

AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION - INDIANA CHAPTER  
PUBLIC WORKS LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD SUBMISSION

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## JOHN STOLL, PE



**CANDIDATE**

John Stoll, PE

**TITLE**

County Engineer

**AGENCY/ORGANIZATION/COMPANY**

Vanderburgh County, Indiana

**CATEGORY**

County/Special District

## PUBLIC WORKS LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

**Deadline: February 4, 2022 at 5 p.m. EST**

(only electronic submittals accepted)

In order for the nominee to be considered, both the Nomination Form and the Supporting Data Form must be completed by either the nominee or the group/individual making the nomination.

Please note below who is completing this form:

Nominee

Group/Individual Nominating

John Stoll, PE

Candidate's Name

County Engineer

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# PUBLIC WORKS LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD SUPPORTING DATA FORM

**Deadline February 4, 2022 at 5 p.m. EST**  
(only electronic submittals accepted)

Please complete the requirements listed below limiting submittal to 12 pages. In addition to the directions on this page, please read the criteria page.

**Candidate:**

John Stoll, PE

**Title:**

County Engineer

**Agency/Organization/Company:**

Vanderburgh County, Indiana

Please indicate the category under which the candidate's agency/organization/company falls:

- Municipality
- County/Special District
- State/Federal/Military
- Private Sector

Address the following areas in supporting documentation limiting submittal to 12 pages. Nominations must adhere to the sequence below:

**Employment Record:** Briefly list all employment positions, dates of each position and description of responsibilities. Begin with current employment and include consulting work.

**Job-Related Technical and Managerial Accomplishments:** Describe all major achievements and accomplishments. State specific role in each. Include innovations in technical and/or managerial fields. Describe your commitment to advancing other people in career and profession. NOTE: This section weighs most heavily in the judging process.

**Initial and Lifelong Education:** Include colleges and universities attended, dates of attendance, majors and degrees received. List attendance at professional institutes and on-the-job training.

**Publications and/or Presentations:** List any published articles and/or papers delivered at professional meetings.

**Professional Involvement:** List organizations, activities and offices held.

**Community Service:** List organizations, activities and offices held.

**Awards:** List educational, professional and civic awards. Include recognition for public service.

**Directions**

Nominations should be limited to no more than 12 pages. The 12 pages do not include a letter of introduction from the nominator or the nomination form and the supporting data form and any letters of recommendation, which should be limited to six.

If submission has a letter of introduction (maximum of 2 pages), it should be placed in front of the nomination. Submittal should address the areas outlined above in the sequence stated. Letters of recommendation will be accepted provided each letter cites specific examples of professional involvement with the nominee. Letters will not be accepted after the nomination deadline.

Any examples such as publication articles, newspaper clippings, photos of awards, etc. count toward the 12 page limit. Only the Nomination Form, Introduction Letter, Supporting Data Form and 6 letters of recommendation are not counted as part of the 12 page limitation.



February 4, 2022

Re: APWA Indiana Public Works Leader of the Year Award  
Letter of Introduction: John Stoll, PE

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter of introduction supporting John Stoll, PE, Vanderburgh County Engineer, as a very worthy candidate for the 2021 Public Works Leader of the Year Award. As a devoted and loyal public servant, John has spent his entire professional career with Vanderburgh County. As a true team player and team builder, he has worked harmoniously and successfully with the County's Commissioners throughout his tenure. People fortunate enough to professionally engage with John value him not only for his technical skills and exceptional leadership, but also his genuinely good character.

Wearing many hats while in office, John has led and managed his staff with clear communication and a defined mission and goals for achievement; built strong relationships and partnerships both internally and externally; and exercised fiscal acuity in County budgeting and financing and leveraging of available resources. As the County Engineer for 29 years, he has a comprehensive understanding of infrastructure management and planning for capital improvement programs. One of John's strengths has been his methodic approach to asset inventory, prioritization, and securing funding for the County's infrastructure, which has brought the County remarkable benefits.

