



Rain, Rain...Go Away!

Thank goodness this is an electronic newsletter; otherwise I'd need a few empty glass bottles to float this message out across the soggy, flooded state of Indiana. We feel fortunate that this unprecedented weather pattern hasn't rained on our parade - our 2019 Conference events had perfect weather and we're celebrating big for our 30th Anniversary!

Many of you joined us for our 30th Annual Conference in Indianapolis recently, but if you missed it, here's a few of the exciting things coming up we announced at the event:

- We launched our 30th Anniversary Celebration campaign, unveiled the celebration logo, jump-started our \$30,000 fundraising goal, shared our plans to highlight 30 Recycling Rockstars, and unleashed the #IRCTurns30 for your tweeting, posting, and 'gramming pleasure over the next year;
- We announced our WHIN Regional Cultivation Fund grant award and partnership with Purdue University, several solid waste management districts in NW Indiana, IDEM, the Recycling Partnership;
- We shared the results of the Master Recycler Program survey - a big thank you to everyone who shared their feedback; and
- We announced the Indianapolis Recycling Initiative, the IRC's commitment to help the City of Indianapolis address its decades-long recycling challenges!

I look forward to continuing our celebration all year - until next year's Conference in June 2020 - and hearing from you on ways the IRC has inspired your world over the last 30 years! In the meantime, stay dry....and keep the wellies and umbrella handy!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Allyson Mitchell'.

Allyson Mitchell

Executive Director



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

The IRC is pleased to announce that our 30th Annual Conference and Trade Show, held June 10-12, 2019 at the Marriott East Hotel in Indianapolis, was an overwhelming success! The Conference was attended by over 280 recycling stakeholders representing a variety of fields and expertise in waste reduction. Over the

course of three jam-packed days of informative sessions, conference attendees learned about the latest developments, market conditions, model programs and best practices, and local success stories in the waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting industries. Waste professionals, local and state government representatives, community leaders, educators, students, and business owners from all backgrounds formed new connections through the Conference's multiple networking opportunities.

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



30TH ANNIVERSARY *Launch*

THE IRC IS TURNING 30!

During our 30th Annual Conference in mid-June, we launched a [30th Anniversary Celebration Campaign](#), which aims to celebrate the past, present, and future of the organization by recognizing key leaders, sharing member's stories of impact, and raising funds to fuel its mission of working together to strengthen the circular economy in Indiana.

To celebrate our past, the IRC will be selecting 30 individuals who have shaped, influenced, or otherwise positively impacted the Indiana Recycling Coalition over its 30 years. Stay tuned for an opportunity to nominate someone you think is a **Recycling Rockstar!**

To celebrate our present, **we've set a fundraising goal of \$30,000 to achieve by June 2020.** Our 2019 Conference attendees set us off on strong footing toward that goal by helping us raise nearly \$3,000 in just a few days! You can donate anytime by **texting** the word **RECYCLE** to **444999**. You can also donate by clicking [here](#). Your donation is tax deductible and we'll send you a confirmation via email.

To celebrate our future, we'll be adding special touches to our 2020 Annual Conference,

including a celebration event at a swanky location. Stay tuned to our website and social media for more exciting details!

Looking for another way to help us celebrate? Get social with us and use the **#IRCTurns30!** How has the Indiana Recycling Coalition inspired your world - past, present, or future? Post a photo to social media, sharing your perspective on how the IRC makes a positive impact in the state of Indiana, in your community or organization, or in your life. Use the hashtag **#IRCTurns30** and tag **@INRecycling!** We'll collect and share your stories throughout our year-long celebration!

FEATURED *Programs*



GOT YOUR PLATE?

**MASTER
Recycler
PROGRAM**

QUICK SURVEY



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HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 500 LICENSE PLATES ON THE ROAD!

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](#).

MASTER Recycler PROGRAM



The IRC is 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! THANK YOU!



INDIANA FOOD SCRAP INITIATIVE

Stakeholder Meeting Recap

The June 12 IFSI Stakeholder Meeting was a blast! The meeting was jam-packed with 70 stakeholders who heard 8 informative presentations on creative food waste reduction programs, practices, recovery technologies, and Indiana-specific food waste composting, reduction, and rescue data. Presentations, attendee list, and agenda can be found [here](#).

This Indiana Food Scrap Initiative Stakeholder Meeting was the culmination of a Food Waste Focus Day at the Indiana Recycling Coalition's Annual Waste Reduction Conference. Other topics covered included *Closing the Loop on Compostable Serviceware and Food Waste, Farming, & Education*. Presentations available [here](#).

New Web Resources!

IFSI stakeholders compiled a series of new web page resources - take a look & please share!

- [Food Waste Reduction](#)
- [Food Rescue](#)
- [Food Waste Composting](#)

Stay in Touch

- Like [IFSI's Facebook Page](#) for daily updates on food waste news in Indiana!
- IFSI has a new [Instagram!](#)
- Receive IFSI's quarterly newsletters

Join a Strategy Group

IFSI Strategy Group Meetings are held monthly at the IRC office in Indianapolis and via conference call. Please get in touch with the following group leaders if you'd like be a part of the food waste solutions for Indiana!

- Source Reduction Strategy Group Leader: [Julia Spangler](#) | Sustainable Events Consultant
- Food Rescue Strategy Group Leader: [Becca Koetz](#) | Purdue Extension
- Food Waste Composting Strategy Group Leader: [Emily Jackson](#) | Indiana Recycling Coalition

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TO ELIMINATE
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