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INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF CITIES AND TOWNS DESIGNATES INDIANAPOLIS A GREEN COMMUNITY

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) announced today Indianapolis has been named an IACT Green Community. The City of Indianapolis will receive its designation during an Annual Awards Luncheon, Monday, October 5, at noon during the 2009 IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in French Lick, IN.

“One of the goals of my administration is to make Indianapolis one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest,” said Mayor Greg Ballard. “Since establishing the Office of Sustainability in October 2008, we have been working hard to find new ways for the city to conserve energy and to educate both residents and business owners about the importance of a truly sustainable city and I’m very proud that we have been recognized for those efforts.”

IACT launched the Green Communities Initiative to recognize communities that are implementing cost savings and promoting sustainable, economically competitive quality of life concepts, despite facing budget shortfalls. As an IACT Green Community, Indianapolis will be part of a program designed to expand educational opportunities for municipalities and create a consolidated clearinghouse of data and programs that can be accessed by cities and towns throughout the state.

“We are truly excited to be recognized as an IACT Green Community,” said Kären Haley, Director of the City of Indianapolis Office of Sustainability. “This designation not only recognizes that City government is committed creating a sustainable city, but it also is a testament to our citizens who are doing their part to help make us one of the most sustainable city’s in the Midwest.”

To be recognized as an IACT Green Community, Indianapolis had to demonstrate commitment to sustainability and cost savings in the areas of purchasing, operations, measuring success, and sample projects.

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