

## LaPorte District Employees Aid In Statewide Trash Bash



*LaPorte District Capital Program Administrative Assistant Polly Warfel and LaPorte District Real Estate Program Director Jeff Gustke pick up litter April 22 along State Road 2 in LaPorte County as part of INDOT's Trash Bash.*

Approximately two dozen LaPorte District employees pitched in on April 22 to help with an INDOT statewide spring cleaning ritual known as Trash Bash. One of those employees who donned safety attire and picked up litter was Capital Program Administrative Assistant Polly Warfel.

“Our director, Angela Fegaras, asked capital program employees to join in the effort for a few hours if they were able,” said Warfel. “I helped last year, and it was fun. It was a nice day to be outside and it’s rewarding to see the fruits of your labor. The one-mile stretch we cleaned on State Road 2 looked great when we were done.”

LaPorte District employees accumulated 26 bags of trash in just two hours. “We were in the area of New Prairie High School,” Warfel said. “I think the group set a good example for the kids to see us picking up trash near their school.”

Central Office Highway Management Program Coordinator Bill Fielding works with district personnel, Adopt-A-Highway groups, the Indiana Department of Correction, and other volunteer groups to make sure Trash Bash takes place every April.

“After winter, a great deal of trash is revealed on the highways,” said Fielding. “Trash Bash is instrumental in making our state roadways more presentable for the spring/summer driving seasons.”

Statewide Trash Bash statistics for 2013 are:

Number of lane miles covered	Number of volunteers	Number of volunteer hours	Number of trash bags filled	Number of cubic yards of loose debris
3,417	1,633	6,616	20,678	1,256