

THE CITY OF
HOBART

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City of Hobart Recognized as Indiana Clean Community

HOBART, IN – The City of Hobart has officially been recognized as an Indiana Clean Community by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Mayor Josh Huddlestun accepted the commemorative flag and signage from IDEM representatives during a ceremony held Wednesday, June 4, at Hobart City Hall.

“We are thrilled to welcome Hobart to the Clean Community Program,” said IDEM Commissioner Clint Woods. “Achieving ‘Clean Community’ status demonstrates the city’s strong commitment to environmental stewardship by both its leaders and residents. I congratulate Hobart on earning this recognition and look forward to seeing their progress toward silver and gold-tier awards in the future.”

Hobart’s recognition reflects a multi-year effort to align city operations with sustainability goals—supported by leadership, planning, and participation across departments.

“We are proud to join the ranks of Indiana’s Clean Communities,” said Mayor Huddlestun. “This designation reflects the City of Hobart’s long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship, community wellness, and responsible growth. We appreciate IDEM’s partnership and look forward to building on this momentum as we work toward a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future for Hobart.”

The recognition marks a key milestone in the city’s sustainability efforts, led by the Hobart’s Urban Planner & Sustainability Director, Jillian Burton.

“Hobart’s newest designation as an IDEM Clean Community demonstrates that the City is proactively addressing environmental concerns and willingly investing in sustainable practices,” said Burton. “More importantly, it’s a public declaration of our long-term commitment to sustainability. The Clean Community designation encourages continuous improvement and goal-setting across all City departments. Our participation in this program shows that, as a community, we are committed to environmental leadership, sustainability, and civic pride.”

The Indiana Clean Community Program supports and recognizes municipalities that take a proactive approach to improving quality of life and addressing environmental priorities through sustainable planning. Hobart becomes the tenth municipality to earn the designation, joining other Clean Communities such as Evansville, Fishers, Richmond, and Merrillville.

Images from the event will be shared on the City’s official platforms. The Clean Community flag and signage will be displayed at Hobart City Hall and featured at future environmental and civic events. Window clings representing Hobart’s Bronze-level status will also be posted at participating City facilities.

About the Indiana Clean Community Program:

Established by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in the early 2000s, the Clean Community Program (previously called the Clean Community Challenge) recognizes Indiana counties, cities and towns that take a proactive, positive approach towards ensuring a better quality of life for all Hoosiers and a healthy economy by working to address community and social issues through sustainable environmental and wellness projects. Detailed information is available at on.IN.gov/cleancommunity.

About IDEM:

IDEM (idem.IN.gov) implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens to protect Hoosiers and the environment.

About the City of Hobart:

The City of Hobart is located in Lake County, Indiana, approximately 35 miles southeast of Chicago. With a population nearing 30,000, Hobart is part of the Northwest Indiana region and serves as a hub for regional commerce, historic preservation, and community recreation. Hobart is home to one of Indiana’s largest retail corridors, a revitalized downtown district, and an expanding network of parks and trails. Hobart continues to prioritize public safety, infrastructure modernization, and sustainable community planning. Learn more at cityofhobart.org.