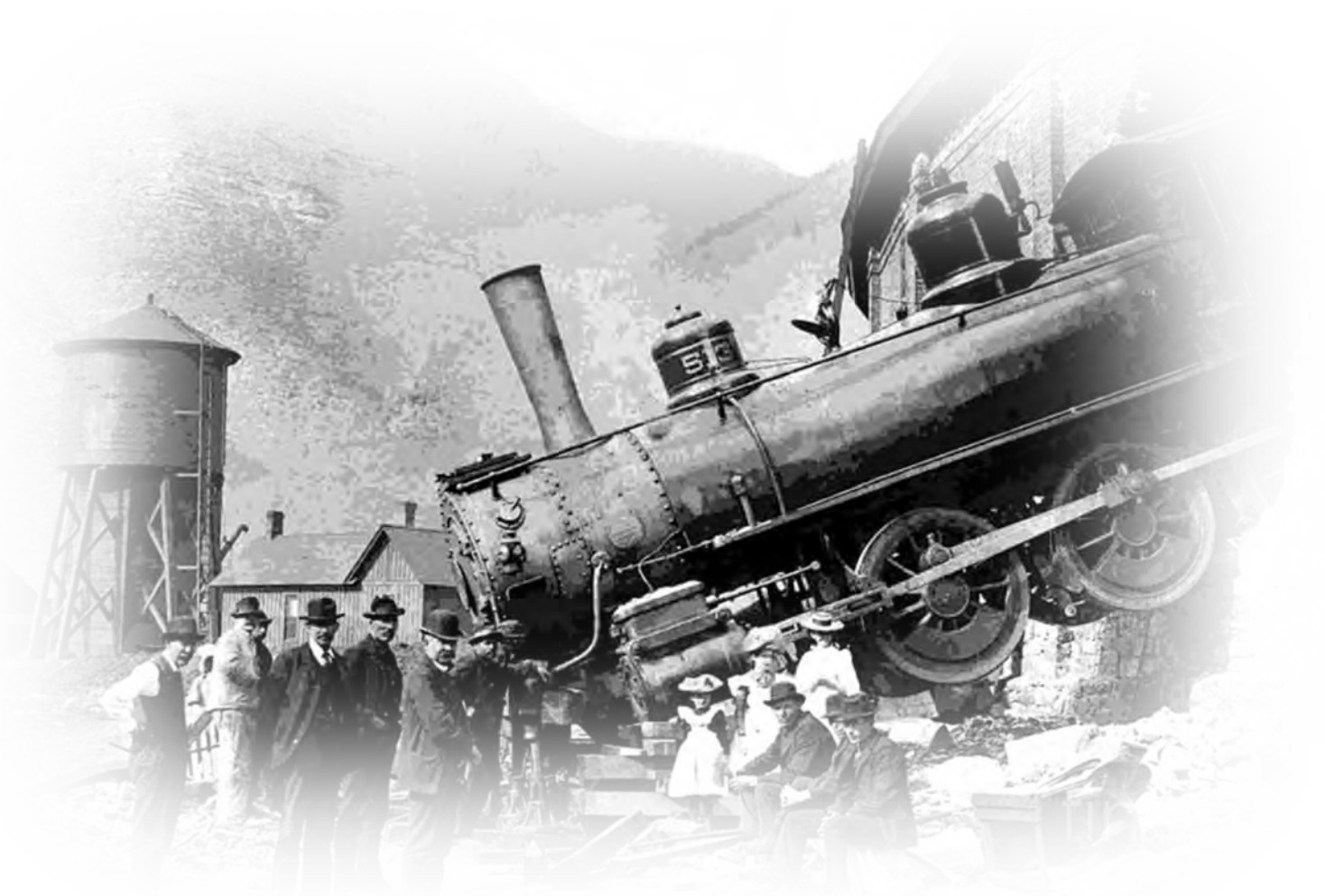



A 5 YEAR - \$5M GOOD HOUSEKEEPING TRAIN WRECK

Maybe the slowest train wreck in
history!



