

CLEAN Community Challenge  
**Community Progress Spreadsheet**

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**City of Tell City CLEAN Term: 6/20/2012 - 6/20/2015**

**CLEAN Term renewal due date: 8/20/15**

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Reporting Year 3: 1/1/14 - 12/31/14

Reporting Year 4: 1/1/15 - 6/20/15

**Goal #1: Land Use and Aesthetics**

**Objective:** Development of Downtown Center – transforming downtown by inventorying, assessing, and cleaning up buildings and properties in the downtown area for public use.

**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.

Unit and Method of Measurement: Number of properties cleaned up					
12 Month Baseline Time Period:	Reporting Year 1 (6 months)	Reporting Year 2 (12 months)	Reporting Year 3 (12 months)	Reporting Year 4 (6 months)	Total Progress over membership term
1/1/10 - 6/19/12	6/20/12 - 12/31/12	1/1/13 - 12/31/13	1/1/14 - 12/31/14	1/1/15 - 6/20/15	
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**How was baseline established?**

Baseline was established by determining the current state of the focus area, and quantifying our desired outcome, as follows:

Tell City Chair Company (Downtown 7th Street): Building needs to be demolished and cleaned up for possible future development (including subsurface testing).

William Tell Hotel (Downtown Washington Street): Partially-collapsed building needs to be completely demolished and cleaned up for possible future development (including subsurface testing).

Property of former Woodcrafters building (Downtown 7th Street): Needs to be cleaned up and made ready for possible future development (including subsurface testing).

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 1 (6/20/12 - 12/31/12). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

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. The public was invited to attend. A dedication ceremony was held on June 7, 2013.

Given that 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.

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.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 2 (1/1/13 - 12/31/13). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

The tenant (Convention and Visitors' Bureau) moved into the new Tell City Depot (located on the site of the former Woodcrafters building) on March 5, 2013, the construction of which is expected to have a significant impact on stabilization and revitalization of the downtown area of Tell City, acting as an anchor for future clean-up and development in a blighted area of town.

When downtown Tell City became deindustrialized, the city faced significant challenges in trying to revitalize the area. There was a large concentration of vacant lots and abandoned structures. The strategic placement of the Tell City Depot in this area has met the objective of drawing new business to the area, including: two new restaurants, two new breweries, a new print shop, partial restoration of an Indiana Landmark Victorian home, and demolition of a decayed building which was replaced with the new construction of an investment firm - all resulting in a progressive restoration of the region to a job-creating, productive area. Additionally, plans are underway to construct an affordable, multi-level senior living and mixed-use complex including commercial space, in this same, blighted area of downtown Tell City. This \$7.1 million proposed project partners the city with private development. Together, these investments in downtown Tell City are proving to stabilize the area and promote economic development.

During the construction of the Tell City Depot, focus was made on using environmentally-friendly lighting and HVAC equipment. As a result, the city has received rebates in the amount of \$1,100 from "Energizing Indiana". Cost savings are on-going for having chosen these types of lights and equipment.

Further plans for greater development in the downtown area are in progress. The community shares a common vision for the downtown area, which is for it to become a destination for entertainment, recreation, and patronage.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 3 (1/1/14 - 12/31/14). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

With set goals accomplished, the City was able to proceed with the plans to construct an affordable, multi-level senior living and mixed-use complex, River Pointe, in the restoration area of downtown Tell City. The \$7.1 million project partners the City with a private development firm, along with the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. The construction will take place on a former remediated Brownfield site with estimated completion date of December 2015. This housing development for the Tell City community stands as a prime example of progress that can be achieved through government partnership and private developments.

Revitalization of Tell City's Seventh Street Corridor stands as a strong component in the vitality of not only the downtown of the community, but Tell City's overall economic growth. The continued growth is valued as bringing an enhanced quality of life to the community. Additionally, plans are being discussed to continue this growth with a greenspace developed on the remediated Brownfield site adjacent to River Pointe.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 4 (1/1/15 - 6/20/15). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

**How was the "total progress over membership term" listed above determined?**

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**Goal #2: Environmental Health Projects with Local Schools**

**Objective:** Tell City School System Environmental Health Initiatives – coordinate with city schools to develop a healthy living set of goals and achievements.

