



**INDIANA CLEAN COMMUNITY CHALLENGE
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

State Form 53116 (R2 / 9-13)
Indiana Department of Environmental Management

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The Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge Annual Performance Report should demonstrate progress toward objectives and targets AND certify CLEAN Community Challenge requirements continue to be achieved. The Annual Performance Report should include the status of projects committed to in your community's original application, results of completed projects, and assurance that an annual Quality of Life Plan review was conducted by your community. Indiana CLEAN Communities must submit an Annual Performance Report by the first Monday in March every year.

Please do not include any confidential community or business information in your Annual Performance Report. Public access laws require IDEM to make the Annual Performance Report publicly available, which may include posting all portions of your report on the Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge website.

Your Annual Performance Report should be reviewed and signed by a senior manager at your community prior to submittal. Once signed, fax, email, or mail the report to IDEM. An updated copy of your Community Progress Spreadsheet must be included with your submittal. If you have any questions, please contact the CLEAN Community Challenge Program Manager at 800-988-7901.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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Reporting Period
01/01/14-12/31/14

If this is your third Annual Performance Report, do you wish to renew your Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge designation?
 Yes No

If yes, your community will need to provide five new objectives and targets in the Continual Environmental Improvement section of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Progress made on the five objectives and targets specified in your Quality of Life Plan, including future plans for achieving each target and any cost savings experienced as a result of the target, will be included in the *Community Progress Spreadsheet* that is submitted along with this form.

ANNUAL PROGRAM EVALUATION

Summarize the results of the annual evaluation that your community performed on the Quality of Life Plan.

In evaluating the results of the goals set forth, the accomplishments made from these goals have had a significant impact on revitalization of the downtown area of Tell City. The Seventh Street Corridor has immensely grown and developed, offering the community with many of the downtown amenities.

The community has prospered together as a whole. These goals have empowered residents and businesses to make more energy-efficient decisions, environmental awareness, and an improved quality of life.

COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS OUTREACH

Briefly describe the information presented to the community and businesses to keep them informed of important issues related to the community's environmental performance and Quality of Life Plan objectives.

Advertisement in the local newspaper of the events taking place in the city. The accomplishments that were made at the events (articles and pictures). At the end of each year, Mayor Ewing presents to employees of the City and to the public the State of the City. The State of the City lets the people know what has been accomplished throughout the year and the commitment that the City has in providing a safe, clean and healthy community for its future residents. The City of Tell City continually strives to improve the quality of life and cleanliness of the local environment.

CONTINUAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

If this is your third Annual Performance Report and your community desires to continue membership as an Indiana CLEAN Community, please provide five new objectives and targets your community will commit to during the next three year designation period, otherwise skip to the next section.

n/a

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide the following additional information.

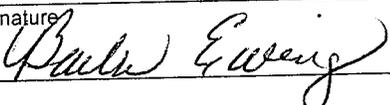
1. List environmental awards received or voluntary programs participated in during the past twelve months (include information about each particular program).
2. Has your community taken advantage of any CLEAN benefits? If so, please describe which benefits were used, the implementation process, and ideas for additional benefits IDEM should consider.
3. Explain any external feedback that has been received from the community regarding your Quality of Life Plan or your participation in the CLEAN program.
4. Explain the emergencies experienced within the community during the past year. Were the applicable emergency and contingency plans detailed in the Quality of Life Plan effective? What changes, if any, have been made to your community's emergency or contingency plans?
5. According to the measurement program developed and implemented by your community to measure Quality of Life Plan success, is your community's Quality of Life Plan successful? Why or why not? If not, what changes will be made to ensure continual environmental improvement?

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information contained in this Annual Performance Report and attachments is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that this local government is, to the best of my knowledge and based on reasonable inquiry, currently in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental requirements, or has a corrective action program in place to attain compliance.

We, City of Tell City, commit to maintaining the principles and goals outlined in our Quality of Life Plan for our local government's Indiana CLEAN Community status. We agree to strive for full compliance with all regulations promulgated by U.S. EPA, the state, and/or local jurisdictions. We agree to promote the Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge and to share our success stories with other communities. We understand that the Annual Performance Report and the *Community Progress Spreadsheet* must be submitted to IDEM and that we must reapply to the Indiana CLEAN Challenge every three years.

I understand that the information provided in this Annual Performance Report will be public record. I am the highest-ranking community official or I have been fully authorized by the highest-ranking community official to execute this statement on behalf of the local government submitting this Annual Performance Report.