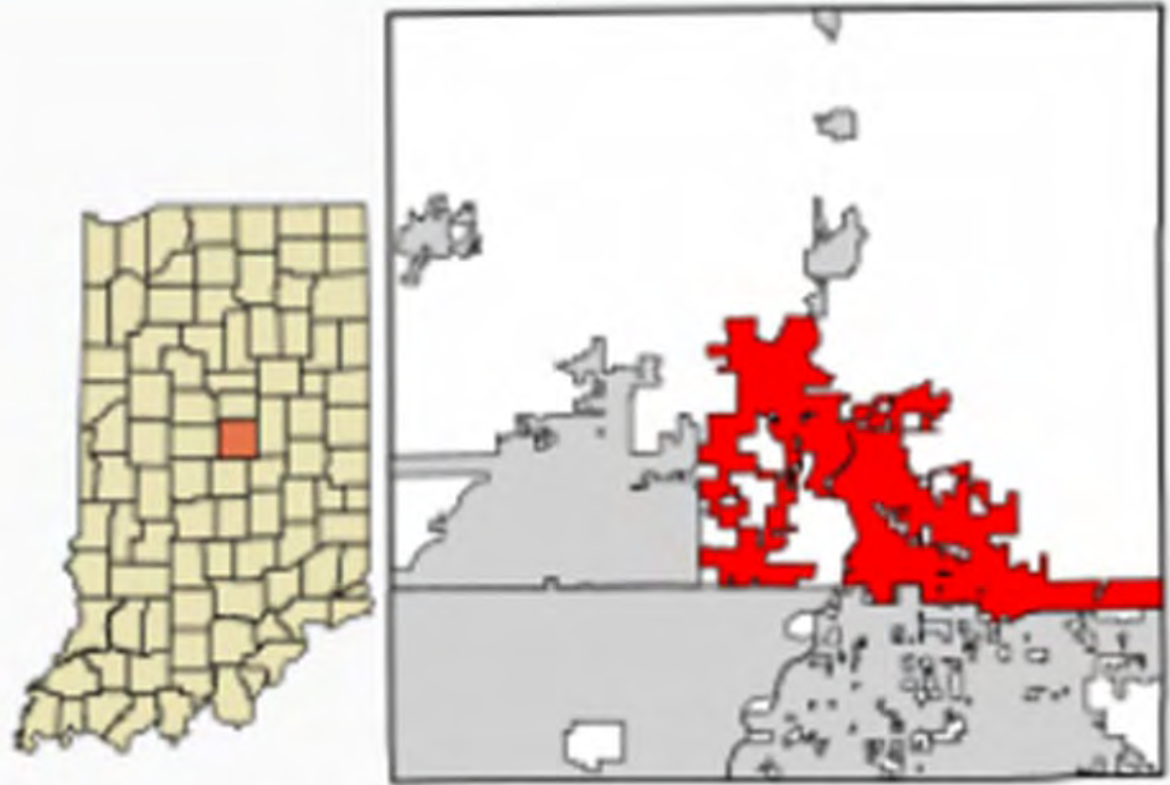
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A CAUTIONARY TAIL OF HOW ONE MS4 COMMUNITY FOUND
THEIR CROWN JEWEL "FOREST PARK" TURNED INTO A.....
BROWNFIELD.

One MS4 Coordinators Horror Story

A LITTLE BACKGROUND

- Hamilton County Seat
- 69,604 (2020 Population)
- 36 Sq Miles +-
- Founded in 1823



Location of Noblesville in Hamilton County,
Indiana.

Coordinates:  40°3'0"N 86°1'17"W

FOREST PARK

1925 Purchase – 152 acres

- 90 acres wooded
- 49 acres golf (flood plain)
- Wellhead – Public Water Supply
- This area...



FOREST PARK

1925 Purchase – 152 acres

- Pool complex, historic carousel, skate park, pickle ball, tennis, shelters, playgrounds, little league, trail complex, and...



