



PROJECT UPDATES

Thriving Buildings: Inaugural Participants

Dozens of Indy buildings have already committed to tracking and reporting their energy usage in order to decrease carbon emissions & utility costs. Want to join this group of environmental leaders? Email benchmarking@indy.gov today!

- Indianapolis Public Library
- Newfields
- Indianapolis Airport Authority
- Indiana Convention Center
- Lucas Oil Stadium
- Keep Indianapolis Beautiful
- Finish Line/JD Sports
- Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis
- All Souls Unitarian Church
- Pepper Construction Group
- IU Health
- *NEW*** Restaurant Depot
- *NEW*** Guidon Design



THRIVE INDIANAPOLIS Annual Report 2021



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Coming Soon: Thrive Annual Report 2021

Our team has been hard at work the last few months developing our next annual report on the metrics outlined in [Thrive](#). The 2021 report will be released this coming Friday, to coincide with **Earth Day 2022**.

This year's report includes data from the previous year, featuring analysis on sustainability related initiatives across various city departments + community organizations.

DYK: [Thrive Indianapolis](#) is the first sustainability and resilience action plan in our city's history. It includes 59 action items, eight of which have been achieved to date. It's our office's job to administer Thrive with the goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

Equity Capacity Building Fund

To integrate equity into Thriving Buildings, our office is **seeking paid feedback** from building/business owners on how they may be impacted. Those interested in participating should email benchmarking@indy.gov.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Data Jam #2

Our office will be hosting monthly Data Jams through May 2022 to provide FREE additional assistance for building owners & managers learning to benchmark for the first time and interpret their data.

The second (virtual) Data Jam is THIS **Wednesday, April 20** from **9am to noon**. [Sign up here!](#)

Spring Clean eCycle Event
@ Krannert Park

We are hosting another **electronics recycling** event with RecycleForce **THIS Saturday, April 23** at Krannert Park to provide residents an opportunity to safely dispose of old electronics. Anything with a cord will be accepted. RSVP at the [Facebook event page](#).

This is our second of four special eCycle events scheduled for this year; stay tuned for details.



Earth Day in Indy Parks

Indy Parks and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful are partnering for cleanups all day **Friday, April 22**. Trash bags and gloves will be available at each park family center for participants to pick up beginning April 12.

There is no signup necessary, and folks are encouraged to clean up any and all park locations, not only the ones with family centers.

[Visit this link](#) for a list and locations of participating family centers.

Data Jam #3

Our office will be hosting monthly Data Jams through May 2022 to provide FREE additional assistance for building owners & managers learning to benchmark for the first time and interpret their data.

The third and final (virtual) Data Jam will be **Tuesday, May 17** from **9am to noon**. [Sign up here!](#)



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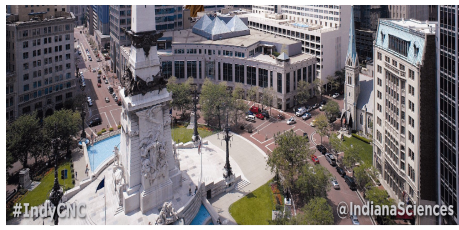




Cleanups, Garden Prep, & Weed Wrangles - Oh My!

Happy Earth Month! Here is a roundup of community volunteer opportunities coming up around the Circle City:

- [White River Trail \(Parks Alliance\) | Thursday, April 21](#)
- [Lawrence Community Gardens | Friday, April 22](#)
- [Growing Places Indy | Friday, April 22](#)
- [Millersville Fall Creek | Saturday, April 23](#)
- [St. Joseph Historic District | Saturday, April 23](#)
- [White River State Park | Saturday, April 23](#)
- [Butler Tarkington | Saturday, April 23](#)
- [Arsenal Park & Eway Foundation Tree Planting | Saturday, April 23](#)
- [Mass Ave | Sunday, April 24](#)
- [30th Annual Garlic Mustard Pull | April 26, 29 + May 7](#)
- [Invasive Species Removal @ Eagle Creek | Friday, April 29](#)
- [Cottage Home | Saturday, April 30](#)
- [Old Northside | Saturday, April 30](#)
- [Holy Cross | Saturday, April 30](#)
- [Fountain Square | Saturday, May 7](#)



City Nature Challenge

To participate in the annual [City Nature Challenge](#), all you need is your smartphone and your walking shoes!

More than 300 cities across the world will be competing in this crowdsourced citizen-scientist event. Explore your area (backyard, playground, park) for plants, bugs, and animals, snap a photo, and upload it on the [iNaturalist website](#) or app.

This data will help Indiana Sciences better understand changes in Indy's biodiversity.

This event is one of the largest citizen science events in Hoosier history, so join the fun and help make history!



Indy Urban Acres Plant Sale

Indy Urban Acres in-person plant sale will be held **May 7 & 8** from **9 AM to 1 PM**. There is no minimum or maximum purchase quantity.

Since 2011, [Indy Urban Acres](#) has grown into a multi-disciplinary farm that works to inspire transformational change within Indy's food system by...

- Providing food justice for low-income families
- Educating thousands of youth through tours and farm-to-plate workshops
- Providing community engagement to thousands of volunteers and groups
- Teaching valuable job skills



Indy's Summer Farmers Markets

Can you smell the strawberries? It's almost time for summer markets to start up, and we've rounded up 15 local markets across Marion County:

- [Original Farmers' Market](#)
- [Broad Ripple Farmers Market](#)
- [Garfield Park Farmers Market](#)
- [Indy Summer Farmers Market](#)
- [Fort Ben Farmers Market](#)
- [Statehouse Market](#)
- [Pike Farmers Market](#)
- [North Church Farmers Market](#)
- [Near North Farmers Market](#)
- [Cumberland Farmers Market](#)
- [The Market at White River State Park](#)
- [Irvington Farmers Market](#)
- [SoBro Farmers Market](#)
- [Binford Farmers Market](#)
- [Southport Farmers Market](#)





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Grant Applications Open SOON for Indiana Thriving Schools Challenge

If you know a K-12 student in Indiana, do not miss out on this opportunity for up to \$5,000 in funding for sustainability projects! Plus, the dedicated teachers and staff who champion the projects will receive a stipend of up to \$1,000 with no strings attached.

The possibilities include school gardens, energy reduction tools, worm composting, chicken coops, outdoor classrooms, zero-waste cafeterias, school-wide recycling programs, & rain barrels. [Apply today!](#)

Indy Free Tree | Arbor Day is April 29

AES Indiana's [annual tree giveaway](#) is back on Monument Circle this year!

Beginning at 11 AM on Friday, April 29, **800 Redbud trees will be available free of charge** to the community on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to one per family.

2022 will mark Indy's 34th year as a Tree City USA. This event is brought to you by the City's Tree Board, Hoosier Heartland Resource and Conservation Development Council, and Woody Warehouse Nursery.



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