



THRIVEINDIANAPOLIS

INDY'S PLAN FOR COMMUNITY RESILIENCE + SUSTAINABILITY

a resilient Indianapolis is better able to anticipate, adapt and flourish in the face of change

a sustainable Indianapolis provides equitable services and supports inclusive, healthy and happy neighborhoods

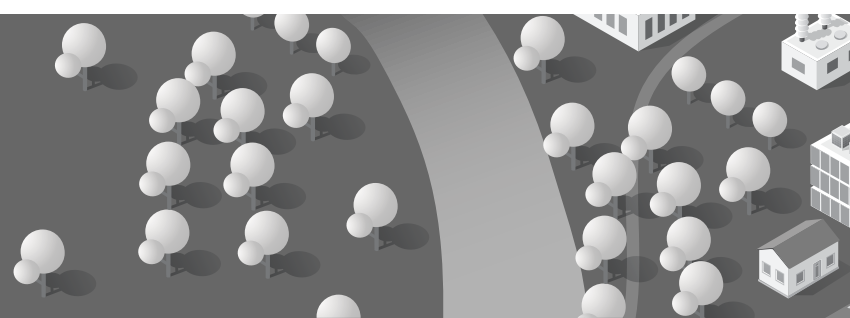


NATURAL RESOURCES

VISION: Natural Resources are clean, conserved and restored where possible and accessible for all members of the community to enjoy

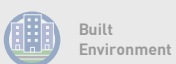
WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

- Our parks, river, creeks and forests
- Air quality
- Street trees
- Drinking water



WAYS OTHER COMMUNITIES CONNECT IT TO THEIR LONG-TERM RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Promoting tree planting and green infrastructure installation to help reduce the urban heat island effect, absorb water to mitigate flooding and filter some water pollutants
- Fostering growth of urban forests to improve air quality and absorb carbon
- Enhancing existing and creating more green spaces to provide recreational opportunities, health benefits and wildlife habitat



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Economy



Energy



Food + Urban Agriculture



Natural Resources



Public Health + Safety



Transportation + Land Use



Waste + Recycling

INVESTMENTS IN NATURAL RESOURCES =



INCREASE

- AIR AND WATER QUALITY
- RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
- WILDLIFE HABITAT

DECREASE

- URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT
- WATER CONSUMPTION
- FLOODING

INDIANAPOLIS HAS



211 parks



125 playgrounds



155 sports fields



135 miles of trails



19 aquatic centers



4 dog parks



Marion County's tree canopy coverage is 33%



Indy's different neighborhoods had tree canopies ranging from 3-78% coverage

“ Indianapolis’ urban forests provide stormwater control, carbon sequestration, energy reduction and air pollution filtration **resulting in a \$10 million annual benefit** ”

ALL DATA SOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.THRIVEINDIANAPOLIS.COM

VOICE YOUR OPINION ON WHAT NATURAL RESOURCE ACTIONS WE SHOULD TAKE AS A PART OF #THRIVEINDIANAPOLIS

WHAT WE'RE HEARING:

- Convert appropriate abandoned areas to green spaces and solar parks
- Educate residents and professional landscaping businesses about the benefits of using native plants
- Create water capture and reuse systems where possible
- Encourage new developments to set aside green space and to reduce stormwater runoff with green infrastructure
- Set-up a text message alert system for days when air quality could cause health concerns

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