**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.

**Unit and Method of Measurement:** Number of projects completed

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Notes for Goal #2:

**How was baseline established?**

Baseline was established by determining the current state of the focus area, and quantifying our desired outcome, as follows:

There are no trees in the girls' softball field area of Hagedorn Park.

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.

There is a need to eliminate litter in the downtown area of Tell City.

There is a need for additional plantings in City Hall Park to allow for improved air quality and reduced soil erosion.

There is no gardening program at the elementary school.

There is a need to involve the youth of our community in our environmental efforts, and to engage them in contributing toward its improvement.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 1 (6/20/12 - 12/31/12). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

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). Mayor Ewing and Tell City's elementary school participated in the International Walk to School Day, which was featured in the local newspaper.

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.

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.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 2 (1/1/13 - 12/31/13). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

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.

Mayor Ewing participated in International Walk to School Day in October, bringing awareness to the Safe Routes to Schools program and healthy activities for both youth and adults.

The student/community garden program harvested a large amount of vegetables, most of which were donated to the residents of the Tell City Housing Authority. The garden project created an out-of-school interaction between youth and adults, allowing those youth to receive positive feedback, and nurturing their sense of "community", while empowering them to learn new skills such as plant identification and erosion control.

Additionally, in November, the Youth Day of Caring, through the Girl Scouts (Brownies), participated in a clean-up of litter in the downtown area, fostering a sense of environmental stewardship.

Also in this reporting period, students attending Tell City High School pulled weeds and re-mulched the city-owned Schergens Center, a community center adjacent to William Tell Elementary School and along the Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk. Also, Tell City High School students partnered with the Perry County United Way and ATTC (a local manufacturer) to develop and install the "Born Learning" trail signs, located along the Windy Creek Greenway in Hagedorn Park.

Any time volunteers can be used for landscaping or clean-up of city-owned property, the city realizes a cost savings. Home-grown vegetables from the community garden represent a cost-savings, as well. Additionally, the Walking School Bus provides for reduced emissions.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 3 (1/1/14 - 12/31/14). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

Tell City Jr/Sr High School makes it a priority to give back to their community. Students, through classes, groups or just volunteering their time, take pride in CLEANing up the the downtown area and the city's local parks. Throughout 2014, the school partnered with our Downtown Committee and collected eight (8) thirty (30) gallon trash bags of litter from the downtown area, for a total of **240 gallons** of waste. In the fall of 2014, the Tell City High School Environmental Science Class adopted a class project that involved CLEANing up one of the city's trails. These students exhibited pride and ownership in the Windy Creek Trailhead through many volunteer hours. The school ended the year by having their graduating senior class use their last day of school as a community service day. The Seniors completed a CLEAN sweep of parks and some side streets. The Seniors collected fifteen (15) thirty (30) gallon trash bags of litter and weeds, for a total of **450 gallons** of waste.

Tell City students not only volunteered their time cleaning up the community's parks, but took time to help the community's four-legged friends also. Led by residents, in partnership with Councilmember Tony Hollinden and the William Tell Elementary G.R.E.A.T. Program, such improvements as tree planting and canine exercise equipment now enhance the Central Bark Dog Park. Twenty-five (25) trees were donated by the Tell City Electric Department and a local landscaping company, VIP Foliage, donated \$3,000.00 worth of landscaping.

The City realizes a cost-savings through all the volunteer work that the students perform.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 4 (1/1/15 - 6/20/15). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

**How was the "total progress over membership term" listed above determined?**

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**Goal #3: Business Recycling Program**

**Objective:** Develop a business recycling program.

**Target:** Have 50 businesses participating in this program by December 2013.

**Unit and Method of Measurement:** Number of businesses participating

12 Month Baseline Time Period: 1/1/10 - 6/19/12	Reporting Year 1 (6 months) 6/20/12 - 12/31/12	Reporting Year 2 (12 months) 1/1/13 - 12/31/13	Reporting Year 3 (12 months) 1/1/14 - 12/31/14	Reporting Year 4 (6 months) 1/1/15 - 6/20/15	Total Progress over membership term

Notes for Goal #3:

**How was baseline established?**

Baseline was established by determining the current state of the focus area, and quantifying our desired outcome, as follows:

There were 34 businesses participating in the business recycling program at the beginning of this reporting period.

