



EASING INTO SPRING

Change can come in fast, with a big dramatic bang. Or it can come in slowly, and subtly reveal itself over time. It feels like spring has chosen the slow & easy approach this year with temperatures finally nudging upwards causing buds and blooms to slowly reveal their colors.

At the IRC, we're starting to see the buds of our fall & winter efforts reveal themselves. New programs, partnerships, grants, and events are greening up and showing signs of renewed energy. Spring provides an apt metaphor for sharing some updates from the IRC garden:

- The [2019 Conference](#) is sprouting new leaves every day, as Emily Jackson works to finalize events, speakers, topics, and sessions. We hope you're planning to join us - it promises to be a spectacular bouquet again this year!
- Partnerships with solid waste districts are breaking from buds to flowers, as new grant funding allows us to work with several districts, Purdue and IDEM in the Wabash Heartland region to inventory and analyze recycling collection infrastructure. More details coming soon.
- The Master Recycler Program is sending up sturdy leaves to break through soil in search of sunlight and water, as this new online education program seeks pre-launch survey feedback from our partners to shape its development and implementation. Please share your feedback with us by taking this [quick survey](#) (Yes, YOU!)
- A seed planted many months ago will sprout at the end of this month, as we finalize and officially adopt IRC's new 2019 Strategic Plan. You've been hearing about it from me for a while, and soon you'll start to see its vines weaving through our website and other materials.
- Finally, as our Communications Coordinator Rachel Morris just left on maternity leave last week (welcome to baby Adelynn!), we send her along with sunshine and rainbows - aka wishes for sleep and lots of comfort food!

We're beaming with hopefulness and excitement about what spring is revealing - both outdoors and in our work! We hope you're invigorated, too. See you in June!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allyson Mitchell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Allyson Mitchell

Executive Director



The CONFERENCE

Indianapolis, Indiana | June 10-12, 2019
@ the Marriott East

Conference attendees will learn about the latest developments and innovations in the waste reduction, reuse, composting and recycling industries through two jam-packed days of informative sessions. Waste professionals from all backgrounds will form new connections through the Conference's multiple

networking opportunities. Register now and come help build up the waste reduction infrastructure and network in Indiana!

Visit the official [2019 Conference page](#) on the IRC website for more information!



REGISTER NOW!

MARK YOUR *Calendar*

EARLY MAY

Grant Opportunity - IDEM Recycling Market Development Program (RMDP)

IDEM will be releasing the RFP for the Recycling Market Development Program (RMDP) grants in early May. Information on the next grant funding round will be posted [HERE](#) as it becomes available.

MON JUNE 10 | 2PM - 4PM

WORKSHOP | COMMUNITY RECYCLING: MAKING SMART INVESTMENTS FOR YOUR SYSTEM

At the Marriott East, Indianapolis

Join us for a workshop featuring timely information about making improvements to your community's recycling collection system, funding available to make it happen, and how to write a successful grant application. Presenters include representatives from IDEM, The Recycling Partnership, and the IRC. Don't miss this convenient and low-cost opportunity to improve recycling in your community.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

FEATURED *Programs*



GOT YOUR PLATE?

**MASTER
Recycler
PROGRAM**

QUICK SURVEY



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HELP US REACH OUR 500 LICENSE PLATE GOAL!

What's the best way to show off your commitment to recycling and sustainability? With an IRC license plate on your car, of course! If you've been thinking about upgrading your plate - NOW is the time! We need 500 IRC plates on the road before the end of 2019 or we will lose the plate, so please consider getting an IRC plate at your next visit to the BMV! We had 419 plates on the road in 2018, so we just need an 81 plate increase! Note: if you purchase your plate online, it's called the "Recycling Coalition" plate so keep scrolling on down to find it! Help us spread the word by sharing this [Facebook Post](#).



We are developing a new statewide education program and need YOUR feedback! The Master Recycler Program is an online, multi-media module-based learning program designed to educate Hoosiers on a wide range of topics related to waste, recycling, composting and beyond! Inspired by the original Master Recycler Program created in Portland, Oregon, this program will be Indiana-focused and feature our partners from industry, local government, and institutions. We need YOUR FEEDBACK to make it the best it can be! Please read the short [program description](#) and then take this [quick survey](#) to share your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions with us! Results will be shared at the 2019 IRC Conference. THANK YOU!



