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Whiting Honored with Community Achievement Award

FRENCH LICK, IN. – The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) announced the City of Whiting has been named a **2015 IACT Community Achievement Award** winner for its Lakefront Park Redevelopment Project in the 4,000-10,000 population category. The City will receive its award during the IACT Annual Awards Luncheon presented by Umbaugh, Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the 2015 IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in French Lick.

Whiting's Mayor Joseph Stahura realized the City's underutilized and underdeveloped lakefront could be a major asset to the community and set out to transform the 26-acre park. The Whiting Lakefront Redevelopment Plan was adopted in October 2009 and most of the construction was completed by 2015. The infrastructure includes a new, interconnected two-tiered promenade, new nature area and gazebo event center, new parking areas and renovation of all existing facilities, including Whihala Beach pathways and the boat harbor. Whiting recognizes this plan as one of their greatest achievements having enhanced the quality of life in their community, brought the community closer together, revitalized its appeal and reputation and set the stage for economic development opportunities for generations to come.

"All across Indiana there are impressive examples of small communities achieving big things. Whiting, is a shining example of a city maximizing its strengths and repelling any doubt about what can be accomplished when a community pulls together. Whether it's the riverfront development, amazing baseball stadium, Mascot Hall of Fame or the many festivals, parades and civic events, Whiting is finding ways to continually put itself on the map," said IACT Executive Director and CEO Matt Greller.

In its 39th year, the IACT Annual Awards program, presented by Umbaugh, recognizes communities and individuals in municipal government for excellence and outstanding achievement. A nine-member panel of qualified judges selected this year's winners from a competitive field of nominees from around the state.

Media are welcome to attend the awards luncheon. Please notify Jennifer Simmons (jsimmons@citiesandtowns.org) at your earliest convenience to secure a media credential.



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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.

Conference Facts:

2015 IACT Annual Conference and Exhibition

September 29 – October 1

French Lick Hotel and Conference Center

Attendance: 800 (pending final registration count)

Further information: www.citiesandtowns.org