There is a lack of "white paper" and newspaper recycling in Tell City.

In 2011, we collected 1,700 lbs. of paper during our annual "Shred Day". In 2012, we collected 3,200 lbs.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 1 (6/20/12 - 12/31/12). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

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., representing an increase over last year of 1,500 lbs.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 2 (1/1/13 - 12/31/13). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

As of June, 2013, 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 during this period.

The city experienced an increase of ten companies in this reporting period; therefore, 20 companies now participate in "white paper" recycling. We also increased the number of companies participating in business recycling to 37.

The city partnered with the local newspaper to print an article promoting Christmas cardboard recycling, directed toward both businesses and homeowners.

Additionally, 3,475 lbs. of paper were collected during the 2013 annual "Shred Day", representing an increase of 275 lbs. over the previous year.

Research is being made into the recycling of local asphalt shingles.

Motivating businesses to participate in the separation of recyclables from non-recyclables has been the greatest challenge. However, we continue to see an increase in participation and persist in promoting the program. We are confronted with a structural limitation at our recycling center, which is slowing down the process to commence recycling of local asphalt shingles.

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.

The city intends to increase community engagement in "white paper" recycling and the business recycling program by continuing promotion of these efforts.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 3 (1/1/14 - 12/31/14). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

As we ended 2014, we have twenty (20) companies participating in the "white paper" recycling. However, we have increased the number of companies participating in business recycle by one, for a total of 38.

The 2014 annual "Shred Day", brought in 3,975 lbs. of paper that was collected. That is an increase of 500 lbs. from last years number of 3,475 lbs.

German American Bank, a local community bank, sponsored the 2014 "Clean Sweep Day". This is where local non-profit organizations collected trash and litter throughout the community, depending on how many bags were collected, the bank would donate up to \$300.00 towards each organization. There were eighteen (18) non-profit organizations that participated and a total of \$2,400.00 was donated to these organizations.

The City intends to increase community engagement in "white paper" recycling and the business recycling program by continuing promotion of these efforts.

This year, we were able to conquer the challenge of recycling local asphalt shingles. This is one of the goals that has been a process for some time.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 4 (1/1/15 - 6/20/15). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

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**Goal #4: City Gardens and Composting**

**Objective:** Promote cooperative use of city and community space for gardens and composting and introduce rain barrels to community.

**Target:** Develop total of .5 acre of city garden space, which includes area for composting, by July 2015 .

**Unit and Method of Measurement:** Volunteer participation, acres of land planted, acres of land set aside for composting

12 Month Baseline Time Period: 1/1/10 - 6/19/12	Reporting Year 1 (6 months) 6/20/12 - 12/31/12	Reporting Year 2 (12 months) 1/1/13 - 12/31/13	Reporting Year 3 (12 months) 1/1/14 - 12/31/14	Reporting Year 4 (6 months) 1/1/15 - 6/20/15	Total Progress over membership term

Notes for Goal #4:

**How was baseline established?**

Baseline was established by determining the current state of the focus area, and quantifying our desired outcome, as follows:

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.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 1 (6/20/12 - 12/31/12). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

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.

Challenges included the purchase and clearing of the lots for use by the spring of 2014, and coordination of the rain barrel program.

Gardening reduces family food costs and produces nutritious foods, while also creating sustainable green space, encouraging self-reliance, and improving quality of life.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 2 (1/1/13 - 12/31/13). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

Two 40' x 140' lots were purchased by the city for future use as community gardens. Both lots have been cleared and are ready for garden use next spring.

The Perry County Soil and Water office donated rain barrels. The city provided promotion, storage, and a distribution point for community members to obtain the barrels. Community members are using them to water their gardens, placing less demand on the water department.

