



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

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Reporting Period Dates (month, day, year)
July 2011 to July 12

If this is your third Annual Performance Report, do you wish to renew your Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge designation?
 Yes 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 th St. Calendar year 2012 Progress made created 700 ft bases from 15 th St. to 16 th St Calendar Year 2013 Progress made: Completed all of the above with paving for a total of 1,908 feet of new walking trail. We exceeded our baseline by adding a trail which connected 16 th St and the Nature Center and the soccer fields. An additional 628 feet of paved walking trail also was completed behind the Comfort Inn and Emerson Technologies facility. Hurdles overcome getting the new extensions paved to connect park trails with elementary and middle schools, baseball diamonds, which passes by Rushville Police Dept. Extended well beyond our original goal.. The trails are heavily used by the public

	for the health and exercise benefits of walking.
Upcoming Plans to Achieve Target	Cost Savings
More trails added to Riverside Park. On the south end of Rushville, trails are being defined for Riverside Park estimated 1/4 miles. Working permit application to Corp of Army Engineers out 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.
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.	<p>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.</p> <p>Calendar year July 2012 - July 2013 Progress made 253 gallons of used motor oils collected and sold for recycling along with 67 oil filters. 88 four-foot fluorescent tubes were recycled at the solid waste district along with old paint to ensure clean work environment.</p> <p>Hurdles overcome Remembering to use tracking sheets</p>
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 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.	<p>Calendar year 2011 Progress made Parks departed planted 10 maple trees</p> <p>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</p> <p>In 2013 the City planted 100 native variety trees from the State Nursery at Vallonia. In addition, an Arbor Day celebration was held giving away 600 tree seedlings to the public provided by Rush County Soil and Water. Also partnering in this event were Rush County Solid Waste (Clean Green Rush), Rush County Cooperative Extension, Duke Energy, and the Rushville Public Library. The City of Rushville is preparing an application for Tree City designation..</p> <p>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. Funding for trees provided by Soil and Water District...</p>
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. In 2013, over \$300 was saved byt partnering with other entities..
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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 2013 Progress made Recycling continues to increase in the parks, especially around the ball diamonds. Another method of decreased trash is from installing hot-air hand dryers in the park rest rooms instead of providing paper towels/ Also the City sponsors a concert series in Riverside Park. Beverage cans are collected there with an estimated 300 lbs of aluminum is recycled after the six concerts.</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.	Sold aluminum cans for an estimated \$150. The elimination of paper towels for one season is about the same as the cost of a hand dryer.
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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; educating 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.	While online bill payment has not full participation, we have had a reduction in paper usage and we estimate the cost savings to be around \$200 per month.
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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.

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?
While the QLP is a nice document, when it comes to emergency and contingency plans, those are fully covered by the Rush County Emergency Management Agency plans. This plan is fully uptodate and has proven to most effective as the community has dealt with weather generated emergencies, toxic situations, or other situations.
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?
Quality of Life in Rushville is successful because of the values held by leadership and its residents. THE QLP is another way to describe our efforts.

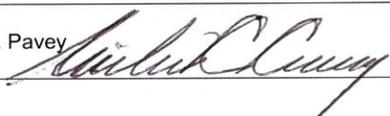
CERTIFICATION AND PLEDGE

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
hael P. Pavey



Title
Mayor of Rushville

Date (month, day, year)
September 30., 2013

Please submit your CLEAN Community Challenge Annual Performance Report to:

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