TRAIN YARD

1964 Leased -
6 to 10 Acres

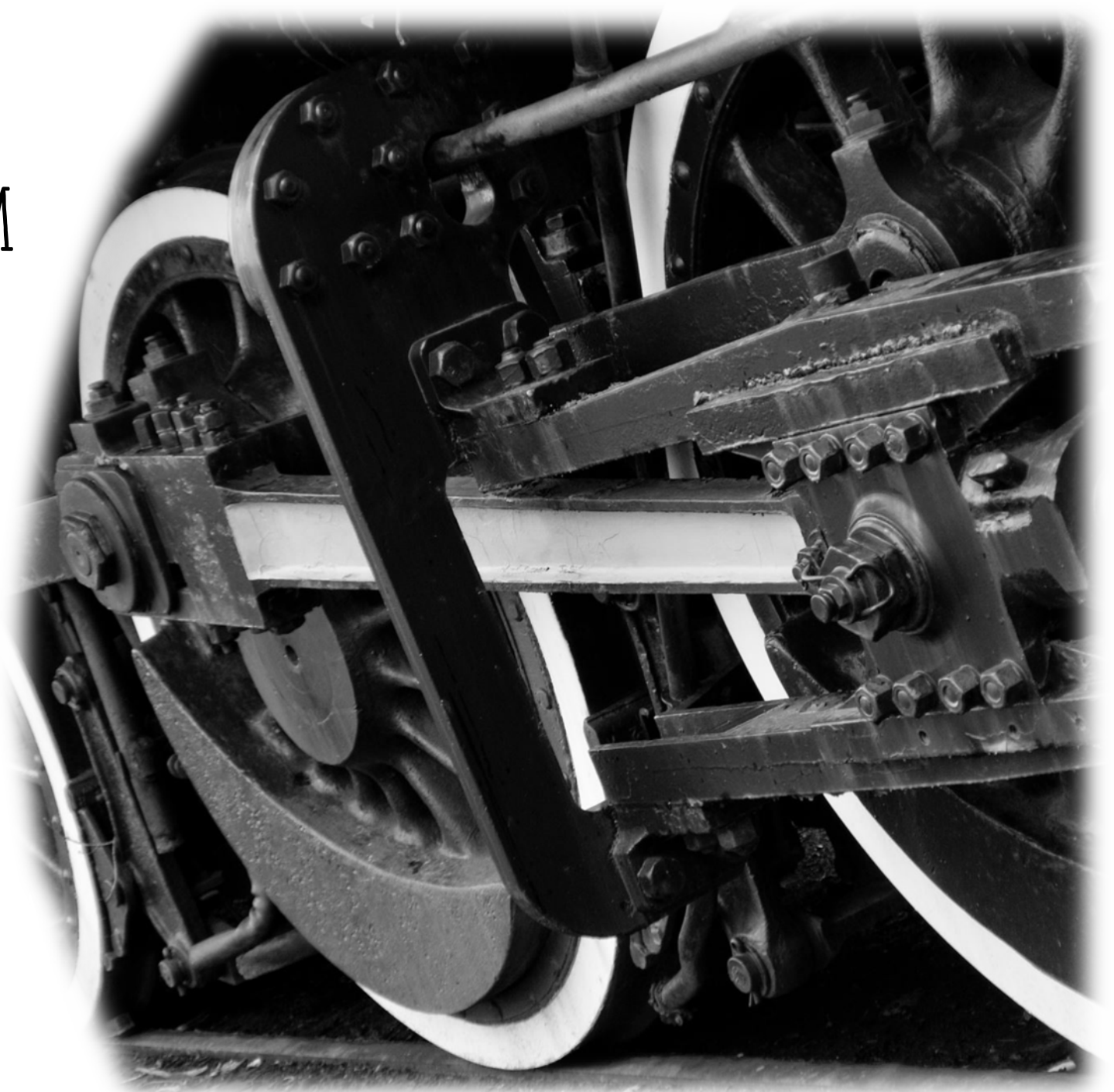
- Indiana Transportation Museum (ITM)
- Several leases over 53 years