American Structurepoint has been working with the Vanderburgh County Engineer's Office since 2000 (more than 20 years), and we have worked with John directly for 19 of those 22 years. Our firm worked with John and his staff on the development of the award-winning Vanderburgh County Transportation Capital Improvement Plan and Program (CIPP), a 20-year plan that identified and ranked roadway, railway, and drainage projects through 2037. This forward thinking and strategic plan has provided the basis for realistic and achievable budgeting and funding strategies to address aging infrastructure and improvements necessary for future growth and development in the County. Throughout his career with the County, John has provided oversight and management of more than \$210 million in infrastructure contracts.

In summary, John Stoll is a consummate professional in the public works arena with a demonstrated history of achievements in management and project success. His passion for serving Vanderburgh County is unquestionable and his dedication to ensuring that the County's infrastructure improvements occur in a timely, cost-effective manner is admirable. And, if I may be perfectly honest, he is also just a "nice guy" in general and always a pleasure to work with. I highly recommend John for the APWA Indiana Public Works Leader of the Year Award.

Sincerely,  
American Structurepoint, Inc.

Michael T. McBride, PE  
Vice President

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# EMPLOYMENT RECORD

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## **Vanderburgh County Engineer**

*January 1993 – Present (29 years)*

John is responsible for budgeting and overseeing the County's Engineering Department, paving, contracted paving projects, roadway construction and reconstruction, bridge projects, new subdivisions, and stormwater management.

## **Transportation Engineer and Deputy Director – Evansville Urban Transportation Study**

*January 1986 – January 1993*

John was responsible for review of site plans and subdivision plans; performed traffic modeling for the preparation of long-range transportation plans; and prepared traffic studies and corridor plans for various sites in Evansville and Vanderburgh County.

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## **JOB-RELATED TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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## County Engineer Role

In his role as county engineer, John is responsible for managing and overseeing roadway repair and resurfacing for over 550 miles of county-maintained roads, working with consultants on roadway reconstruction projects, biannual county bridge inspections for the county's 158 bridges, road inventory, new subdivision plan review, and new subdivision road and drainage inspections. He and his staff work directly with local, state, and federal agencies; developers; contractors; consulting firms; and utility companies.

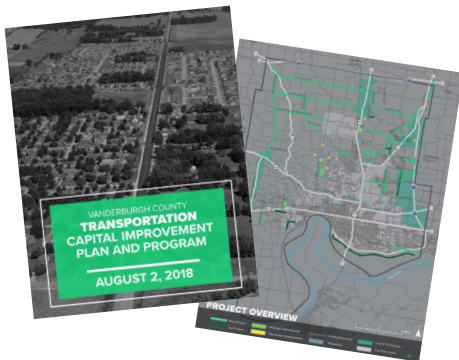
Since assuming this position, John has overseen more than \$210 million in infrastructure contracts and has managed more than \$30 million in consultant contracts. This includes over \$135 million in road construction/reconstruction projects, over \$40 million in bridge projects, and \$18 million in road repair and resurfacing projects.

## Capital Improvement Plan and Program

One area in which he has been particularly successful is CIPP planning and project prioritization to help secure project funding and make the most of the County's resources by having clear goals for their transportation plan well into the future.

In 2018, he and his staff developed a transportation capital improvement plan and program (CIPP) to assess and prioritize county transportation improvements, including all modes of transportation (motor vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle), based on a 20-year non-financially constrained period.

This plan for strategic investment in infrastructure included 47 road, 7 trailway, and 5 drainage projects at a total estimated cost of \$64,848,000 and prioritized 11 roadway projects and 3 trailway projects in the five-year CIPP (FY 2018-2022) for a total estimated cost of \$172,964,000.



