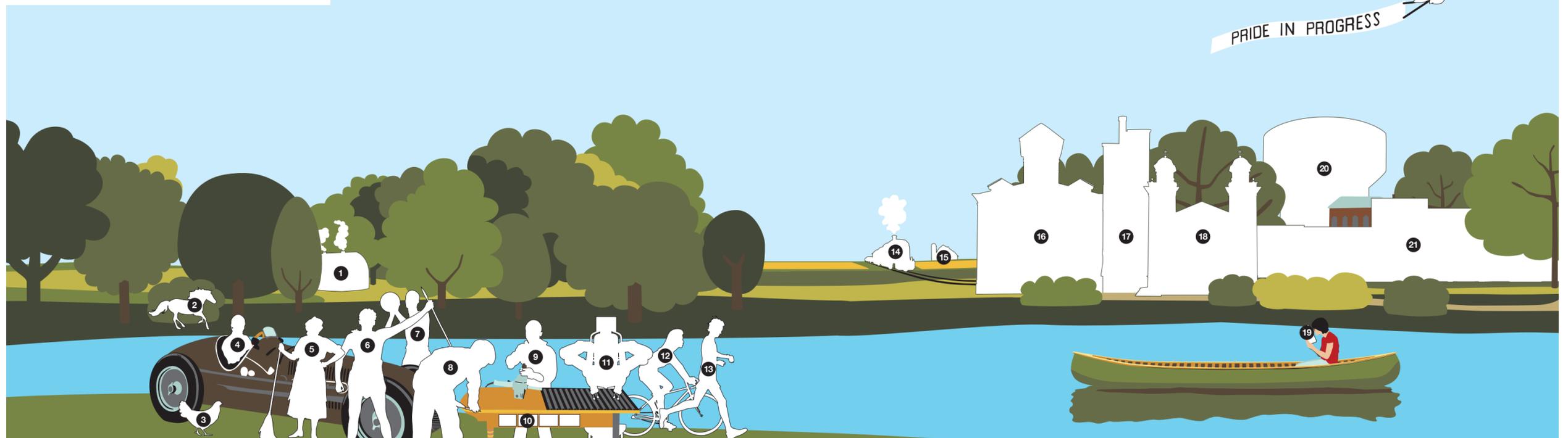


“Pride in Progress”

Shelbyville’s Community Mural

designed and painted by Big Car Collaborative
and the citizens of Shelbyville in 2014

This mural was made by a collaboration between Mainstreet Shelbyville, Big Car Collaborative, Blue River Community Foundation, Shelby Arts Alliance, and Shelby Art Guild Association.



How was the mural made?

Soliciting creative input and painting help from as many Shelbyville residents as possible, Big Car’s Andy Fry designed this mural about our town’s past, present, and future in 2014.

About Mainstreet Shelbyville

Mainstreet Shelbyville is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the residents of our community by revitalizing and ensuring the long term stability of downtown as a business district while enhancing its historic integrity.

About Big Car

An artist-led nonprofit social practice/public art organization and collective based in Indianapolis, Big Car Collaborative brings art to people and people to art, sparking creativity in lives to transform communities.

What’s going on in this mural?

Set along the beautiful Blue River, every person, place and thing in this mural is a part of Shelbyville’s story:

1. A long house, typical of the Miami tribe, original inhabitants of Shelby County
2. Horse racing (especially harness racing) has been an important part of Shelbyville’s culture since its founding
3. A chicken represents Shelby County’s agricultural roots
4. Open-wheel racing legend Wilbur Shaw
5. Marjorie Main, who portrayed Ma Kettle in ten popular MGM films
6. Jim Pierce, actor, portrayed Tarzan in early silent films
7. Bill Garrett, the first African-American to play basketball in the Big Ten
8. Shelbyville once rivaled Grand Rapids, MI as a furniture-making capital
9. A worker represents Shelbyville’s manufacturing evolution from furniture-making to a diversified industrial base
10. Flags represent significant manufacturing investments

made in Shelbyville by companies from all over the world

11. A robotic worker represents Shelbyville’s continuing manufacturing evolution
12. A bicyclist enjoys a proposed recreational trail along the Blue River, as does
13. a cross-country runner from Shelbyville High School
14. The first railroad in the state was built in the 1830s
15. One of many historic farmhouses in Shelby County
16. The Blue River Community Foundation Building, built in 1896, was Shelbyville High School through 1911
17. The Knights of Pithius building, aka “the Castle”
18. St. Joseph’s, one of the many beautiful churches in Shelbyville
19. Reading “The Bears of Blue River,” set in Shelbyville
20. The Shelbyville Water Tower
21. A medical building in the Intelliplex, a hub for life science and technology-based businesses
22. Famed pilot Curtis Wright inside a Curtis JN “Jenny” bi-plane