BACKGROUND

INDIANA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM (ITM)

- Established in 1960
- Moved to Noblesville in 1964
- Operated Vintage Train Excursions
- "State Fair Train" was a highlight - Fishers to SFG

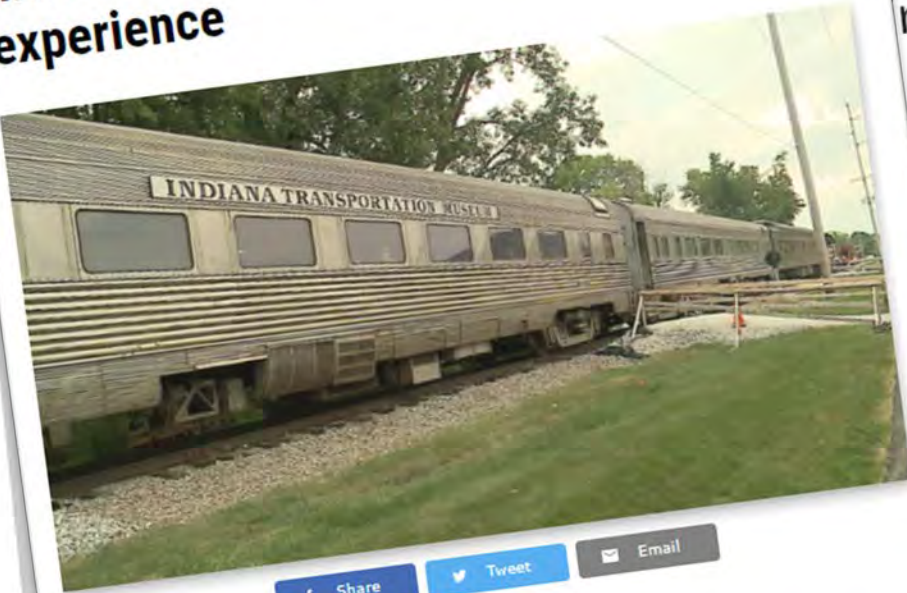


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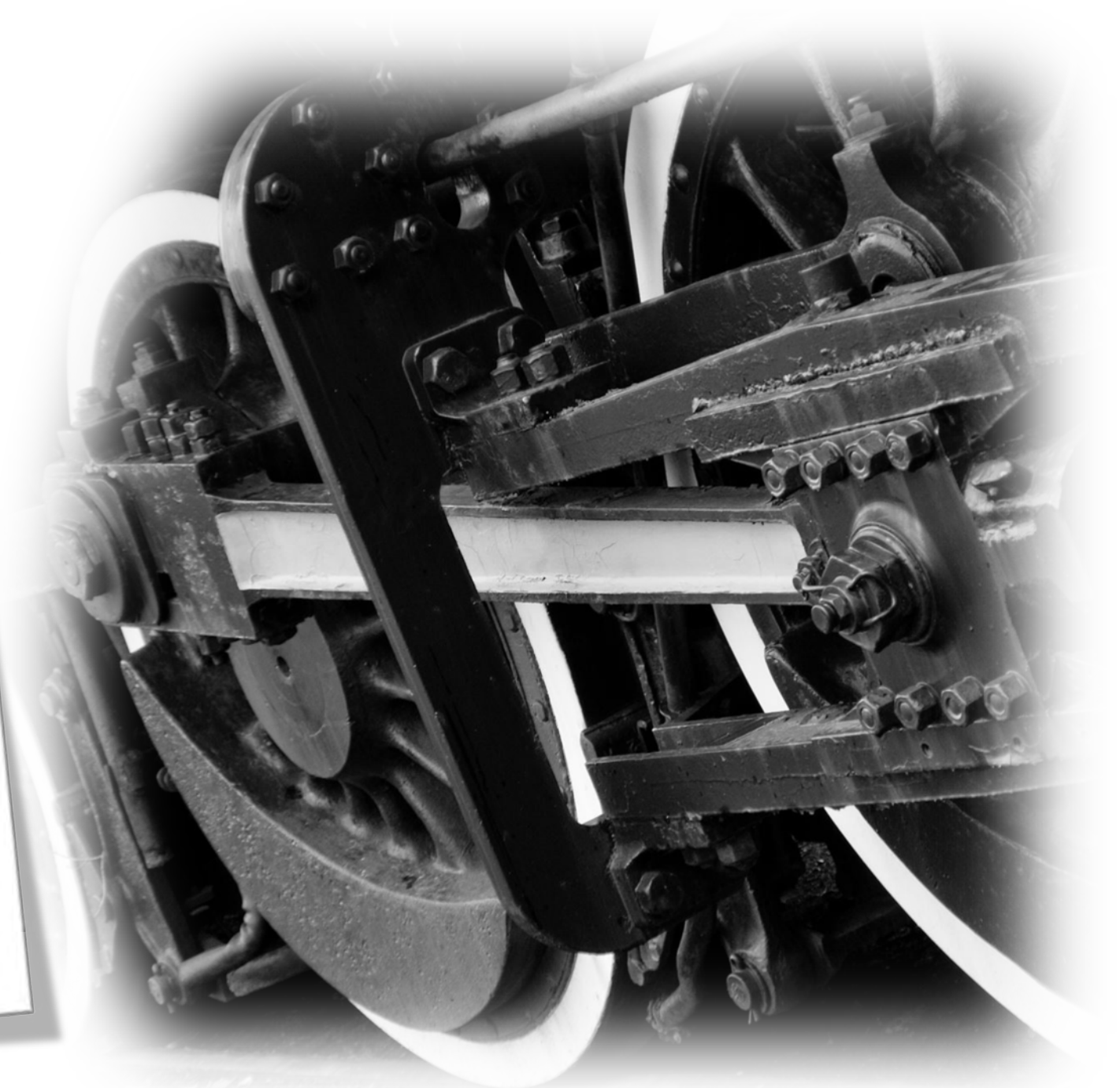
Indiana State Fair Train a one-of-a-kind experience



