



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 Tell City
City of Tell City	
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Reporting Period Dates (month, day, year)	06/15/12 - 06/15/13
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 Inventory, assessment, and clean-up of buildings and properties in the downtown area for public use; and development of a Downtown Event Center.	
Target Perform necessary environmental testing and clean-up for at least 3 properties in the target area, and redevelop for appropriate public use by July, 2014.	
Baseline	Progress Made
Tell City Chair Company (Downtown 7 th Street): Building needs to be demolished and cleaned-up for possible future development (including subsurface testing).	Calendar year 2012 Progress made Demolition and/or clean-up was accomplished at the Tell City Chair Company, the William Tell Hotel, and at the Woodcrafters property. Groundbreaking of the new Tell City Depot (Visitors and Event Center) took place in September 2012, on the site of the former Woodcrafters building.
William Tell Hotel (Downtown Washington Street): Partially-collapsed building needs to be completely demolished and cleaned-up for possible future development (including subsurface testing).	Calendar year 2013 Progress made The tenant (Convention and Visitors' Bureau) moved in to the new Tell City Depot on March 5, 2013, the construction of which is expected to have a significant impact on revitalization of the downtown area of Tell City, acting as an anchor for future clean-up and development in a blighted area of town.
Property of former Woodcrafters building (Downtown 7 th Street): Needs to be cleaned-up and made ready for possible future development (including subsurface testing).	Hurdles overcome Legal action was taken against the private owner of the William Tell Hotel to provide for the full demolition and clean-up of the property. Also, legal actions were initiated, but dismissed, when clean-up commenced on the Tell City Chair

	property. A land trade was conducted with the Perry County Port Authority in order to acquire enough land for the construction of the Depot.
Upcoming Plans to Achieve Target	Cost Savings
The target was achieved. Further plans for greater development in the downtown area are in progress.	As all demolished structures were privately-owned, no cost-savings were realized by the city upon their demolition and clean-up. However, presence of this new key structure will encourage further development in this once-vibrant area of our downtown. And the relocation of the Perry County Convention and Visitors' Bureau to the Tell City Depot will provide a welcoming space for visitors to Tell City, and will direct them to our downtown and Riverfront area, as well as encouraging further construction and development in the area, increasing tax base and revenues.
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Environmental Media Activity #2	
Objective Environmental projects involving local schools and youth groups.	
Target Partner with the school system to research and brainstorm a list of environmental health project opportunities at the city's two schools, and develop specific goals and action plans for two of the listed opportunities.	
Baseline	Progress Made
<p>There are no trees in the girls' softball field area of Hagedorn Park.</p> <p>There is a need for a Walking School Bus program, including construction of a sidewalk so that the students do not have to walk in the street on their way to school.</p> <p>There is a need to eliminate litter in the downtown area of Tell City.</p> <p>There is a need for additional plantings in City Hall Park to allow for improved air quality and reduced soil erosion.</p> <p>There is no gardening program at the elementary school.</p>	<p>Calendar year 2012 Progress made Trees (35 Tulip Poplars) for the softball field were donated by Tell City Electric, and were planted by the Boy Scouts. A Walking School Bus program was initiated at the elementary school, and a sidewalk was constructed on Tell Street, from the library to the elementary school (Safe Routes to Schools program). Tell City's elementary school participated in the International Walk to School Day.</p> <p>Calendar year 2013 Progress made We are building upon the progress made during 2012. The students/school staff that participate in the Walking School Bus program are walking approximately one mile to school each day. Ongoing maintenance is taking place to remove grass along the new Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk. Also, the Youth Day of Caring, through the Girl Scouts, participated in a clean-up of litter in the downtown area, and the planting of several bushes in City Hall Park. Additionally, the elementary school started a student/community garden program.</p> <p>Hurdles overcome Construction of the Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk, and the ongoing maintenance and grass removal are a challenge. Promotion/coordination of the Walking School Bus is also challenging.</p>
Upcoming Plans to Achieve Target	Cost Savings
Target was achieved, and has been very successful. Intend to continue the Walking School Bus program, and to plan future litter clean-up programs.	Volunteer clean-up efforts represent a cost savings to the city, which is difficult to measure in dollars. Additionally, the Walking School Bus provides for reduced emissions.
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Environmental Media Activity #3	
Objective Develop a business recycling program.	
Target Have 50 businesses participating in the recycling program by December, 2013.	
Baseline	Progress Made
<p>There were 34 businesses participating in the business recycling program at the beginning of this reporting period.</p> <p>There is a lack of "white paper" and newspaper recycling in Tell City.</p> <p>In 2011, we collected 1,700 lbs. of paper during our annual "Shred Day".</p>	<p>Calendar year 2012 Progress made Promotion of "white paper" and newspaper recycling took place through the Perry County Chamber of Commerce newsletter. Continued promotion of the business recycling program is ongoing. We increased the amount of paper, collected in 2012 during annual "Shred Day", to 3,200 lbs.</p> <p>Calendar year 2013 Progress made Ten companies now participate in "white paper" recycling, resulting in reduced waste. We saw an increase, in the number of businesses participating in the business recycling program, to a total of 35.</p> <p>Hurdles overcome Motivating businesses to participate in the separation of recyclables from non-recyclables has been the greatest challenge, but we continue to promote the program.</p>