INDIANA

FOOD SCRAP INITIATIVE

IFSI NEWSLETTER

[Click here](#) to view the latest quarterly newsletter from IRC's Indiana Food Scrap Initiative! The newsletter contains an IFSI update, stakeholder news from across the state, upcoming food waste events, and timely news, resources, reports, and food waste funding opportunities.

JUNE 12 STAKEHOLDER MEETING

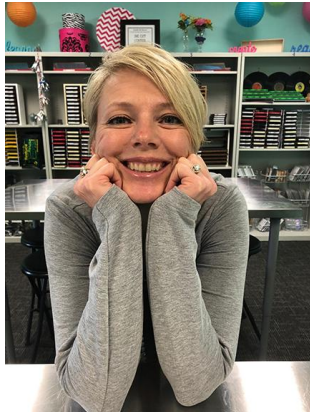
[Click here](#) to view the agenda and register for our upcoming annual IFSI stakeholder meeting on **Wed June 12 from 2PM - 5PM at the Indianapolis Marriot East.**

IFSI SOCIAL MEDIA

[Like & follow IFSI's Facebook Page](#) for daily updates on food waste news in Indiana!

Contact emily@indianarecycling.org to get involved.

NEW BOARD MEMBER *Spotlights*



Jessie Biggerman is the Executive Director of the [Johnson County Recycling District](#). Jessie has been with the Johnson County Recycling District for nearly eight years and prior to that, was the Environmental Educator for the Shelby County Solid Waste District. Yes, she is no longer the new kid on the block when it comes to recycling.

Jessie has always been passionate about the idea that Indiana needs a supportive community to make recycling a regular part of every Hoosiers' vocabulary, and she knows the IRC has just the right platform to get that done. As a board member, she hopes to use that passionate voice and knowledge to support the IRC as they continue to build relationships throughout the state in order to tout the economic, social and environmental benefits of recycling, as a leading piece of the circular economy.

Jessie is excited about the overall shift in the IRC's mission and educational programming and is thrilled with the push to ensure that the IRC's reach includes all of the state. By working together to reach the goal of closing the loop of recyclable material in Indiana, we will be able to inch ever closer to seeing a true model of environmental sustainability in Indiana!

Ryan Franz is the Business Development Manager at [Just Packaging, Inc.](#) This role affords him a terrific opportunity to work with organizations, of all sizes, to reduce their consumption of paper and plastic goods, by helping them rethink and redesign their packaging into more environmentally responsible, and cost-effective solutions.

While at his former company, Ryan joined the IRC to find sources of scrap plastics that could be

used in the production of the company's finished goods. When he left there and joined Just Packaging, he reconnected with the IRC, seeking a way to support and contribute to their causes. When Executive Director, Allyson Mitchell, asked whether Ryan was interested in joining the Board of Directors, he could not have been more honored!



Ryan is excited to spend time with other BOD members, learning from and aiding them in any way he can through his contributions to strategic planning and membership growth.

Ryan is most enthusiastic about IRC's initiative of supporting the implementation of curbside recycling in Indianapolis, as well as educating, advocating and facilitating recycling across the state of Indiana!



Scott D. Lutocka is the Facilities & Sustainability Manager at [Piazza Produce, LLC](#), where he initiated and successfully achieved a zero waste program. Piazza was the first certified zero waste business in the state of Indiana.

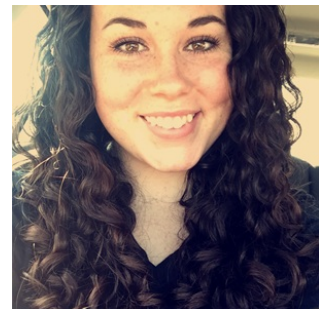
Scott's connection with the IRC goes back to April of 2013. While Piazza had achieved an 85% waste-to-landfill diversion rate via comprehensive recycling practices, they needed a solution to remove their remaining compostable food wastes. The IRC provided contacts for GreenCycle and IDEM which allowed the company to achieve a 90+% diversion rate and achieved zero waste. Scott has been a fan, supporter, and advocate of the IRC ever since!