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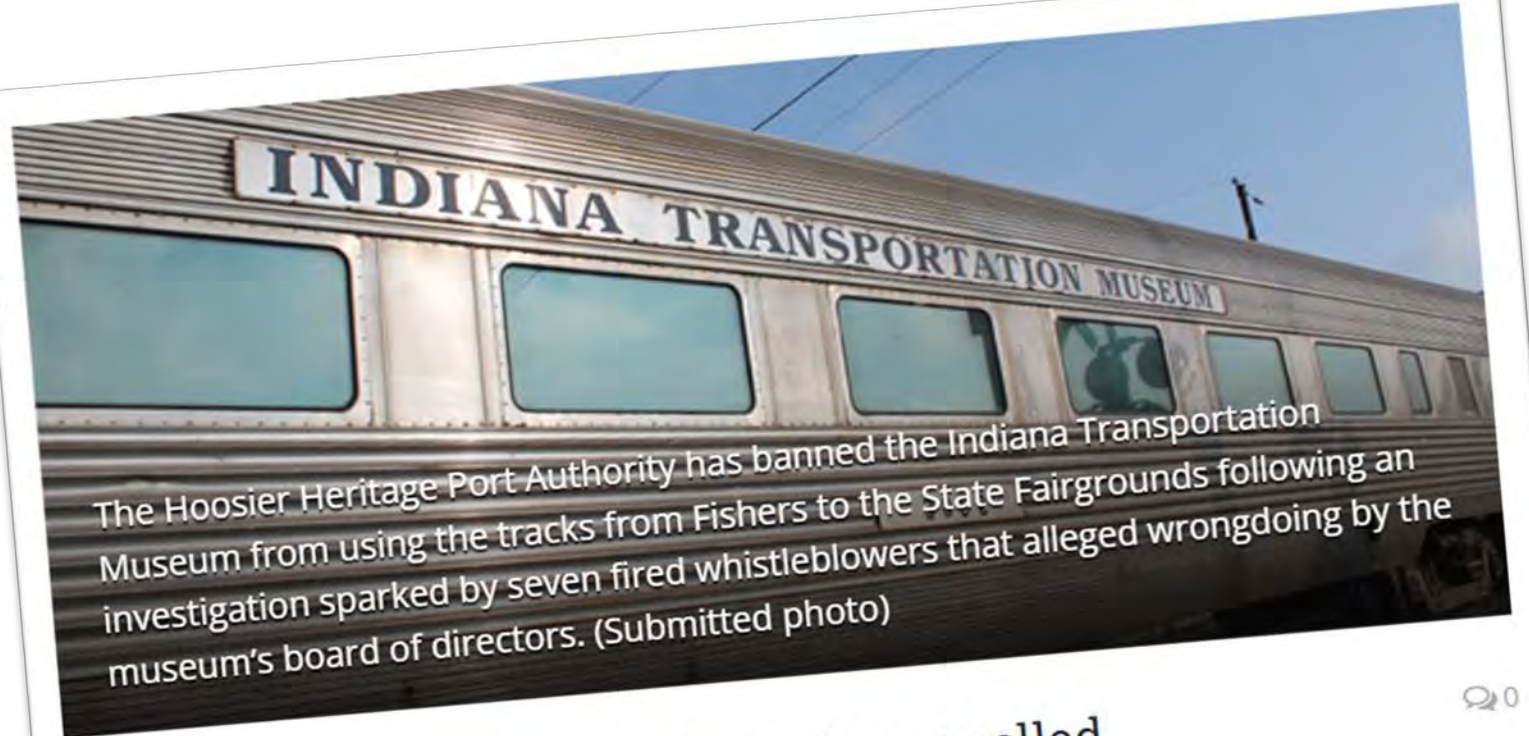
by: Evan Johnson
Posted: Aug 16, 2015 / 05:25 PM EST / Updated: Aug 16, 2015 / 05:25 PM EST

FISHERS, Ind. (WISH) – For 33 years, many people have been taking a unique ride to the State Fair. This year is no different.



INDIANA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM (ITM)

- Whistle Blower Article Dated August 3, 2016
- Alleged wrongdoing by ITM Board
- HHPA - suspended access to the main-line



The Hoosier Heritage Port Authority has banned the Indiana Transportation Museum from using the tracks from Fishers to the State Fairgrounds following an investigation