Dear Friends,

If you haven’t seen it already, I am pleased to share information about our newest effort: the Indiana Food Scrap Initiative. As local governments, universities, restaurants, grocery stores, residents and many others across the state focus on reducing food waste, we are thrilled to note a high level of engagement in this new Initiative. If you would like to sign up to receive information about IFSI, please click here.

I am also very glad to share with you our 2015 Annual Report. Please take a few minutes to learn about our key projects and outreach efforts, as well as our finances, our generous supporters and more.

As our busiest season approaches and we prepare for Earth Day activities, major event recycling in Indy and our annual conference in June, we hope to engage with you! Contact Danni at danni@indianarecycling.org to learn about volunteer opportunities in the Indy area. Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter. Register for our conference, and if you are a community volunteer or school teacher, ask us about our partial conference scholarship created just for you!

Finally, we hope you will show your support for recycling and the IRC by purchasing the IRC specialty license plate here. $25 from every plate sale goes to support our work. Five hundred recycling license plates must be sold within two years for us to maintain this great fundraiser - please help us with your plate purchase(s) this year! If you have a while before plate renewal time, you can still show your support for recycling by purchasing our U.S. made, high quality T’s! Details below.

Sustainably yours,

p.s. - Save the date for REVENT 2016 - November 12!!
An estimated 35 million tons of food is discarded each year in the U.S., equaling $165 billion in food waste. The Indiana Recycling Coalition (IRC) is pleased to launch a new multi-stakeholder initiative to explore the issues that cause food waste, and to work to divert as much from disposal as possible. Over the coming months, the IRC will be hosting a series of targeted meetings to reveal the causes, hurdles and opportunities to saving more food at every rung of the waste management hierarchy - prevention, reuse, composting and digestion - to spur more opportunities and build a more comprehensive infrastructure to address Indiana’s food scrap challenge.

Sign up to receive updates from IFSI and the latest news HERE! Visit the IFSI page on the IRC website.

**2015 Annual Report**

**GET YOUR IRC LICENSE PLATE Now!**

Hoosiers who support environmental sustainability and recycling can now show that support on their Indiana license plate!

The Recycling License Plate may be found on the [B MV website](https://www.in.gov/bmv/) and can be ordered through a myBMV account during registration renewal, at certified BMV partner locations, by mail or at any license branches. If renewing by mail, customers must indicate they want an Indiana Recycling Coalition plate and submit correct fees which are the same as any specialty plate. The recycling plates are available to order on passenger vehicles, trucks up to 11,000 lbs., motorcycles and recreational vehicles.

[CLICK HERE](https://www.in.gov/bmv/) to visit the IRC license plate on the BMV website.

**IRC + USI Partnership**
2016 Conference

REGISTRATION OPEN! CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.

Join us this June 20-22, 2016 at the Marriott East Hotel in Indianapolis for our annual conference!

You will have the opportunity to learn about the latest developments and innovations in waste reduction, reuse, composting and recycling; network with professionals in the industry, new partners and old friends; and share your ideas and products with those in attendance.

CLICK HERE for more information.
CLICK HERE to register.

WINE FEST Recap

On Friday, March 4, 2016, WFYI hosted over 1,500 people at the Crowne Plaza Historic Union Station Grand Hall for their annual Wine Fest celebration featuring over 40 wineries and sponsors. The IRC provided glass, cardboard and plastic recycling for the event. We were able to recycle 585 wine bottles from the event! A big THANKS to our wonderful volunteers for all their help!

EARTH DAY Indiana
The Earth Day Indiana Festival will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Military Park.

The Festival features exhibitors promoting sustainability, environmental protection and resource conservation. Exhibitors include nonprofit organizations, businesses, governmental organizations, community groups and more.

If you are interested in helping staff the IRC’s educational table during the Earth Day event, please contact Danny.

For more information about the event, CLICK HERE.

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**REVENT 2016 - Save the Date!**

**Join us FOR OUR ANNUAL GALA**

**REVENT**

**CELEBRATE & SUPPORT THE INDIANA RECYCLING COALITION**

**November 12, 2016**

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW INTERN, Aaron!**

Greetings, everyone! My name is Aaron Stroude, and I am very excited to begin my Social Media Internship with the IRC. As a recent graduate of IUPUI where I studied business and finance, I maintained and further developed a heavy interest in sustainability, renewable energies, and general conservation. Growing up, my family recycled anything we could, and as a Boy Scout I spent a great deal of time outdoors and working on various conservation projects throughout the city and state. With the IRC, I know I will learn a great deal more about recycling and the various sustainable practices I find to be so important and fascinating. I am looking forward to learning as much as I can about our efforts to be sustainable here in my home state.

