



## Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge Annual Performance Report

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Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
CLEAN Community Challenge

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*The Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge Annual Performance Report should demonstrate progress toward objectives and targets AND certify CLEAN Community Challenge requirements continue to be achieved. The Annual Performance Report should include the status of projects committed to in your community's original application, results of completed projects, and assurance that an annual Quality of Life Plan review was conducted by your community. Indiana CLEAN Communities must submit an Annual Performance Report two months after the anniversary of their CLEAN Community designation date.*

*Please do not include any confidential community or business information in your Annual Performance Report. Public access laws require IDEM to make the Annual Performance Report publicly available, which may include posting all portions of your report on the Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge Web site.*

*Your Annual Performance Report should be reviewed and signed by a senior manager at your community prior to submittal. Once signed, fax or mail the report to IDEM. If you have any questions, please contact the CLEAN Community Challenge Program Manager at 800-988-7901.*

### COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Name of Community City of Rushville
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Reporting Period Dates ( <i>month, day, year</i> ) July 2011 to July 12
If this is your third Annual Performance Report, do you wish to renew your Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge designation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, your community will need to provide five new objectives and targets in the Continual Environmental Improvement section of this report.

### ENVIRONMENTAL MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Please identify the five objectives and targets in your Quality of Life Plan and describe the baseline measurement, the progress made during the past year, future plans for achieving each target, and any cost savings experienced as a result of the target.	
Environmental Media Activity #1	
Objective Increase Mileage of Multi-Use Trails	
Target Increase the miles of paved multi-use trails by half a mile by April 2014	
Baseline	Progress Made
1.7 miles of paved trails which connect North and South Memorial Parks passing by the high school, athletic fields, swimming pool, and gymnasium.	Calendar year S2011 Progress made plans made for 15th street extension to 16 <sup>th</sup> St. Calendar year 2012 Progress made created 700 ft bases from 15 <sup>th</sup> St. to 16 <sup>th</sup> St  Hurdles overcome getting the new extensions paved to connect park trails with elementary and middle schools, baseball diamonds, which passes by Rushville Police Dept.

Upcoming Plans to Achieve Target	Cost Savings
Also extend trail past the elementary school at 16 <sup>th</sup> St. to the Nature Park. This also connects to soccer fields. On the south end of Rushville, trails are being defined for Riverside Park estimated 1/4 miles. Submit permit application to Corp of Army Engineers to put walking trail along the top of the levee.	All projects have been completed in-house of the Park and Street Dept. working together with a savings well over 60% of the cost of a private contractor. More can be done at less cost.
If this is your third annual performance report, please provide the final results of this activity. If the objective and target were not achieved in the three year designation period, provide a description of why the objective and target was not met.	

Environmental Media Activity #2	
Objective Recycle used motor oil, oil filters, and fluorescent lights	
Target Recycle 100% of used motor oil, fluorescent bulbs, and used oil filters from the City Street, Parks, Water & Sewage Utilities, and Police Depts	
Baseline	Progress Made
No formal procedures or tracking was in place.	Calendar year July 2011-July 2012 Progress made Formalized SOPs and created tracking sheets Documents 158 gallons of used motor oil recycled. Also 71 used oil filters were recycled. Fluorescents tubes were also recycled, especially by City Utilities and brought to tox-away center. Actually quantities were not recorded.  Calendar year July 2012 - July 2013 Progress made  Hurdles overcome Remembering to use tracking sheets
Upcoming Plans to Achieve Target	Cost Savings
Target is reached with recycling of these items; however, documenting achievements has been lacking. Additional monitoring will be required.	The used motor oil was sold \$125 (estimated). The fact that these processes were done inhouse, rather than outside contractor or service saved money for the City of Rushville.
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Environmental Media Activity #3	
Objective Plant new or replace trees of native varieties	
Target Plant 30 native species trees in Rushville by the end of the CLEAN membership and achieve Tree City status	
Baseline	Progress Made
City has many trees, many of which are well over 100 years old, but succumb to weather and disease. City resources have not been available to replace.	Calendar year 2011 Progress made Parks departed planted 10 maple trees  Calendar year 2012 Progress made 250 trees were planted on Main Street by State of Indiana Dept. of Transportation as part of their Major Moves Project. Old trees had been removed, utility infrastructure replaced, and total rebuilding of road bed. Because of extreme draught conditions in summer of 2012, Rushville Fire Dept. actually watered trees to ensure sustainability.  Hurdles overcome Apply to Indiana Dept of Natural Resources to be designated as an Indiana Tree City. One hurdle is to find funding for projects as city budgets have been decimated.
Upcoming Plans to Achieve Target	Cost Savings
Technically we have achieved goal planting 30 new trees. Continued exploration of becoming an Indiana Tree City.	Purchase of 250 trees did not come out of City budget.
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Environmental Media Activity #4	
Objective Increase Event Recycling within the Parks, decreasing the amount of trash left in the Parks	
Target Decrease trash and increase recycling in City Parks by April 2014	
Baseline	Progress Made
No recycling was taking place within City parks.	<p>Calendar year July 2011- July 2012 Progress made Parks Dept. included the requirement to baseball and softball leagues contracting to use ball diamonds in city parks to include recycling with containers and supplies provided by Clean Green Rush. The intention was to educate on importance of recycling beverage containers with young ball players doing the actual maintenance of containers. While these were used far more than expected, reducing trash, the containers were not serviced regularly by ball teams. It was also very difficult to measure success other than visually comparing amounts of trash to that in recycling collection containers. We estimate for every barrel of trash we had three to four times that amount in recycling.</p> <p>Calendar year Progress made</p> <p>Hurdles overcome Education and better collection containers</p>
Upcoming Plans to Achieve Target	Cost Savings
Repurposing donated 30 gallon plastic barrels as collection containers. Work with ball team managers and league officials to comply with contract and offering more tips and training to recycling.	Unable to measure.
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Environmental Media Activity #5	
Objective Reduce paper usage by implementing electronic billing statements and online billing opportunities for utility payments.	
Target Annually increase number of customers using paperless system	
Baseline	Progress Made
Set up system for online statements and bill paying.	<p>Calendar year July 2011-July 2012 Progress made System established with 67 of some 2000 customers using service.</p> <p>Calendar year Progress made</p> <p>Hurdles overcome Find a way to accept payments without incurring added costs; educate customers of the value and ease online accounts.</p>
Upcoming Plans to Achieve Target	Cost Savings
More education of availability with information on mailed paper statements and search for other ways to accept payments such as through telephone payment.	So far. minimal participation with little, if any, cost savings.
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#### ANNUAL EMS AUDIT