sparked by seven fired whistleblowers that alleged wrongdoing by the museum's board of directors. (Submitted photo)

| Update: Indiana State Fair Train cancelled

BY CURRENT PUBLISHING ON AUGUST 3, 2016

CURRENT IN FISHERS, FISHERS COMMUNITY

INDIANA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM (ITM)

2016 -2017

- "Save the Train" campaign
- Call 6 for help - TV Crew
 - Flew helicopter over the site...
- Request for comment on "leaking barrels" in our Park...



SAVE
THE TRAIN

SAVE THE
NICKEL
RATE

savethetrain.org

fb.com/savethenickelplate

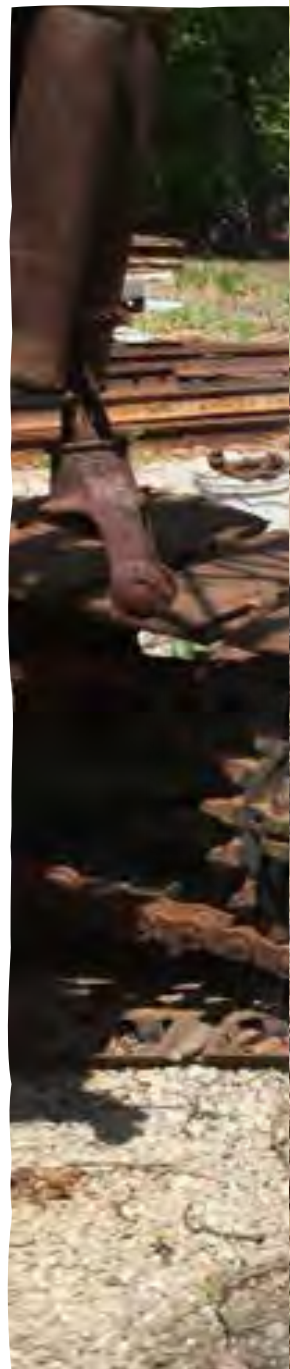
INDIANA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM (ITM)

