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MAYOR BALLARD KICKS OFF GREEN WEEK WITH PLAY DAY AT INDY PARKS

INDIANAPOLIS – (October 13, 2008) Mayor Greg Ballard today kicked off a week of events detailing initiatives for “going green” during Play Day at Rhodius Park.

Mayor Ballard presented green materials Indy Parks will utilize on its playgrounds and other properties that are both environmentally friendly and represent cost savings to the department.

The recycled rubber tiles in use on the playground surface of Rhodius Park will eventually be placed in all of Indy Parks’ playgrounds. Mayor Ballard also presented wood fiber material the department is working to get certified that will immediately replace the surface material at the playgrounds.

“The specially processed wood fiber material represents a potential cost-savings of more than $200,000 and a sustained cost-savings over time,” Mayor Ballard said. “These recycled and reusable materials are the future of Indy Parks. They not only provide a high standard of safety for the children who play on it, but they are guaranteed to last a long time.”

The hands-on event also featured a sample of the RCA Dome roof fabric. This durable material will be used in parks as funbrellas and shelter canopies.

Indy Parks Director Stuart Lowry, IPS William Penn Elementary School No. 49 Principal Rhonda Akers and Rhodius Park Manager Damon Donaldson joined Mayor Ballard in making the announcement at Rhodius Park, 1720 W. Wilkins St.

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