

Information for the Council and interested parties:

What are the benefits of participating in CLEAN?

Participants of the Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge program may see a variety of benefits including:

- Improved ability to meet compliance requirements;
- Increased efficiency, reduced costs, and greater operational consistency;
- Improved environmental awareness, involvement, and competency throughout the local government;
- Better communication about environmental issues throughout the community; and
- Better relationships with regulators.

The Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge program challenges Hoosier cities, towns, and counties to make Indiana a cleaner, healthier place to live by taking part in a program that offers public recognition and financial incentives in exchange for implementing environmentally beneficial actions and improving the quality of life.

The Challenge is designed to be flexible - local governments implement an environmental management system, called a Quality of Life Plan, and choose the activities that fit their community goals. The CLEAN Community Challenge program manager will assist local governments in the planning, development, and implementation of a comprehensive Quality of Life Plan.

In addition, municipalities who qualify as an Indiana CLEAN Community will have implemented a less expensive, more effective, and greener management system for their community's environmental issues. Indiana's air, land, and water will be cleaner, and the state will be a healthier place to live.

There is no fee to participate in the Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge. Meeting the requirements of the Challenge will involve municipal employee time during the planning, development, and implementation phases, but participants will receive free assistance during each step of the challenge. IDEM is developing tools to help municipalities determine the costs of potential environmental and pollution prevention projects.

Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge

Program Member Benefits

Better Terms	Agency
Eligible to receive reduced match requirement at 25% for Recycling Grants	IDEM - OPPTA
Receive \$5,000 - \$10,000 for communities that close a State Revolving Fund Loan (Available to the first 15 applicants; \$10,000 to Wastewater applicants; \$5,000 to Drinking water applicants)	IDEM

Improved Chances	Agency
Receive 10 additional points for Stipulated Assessment Grant Incentive	IFA
Receive 10 additional points for Stipulated Remediation Grant Incentive	IFA
Receive extra credit points for Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grants	IDEM
Receive letters of support from IDEM Commissioner to the appropriate agency for consideration in the grant review process when applying for other state grants	IDEM - OPPTA
Receive credit toward Land and Water Conservation Fund	DNR
Receive credit toward Recreational Trails Program	DNR
Receive credit toward Urban Forestry Conservation Fund	DNR
Receive credit toward Indiana Coastal Grant Program	DNR
Receive IDEM letters of support from the commissioner for federal funds for environmental projects	IDEM - OPPTA

Recognition	Agency
Receive various forms of recognition that include: CLEAN Community road sign, plaque, declaration letter from the Commissioner, press event, news releases, use of CLEAN logo, and posting on IDEM website	IDEM, InDOT

Improved Communication	Agency
Invitation to attend annual meetings with the IDEM commissioner to discuss environmental progress or concerns	IDEM
Invitation to attend networking events hosted by IDEM	IDEM
Eligible to join Partners for Pollution Prevention	IDEM - OPPTA
Increased visibility as a partner with IDEM on future IDEM initiatives and first to receive opportunities for involvement in such IDEM initiatives	IDEM
Receive regulatory and grant updates from the IDEM CLEAN listserv	IDEM - OPPTA
Single point of contact within OPPTA for all environmental and IDEM related inquiries	IDEM - OPPTA

Regulatory Assistance	Agency
Expedited drinking water permitting and well site selection approval	IDEM - OWQ
Assign same NPDES permit writer and inspector when feasible	IDEM - OWQ
Assign same drinking water permit reviewer and inspector when feasible	IDEM - OWQ
Receive low priority for routine NPDES inspections	IDEM - OWQ
Advanced announcement of routine inspections	IDEM - OWQ
Streamlined and expedited NPDES renewal application process	IDEM - OWQ
Reduction in NPDES permit sampling frequency	IDEM - OWQ
Ability to submit Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) annually	IDEM - OWQ
Exemption from submitting Monthly Reports of Operation (MRO)	IDEM - OWQ
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Accelerated review and renewal of existing land application permit	IDEM - OWQ
Reports for the land application permit submitted within 60 days of the last day of each calendar month	IDEM - OWQ
Extended hazardous waste storage for Large Quantity Generators	IDEM - OLQ
Assign same permit writer and inspector when feasible	IDEM - OLQ
Low priority for routine Large Quantity Generator inspections	IDEM - OLQ
Advanced announcement of routine Large Quantity Generator, Small Quantity Generator, and Treatment, Storage, and Disposal inspections	IDEM - OLQ
Extended FESOP term of up to ten years	IDEM - OAQ
Extended MSOP term of up to ten years	IDEM - OAQ
Expedited permit application and renewals	IDEM - OAQ
Reduced reporting frequency of quarterly reports to semi-annually	IDEM - OAQ
Alternative due date for certain quarterly or semi-annual reports	IDEM - OAQ
Assign the same permit writer and inspector when feasible	IDEM - OAQ
Low routine inspection priority	IDEM - OAQ
Advanced announcement of routine inspections	IDEM - OAQ
Flexible permit language to reduce need for future permit modifications	IDEM - OAQ