

# ABOUT SOUTH BEND

As the fourth largest city in Indiana with more than 101,000 residents, South Bend is a culturally rich community with “big city” resources. Its excellence in the area of post-secondary education, health care, data centers, and logistics have helped make it into the economic and cultural hub of a nine-county, bi-state (Indiana and Michigan) region with nearly one million people.

The city’s progressive administration (led by one of the nation’s youngest mayors), as well as major investments into technological resources, have successfully transformed this former industrial epicenter into an emerging center of research and innovation.

Institutions like the University of Notre Dame, Bethel College, Indiana University South Bend, and Ivy Tech Community College provide strategic collaborations, college amenities, and a set of nationally followed sports programs.

The city’s pedestrian- and bike-friendly downtown includes numerous trails, a man-made white water course, a museum of art, the Morris Performing Arts Center, a symphony, a civic theater and the Studebaker National Museum, which honors the automotive company that helped define South Bend for decades.



In 2011, South Bend received the National Civic League’s most prestigious community award for its innovation and successful civic efforts. It has been recognized as the #1 city for value, stability and rising prices in a home by NBC-TV’s Today Show, as well as one of the best college football towns in the country by both *USA Today* and *Away.com*.



# LIVE • WORK • PLAY



The Commerce Center is located in the East Bank Village, a popular neighborhood on downtown's East side with strong historical connections to Notre Dame and the greater community. Located within the Central Business District, the Commerce Center is a five minute walk away from several popular restaurants, parks, banks, hotels, office and government locations, and retail shops. It also benefits from abundant parking and easy access to highways, mass transit, Notre Dame, and Mishawaka.

Local events like the *Music in the Park Series*, wine and beer walks, art fairs and *First Friday* celebrations provide great recreational options during and after the typical workday. Unique attractions such as the bike trails, man-made white water course, and South Bend River Lights add to the quality of life for residents, workers, and visitors alike.

Matthews, LLC believes in this neighborhood and sees it as a premiere destination for living, working, and playing. Our main office is located in the East Bank, and we are heavily invested in the neighborhood through the construction of multiple townhomes, the purchase of three commercial buildings (including the Commerce Center) and the planning of two new mixed-use apartment buildings.

