

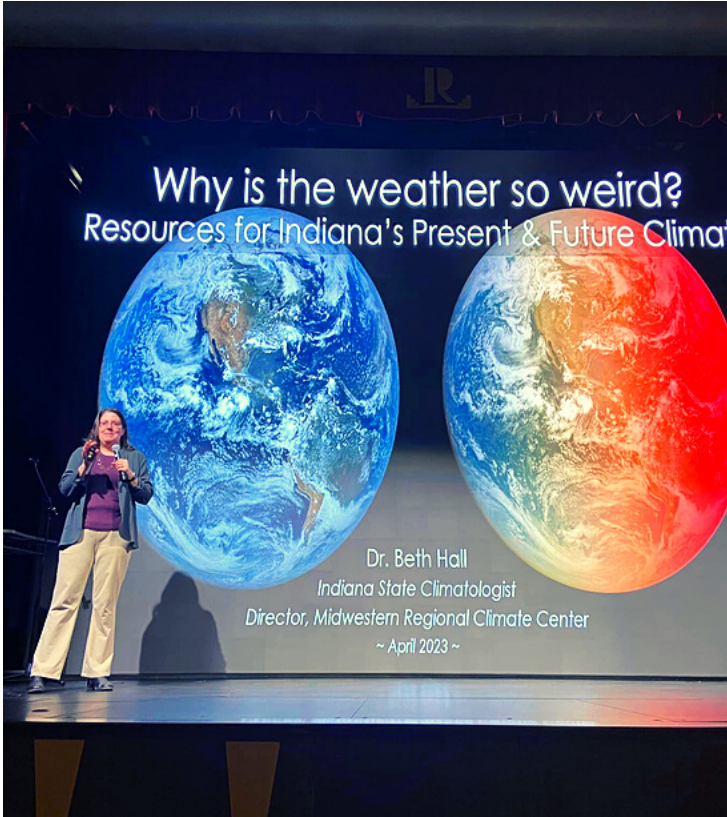


Recycling the Present,  
Preserving the Future

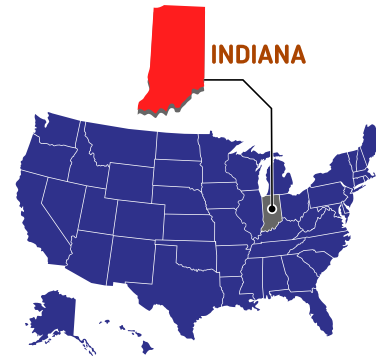
# ANNUAL REPORT

2023-  
2024

Promoting resource conservation ♻️ Protecting the environment ♻️ Preparing Marshall County for a sustainable future through education and demonstration



# 2023 DEPOT RECYCLING BY THE NUMBERS



Materials We Collect	2023 Weights
Ferrous metal	23 tons
Glass	12 tons
Fiber (paper & cardboard)	146 tons
Plastic film & Styrofoam	8 tons
Co-mingled recycling (metal, plastic)	35 tons
Tires	36 tons
Batteries and scrap	6 tons
Light bulbs	4 tons
Electronics	45 tons
Household hazardous materials	10 tons

## Where Do Our Recyclables Go?

Marshall County recyclables are collected and processed in the United States. Most of the materials we collect at the Depot are recycled and sold as feedstocks to manufacturers in Indiana, becoming new paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, tires, plastic bags, glass bottles, and steel products. The Styrofoam we collect becomes new insulation in Canada.

Hazardous materials such as light bulbs, batteries, and electronics are also recyclable, yielding valuable elements such as lithium, mercury, cadmium, gold, silver, and nickel.

*Why recycle?* Recycling conserves natural resources and reduces the air pollution and carbon emissions created when we recover virgin materials from the ground. It also creates jobs for other Hoosiers--10 recycling jobs for every 1 job in waste management.



**In 2023, 4,170 residents dropped off their household hazardous waste at the Depot. Thank you, Marshall County!**

Cover page photos, clockwise: Educator River Watson gives away saplings on Earth Day; members of *La Voz Unida* group clean up litter for Earth Month; Haz. Mat. Specialist Tim Eads sorts pesticides in the Depot; Dir. Marianne Peters and Depot customer Ociel Jaimes; Bookkeeper Lynnette Niles keeps us on track; Children hold worms during a composting program; Lake of the Woods residents do a spring clean up with the Depot Community Clean-Up Trailer; State Climatologist Beth Hall informs county residents about climate change in Indiana at the Rees Theatre.