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**LEND A BIN Program**

**WE'RE EXCITED TO ADD COMPOSTING TO OUR LEND A BIN PROGRAM!**

If you’re hosting an event, recycling and composting are great ways to keep it clean and green. The IRC is happy to provide portable, beverage container recycling bins and composting bins for your special occasion.

For more information about our Lend A Bin program, visit our website.
The IRC staff tours different recycling and manufacturing facilities across the state of Indiana. Recently we toured Republic Services, J. Solotken & Company, Inc., Novelis Corporation, and the White Violet Center for Eco Justice. For more information about each facility click the images below.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS - Thank you for your support!

RENEWING MEMBERS

500 Festival
Allen County SWMD
Bartholomew Co. SWMD
Closed Loop Recycling
Christine Carlson
Drug & Laboratory Disposal, Inc.
Eco Partners, Inc.
Eli Lilly and Company
Emerge Knowledge Design, Inc.
Indra Frank
Kelly Geckler
Green Bottom Line, Inc.
Green Broad Ripple, Inc.
Green Wave Computer Recycling
Carey Hamilton
Hancock Co. SWMD
Hendricks Co. SWMD
Rachael Hoover Lexic
LaPorte County SWMD
Hoosier Beverage Association
Linda Horvath
Indiana State University
Indiana University
IUPUI Office of Sustainability
Jackson Co. SWMD
Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis
Kruze Carpet Recycling
Perpetual Recycling Solutions
Randolph Co. SWMD
RecycleBank
Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County
Shelby Co. Recycling District
St. Joseph SWMD
Tipton Co. SWMD
David Vonnegut-Gabovitch

NEW MEMBERS

The Basement
Blackwood Solutions
Indiana Sports Corp
Celeste Marroni
Meijer
PepsiCo Recycling
reTHink Inc.

Interested in being listed in our Member Directory? Email Dann to be added to the directory or to update your information.
Java Threads was started by six Butler University students with an entrepreneurship drive and a passion for the environment. What started as a school project turned into a mission to help raise environmental awareness with a stylish tote created from previously discarded coffee bean bags.

The bag is a sturdy and stylish combination of up-cycled burlap coffee bags and durable fabric handles and lining. Each bag is hand cut and stitched by local Indianapolis businesses. Results may vary slightly as each coffee bag is unique. By purchasing from Java Threads, not only are you receiving a quality product, you are helping minimize our environmental footprint.

For every bag sold, the IRC will receive $5 if you select "Indiana Recycling Coalition" when prompted when ordering online and if you mention the IRC when purchasing in person (sold at Indy Winter Farmers Market).

Get your bags HERE.

SHOP FOR A Cause

Support the IRC while shopping online at Amazon.com! Amazon will contribute 0.5% of your total purchase price to the IRC every time you shop.

At smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support!

You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. CLICK HERE.

UPCOMING Webinars

APRIL

Product Stewardship and the Challenges of a Circular Economy

In this hour-long webinar Call2Recycle’s CEO and President Carl Smith joins Energizer's Director of Regulatory and Government Affairs, Marcus Boolish, and Betsy Dorn, RSE’s Recycling Expert and author of Shifting the Focus from End-of-Life Recycling to Continuous Product Lifecycles, in a discussion about how companies are dealing with the challenges presented as they work towards attaining a circular economy.

During this webinar, you’ll learn:

- The role of product stewardship in forwarding the principles of the circular economy
- Selecting recycling processes to optimize the use of a circular economy
- Managing the next generation of environment-friendly product lifecycle development efforts
- Real-life examples of circular economy solutions developed in both the public and private sector

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT
Cost: FREE

Register

The APR Plastics Recycling Showcase: Celebrating Innovations that Support the Growth of Plastics Recycling

As The Voice of Plastics Recycling®, APR consistently seeks to recognize and promote innovations that enhance the recyclability of a new or existing package or container. APR promotes the growth and development of plastics recycling by providing the leadership and tools necessary to support the long-term growth and sustainability of the industry. Innovation drives the growth of recycling, and is essential to the success of the plastic recycling industry. This webinar will provide information about each of the 2016 APR Plastics Recycling Showcase Innovations:

