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City of Whiting Named 2013 IACT Green Community of the Year

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) announced that Whiting is a **2013 IACT Green Community of the Year.** Whiting will receive its award during an Annual Awards Luncheon, Oct. 7, at noon during the 2013 IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in Indianapolis.

IACT launched the Green Communities Initiative in 2008 to identify potential cost savings to communities facing budget shortfalls, promote economically competitive quality of life concepts, and ultimately serve as role models for citizens while better protecting our environment. The initiative will expand educational opportunities for municipalities and create a consolidated clearinghouse of data and programs that can be accessed by municipalities.

Whiting had to fill out a 49-question survey in the areas of purchasing, operations, measuring success, and sample projects. Not only did the city meet the minimum score required to be a **Green Community**, but ranked highest among other communities its size. The city's exemplary efforts in the area of green programs earned them the **2013 IACT Green Community of the Year** award in the 5,000 – 9,999 population category. This is the City's fourth consecutive **IACT Green Community of the Year** designation.



The IACT Annual Conference and Exhibition is open to media who may attend the Awards Luncheon, opening and closing business sessions. Please request a media credential at the IACT registration desk in the White River Foyer of the JW Marriott. Media must be credentialed before entering conference events.

2013 Green Community of the Year Award Winners:

Evansville, Westfield, Whiting

IACT Green Communities Designation Recipients:

Carmel, Cicero, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Westfield, Whiting

Conference Facts:

2013 IACT Annual Conference and Exhibition October 6-8, 2013 JW Marriott, Indianapolis

Further information: www.citiesandtowns.org

The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) is a coalition of municipal officials who seek to improve the quality of life in Indiana through effective government, and is a member of the National League of Cities. Founded in 1891, IACT is one of the oldest state municipal organizations in the country, with 470 cities and towns as members. IACT advocates for municipalities as the official voice of municipal government in Indiana, and promotes good government through education, training and leadership.