



Indiana County Sustainable Economic Development Task Force Monthly Newsletter

Indiana Borough Reaches Gold Certification!!!

The PA State Association of Boroughs recently recognized Indiana Borough for its achievement of reaching Gold status in the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program. Indiana's Gold Certification was first announced to the public on August 19th, 2018 by the Indiana Gazette. On the anniversary of this achievement, the PA State Association of Boroughs interviewed Indiana Borough staff members Kyle Mudry, Communications & Grant Coordinator, and Nick Zimny-Shea, Planning & Zoning Official for the June edition of the Borough News Magazine. Indiana Borough is only 15 points away from its goal of earning a Platinum Certification, the highest certification attainable. This would put them on par with communities such as Pittsburgh, Lancaster, and State College.



To see if your community is certified, how to become certified, or to view Indiana Borough's certification assessment, go to: <http://www.sustainablepacommunitycertification.org/>

For more information, view our web article at:

<http://sustainableindianacounty.org/indiana-borough-reaches-gold-certification/>.

Date Changed for Summit III: Now October 4th

The Summit III has been moved to Friday, October 4th as the original date coincided with the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Opening of The Ghost Town Trail. Summit III will be held in the Grove Side Room at the Rustic Lodge. The theme has been decided on as *Reinventing Rural America*.

If you would like to nominate someone to speak or present at the event, please email Molly Sarver at m.sarver.icopd@gmail.com.

For updates on information for Summit III, visit <http://sustainableindianacounty.org/events/>.

Mine Reclamation Act Set to Expire in 2021

On Tuesday, June 18 2019, the Indiana County Sustainable Economic Development Task Force voted to pass a resolution demonstrating their support of the reauthorization of the Surface Mining Control & Reclamation Act, or SMCRA. This Act, originally passed in 1977, provides money to reclaim abandoned mine lands and treat discharges from mining that occurred before 1977. SMCRA was reauthorized in 2006, and is set to expire in 2021. These funds are vital to stream restoration efforts, such as the Blacklick Creek Treatment Plant Project near Vintondale, which is why organizations like the Evergreen Conservancy and the Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation are advocating for its reauthorization. The Indiana Borough Council also passed a resolution demonstrating their support of the act.

For more information on abandoned mine lands, go to: www.ourworksnotdone.org.

To learn about the 2006 SMCRA Reauthorization, visit: <http://www.wpcamr.org/projects/smcrareauth/>

25th Anniversary Celebration of the Opening of The Ghost Town Trail

What: Ghost Town Trail's 25th Anniversary
When: Friday, September 27th 2019 @ 1pm
Where: Eliza Furnace in Vintondale, PA

Indiana County Parks and Trails, Cambria County Conservation and Recreation Authority, and the Cambria and Indiana Trail Council are presenting a ceremony on September 27th at 1pm located at the Eliza Furnace in Vintondale, PA to celebrate the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Opening of the Ghost Town Trail.



Happy Independence Day!



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