Research has begun in order to create regulations for use of the vacant lots as gardening space, and to design the space for optimal use. Care has been taken to properly maintain the lots (mowing/trimming), which are located in a residential area.

Gardening reduces family food costs and produces nutritious foods, while also creating sustainable green space, encouraging self-reliance, and improving quality of life.

The hurdles overcome: The purchase and clearing of the lots for use by the spring of 2014. Coordination of the rain barrel distribution program.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 3 (1/1/14 - 12/31/14). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

The two 40' x 140' lots purchased for the future use as community gardens have not been utilized this year. The challenge is finding committed volunteers to help maintain the property.

However, the City of Tell City helped support the William Tell Elementary student garden by donating the space, water and gardening equipment. The garden harvested only corn this season. The corn was then donated to the YMCA Summer Program held in Tell City at the local community center. The students also donated the harvested corn to William Tell Elementary. The school then distributed the corn to parents at the school's registration day. This program demonstrates to the children, a variation of interaction between the students, adults and the community. Possessing this program allows the children, whom do not or can not have a garden space at their home, a traditional value of planting, growing, harvesting and sharing the produce with family, friends and neighbors.

In the fall, the City's Street Department collects leaves from residents for compost. Tell City residents can pick-up the compost or the City will deliver the compost to help maintain the residents gardens.

Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 4 (1/1/15 - 6/20/15). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)

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**Goal #5: Residential/Business Electricity Usage**

**Objective:** Cooperation with city electric to assist residential and commercial users to be "smart electric."

**Target:** By offering one-on-one assistance from the city's electric department, reduce residential and business electricity usage by 20% by July

<b>Unit and Method of Measurement: Electricity usage</b>					
<b>12 Month Baseline Time Period:</b>	<b>Reporting Year 1 (6 months) 6/20/12 - 12/31/12</b>	<b>Reporting Year 2 (12 months) 1/1/13 - 12/31/13</b>	<b>Reporting Year 3 (12 months) 1/1/14 - 12/31/14</b>	<b>Reporting Year 4 (6 months) 1/1/15 - 6/20/15</b>	<b>Total Progress over membership term</b>
1/1/10 - 6/19/12					

Notes for Goal #5:

**How was baseline established?**

Baseline was established by determining the current state of the focus area, and quantifying our desired outcome, as follows:

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.

The city is using standard 20-Watt bulbs in all exit lights in the City Hall building.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 1 (6/20/12 - 12/31/12). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

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.

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.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 2 (1/1/13 - 12/31/13). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

In early 2013, there were 44 additional energy audits conducted, and one additional commercial/Industrial application. Also, our elementary school received a school energy audit, and all 5th grade students received an energy conservation kit.

With the help of Tell City Electric, we continued to promote the "Energizing Indiana" program, which resulted in an additional 44 residential volunteers, who received a free in-home energy audit during this reporting period. There was also one additional commercial/Industrial application.

Three retail establishments were proactively contacted to discuss options for reducing their energy consumption. Two commercial properties took advantage of the funding offered through the "Energizing Indiana" program, and received rebates for installing more efficient lighting.

Additionally, the city has begun to replace all 20-Watt exit light bulbs with 1.4-Watt LED (10-year life) bulbs in the City Hall building.

At this point, no follow-up audit has been made to assess actual savings achieved for homeowners/businesses, 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 most of the overhead lights, for three city-owned buildings in Tell City, is upwards of \$7,200 per year. The recent replacement of exit light bulbs in City Hall will increase that figure.

**Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting year 3 (1/1/14 - 12/31/14). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)**

Twenty customers were visited in 2014 to discuss energy conservation measures. Five (5) customers received a total of \$24,475.00 in rebates for installing energy efficient lighting and/or equipment.

2014 brought Tell City's first Solar System Residential customer. Further solar energy expansion included, in partnership with IMPA, the planning of a 1MW Solar Generation Site. The City is continuing conversion of 4160 Volt distribution lines to 13,800 Volt. With the help from the electric utility, the City is continuing our energy efficiency program in cooperation with IMPA.