The ranking criteria for roadway projects included safety improvements, multi-modal benefit, contribution to focus areas (land use), connectivity of corridor, potential to leverage non-County funding, and project support. The ranking criteria for trailway projects included complement to recent or future project, completing gaps and connectivity of corridors, contribution to focus areas (land use), proximity to school and other public destinations, feasibility, and project support. John's management was pivotal in updating the County's road inventory practices to stay ahead of roadway and bridge repairs in a more cost-effective manner.

## Project Funding

His extensive experience applying for and securing project funding is demonstrated by history over the last few years in particular. In 2017, John and his staff submitted Community Crossings Matching Grant Program applications for more than \$2 million to INDOT to fund ten roadway projects. This funding program, launched in 2016, is a partnership between INDOT and Hoosier communities to "invest in infrastructure projects that catalyze economic development, create jobs, and strengthen local transportation networks."

Since the inception of the Community Crossings program, Vanderburgh County has secured over \$4.7 million in grant awards. In addition to obtaining the Community Crossings grants, Vanderburgh County has also secured approximately \$20 million in federal funds for various road and bridge projects over the last five years.

In 2019, Vanderburgh County Commissioners approved paving and repairs for 34 miles of county roads at a cost of \$4.9 million, also funded by Community Crossings, county highway, local road and street funds, and TIF financing.

In 2020, John successfully helped Vanderburgh County secure \$435,590.65 in project funding through the program in the first round and a \$300,561 grant to funding milling, patching, and resurfacing on three county roadways and within two subdivisions and a \$167,011 state grant for concrete repairs on all streets in another subdivision, in the second. The other 50% of the projects' cost will come from local road and street account funds.

Vanderburgh County received two Community Crossings Matching Grant Program grants totaling \$997,641.66 in



2021. One grant for \$742,378.46 was to be used to repair and resurface 24 county roads. The second grant of \$255,263.20 was used to replace a county bridge.

John's management, leadership, proactive policies, agency coordination, and funding application talents have helped Vanderburgh County deliver quality infrastructure maintenance and improvements, providing a valuable resource for its citizens and traveling public.

### **Overseeing Sanitary Sewer Projects**

Over the past five years, John has been much involved in in two sanitary sewer lift station projects initiated by the county commissioners to promote additional economic development in two county tax increment financing (TIF)TIF districts. The first is the Creamery Road lift station, developed to serve the University Parkway TIF district located in western Vanderburgh County. Because the TIF district has very limited sewer service, the county initiated a project to install a regional lift station that would allow additional development along the southern portion of the University Parkway corridor. The construction contract amount for that project was \$4.3 million, and construction was completed in late 2020.

The second sanitary sewer project is currently being planned, and it will provide a lift station at the Interstate 69 – Boonville New Harmony Road interchange. This existing interchange does not have utility service, so the county has initiated a project to provide a lift station in the interchange's southwest quadrant along with

1,600 feet of gravity sewers. This lift station will allow for future economic development along the interstate. The project's estimated construction cost is \$2.25 million, and is expected to be ready for construction in late 2022 or early 2023.

### **TIF Project Management**

In the late 1990s, Vanderburgh County established a TIF district in the eastern part of the county along the Interstate 69 corridor. Funding from that TIF district has already resulted in the complete reconstruction and/or new construction of approximately 12.5 miles of roads. These roads are typically 3 –to 5-lane cross sections. John has been involved in all of these roadway projects via his role as county engineer.

Another 4.3 miles of roads are currently under design and will be reconstructed prior to the TIF district's expiration. This series of projects is the largest group of projects ever completed by Vanderburgh County. John, as county engineer, has managed all consultant design contracts, all right of way acquisition contracts, and all property acquisition needed for the rights of way, and all construction contracts for these projects. Completion of these projects has helped to facilitate economic development of a large commercial area that has since been annexed by the City of Evansville. John has been involved in multiple county roadway projects occurring in the TIF district that helped promote continuing commercial and residential growth in Vanderburgh County.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### INITIAL AND LIFELONG EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, 1985, University of Evansville

Obtained “Master Road Builder” title through the Indiana LTAP Road Scholar program