- Multi-Purpose High Density Polyethylene Cable Reel from Carris Reels
- Coca-Cola’s "Simply Beverages™“ line of Juices and Juice Drinks with Constancia SpearRC Pressure Sensitive Labels
- PE and PP Compatibilization with Dow INTUNE™ Olefin Block Copolymers
- Indorama’s PolyClear® EBM PET 5507 Resin for Extrusion Blow Molding
- AUTOSORT FLAKE by TOMRA Sorting Solutions
- Pelstar’s LEED Platinum Certified Recycling Museum - Auditorium

Date: Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Click Here...

...or visit our website at www.plasticsrecycling.org/apr-plastics-recycling-showcase.php.
Food Waste Preview the soon to be released Nationwide Public Service Campaign to Reduce Food Waste

Paint Stewardship: the Nuts and Bolts

What's on the horizon for paint stewardship? In the last seven years, eight states and the District of Columbia have successfully passed paint stewardship legislation, creating an industry-run program for managing the reuse, recycling, and safe disposal of leftover paint. The American Coatings Association, PaintCare, PSI and other stakeholders are working tirelessly to pass similar legislation in states across the country while implementing the programs currently in place.

For those who are new to paint stewardship, this webinar will step back to the very beginning to understand the basics: how did the paint stewardship model come to fruition? How exactly does it work? How successful have paint stewardship programs been in those states with programs? What are the most important elements of an effective law?

On this free, interactive webinar, PSI and PaintCare's paint stewardship experts will explore these questions and provide an outlook for paint stewardship legislation across the country in 2016 and beyond.

Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT
Cost: FREE

Foodservice Packaging Recovery Toolkit Preview

FPI will be hosting a free webinar to showcase their newly expanded Recovery Toolkit (RecycleFSP.org) on April 21st at 2pm ET. The toolkit provides accessible information on recycling and composting foodservice packaging, as well as a wealth of in-depth resources including best practices, cases studies, and educational and customizable flyers templates for businesses and communities to get started recovering FSP or to strengthen their current recovery efforts. The resources in each section of the toolkit have been developed to respond to the questions and needs of that sector, including foodservice operators, communities, MRF’s, and end markets.

The webinar will show all sectors the resources that best address their needs. Representatives from FPI, as well as the National Restaurant association will be highlighting some of the new resources of the toolkit including industry-specific step-by-step instructions to recover FSP, industry reports, policy and end market maps, educational materials and successful case studies.

This preview of FPI's latest resource is sure to be of interest to all members of the value chain; from community programs to foodservice operators, to processing facilities and end markets.

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT
Cost: FREE

Agricultural Plastics Recycling

Historically, the rates of recovery and recycling of agricultural plastics have been low as it is cumbersome to handle, difficult to keep clean and rarely meets post-recycling market specifications. However, efficient recycling infrastructure is emerging to help agricultural plastics get to post-recycling markets. This webinar will focus on the development of collection and recycling best practices for managing waste agricultural plastics; provide examples of local initiatives of agricultural and recycling communities; integration with existing materials management infrastructure, increasing market demand for recovered agricultural plastic, and extended producer responsibility demonstrated by the manufacturers and distributors of agricultural plastics products.

Date: Monday, April 25, 2016
Time: 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM EDT
Cost: FREE
Households make up a significant portion of the percentage of food that goes to waste across the U.S. Preventing that waste from occurring in the first place is one of the most cost-effective ways to address food waste. But how do we change people's behaviors around food? The Natural Resources Defense Council has teamed up with the Ad Council - the public service advertising agency that brought you Smokey Bear and Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk - to launch a nationwide public service campaign to reduce food waste. After over a year of research and development, the campaign will launch in April 2016. This webinar will give a sneak preview into the campaign, and will highlight what materials will be made available to cities, retailers, and other entities interested in participating in the campaign.

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2016
Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EDT
Cost: FREE

The mission of the Indiana Recycling Coalition is to support source reduction, reuse, composting, and recycling activities in Indiana. The Indiana Recycling Coalition supports policies and programs that advance sustainable materials management. The goal of this support is to conserve our natural resources, reduce energy use, encourage environmental responsibility and create green jobs through recycling.

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