





# 2023 Indiana Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence





## Recycling and Reuse





Carroll Elementary School - Flora

# Plastic Film Recycling Project



- Coincides with America Recycles Day and Earth Day
- All K-6 students entered a competition
   with schools in 11 states
- Most pounds collected at 1,574 lbs.
- Waste diversion and an educational

resource





#### **Greening the Government**

# VA Northern Indiana Health Care System

### **Greening the VA Initiative**



- Mitigation of food waste
- Diversion of universal waste aerosols
- Utilization of Indiana's natural resources through harvesting maple syrup
- Reduction in community hunger
- Elimination of polystyrene
- Garden to table sustainable produce production







#### **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resources**



**GM Fort Wayne Assembly** 

#### **Energy Performance and Steam Elimination Project**



- Facility wide energy savings improvement project
- Eliminating steam from the facility to dramatically improve efficiency of central utility plant
- New waste heat recovery system that captures heat
- Reduces consumption of natural gas



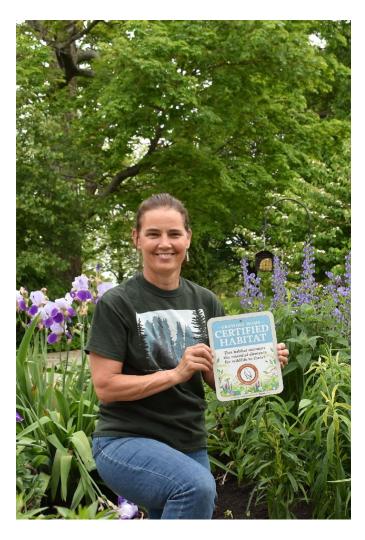


#### **Environmental Education and Outreach**



Red-tail Land Conservancy

### **Growing Home Habitat Certification**





- Community-driven conservation program
- Growing Home Certification qualifications
- 76 habitats
- 12 cities across 7 countries
- Beautifying urban spaces







#### **Land Use and Conservation**





Michigan City Sanitary District and Delta Institute

#### **Cheney Run Wetland Preserve at Karwick Nature Park**



- 40-acre site surrounded by wetlands
- Cheney Run is a major tributary that feeds into Lake Michigan
- Increased recreational activities
- Protects salmon and trout runs





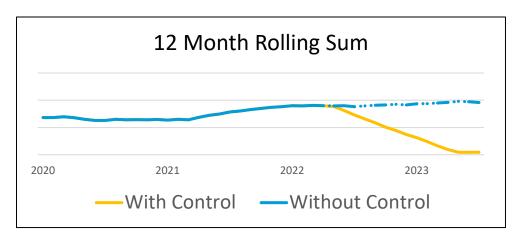
#### **Pollution Prevention**



DePuy Orthopaedics, Inc.

#### **Using Activated Carbon to Enhance Air Emission Controls**

- Carbon absorption unit (CAU)
- 95.21% effective in removing Volatile
   Organic Compounds (VOCs)
- Reduces annual VOC emissions to approximately a half ton















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