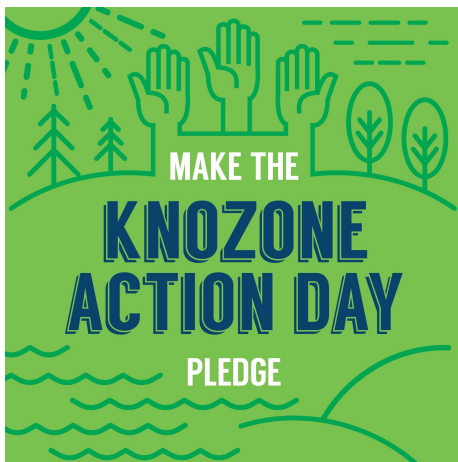




May 2022

## PROJECT UPDATES



### Knozone & Air Quality Awareness

**Knozone** is our office's initiative to make Central Indiana one of the Midwest's most sustainable & livable regions. Through education, resources, & guidance for taking action, Knozone works with residents, schools, & businesses to **improve our air quality**.

When ozone or fine particles in our air get to **unhealthy levels** for sensitive individuals, we will issue a **#KnozoneActionDay**. These days can happen any time of year, but are more common in the summer months due to the sun's intensity.

By making small changes to protect the air you breathe, you can have an impact on air quality at a community level. **Take a stand on Knozone Action Days and pledge to make a difference.**

**Make the Pledge**

### World Health Organization (WHO) Health & Climate Change Urban Profile

In partnership with our office and the Marion County Public Health Department, the WHO published a [Health and Climate Change Urban Profile](#) on Indianapolis.

Indy was one of just six cities involved worldwide and one of just two in North America.



### 34 Years as a Tree City USA

On Arbor Day the City announced that it had once again been recognized by the [Arbor Day Foundation](#) as a [Tree City USA](#) for the 34th year in a row.

DPW's Urban Forestry team effectively manages thousands of trees in the public right-of-way and on Indy Parks property. Our trees capture carbon and absorb stormwater, making them powerhouses for fighting climate change!



**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](mailto:benchmarking@indy.gov) today! June 4 is the deadline to pledge as a voluntary participant.

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  
Restaurant Depot  
Guidon Design

**\*NEW\*** Pacers Sports & Entertainment  
**\*NEW\*** JCPenney  
**\*NEW\*** Indianapolis Public Schools  
**\*NEW\*** Mercy Housing  
**\*NEW\*** West Morris Free Methodist Church

**PACERS**  
SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT



**JCPenney**

**myIPS**

**mercy**  
HOUSING



**WEST MORRIS**  
CHURCH



**THRIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT**

**FOOD & URBAN AGRICULTURE**  
Remove Barriers for Grocers to Accept SNAP

**Thrive Annual Report 2021**

Released on Earth Day, the latest Thrive annual report reveals an exciting new announcement: **the accomplishment of another action item!**

FA:1A was accomplished thanks to the City partnering the Indy Local Grocers Coalition to invest nearly \$300K at ILGC affiliates to accept SNAP benefits. These stores are primarily in low food-access areas, aiding affordable access to healthy food.

To date, this brings our total number of accomplished items up to **eight**.

**We Want to Hear From You...  
& Compensate You!**

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](mailto:benchmarking@indy.gov).



4/23/2022 @ KRANNERT PARK

**SPRING CLEAN ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SPECIAL EVENT**

PRESENTED BY SUSTAIN INDY & RECYCLEFORCE

ATTENDANCE: 776 VEHICLES  
RECYCLING: 47,959 POUNDS

**RESULTS: Earth Day eCycle Event**

On Saturday, April 23, DPW and **RecycleForce** hosted their second public eCycle event of the year. This time at Krannert Park, the drive through event saw **776 Marion County residents** come through with nearly **50,000 pounds of electronic material!** This helps prevent pollution in our neighborhoods.

## Bike to Work Day: May 20

Tomorrow is National Bike to Work Day! Local advocacy organization **Bike Indianapolis** has planned a party on Monument Circle in the morning.

Join in on the fun from 7 to 9am for community, **free breakfast**, and the annual blessing of the bikes.

Making an active commute a part of your lifestyle is great for your health & the health of our environment. Thanks for making a difference!



## Earth Day Indiana Festival: June 4

While Earth Day is officially in April, and every day is Earth Day, the annual Earth Day Indiana festival happens in June so that we are more likely to be able to spend it outside together.

Save the date for **Saturday, June 4 at Garfield Park**. This all day event will feature live music, kids activities, art, food trucks, and lots of community-building with environmental organizations throughout the state.

We'll be there too to help you learn more about local climate action efforts and ways you can be a part of the solution.

## IN THE NEWS

### Bloomberg Cities Network

April 20, 2022

["9 cities that are leading on climate"](#)

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### ClimateWire (Politico)

May 19, 2022 | Daniel Cusick

["WHO looks to Indianapolis to study health, climate change"](#)

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### WFYI

May 17, 2022 | Terri Dee

["World Health Organization publishes study on climate change in Indy"](#)

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### IndyStar

May 12, 2022 | Karl Schneider

["Indianapolis among 'front-runner cities' in World Health Organization climate change project"](#)

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### WISH-TV

April 29, 2022 | Scott Sander

["Report examines Indianapolis climate health impacts"](#)



### Fox59 Indy Now

April 28, 2022 | Ashley Smith

["Indy's Air Quality Awareness Week to focus on Knozone"](#)

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UPCOMING PROJECTS

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- 5/21 CAPITAL CITY CHURCH GREENSPACE PROJECT 🌻
- 5/21 WALCOTT + RANDOLPH TREE PLANTING 🌳
- 5/27 HAPPY HOUR WEEDING 🍷
- 5/28 BUTLER AVE CLEANUP 📌

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Gets your gloves dirty in May

Pick something off our menu of community volunteer opportunities coming up around the Circle City:

- [Skiles Test Park Cleanup | Saturday, May 21](#)
- [Little Flower Neighborhood Cleanup | Saturday, May 21](#)
- [Capital City Church Greenspace Project | Saturday, May 21](#)
- [Walcott + Randall Tree Planting | Saturday, May 21](#)
- [Weeding @ KIB Headquarters | Friday, May 27](#)
- [Butler Ave Cleanup | Saturday, May 28](#)
- [Riverside Park Habitat Restoration | Saturday, June 4](#)



Indiana Humanities Waterways Film Tour

Indiana Humanities has been hosting a multi-city film tour featuring six short documentary films about Indiana's waterways.

The tour is returning to Indianapolis on June 30, so if you missed their first stop through, this is your chance! The films will be shown at the AMP @16 Tech. Tickets are free here.



What's a CSA?

CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. In short, it's a weekly subscription box of locally grown food.

Growing Places Indy is currently accepting new members into their CSA. Membership includes 12 weeks (June-August) of a variety of vegetables, fruits, and herbs sustainably grown on their farm.

Produce changes on a weekly basis and one share generally supplies a family of 3-4 for a week. Members are responsible for picking up their boxes.

Find out more and sign up here.



Indy's Summer Farmers Markets

The markets are in full swing! Click on each individual Marion County farmers market for more information on it:

- [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](#)





### Grant Applications Open Now 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!](#)

### Free Soil!

You know how DPW collects leaves from the curb for a few weeks each fall? Well, those leaves actually get **composted at South Side Landfill** and the resulting soil is available to residents at no cost!

Pick up is happening now and will be available until they run out, which usually happens toward the end of June. **Bring your own shovel and buckets.**

Location: 2561 Kentucky Ave  
Call: 317-247-6808



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