In an effort for more efficient operations, Variable Frequency Drives were installed on two (2) water wells at a cost of \$9,264.00 each. This measure allowed the utility to not only operate more efficiently, but also resulted in a \$10,000.00 rebate through the Indiana Municipal Power Agency.

Progress made and challenges overcome for reporting Year 4 (1/1/15 - 6/20/15). (Please include cost savings and efforts to inform the public of your progress.)

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## OPENING THE DOOR TO A CLEANER CITY

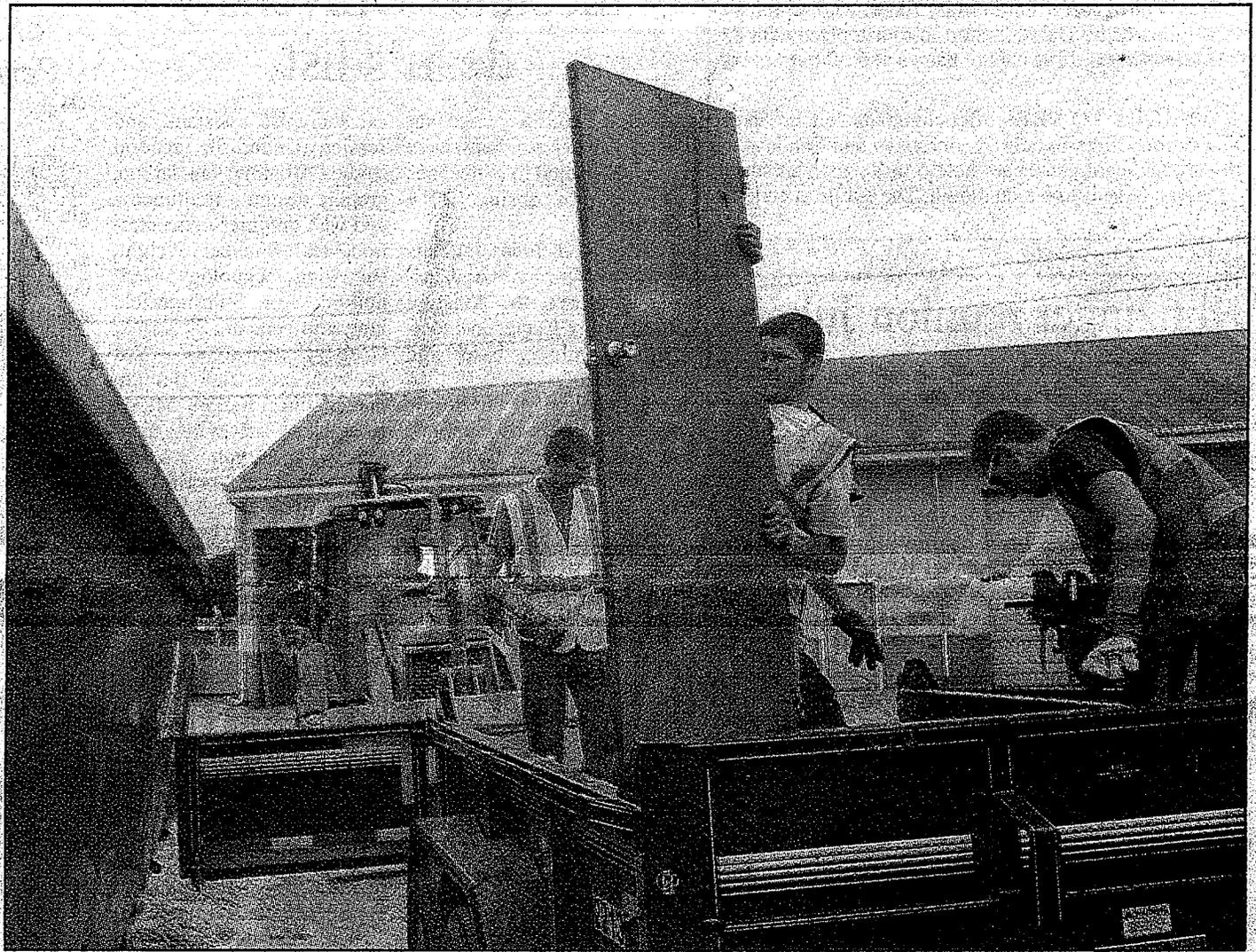


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Street-department employees, aided by workers in other departments and summer staff, helped rid the city of junk that filled more than 20 dumpsters last week. The community's annual cleanup Monday through Thursday was judged a success. Summer employees Casey May (right) Grant Sanders (preparing to toss a door into a dumpster) and Tyler Groves emptied one of the final

