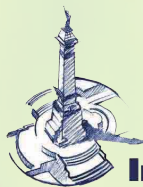




OUR MISSION

is to unite people to build community and transform public spaces through aesthetic and environmental improvement.

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WHAT?

Since 1995, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc., in partnership with Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IPL) and the City of Indianapolis, has helped neighborhoods, schools, churches, and other community-based organizations create beautiful places from vacant lots, old parking lots, medians, or little used areas. Often, these sites are neglected and overgrown—inviting littering, illegal dumping, or worse! These little-used, undervalued, or detrimental places are transformed into community assets—green and beautiful places that build community, encourage community pride, and add value to neighborhoods across Indianapolis.

- ☀ *Pocket Parks*
- ☀ *Gateways*
- ☀ *Environmental Plantings*
- ☀ *Community Gardens*
- ☀ *Other greenspace projects*

HOW It Works

Our grants are “project management” grants, meaning that we bring the plant material, tools, and project management expertise to the project, the applicant brings volunteers to do the work, provides lunch, and so forth. The key thing we look for in the application is a maintenance plan, who and how will you take care of the plantings once KIB is done helping you bring your vision to life? Projects with a strong maintenance plan will win out over the competition to receive a grant.

HOW To Apply:

Are YOU interested in creating a pocket park, community garden or greenspace in your neighborhood? The following steps can help your neighborhood get started in creating a beautiful oasis of green for all to enjoy!

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SECURE Community Commitment

One person cannot do this alone! The more inclusive the decision-making, the more successful your park or garden will be. Start talking to as many neighbors as possible and secure them to help you throughout the process.

Think about those in your neighborhood. Is there someone who is an expert gardener, someone who knows what’s going on every block or someone that can let you use their spigot for water? Seek these people out and get them involved. Remember this is a long-term commitment!

CONVENE A Steering Committee

Just as you cannot do it alone, you also need leadership for your project. One of the best ways to accomplish this is to create a committee with delegated responsibilities in terms of planning for and working on the project. The steering committee will need a chair/leader who has the ability to facilitate, network and be diplomatic and decisive.

CHOOSE A Site

Think about how you would like to use the site. What kinds of improvements do you need to make to achieve your goal? Keep in mind how much your neighborhood can realistically take on in terms of the creation and maintenance of your plan and make sure the space suits your expectations. Determine the ownership of the current site and how to get permission for use of the space. If you are unsure of who owns the land and how to get permission for your use, you can work with your Township Assessor to determine this information.

