



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



WASTE & RECYCLING

VISION: The impact that waste has on our health and the environment is significantly minimized because we have found creative ways to reduce the amount of waste in products, limit how much we consume and increase recycling and reuse

WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

- The way we reduce, reuse, recycle and dispose of material
- Our purchasing decisions and how they influence what ends up in the trash

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

- Reducing, reusing and recycling products to decrease pollution and minimize the amount of natural resources used
- Responsibly producing and consuming resources to save both individuals and businesses money to be applied to better purposes
- Taking a “circular economy” approach to provide resources for tomorrow by using the waste created today



Built Environment



Economy



Energy



Food + Urban Agriculture



Natural Resources



Public Health + Safety



Transportation + Land Use



Waste + Recycling

INVESTMENTS IN WASTE & RECYCLING =



INCREASE

- SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION HABITS
- REUSE THROUGH RECYCLING
- COMPOSTING OR REPURPOSING

DECREASE

- CONSUMPTION OF SINGLE-USE PRODUCTS
- AMOUNT OF WASTE SENT TO A LANDFILL

SURVEY SAYS...



91% of surveyed Indianapolis residents agree that recycling is important

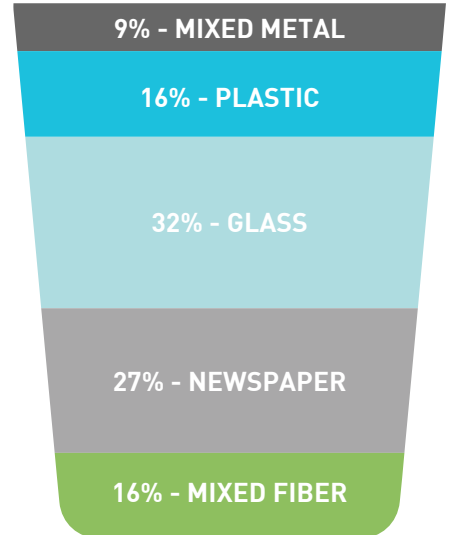


69% agree that recycling benefits the Indianapolis economy



75% would like to see more recycling bins in public spaces

WHAT IS RECYCLED IN INDY?



the circular economy *(noun)*

“a closed loop system that turns the traditional ‘take-make-use-dispose’ approach on its head; products are designed to be reused, reducing waste piling up in landfills and decreasing the need for new materials”

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

VOICE YOUR OPINION ON WHAT WASTE & RECYCLING ACTIONS WE SHOULD TAKE AS A PART OF #THRIVEINDIANAPOLIS

WHAT WE'RE HEARING:

- Make curbside recycling and composting available to every resident
- Add more recycling bins around the city
- Educate the community on what materials can and cannot be recycled and about the ToxDrop program
- Encourage use of reusable bags and discourage use of plastic straws
- Host city-wide exchanges, swaps or garage sales to promote reuse

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