PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 6, 2009

Media Contact:
Jen Pittman
Deputy Director of Communications
Office of the Mayor
E-mail: jpittman@indy.gov
Office: 317-327-5799
Cell: 317-601-7152

MAYOR RELEASES FIRST SUSTAINABILITY REPORT,
CALLS FOR ENTRIES FOR CITY’S FIRST SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

INDIANAPOLIS -- Mayor Greg Ballard released today the first City of Indianapolis Sustainability Report detailing the impact of the Office of Sustainability in its first year.

The report, available at www.sustainindy.org, provides an overview of changes that have taken place in Indianapolis to create a more sustainable city, including green infrastructure projects, on-street bike lanes and initiatives to encourage private-sector green development.

“One year after creating the Office of Sustainability, our intense focus on being good stewards of both taxpayer dollars and the environment is paying off in tangible ways throughout Marion County,” said Mayor Ballard. “The Indianapolis Sustainability Report provides a snapshot of where we are now, but the final picture of a sustainable Indianapolis is far from complete. We continue to work diligently to develop strategic public-private partnerships and to lead by example by making our city-owned buildings and operations more energy efficient.”

Highlights from the previous year include:

Water and Land
- Construction of Fall Creek Pilot Separation Project

Solid Waste and Recycling
- 17 new pedestrian recycling bins installed

Energy and Emissions
- 89 hybrid vehicles added to city fleet

Green Building and Development
- 6 LEED certified buildings in Indianapolis

Quality of Life
- 14 miles of on-street bike lanes added

-More-
In addition to releasing the City’s first Sustainability Report, the Mayor also announced the first Sustainability Awards to be held in January 2010 to recognize partners in the City’s efforts. The call for entries begins today. Applications are available at www.sustainindy.org.

“Public-private partnerships have been the key to many of our early sustainability initiatives, and it's important that we recognize the innovative, green concepts and projects being developed throughout our community,” said Mayor Ballard.

###