May 17, 2017

- MS4 – Investigation Day 1



Wednesday, May 17, 2017 11:35:31



Wednesday, May 17, 2017 11:30:57

IDEM GETS INVOLVED JUNE 2017

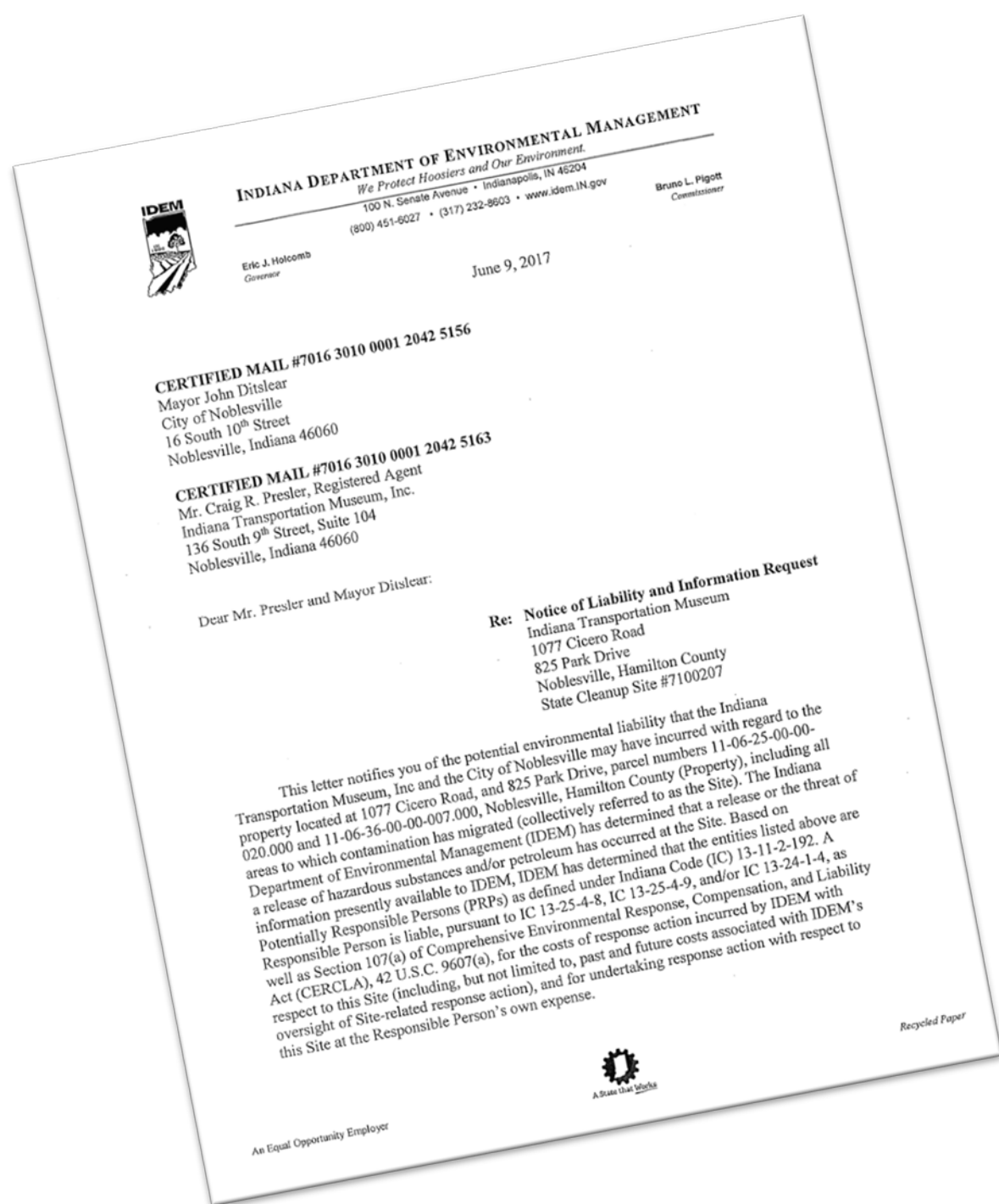
- Several Different IDEM Inspections; haz-waste, hex-chrome, asbestos, PCB...
- Several Violations Noted