# DISTRICT FINANCIAL REVIEW

## Revenue Sources

The District is funded by Marshall County property tax and CVET revenues. We received \$19,633 in recycling rebates.

## Marshall County Solid Waste Management Board of Directors

- Jim Masterson, County Council - Board President
- Shiloh Milner, Plymouth City Council - Vice President
- Mike Burroughs, County Commissioner
- Keith Fraine, Bremen Town Manager
- Stan Klotz, County Commissioner
- Robert Listenberger, Mayor of Plymouth
- Kevin Overmyer, County Commissioner

## Grant Funds Awarded in 2023

- \$18,444.00 - IN Dept. of Environmental Management for Transform Tomorrow Education Campaign
- \$5,000.00 - Marshall County Community Foundation for yard waste facility feasibility study

People tell us all the time that our Depot staff are really nice guys. But that's not all. They are specially trained to handle hazardous materials and run our equipment. They follow DOT, EPA, and OSHA rules to keep us all safe and also undergo CPR and bloodborne pathogens training (for handling sharps). Left to right: Joe Wagner (Haz Mat Specialist), Tim Eads (Haz Mat Specialist), Jim McGuigan (Warehouse Assistant).



2024 Budget Categories	Budgeted Amounts
Salaries & Wages	\$253,896.00
Liabilities & Benefits	\$87,400.00
Office & Warehouse Supplies	\$13,400.00
Accounting & Legal	\$1,700.00
Communication and Transportation	\$5,340.00
Print & Public Information	\$4,819.00
Liability	\$17,000.00
Utilities	\$17,900.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$7,400.00
Universal Waste Recycling	\$8,450.00
Commodity Recycling	\$9,400.00
Electronics Recycling	\$15,000.00
Tire Recycling	\$6,000.00
HHW Collection	\$25,700.00
Education & Training	\$5,700.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$483,155.00</b>

Funds as of 1/1/24	Expenditures	Revenues	Cash Balance
Operations	\$325,756.93	\$533,618.58	\$174,339.12
Rainy Day	\$100,000.00	\$10,811.30	\$492,584.57

# EDUCATION & OUTREACH

**Who:** Education Coordinator River Watson

**What:** Environmental education and outreach

- 50 in-person programs in 2023 (that's almost 1 a week!)
- 1,100 people reached - 700 of them students K-8th!
- Weekly Facebook and Instagram posts about the Depot and reducing, reusing, and recycling
- Coordinated annual Earth Day tree giveaway - 600 trees
- Coordinated 8 litter clean-ups, 80 bags of trash collected
- Helped plan our grant-winning outreach "Transform Tomorrow!"
- Created new STEM lessons to implement with K-12 students, including renewable energy and macroinvertebrates/water quality
- Featured on PBS show *Education Counts Michiana*

Want to learn about reducing, reusing, recycling or other environmental topics? All of our programs are free and flexible. Contact our office at 574-935-8618 to find out more or to speak to our educator about our offerings. Or check our our website to see class descriptions and more photos! [www.myrecycledepot.org](http://www.myrecycledepot.org)



Top: River does fieldwork with Ancilla/Marian college students; bottom, kids at Argos Library have fun learning about recycling.

RECYCLE DEPOT

# EARTH DAY EVENT

**SAVE THE DATE**

- Join us April 20th in celebration of Earth Day from 8:00AM-12:00NOON.
- Expect our annual **tree event** where 2-3 year old trees are given away per \$1 donation, donations made to trees.org.
- We will be having a sale on **rain barrels** and **compost bins**.
- Go behind the scenes with **Depot tours**.

**TREE OPTIONS**

Red Oak (100)	Button Bush (100)
Shagbark Hickory (100)	Bald Cypress (100)
River Birch (100)	Black Walnut (100)

**50% OFF**

**RAIN BARRELS AND COMPOST BINS**

**LOCATED**  
1900 Walter Glaub  
Dr Plymouth, IN

**Give us a call**  
574-935-8618

# Transform Tomorrow

When You Recycle

Marshall County  
**RECYCLE DEPOT**

[www.myrecycledepot.org](http://www.myrecycledepot.org)

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