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BENTON HARBOR — Images of the possibilities for the harbors between Benton Harbor and St. Joseph decorate the inside of the Twin Cities Harbor container gallery at the corner of Territorial Road and Fifth Street.

“We came here so we can see what’s going on,” said Cliff Kilboy, who recently moved to Benton Harbor with his wife, Cathy Kilboy, from Chicago.

“We’ve seen a lot of positive changes,” Cathy Kilboy said.

The gallery is in two shipping containers renovated into a gallery by Andrews University students and funded by Prairie Real Estate Group, said Peter Colovos, the company principal.

Last fall, the Andrews students researched and wrote the 80-page Twin Cities Harbor Study, which was released in February. The same students renovated the shipping containers this spring.

Colovos said he’s going to make sure the study isn’t put on a shelf to gather dust. He is working with John Egelhaaf, executive director of the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, to form the Harbor Conservancy to push the project forward.

Colovos said he wants the container gallery to be open as often as possible, especially during special events. However, he said he needs volunteers to do that.

Anyone who would like to volunteer can call Prairie Real Estate Group at 363-4100.

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Architect Michael Wychers, right, of Prairie Real Estate Group talks Friday with Cathy and Cliff Kilboy about ways the harbors between St. Joseph and Benton Harbor could be developed. The Twin Cities Harbor container gallery in downtown Benton Harbor was opened to visitors for the first time. It showcases the work that went into developing the Twin Cities Harbor Study.