



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 9, 2022

SLEEVES ROLLED UP

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We have completed another packed season of working with partners to advance the circular economy in Indiana. In early May, we co-hosted the [Advancing Circularity in Indiana Symposium](#) with the Heritage Group and the American Chemical Society. The event brought partners together from all over the state and beyond to learn about innovators pursuing circular solutions to a plethora of challenges and invited attendees to conceptualize Indiana as a leader in the circular economy.

In the past few months, we've upped our game on providing valuable educational content to our social media followers while building a robust library of in-depth information on our website. You've likely seen our [Commodities Education Effort](#) expand since our kickoff in April; so far we've covered paper and glass. We shifted to organics this month and we're just getting warmed up, so don't miss out.

Speaking of missing out, you didn't miss out on our first round of [Constituent Calls](#), did you? It's a great opportunity to connect with all Circular Indiana staff in a very casual setting. Zoom in and zoom out at your leisure - literally, we host these free, members-only events on Zoom. You can get your questions answered, get updates on our programs, and explore ways we can help you address your challenges. The next round of Constituent Calls is coming later this year so be sure your membership is active so that you'll get the registration link sent directly to your inbox.

We've also been speaking to many groups - large and small - about the circular economy and Indiana's incredible opportunity to lead in this space. From the [Indiana Environmental Managers Group](#) to [neighborhood associations](#) and kids participating in [Climate Camp](#), we are out spreading the good news that Indiana has so many assets to leverage and so much opportunity to grasp. The good work of our partners

is what inspires us every day to share this message far and wide, as often as we can. Later this month, I will be speaking on a panel at the [Resource Recycling Conference in Austin, TX](#) about the need for state-level collaboration.

All of this work has one common thread running throughout, and it's what sets us apart and elevates our role in Indiana. We are sharing our expertise to benefit our state and advance the circular economy. We gain this expertise because we gather insights from our partners, dive in deep to understand the issues, and synthesize the opportunities. As the only statewide organization in Indiana focused on helping Indiana realize its full potential in the circular economy, we are in the arena with our sleeves rolled up, getting to work by tackling the challenges. You'll see even more of this grit in the months to come as we host another [Full Circle Event](#) and continue building momentum with our partners in Indy and beyond.

Thanks for your continuing support as we pursue Circular Indiana's mission and our shared goals.

Sincerely,

Allyson Mitchell

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



FEDERAL POLICY

STRATEGIC EV MANAGEMENT ACT

Aimed at managing the end-of-life of the growing electric vehicle sector, the **Strategic EV Management Act** directs federal agencies to find strategies to reuse or recycle EV batteries.

THE SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECYCLING PROGRAM

As part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the US Environmental Protection Agency is developing a **new grant program** to fund recycling education and infrastructure improvements. The program will provide grants to improve post-consumer materials management and infrastructure, support improvements to local post-consumer materials management and recycling programs, and assist local waste management authorities in making improvements to local waste management systems.



STATE POLICY

INDIANA HEA 1226

Circular Indiana recently contributed to new Indiana legislation, House Enrolled Act 1226. The bill establishes a **Central Indiana Waste Diversion Pilot Project** that provides \$4 million in funding to support recycling infrastructure in Marion County. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is accepting implementation proposals for these funds through October 1, 2022.



AROUND THE NATION

CALIFORNIA

On June 30, 2022, California passed the nation's most comprehensive packaging **extended producer responsibility (EPR) bill**, which focuses on plastics and paper types of packaging. Packaging producers will pay a packaging fee, which will go into a state fund to help mitigate the expense of collecting, sorting, and recycling waste. In addition to the fund, the bill also mandates a 30% plastics recycling rate by 2028 and a 65% plastics recycling rate by 2032.



PROGRAMS UPDATE



LICENSE PLATE

THE NEW CIRCULAR INDIANA LICENSE PLATE IS NOW AVAILABLE

EXISTING IRC LICENSE PLATE HOLDERS: To update your ride with the new Circular Indiana plate, you will need to visit a BMV branch in-person and request the updated plate and pay the \$9.50 fee. This is the best way for IRC license plate holders to get the new Circular Indiana plate design. It's quick and easy and your new plate will be mailed directly to you. You can do this anytime—you don't have to wait for your next registration renewal.

NOT YET A CIRCULAR INDIANA PLATE HOLDER? This is a great way to show your support for recycling and the circular economy in Indiana! Visit any BMV branch or go to www.in.gov/bmv/ and select the Circular Indiana plate from the specialty plate menu. Your plate purchase includes a \$25 donation to Circular Indiana to support our education programs. You can do this anytime—you don't have to wait for your next registration renewal.

NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

EVERY DONOR IS NOW A MEMBER



Circular Indiana has revamped the way we approach individual giving and memberships. To make a more meaningful experience for you and to offer different levels of engagement, every donor is now a member, and we have three membership levels. Check them out and decide which is best for you. We are happy to chat through any questions you may have.

Email Cortnee Yarbrough: cortnee@circularindiana.org

SEE NEW MEMBER BENEFITS





PARTNER UPDATES



OFFICE OF INDIANA STATE CHEMISTS

2022 CLEAN SWEEP EVENT: The Office of Indiana State Chemists at Purdue is holding their 2022 Clean Sweep Event from August 16 through August 25. The program accepts up to 250 pounds of suspended, canceled, banned, unusable, opened, unopened or just unwanted pesticides per person for safe disposal. [Visit their website](#) for a list of participating drop-off sites and the participant information form.



CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

The City of Indianapolis recently issued a Request For Information (RFI) related to solid waste and recycling. They are seeking information from current and prospective solid waste and recyclable hauling, processing, and disposal vendors. This information gathering is in preparation for future procurement cycles for the Marion County solid waste program.

In 2025, all current City-County solid waste contracts will expire and must go through a new procurement cycle. These contracts range from partnerships at local landfills, to solid waste and recyclables processing, to solid waste and recyclables hauling. This is an exciting opportunity to reimagine the current solid waste program and position the City-County for a new future in solid waste and recycling management.

Submissions are due no later than September 9, 2022, 12:00 PM, Noon EDT. The RFI is available on the City's Bid website: www.indy.gov/workflow/find-bid-opportunities



COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

STAFF TRAINING AT CHILD ADVOCATES

Circular Indiana is committed to continuing our personal and organizational education in anti-racism. As part of that commitment, our Director of Strategic Engagement, Cortnee Yarbrough, recently attended Interrupting Racism for Children, offered by Child Advocates. This training explored the history of institutional racism and was grounded in the lived experience of program participants. The training also provided context and encouragement to continue our work in environmental justice in order to create a better world for the communities we serve.



REPUBLIC SERVICES 5/04/2022

Circular Indiana staff toured the Republic Services material recovery facility (MRF) in Indianapolis.



CIRCULARITY SYMPOSIUM 5/06/2022

Allyson Mitchell and Circular Indiana Board member Ken Miller presented during the Advancing Circularity in Indiana Symposium at the Heritage Group.



SECOND HELPINGS 5/09/2022

Allyson Mitchell visited Second Helpings to discuss partnership opportunities and share our new recycling signs to help guide their volunteers in proper recycling practices.



ARDAGH GLASS PKG TOUR 6/23/2022

Allyson and Cortnee toured the Ardagh glass packaging facility in Dunkirk with Alex Winters, Chief Sustainability Officer for Ardagh Glass Packaging.



THROUGH 2 EYES TOUR 6/24/2022

Circular Indiana staff took part in a Through2Eyes tour of Indiana Avenue and learned about how the Black community thrived in the area and how things have changed over time.



GET ON BOARD, NEWFIELDS 6/28/2022

Cortnee and Board Members Lindsay McGuire and Pam Francis spent the evening chatting with prospective volunteers at Leadership Indianapolis's Get on Board Event.



EARTH CHARTER INDIANA 7/11/2022

Marla Cherney presented to Earth Charter Indiana's School Garden Liaison Initiative. The program trains youth on subjects like environmental justice, climate science, and civic engagement.



CASCADE TOUR 7/14/2022

Allyson and Cortnee toured Cascade Asset Management's Indianapolis facility & learned about the connection between the asset disposition process and the circular economy.



KAISER ALUMINUM TOUR 7/15/2022

Allyson and Cortnee visited the Kaiser Aluminum facility in Newburgh, and toured the facility to witness aluminum recycling in action.

CIRCULAR INDIANA IN THE NEWS



CHARITABLE ADVISORS PODCAST 6/23/2002

Allyson Mitchell was a guest on the Non-Profit-News podcast titled "More than Recycling: Changing our identity to Circular Indiana"

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HERE](#)

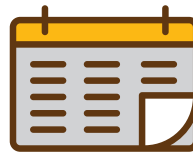
FREE ONLINE WEBINAR

6:30 | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31



- Hosted by Carbon Neutral Indiana "Opportunities in Indiana's Emerging Climate Economy"
- Every challenge is an opportunity. Titanic investment is flowing to next generation companies in clean energy, agriculture, transportation, and manufacturing. What opportunities exist for Indiana?
- Circular Indiana's Allyson Mitchell is one of 5 featured panelists at the event. Presentations by panelists to be followed by small, interactive breakout groups.
- 25 attendees will get a free copy of the book Carbon Neutral Indiana: A Practical Guide To Climate Optimism (or refunded if they've already pre-ordered).

[REGISTER HERE](#)



WEBINARS & UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 10 | Webinar

NextCycle: A Model for Recycling Market Development Webinar
2:00-3:30P EDT

[DETAILS
HERE](#)

AUGUST 15-17 | Austin, Texas

Resource Recycling Conference

[DETAILS
HERE](#)

AUGUST 31 | Webinar

Opportunities in Indiana's Emerging Climate Economy (Free)
6:30-7:30P EDT

[DETAILS
HERE](#)

SEPTEMBER 1 | Webinar

IDEM / Central Indiana Waste Diversion Pilot Project
11:00A-12:00P EDT

[DETAILS
HERE](#)

SEPTEMBER 27 | Online

IDEM / Quarterly Recycling Roundtable Discussion with a focus on recycling education & outreach
2:00-4:00P EDT

[DETAILS
HERE](#)

NOV 30 - DEC 1 | Online

National Zero Waste Conference
8:00A-5:00P PST / 11:00A-8:00P EST

[DETAILS
HERE](#)

SUPPORT CIRCULAR INDIANA



GIVE

There is a lot of opportunity in Indiana to rethink our relationship with materials, improve recycling, and strengthen our circular economy. Circular Indiana is leading the way and we need your help to continue making progress on our mission.

Make a donation today.



JOIN

Connect to a statewide community of organizations and individuals dedicated to eliminating waste and creating a more circular economy. By joining, you are supporting us in strengthening Indiana's circular economy.

Become a member today.



SPONSOR

Throughout our Commodities Education Effort, you have seen the great work of our partners and sponsors featured. Support our education efforts and share your organization's role in, or passion for, the circular economy.

Become a sponsor today.

Email Cortnee Yarbrough (cortnee@circularindiana.org) with any questions.



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