Summarize the results of the Annual EMS Audit your community performed on the Quality of Life Plan. Things are progressing well, but more work is needed on tracking and record keeping.

#### COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS OUTREACH

Briefly describe the information presented to the community and businesses to keep residents informed of important issues related to the community's environmental performance, including how the status of Quality of Life Plan objectives were relayed to the community.

Other than publicizing the fact that we are a part of the CLEAN Community Challenge, little has been done to disseminate information on the program to the public. We agree that we need to "toot our own horn" to the public regarding our environmental stewardship efforts. Being environmentally responsible is so matter-of-fact in our departments, that it doesn't occur to us that we let others know or in most cases to track the effort-- we just do it.

### CONTINUAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

If this is your third Annual Performance Report and your community desires to continue membership as an Indiana CLEAN Community, please provide five new objectives and targets your community will commit to during the next three year designation period, otherwise skip to the next section.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide the following additional information.

1. List environmental awards received or voluntary programs participated in during the past twelve months (include information about each particular program).
2. Has your community taken advantage of any CLEAN benefits? If so, please describe which benefits were used, the implementation process, and ideas for additional benefits IDEM should consider.  
We have used the designation to described and promote the value of living in this community. We posted and maintained CLEAN Community signs at our city limited.
3. Is your community pursuing ISO 14001 EMS certification? If yes, how has the Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge program been instrumental in achieving ISO 14001 EMS certification?  
Not at this time.
4. Explain the measured or perceived results from receiving, documenting, and responding to external communication and its effect on Quality of Life Plan objectives and targets?  
It increases pride in place with our city workers and with the public.
5. Explain the emergencies experienced within the community during the past year. Were the applicable emergency and contingency plans detailed in the Quality of Life Plan effective? What changes, if any, have been made to your community's emergency or contingency plans?  
No emergencies have been experience. Not aware of how best to interweave Quality of Life Plan the Emergency Management Agency Plan.
6. How have community residents and businesses reacted to your community participating in the Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge?  
No aware of any particular reaction. We see it as documenting what we have always been doing. The exercise of always documenting has been a challenge.
7. According to the measurement program developed and implemented by your community to measure Quality of Life Plan success, is your community's Quality of Life Plan successful? Why or why not? If not, what changes will be made to ensure continual environmental improvement and future Quality of Life Plan success?  
We will review QLP plan more frequently.

### CERTIFICATION AND PLEDGE

I certify that the information contained in this Annual Performance Report and attachments is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that this local government is, to the best of my knowledge and based on reasonable inquiry, currently in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental requirements, or has a corrective action program in place to attain compliance.

We, City of Rushville, commit to maintaining the principles and goals outlined in our Quality of Life Plan for our local government's Indiana CLEAN Community status. We agree to strive for full compliance with all regulations promulgated by U.S. EPA, the state, and/or local jurisdictions. We agree to promote the Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge and to share our success stories with other communities. We understand that the Annual Performance Report must be submitted to the local government and IDEM and that we must reapply to the Indiana CLEAN Challenge every three years.

I understand that the information provided in this Annual Performance Report will be public record. I am the highest-ranking community official or I have been fully authorized by the highest-ranking community official to execute this statement on behalf of the local government submitting this Annual Performance Report.

Signature  
Michael P. Pavey

Title  
Mayor of Rushville

Date (month, day, year)  
February 11, 2013

Please submit your CLEAN Community Challenge Annual Performance Report to:

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