trailers late Thursday morning. Behind Sanders is street department employee Kevin Damin. Street Commissioner Jeff Everly said he'll present a recap of how much junk the cleanup netted, as well as the cost, at a future meeting of the board of public works and safety.

# Ewing honored for support of public power

By VINCE LUECKE  
Editor

TELL CITY — Mayor Barbara Ewing was unable to claim a national public-power award presented last month in Colorado so the award is coming to her.

Ewing will be recognized during this evening's city council meeting with the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award. It was presented June 17 during the national conference of the American Public Power Association held in Denver.

Raj Rao, executive director of the Indiana Municipal Power Association, will present the award this evening.

Ewing couldn't attend the ceremony but said Friday it is appropriate that it will be presented in the city since it reflects local support of public power by all of city government and the entire community.

"I am very honored and thankful to have been awarded the Spence Vanderlinden Public Officials Award by the American Public Power Association. Most importantly, it is wonderful to see the city of Tell City receive recognition on a national level, for its many community improvement projects by not only the Tell City Electric Department, but the city as a whole," Ewing said. "Continued investments in Tell City result in a better quality of life for our citizens and the future growth of our community."

Given since 1984, the award recognizes elected or appointed officials whose contributions to the APPA and their communities have enhanced the prestige of public power nationally. It honors Spence Vanderlinden of Harlan, Iowa, who was the first chairman of the American Public Power Agency's Policy Makers Council.

A video profiling American Public Power Association Awards can be found at <http://videos.publicpower.org/american-public-power-association-2014-award-winners>.

In it Ewing is recognized for her support of the Tell City Electric Department and projects by the city and utility to promote electric power reliability and conservation. She was also recognized for helping to secure \$19 million in federal and state grants for various city improvements.

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## Public power supporter on national level

Tell City Mayor Barbara Ewing accepts the Spence Vanderlinden Public Official Award from Raj G. Rao, president of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, and Marlow Smethurst, superintendent of the Tell City Electric Department, during the July 7 meeting of the Tell City Common Council. As the News reported in that day's issue, Ewing was one of two people who received the award during the annual meeting June 17 of the American Public Power Association. Rao credited Ewing for being a supporter for public power and the interests of municipally owned electric utilities across Indiana but also on the national level. She has visited Washington, D.C., with IMPA representatives for several years and has spoken with U.S. representatives and senators on the needs and interests of municipal power providers and their customers. Of particular concern to Ewing, Rao said, has been the impact of federal

# Quality of Life group nominated for state award

PERRY COUNTY — Ball State University has nominated the Perry County Quality of Life Committee for its 2014 Primacy of Place Community Awards Program. It recognizes Indiana communities making innovative strides in improving quality of life for residents, visitors and businesses.

Operating under the umbrella of the Perry County Development Corp., the local committee was formed to enhance the quality of life for residents and to develop a vision for the future.

The committee has focused on several fronts, including walking and biking trails, beautification efforts, promoting retail businesses, festivals and special events, including a New Year's Eve celebration, Silvesternacht.

Building Better Communities, the outreach and engagement division at Ball State University, nominated the local group and eight others for the award, which will be presented Aug. 7 in Muncie.

"We should all feel proud to be nominated and recognized," Eric Kehl, chairman of the committee said during Thursday's monthly meeting.

Recent efforts by the committee have included a young-professionals organization and a welcoming program to ensure individuals and families coming to Perry County feel at home and receive information about local services, businesses and other activities.

Also nominated for the award are the cities and communities of Rushville, Madison, Jasper, Westfield, Jeffersonville, Lafayette, Eastern Hamilton-Southern