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INDIANA RECYCLING COALITION ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Recycling Coalition (IRC) announced today that its Board of Directors has selected Allyson Mitchell as the organization's next Executive Director. The announcement follows a nationwide search and selection process undertaken after the current Executive Director, Carey Hamilton, announced in December that she will be stepping down from the IRC after nearly a decade in the position in order to focus on her role as Indiana State Representative for House District 87, a position to which she was elected in November 2016. She and Ms. Mitchell will begin a transition period beginning March 5, 2018.

"We are very pleased to have found a new Executive Director with the leadership, background and experience of Ms. Mitchell," said Cassie Stockamp, IRC Board President. "I am confident that her experience in and passion for sustainability will continue IRC's momentum and success and build upon the previous 28 years of working toward a more sustainable Indiana. Mitchell has a commitment to IRC's core values and mission of supporting waste reduction, reuse, composting, and recycling activities in Indiana. The Board of Directors has great confidence Mitchell will develop meaningful relationships with IRC members and our partners in the community and in the industry."

Mitchell's background uniquely positions her to assume this post as IRC's fourth Executive Director. With twelve years of experience in sustainability, a law degree, work experience in all major sectors (non-profit, local government, higher education, corporations, and small business consulting), proven success with grant acquisition and administration, and her connections in the community, Mitchell is well-suited to strategically guide the organization forward. She shared, "The Indiana Recycling Coalition is an impressive organization that serves a critical role

for advancing sustainable materials management in Indiana. I have admired the organization and been inspired by the leadership it has demonstrated under Carey's tenure. I am excited to lead the IRC and engage with its staff, board, members and partners to build upon this momentum of positive impact for local communities, sustainable industries, and our shared environment."

Mitchell's resume includes working for Prosperity Indiana as the Director of Sustainability, developing and teaching a sustainability-focused Master's level course at IUPUI SPEA, serving as Executive Director for the non-profit Greenways Foundation of Indiana, and being President of Sustainable Catalyst Partners, LLC, a sustainability planning and consulting firm.

Mitchell holds a J.D. from Indiana University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law, a M.S. in Landscape Architecture with a focus on sustainable development and ecological design from University of Michigan, and a B.S. in Landscape Horticulture and Design from Purdue University. Additionally, she has completed many relevant certifications including WasteCap Construction Waste Recycling and USZWBC Zero Waste.

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ABOUT THE INDIANA RECYCLING COALITION

The <u>Indiana Recycling Coalition</u> (IRC) is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization formed in 1989 to support waste reduction, reuse, composting and recycling activities in Indiana. The IRC's members include state and local governments, business, industry, not-for-profits and individuals. Visit the IRC <u>website</u> and follow @INRecycling on Twitter.