



Autumn 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Tox-Away Day!

This is for everyone who has a jar of batteries, bag of light bulbs, a bin of broken electronics, and a ton of old paint in the garage. None of it can go in the trash so... where *does* it go?

THIS is where! Swing by Garfield Park (parking lot by the Arts Center) this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to keep all the hazardous and electronics stuff from the landfill at no cost.

For Marion County residents only.

If you can't make it, head to one of the City's three ToxDrop days each month located at rotating locations throughout the county.



Indy Electric Vehicle Showcase

You are invited to come get up to speed on driving electric! If you're EV-curious, join us to test-drive multiple new-model EVs, demo a charger, learn about incentives for EV owners, ask the experts questions, and talk to other local drivers about EV ownership at the AMP at 16 Tech (1220 Waterway Blvd).

Already driving electric? Show off your ride and share your enthusiasm alongside other EV owners from our community. Register your personal vehicle here.

This event is free and open to the public, with live music and complimentary Tinker coffee.

PROJECT UPDATES

Recycling 101

We get the most questions from the community on recycling. We are working toward the goal of implementing universal residential curbside recycling in 2026, after the City's current solid waste contracts expire, but until then...

We are currently seeking drop-off recycling site locations on the **west side** of town and **downtown** in the Mile Square. If you are aware of a potential property on those sides of town, please reach out to us!

[Learn more at indy.gov/recycle.](https://indy.gov/recycle)



Survey: Regional Climate Action

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Central Indiana Regional Development Association (CIRDA), and Central Indiana municipalities (including our office) are partnering to develop the Central Indiana Environmental Action Plan and want your input on actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions!

CIRDA was awarded \$1 million from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop a regional plan for reducing GHG emissions and other harmful air pollutants. After the regional plan is complete in March 2024, CIRDA will compete for \$4.6 billion in EPA grants to fund priority actions and associated projects.

[Click here to take the survey and visit the website to learn more!](#)

Public Meeting: State Climate Action

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) was awarded a \$3 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) to develop a [Priority Climate Action Plan for Indiana](#). This federal funding will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollutants.

IDEM is hosting four public meetings (one in Indy) to get feedback from stakeholders. We hope to see you there!

Tuesday, October 10 | 6 p.m.
John Boner Neighborhood Center
2236 East 10th Street



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**SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY:
DISCOVER OUR NEW INDIANA
ENERGY SAVINGS GUIDE**



Indiana Energy Savings Guide

You may know that the federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) included major tax-based incentives for purchases including household appliances, home efficiency improvements, home-based rooftop solar and storage systems, and electric vehicles.

Since these consumer incentives can be somewhat complicated, the Hoosier Environmental Council has created a guide to help you take advantage of them! [Check out the guide, an FAQ, or webinar recording, to discover which benefits you or your business qualifies for.](#)

IN THE NEWS

WISHTV

August 28, 2023

"Indianapolis Public Works uses new electric maintenance equipment"

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WRTV

September 26, 2023

"City says greenspaces initiative leading to decreases in gun violence"

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IndyStar

September 12, 2023 | Karl Schneider

"Climate change not 'theoretical, or even debatable,' an IU expert says. What's the solution?"

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Indianapolis Recorder

September 13, 2023 | Jayden Kennett

"Indianapolis approves Office of Equity, Belonging and Inclusion"

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TO HEAR
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KIB Engagement Survey

Indy Parks & Recreation
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We want to hear about your recent park visit or program experience, take the survey online today!

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Indy Parks Survey

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's community engagement team is seeking input to determine where their presence is needed most and how they can contribute meaningfully to Indy's neighborhoods.

[Share your thoughts by filling out the survey here.](#)

Indy Parks has launched a new Customer Feedback Survey. If you have visited a park or participated in a park program recently, [please take a moment to take this survey about your experience.](#)

Indy Parks is strategically looking for ways to continually improve our parks system.

Volunteer

Help is needed across the country to help people when disasters strike.

Visit www.redcross.org/volunteer

American Red Cross of Indiana

Hoosier Red Cross volunteers from across the state were recently deployed to Florida to join relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Idalia. As extreme weather and natural disasters become more common and dangerous due to climate change, you may be wondering how you can help.

90% of the Red Cross workforce are volunteers. [Check here for volunteer opportunities that work with your lifestyle.](#) Even hosting a blood drive is a form of climate action.

What is "RAFT?"

River Assessment Field Team(s) is a program under the **White River Alliance** that works with trained volunteers to strategically assess local water quality. There are three different types of RAFT events.

- 1 Monthly Sampling Events**
Next event: Sun, Sept. 17
- 2 Corporate Events**
Next event: Wed, Oct. 18
- 3 Annual Habitat Evaluation**
Next event: Sun, Nov. 5

QR code: bit.ly/WRA-RAFT

<<< Learn more and sign up!

River Assessment Field Teams

If you are the type of volunteer who really wants to get their hands dirty, consider joining the White River Alliance's RAFT program!

This is a citizen science opportunity to assess local water quality and collect data that can help state agencies and county health departments fill in knowledge gaps and address concerns.

[Learn more and join a sampling event here.](#)

Featuring Keynote Speaker and Author of the *Intersectional Environmentalist*, Leah Thomas.

JOIN US

GREEN TEAM SUMMIT 2023

OCT. 8-11 | HYBRID EVENT

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faith in place

Green Team Summit 2023

Regional environmental justice nonprofit Faith in Place is presenting an outstanding lineup of speakers and session topics for their 2023 Green Team Summit.

The hybrid event includes in-person watch parties for the Keynote Session with Leah Thomas, activist and author of *Intersectional Environmentalist*. Our team will be attending



Rainscaping Workshops

Rainscaping workshops are for Marion County community members interested in learning how to use sustainable landscape design, at both the household and community scale, to prevent pollution from reaching water bodies by directing stormwater to be absorbed by plants and soils.

These workshops by Purdue Extension in

the Indy watch party at Englewood Christian Church (57 N Rural St) on Sunday, October 8 at 5 p.m.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

partnership with the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District cost \$95 per person and include food.

[Learn more and register here.](#)



Cultural Trail Plant Sale

The Indianapolis Cultural Trail's Plant Sale, cultivated by Milhaus, is coming up on Saturday, October 14 from 10-2pm! Get ready to spruce up your space with gorgeous plants all while supporting the Trail.

All plants sold will either be bulbs, propagated plants from the Trail, or plants sourced from partners at a local nursery and from the Cultural Trail landscape palette. Pre-orders close Wednesday, October 11 at noon.

[Learn more here.](#)



Take a Pledge

Clear Choices Clean Water is an advocacy program that provides water allies the opportunity to learn more about how our behavior affects water and take pledges to play our part.

Take one pledge or take all 13! Don't feed waterfowl; plant natives, protect pollinators; use less fertilizer; pick up pet poo; act on climate change; maintain your septic; be a stream steward; stop + prevent litter; only rain down the drain; grow soil health; plant + care for trees; conserve water; and be a super kid!



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