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- Improving water quality by moving thousands of residents from septic systems to sanitary sewers

**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**
- Increasing public recycling by adding plastics #3 - #7 to curbside and drop-off recycling and more than doubling curbside
- Providing curbside, drop-off, eCycle and hazardous waste recycling options
- Providing recycling programs at over 100 City facilities

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www.indy.gov/SustainIndy

ENERGY AND EMISSIONS
- Upgrading City facilities for energy efficiency and water conservation
- Retrofitting traffic signals and replacing signal inserts with light-emitting diode (LED) lights
- Increasing business participation in the City's clean air program, Central Indiana Clean Air Partnership (CICAP)
- Educating children about air quality through the City's Air Schmair school program

QUALITY OF LIFE
- Increasing bike-lane miles from less than a mile in 2008 to over 63 miles by the end of 2011
- Making vacant properties available for urban gardens

In the past year alone, Indianapolis has been named:
- Green Community of the Year by Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT)
- Top 25 Cities with the most ENERGY STAR labeled buildings by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- In the top-50 bike-friendly cities by Bicycling Magazine
- A League of American Bicyclists Bronze Level Bike-Friendly Community
- Greater Indiana Clean Cities Coalition Stakeholder, Hybrid Category Award

For a comprehensive look at the City's accomplishments towards sustainability, visit www.sustainindy.org to read the Sustainability Report to Our Community released in April 2011.

GREEN BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT
- Reducing permitting costs through the City's Green Building Incentive Program
- Cleaning up contaminated brownfield sites for redevelopment
- Doubling the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certified buildings
- Promoting the City's first building seeking LEED Platinum certification constructed in Indianapolis as a model