Signature 	Title Mayor	Date (month, day, year) 02/27/15
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Please submit your CLEAN Community Challenge Annual Performance Report to:

IDEM – OPPTA
CLEAN Community Challenge Program Manager
100 North Senate Avenue, Mail Code 64-00
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2222
FAX: 317-234-6573

Additional information:

1. List environmental awards received or voluntary programs participated in during the past twelve months (include information about each particular program).

In June of 2014, Mayor Ewing was awarded the Spence Vanderlinden Public Power Official Award by the American Public Power Association. The City of Tell City received this recognition on a national level. Mayor Ewing was recognized for her support of the Tell City Electric Department and projects by the city and utility to promote electric power reliability and conservation. She was also recognized for helping to secure \$19 million in federal and state grants for various improvements.

In July of 2014, Ball State University nominated the Perry County Quality of Life Committee for its 2014 Primacy of Place Community Awards Program. Tell City was amongst nine (9) groups to be nominated. The program recognizes Indiana communities making innovative strides in improving quality of life for residents, visitors and businesses. Although, our committee was not selected for the award, we feel proud to be nominated and recognized.

The final accreditation of the Tell City Floodwall and Earthen Levee through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was achieved in 2014. The accreditation of Tell City's Floodwall and Earthen Levee, in partnership with the United States Army Corp of Engineers and FEMA, allowed the community to achieve a federal mandate and further position the community for continued growth and progress. Tell City recognizes the support of the Indiana office of Community and Rural Affairs in the initial award of \$250,000 which allowed this project to move forward to completion and the dedicated commitment of the Tell City Floodwall Committee in this final achievement.

2. Has your community taken advantage of any CLEAN benefits? If so, please describe which benefits were used, the implementation process, and ideas for additional benefits IDEM should consider.

The City of Tell City and local businesses are thoroughly involved in getting the community excited with volunteering their time, recycling and becoming more energy-efficient. The community is proud to be a CLEAN community. The residents enjoy the benefits of being a CLEAN community every day when they recycle material at home, when they walk the CLEAN streets of our city, when they replace a light bulb in their house with an LED bulb. Some residents will be benefitting from the housing development, River Pointe, in the near future, located at a remediated Brownfield site.

3. Explain any external feedback that has been received from the community regarding your Quality of Life Plan or your participation in the CLEAN program.

The community has reacted very positively, from children to adults. The environmental involvement, at the school level, has been empowering to the youth. The response from the community has been undoubtingly successful.

4. Explain the emergencies experienced within the community during the past year. Were the applicable emergency and contingency plans detailed in the Quality of Life Plan effective? What changes, if any, have been made to your community's emergency or contingency plans?

These emergencies are incorporation of pollution prevention and environmental planning as detailed in the Quality of Life Plan. An effective plan was developed for new processes and services to modify an existing process and service.

a. Through a \$1.2 million dollar award from the State of Indiana, Tell City Wastewater entered into a construction contract with an excavating company to address a failing sanitary sewer system in the Brushy Hollow Subdivision. This wastewater project will utilize the Branchville Sewer Line in providing sewer service and increased property values to 30 property owners, at no additional cost to current rate users of the wastewater utility. IDEM played a lead role with this project to improve a failing sewer system and improve the quality of life for these residents.

b. In August 2014, the Indiana Department of Corrections and the City of Tell City reached a 10 year agreement on the continued usage of the Branchville Sewer Line. The Branchville Sewer Line, originally built in 1990's for the purpose of serving the Branchville Correctional Facility, has further developed into a true economic development engine for the further growth of the northeast corridor of Perry County's Indiana Highway 37 area. Due to the presence of the force main, the Perry County community has seen tremendous growth and development, such as residential, industrial, and commercial, all served and dependent upon the flow of the Branchville Correctional Facility as the anchor. However, when the State's consideration of removing itself as a wastewater customer was learned, followed by much negotiation, a new 10 year agreement was reached by both parties. This agreement marks a continued relationship between the Indiana Department of Corrections and Tell City Wastewater Utility, in the sustainability of the force main in serving as a vital component of economic development, quality of life, and the further security of an environmentally approved sewer system.

No changes have been made to the community's emergency or contingency plan.

5. According to the measurement program developed and implemented by your community to measure Quality of Life Plan success, is your community's Quality of Life Plan successful? Why or why not? If not, what changes will be made to ensure continual environmental improvement?

By the measure of the movement in our community toward better health, and the resulting awareness that we can contribute to our own well-being; and also by the measure of

our community's commitment to the preservation of our recyclable resources leads us to believe our Quality of Life Plan is successful.