Upcoming Plans to Achieve Target	Cost Savings
We intend to increase promotion to encourage even more businesses to participate in "white paper" recycling and the business recycling program.	The diversion of materials from disposal to recycling results in more efficient use of natural and man-made materials, reduces fuel consumption, reduces the amount of waste being taken to the landfills, and creates improved environmental awareness.
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Environmental Media Activity #4	
Objective Composting and City Gardens	
Target Develop total of one-half acre of city garden space, which includes area for composting, by July, 2015.	
Baseline	Progress Made
There is no land, belonging to the city, which has been dedicated for community garden use. There is no rain barrel program in place in the city.	Calendar year 2012 Progress made Two 40' x 140' lots were purchased by the city for future use as community gardens. The Perry County Soil and Water office donated rain barrels. The city provided promotion, storage, and a distribution point for community members to obtain rain barrels. Calendar year 2013 Progress made Both lots have been cleared and are ready for garden use next spring. Community members are using rain barrels to water their gardens, placing less demand on the water department. Hurdles overcome The purchase and clearing of the lots for use by the spring of 2014. Coordination of the rain barrel program.
Upcoming Plans to Achieve Target	Cost Savings
Our plans are for the gardens to be planted in the spring of 2014.	Gardening reduces family food costs and produces nutritious foods, while also creating sustainable green space, encouraging self-reliance, and improving quality of life.
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Environmental Media Activity #5	
Objective Cooperation with the city electric department to assist residential and commercial users to be "smart electric" consumers.	
Target By offering one-on-one assistance from the city's electric department, reduce residential and business electricity usage by 20% by July, 2014.	
Baseline	Progress Made
No program is in place to encourage "smart electric" usage. The Tell City customer base is not aware of the "Energizing Indiana" program or its benefits.	Calendar year 2012 Progress made With the help of Tell City Electric, we promoted the "Energizing Indiana" program, which resulted in 71 residential volunteers, who received a free in-home energy audit, including one home which received an income-qualified weatherization. There were also four commercial/industrial applications. Calendar year 2013 Progress made There were 44 additional energy audits conducted, and one additional commercial/industrial application. Also, our elementary school received a school energy audit, and all 5 th grade students received an energy conservation kit. Hurdles overcome It was determined that the best way to promote the program and attract volunteers was to set up a booth at our annual city festival, where community members could sign up for the program.
Upcoming Plans to Achieve Target	Cost Savings
We intend to further promote "smart electric" use, and will work toward achieving a greater response.	At this point, no follow-up audit has been made to assess actual savings achieved, but it is presumed that this education program has empowered homeowners and businesses to make more energy-efficient decisions. (It has been determined that the total savings represented by the retrofitting of lights, for three City buildings in Tell City, is upwards of \$7,200 per year.)
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ANNUAL EMS AUDIT

Summarize the results of the Annual EMS Audit your community performed on the Quality of Life Plan. There was sizeable progress this year on Objectives 1, 2, 4, and 5. Objective 3 is still a work-in-progress, with great potential.

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. There were periodic articles published in our local newspaper, including photographs.

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).

In December of 2012, the City of Tell City was awarded the designation of an "Indiana Main Street Community" by the State of Indiana, and is proceeding with downtown development and clean-up plans. In July of 2012, the City of Tell City supported the opening of the Perry County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, which accepts various hazardous wastes such as household chemicals and poisons. The City of Tell City completed construction, funded by private donation, of a new Farmers' Market Pavilion, which opened for use in June of 2013. Additionally, in January of 2013, the Street Department spent six days clearing litter from the streets of Tell City, gathering nearly 10 truckloads.
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.

In June of 2013, Tell City hosted the Southern Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge annual members' meeting, which provided opportunities for networking and generating new ideas.
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?

Members of the community are offered forums to share ideas for change and improvement. We feel that listening and responding to these challenges enables us to more effectively improve environmental issues, further enhancing the quality of life in our community.
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?

In June of 2013, Tell City and surrounding communities experienced an F-1 tornado. Emergency management plans are in place to notify citizens of a potential weather emergency and to mitigate such disasters. As a result of the recent tornado, the Perry County Emergency Management office is measuring its response, and is assessing its procedures for use of the emergency notification sirens to ensure that the community is being aptly warned of oncoming weather emergencies. Additionally, the city has experienced multiple challenges regarding the aging infrastructure of our underground wastewater and rainwater collection systems.
6. How have community residents and businesses reacted to your community participating in the Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge?

The community has reacted very positively, from school-aged children to senior citizens. The response to the environmental initiatives, at the school level, has been very encouraging, and the response by the community to the downtown clean-up and development commitment has been overwhelming.
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?

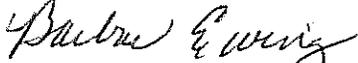
We believe our Quality of Life Plan is successful by the measure of the movement in our community toward better health, and the resulting awareness that we can contribute to our own well-being; and also by the measure of our community's commitment to the preservation of our recyclable resources.

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, the City of Tell City, 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 	Title Mayor	Date (month, day, year) October 4, 2013
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Mayor

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