Scott plans on benefiting the IRC by serving on the Board, IFSI, continuing his company's membership, his family's financial annual support, as well as displaying an IRC Recycling License Plate on his personal vehicles. Professionally, he will continue to speak at conferences and other events as needed and to advocate for the mission of the IRC.

What excites Scott most about the IRC is the participation level we have with the City of Indianapolis and their Thrive Indy sustainability program to bring curbside recycling to the residents of Indy by 2025 and annual recycling conferences!

INTERN *Spotlight*

Hi there! My name is **Jamie Flatter**, and I am the new Design Intern at IRC. I am a junior at IUPUI majoring in Visual Communications at Herron School of Art + Design, minoring in Business, and getting a certificate in Human-Computer Interaction. I began to learn more about sustainability through a nature-driven magazine project. Through the research for that project, I became more passionate about sustainability. I wanted to learn more and develop sustainable practices in my everyday life. So when I was told about this internship, I knew that I needed to apply. I am excited that I get this opportunity to work with the incredible team at IRC and further my knowledge on sustainability.



SPONSOR *Spotlight*



Pratt is America's 5th largest corrugated packaging company and the world's largest, privately-held 100% recycled paper and packaging company, with 8200 highly-skilled, green-collar employees dedicated to the environment and sustainability.

Pratt operates an extensive Recycling Company to supply four, soon to be five, of the most modern, cost-effective 100% recycled paper mills in the country.

Pratt's paper mills in the Midwest alone will consume over a million tons of recovered paper each year - and Indiana is key to Pratt's on-going success. We need more and better Recycling in Indiana. Pratt works with communities and businesses across the state to develop a customized approach to

recycling.

Mixed Paper Recycling

Pratt Recycling offers Indiana mixed paper recycling programs that provide an easy-to-follow solution for your paper recycling needs. Pratt Recycling will assist your community or company to recycle all types of paper with no sorting necessary. We accept newspapers, magazines, office paper (white or colored), junk mail, catalogs, books and corrugated cardboard.

Single Stream Recycling

Convenience and ease of participation makes Pratt's single-stream recycling an effective solution for the recycling needs of communities and businesses in Indiana. Whether you are a Solid Waste District Director, a property manager at a high-rise office building or a facilities manager at a corporate complex, single stream provides a cost effective approach to managing your waste stream. Pratt's single stream recycling programs combine all types of paper, cardboard, plastic containers, metal containers, shrink-film, strapping (plastic and metal) as well as an array of other materials into one single collection container with no sorting necessary.

Close the Loop Recycling - Making New Products From Your Waste Stream

Pratt Recycling offers a unique closed-loop program for our box customers in Indiana and across the country. Close the loop recycling brings a sustainable approach to your waste stream management. Customers purchase the 100% recycled content packaging solutions from Pratt Industries while recycling their waste paper and corrugated with the Recycling Division. These recyclable materials are then used as the raw materials for producing more recycled content packaging at Pratt State Of the Art Papermill and Corrugated plants in Valpo Indiana. Our customers know and understand the upstream sources of the packaging and the downstream destinations for their waste stream. Our close the loop recycling programs are not only cost effective, but also can bring the social and public recognition for doing the right thing for our environment.

UPCOMING *Webinars*

APRIL

Edible Food for Donation

Free Webinar

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2019 | Time: 1:30 - 2:30 pm EST

For more information, contact: Terri Goldberg, NEWMOA,
617-367-8558, x302, tgoldberg@newmoa.org

[REGISTER](#)

MAY

U.S. EPA Sustainable Materials Management Web Academy Webinar

EPA's Waste Reduction Model (WARM) Version 15

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019 | Time: 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET

[MORE INFO ON WARM](#)

[REGISTER](#)

TARGET CIRCLE RESULTS

Thank you so much for voting for us in the Target Circle Giving Program.

The IRC received over \$1,900.00 to help us further our mission to strengthen the circular economy in Indiana through waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting with help from your generous votes. This donation came from a larger pool of \$20,000 donated from Target to nonprofits tied to the Indianapolis area. Continue checking our website and social media channels to learn more about our work. Again, to everyone who participated, spread the word, and shared the love, thank you!



NEW & RENEWING *Members*

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[Berry Global](#)

Bob Gedert

Carey Hamilton

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