IDEM GETS INVOLVED

JUNE 9, 2017

- Notice of Liability and Information Request
- ITM as the "Operator" and City as the "Owner"



IDEM GETS INVOLVED

JUNE 2017

- ITM - retains attorneys and environmental consultant
- CITY - retains environmental attorneys and environmental consultant - Keramida





MARCH 2018



SOIL & WATER SAMPLES



MAY 2018



“VOLUNTARY SITE CLEAN-UP...?”





JULY 2018



JUDGE SAYS....VACATE!

HAZ WASTE COLLECTION



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HAZ WASTE REMOVAL \$\$\$



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ITM & ASSOCIATES



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HOW TO PAY FOR THE CLEAN UP?

- ALL Newer Insurance Policies were removed and missing.
- Historic Insurance Policies left behind =
>> \$5mm coverage



SURPLUS EQUIPMENT - AUCTIONS

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APRIL 2019 SURFACE TRASH >

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COAL ASH



PETROLEUM IMPACTED SOILS





JULY 2022



Hobbs Depot in Forest Park



JULY 2022



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JULY 2022



NICKEL PLATE EXPRESS

<https://nickelplateexpress.com/>



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65 MINUTES

FROM
\$36

Superhero Express

Hop aboard for a fun filled ride with Spiderman, Batman & Catwoman! Start your day with training camp, where your favorite superheroes will teach superhero combat moves!

BOOK NOW

LEARN MORE



ALL AGES

90 MINUTES

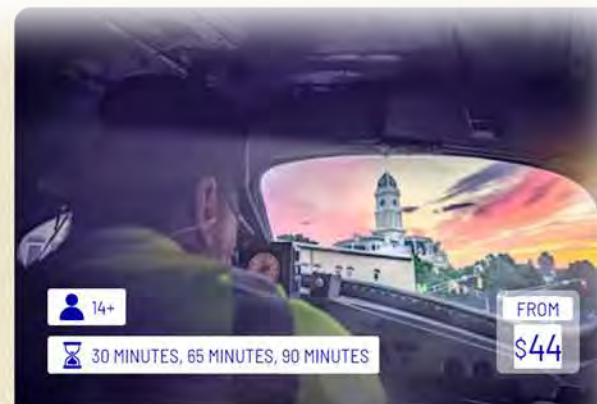
FROM
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Wizard Express

Climb aboard for a magical journey into the wizarding world. Brush up on local wizarding news, learn some new spells and enjoy treats such as a butter beverage! All excursions board at platform 8 ¾ in Noblesville.

BOOK NOW

LEARN MORE



14+

30 MINUTES, 65 MINUTES, 90 MINUTES

FROM
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Locomotive Cab Ride

Join our engineer in the cab of the locomotive for a unique and memorable experience witnessing the railroad from the Engineer's perspective.

CALL TO BOOK

LEARN MORE



Lessons learned

LEASED PROPERTIES

- Have a Facility Mgt Plan for all City Owned - "Other" Party Operated Facilities
- Compliance Inspections
- Provide Annual Training for their Staff
- Visit Informally & Often...
- Keep Parks Boards and Commissions Updated
- Treat them very similar as a City Department



MISTAKES

IT COULD BE THAT THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE IS
ONLY TO SERVE AS A WARNING TO OTHERS.