

QUARTERLY STAKEHOLDER MEETING SUMMARY

To: Mayor Dennis Buckley and City Council Members
From: Michael Ellis, Wessler Engineering
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Project No.: 168714.01.01 – CLEAN Community Challenge

Wessler Engineering and the City of Beech Grove CLEAN Community Challenge Stakeholder Committee met Wednesday February 3, 2016 at City Hall to evaluate the City's Quality of Life Plan (QLP), for the purpose of submitting the Annual Report to IDEM by March 7, 2016 (see attached agenda).

Reporting Year One consists of the time period from the City's date of designation as a CLEAN Community Challenge Program member, 10/03/2015, to the end of the calendar year, 12/31/2015. For each Goal, progress made, challenges overcome and efforts to inform the community were identified and discussed.

- The Objective of Goal #1 is to reduce solid waste by the community through promotion of the curbside recycling program. For Reporting Year One, progress was made with totals collected increasing in each subsequent month; October - 16.66 tons, November - 19.47 tons and December - 32.03 tons.
- The Objective of Goal #2 is to increase native vegetation in the community through City projects. For Reporting Year One, progress was made through planning a tree give-away tentatively scheduled for April 30, 2016 at Sarah Bolton Park; 400 native tree seedlings have been purchased (Sugar Maple, Sycamore, River Birch and White Pine). The event will include a tree planting demonstration and cross promotion of other sustainable opportunities.
- The Objective of Goal #3 is to recycle spent fluorescent bulbs generated from municipal operations. For Reporting Year One, the City is now recycling 100% of spent fluorescent bulbs. The spent bulbs are stored in a designated location at the Department of Public Works, then transferred to the Indy Tox Drop Program. The first delivery (January 26, 2016) included 47 – 4' fluorescent tubes, 10 – 8' fluorescent tubes and 4 metal halide bulbs.
- The Objective of Goal #4 is to collect and properly dispose of expired/unwanted medications from the community. For Reporting Year One, the collection box was installed on 12/18/2015. 15 pounds was collected. The total as of the meeting date was 75 pounds.
- The Objective of Goal #5 is to increase the recycling of paper by residents through shredding event(s) provided by the City. For Reporting Year One, one shredding event resulted in 3,140 pounds of paper shredded and recycled. The City has additional shredding events scheduled for Reporting Year Two: 1) 3/12/2016 with the Chamber of Commerce, 2) 4/30/2016 with the tree give-away.

Additional information to be included as part of the Annual Report was discussed as well.

- Community and business outreach efforts included the City's website and Facebook page, sewer bills to Utility customers, the Southside Times and Council meetings.
- Environmental awards, benefits of CLEAN membership, external feedback from the community and community emergencies were discussed.
- The next Quarterly Stakeholder meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2016.