



# Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge

## Summary of Current Participants' Environmental Improvement Initiatives

### **Brownstown**

- Develop a standard operating procedure for sewage and sludge spills
- Develop a standard operating procedure for chemical spills
- Implement a municipal and festival recycling program
- Implement a universal waste recycling program (batteries and bulbs)
- Complete a study to determine the feasibility of using a liquid de-icer to reduce sand usage for winter road maintenance

### **Edinburgh**

- Reduce electricity usage in Street, Wastewater, and Water garage buildings
- Increase the amount of recyclables collected in the Street, Wastewater, and Water departments
- Plant new or replace native trees and plants as needed in flood prone areas
- Create and maintain purchasing policy to encourage more energy efficient products use
- Complete a feasibility study to reduce the harmful effects of pesticide use and control costs

### **Fishers**

- Reduce consumption of natural gas and electricity
- Reduce solid waste generated by municipal operations
- Incorporate native plants and trees into town plantings
- Increase the number of ordinances and incentives that incorporate green design
- Reduce the consumption of non-environmentally friendly products

### **Hobart**

- Increase recycling within municipal departments
- Reduce consumption of electricity by city facilities and operations
- Reduce road salt usage
- Zero potential for spills
- Increase native flora

### **Huntingburg**

- Reduce paper consumption in municipal departments
- Increase paper recycling in municipal departments
- Reduce electricity consumption in municipal departments
- Reduce chemical usage by consolidating and reducing cleaning supplies
- Reduce quantity of herbicides used by all city departments

### **Jasper**

- Recycle used oil filters
- Recycle used fluorescent bulbs
- Reduce electricity usage in City Hall
- Plant at least 100 native trees annually on city property
- Increase bike and walking paths, increase green spaces

### **Noblesville**

- Reduce electricity consumption in Parks and Recreation, Wastewater, Street, and Engineering buildings
- Reduce quantity of agro chemicals used
- Reduce amount of impervious surfaces by planting native prairie grasses in the area of the wastewater treatment plant
- Increase recycling
- Increase use of recycled-content products and materials that are recycled more easily

### **Portage**

- Create and maintain a city composting facility
- Reduce the amount of electricity and natural gas used
- Decrease paper use
- Increase recycling by residents and city departments
- Identify and catalog trees located on municipal property

### **Richmond**

- Reduce fuel consumed by Sanitary District
- Reduce electrical consumption of city-owned outdoor lighting
- Reduce electricity consumption in the City Building and Sanitary District Building
- Reduce volume of paper sent to the landfill (purchasing policy and recycling)
- Recycling in City Building and Sanitary District

### **Rushville**

- Reduce fuel usage by expanding the mileage of walk and bike trails
- Recycle used motor oil, oil filters, and fluorescent lights
- Plant new or replace trees of native varieties
- Decrease the amount of trash left within the parks
- Reduce paper usage by implementing electronic billing for utility payments

### **Tell City**

- Reduce fuel consumed by Street and Trash Department vehicles
- Develop greenways, bike paths, and walkways
- Reduce electricity use within city buildings
- Reduce litter
- Implement a recycling program in municipal buildings

### **Valparaiso**

- Increase the municipal solid waste diversion rate of residents, businesses, and city departments; increase the residential and business recycling participation rates
- Implement a fluorescent bulb recycling program for municipal departments
- Promote and educate residents and municipal employees on rain gardens and rain barrels; Construct rain gardens on city property
- Improve and maintain developer compliance with the landscape section of the unified development ordinance
- Implement five water conservation measures indicated in the Valparaiso City Utilities Water Conservation Plan

### **Washington**

- Reduce electricity use in municipal buildings
- Complete a feasibility study to reduce the amount of winter road chemicals used
- Increase public usage of mulch and compost
- Reduce fuel consumption
- Increase the amount of recyclables collected

### **West Lafayette**

- Tire retread program
- Increase recycling in City Hall
- Improve infrastructure to encourage walking and biking
- Collect compostable dinnerware to generate methane and create electricity
- Produce or use biodiesel and purchase at least one electric vehicle

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