Completed graduate-level civil engineering courses at the University of Evansville and Purdue University

### PUBLICATIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

None

### PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Evansville MPO Technical Committee, former Chairperson and former Vice-Chairperson,

Former member of the Vanderburgh County Redevelopment Authority

Evansville MPO Policy Committee

Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors

Various work-related committees, including the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Area Plan Commission Unified Development Ordinance steering committee; the Evansville Building Commission Licensing and Disciplinary Board, the Evansville-Vanderburgh County I-69 Gateway Subarea Plan Steering Committee

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member of Methodist Temple United Methodist Church; former member of church board of trustees

### AWARDS

Vanderburgh County CIPP – Association of Indiana Counties, County Achievement Award (2019)

Vanderburgh County CIPP – ACEC Indiana Engineering Excellence Award State Finalist (2020)

Indiana Concrete Pavement Solutions, Excellence in Concrete Pavement Awards – University Parkway, Phases 2 & 3 (2012)

Vanderburgh County SWCD Conservation Education Group Award (2012)

Lynch Road Project, Association of Indiana Counties, Government Cooperation Award (2006)

Association of Indiana Counties Outstanding County Highway Engineer (2006)

Indiana Association of County Commissioners Engineering Award (2006)

Westside Improvement Association (an Evansville neighborhood organization) Outstanding Civic Service Award (2008)

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# LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



**BOARD of  
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*of the County of Vanderburgh*

**BEN SHOULDERS  
JEFF HATFIELD  
CHERYL MUSGRAVE**

January 24, 2022

Re: APWA Indiana Public Works Leader of the Year Award  
Letter of Reference for John Stoll, PE

Dear Review Committee:

I have worked with John Stoll during my tenure as Vanderburgh County Commissioner from 2005 to mid-2007 and then again from 2016 to the present. I can say without hesitation that I whole heartedly recommend him for the APWA Indiana Public Works Leader of the Year Award.

As county engineer, John has exceeded my expectations in managing the infrastructure needs of our community. From spearheading the development of our CIPP to actively engaging with multiple stakeholders to maintain public understanding and acceptance of the program, John solves problems and finds solutions. We have relied on John to oversee our County's engineering design, construction, and project funding and he has provided exceptional leadership in all areas, driving necessary maintenance, repairs, and redevelopment to keep our traveling public safe and our County thriving.

Since 2017 I have worked with John to provide more than \$80 million for road, bridge, and trail construction and an additional \$6 million on paving and patching county-maintained streets and roads. For 2021, he secured Community Crossings funding for over \$997,000 to help fund a bridge replacement and 24 county roadway projects throughout the County. We have been very fortunate to have his abundant talents and accomplishments serving our citizens.

John is a dedicated public servant who works tirelessly and passionately for the greater good of all of Vanderburgh County's constituents. I am delighted to support John for this award. He is a true asset to Vanderburgh County.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Cheryl Musgrave



**BOARD of  
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*of the County of Vanderburgh*

**BEN SHOULDERS  
JEFF HATFIELD  
CHERYL A.W. MUSGRAVE**

January 31, 2022

Dear Review Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend Vanderburgh County Engineer John Stoll for the APWA Leader of the Year award. I cannot think of a more qualified and deserving person for this acknowledgement.

In his two decades at the helm of County Engineering, he has managed millions of dollars in bridge and road projects and secured millions more in grant funding for the county.

John is a boots-on-the-ground leader and he is always on the front lines when it comes to speaking with members of the community about various issues. He is knowledgeable and direct and he finds solutions. In short, the buck stops with John.

John is a team player. He is consistently working collaboratively with other county department heads including the Superintendent of County Buildings, The Burdette Park Manager, and the County Highway Department to find cost-effective, long-term infrastructure solutions.

John is one of the hardest-working public servants I know. I happily endorse his nomination for this honor.

Sincerely,

**Ben Shoulders**  
President, Vanderburgh County Commissioners