



INDIANAPOLIS
PARKS FOUNDATION
BUILDING PARKS FOR *Life*
A CICF Partner

INDIANAPOLIS PARKS FOUNDATION FACT SHEET

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to enhance the recreational, educational, and cultural life of the Indianapolis community by encouraging and soliciting support for our city's parks system.

OUR VISION

Parks in Marion County will be quality spaces for all citizens to enjoy, thanks to the financial generosity of its people.

WHO WE ARE

THE INDIANAPOLIS PARKS FOUNDATION was created in 1991 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization to assist Indy Parks & Recreation in enhancing the recreational, educational and cultural life of the Indianapolis community through private contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations. Indianapolis Parks Foundation is governed by a volunteer board who give generously of their time, talent and financial resources.

WHAT WE DO

OUR ORGANIZATION SEEKS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

from individuals, corporations and grants to improve the 206 park properties throughout Marion County.

WHAT PARKS MEAN TO OUR COMMUNITY

PARKS, WOODS AND GREENWAYS ENGAGE THOUSANDS TO EXPLORE, DISCOVER AND EXPERIENCE MARION COUNTY. BUT PARKS DO MORE THAN THAT.



- **VISUAL** – Open spaces create an appealing environment that provides relief from built-up urban surroundings.
- **ECONOMIC** – Green spaces enhance a city's economic prospects by creating tourism, attracting reinvestment and corporations and increasing property values.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL** – Trees and other plants improve air quality, absorb storm water, provide natural habitats for wildlife and improve water quality.
- **SOCIAL** – Green spaces reduce crime, provide neighborhood-gathering places and promote a healthy lifestyle while improving the air and water.

2009–2011 FOCUS AREAS

- Greenways – neighborhood connectivity
- Outdoor play structures
- Program support, placing high priority on family and school programs

PARTNERSHIP WITH INDY PARKS & RECREATION

Indy Parks & Recreation is a government agency funded by tax dollars. The Indianapolis Parks Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that exists to secure additional funding from the private sector (individuals, corporations and foundations) for Indy Parks' projects and programs. Indianapolis Parks Foundation seeks funding for projects identified by Indy Parks as those with greatest need.



SHARE YOUR Passion Time Money

Indy Parks maintains and operates **207** park properties and **59** miles of greenway trails in Marion County. Every park and trail offers unique and inexpensive recreational opportunities for you and your family.

Since 2002 **233** acres of park land have been added to Indy Parks and recreation totaling over **11,000** acres in Marion County. As a percentage of overall land, the land in Indianapolis dedicated to parks is **4.8%**. The national average relative to cities our size is **9.9%**.

Annually, Marion County taxpayers spend **\$43** for our parks, compared with an average of **\$93** spent by eleven US cities of similar size.

WHY SUPPORT THE INDIANAPOLIS PARKS FOUNDATION?

Indy Parks and Recreation cannot build and maintain a world-class parks system on its own. private support is essential. With your support of time and/or money the Indianapolis Parks Foundation can provide resources to acquire green space, provide parks programs, capital improvements and maintenance needs.

HOW TO SUPPORT INDIANAPOLIS PARKS FOUNDATION

SHARE Your Passion

Indianapolis Parks Foundation is always looking for advocates to represent the organization. Passionate individuals who can raise awareness of the Indianapolis Parks Foundation and its relationship with Indy Parks and Recreation through involvement with elected city officials, other community groups and individuals are critical to the growth of the Foundation.

SHARE Your Time

Volunteer opportunities are available to assist the organization operationally, including:

- Board Service
- Committee Involvement
- IPL Mayor's Lunch for Parks

SHARE Your Money

Indianapolis Parks Foundation relies upon private donations from individuals, corporations and foundations to support park projects and programs. Since its inception, Indianapolis Parks Foundation supporters have contributed more than \$19 million toward park projects and programs.

You can choose to make your tax-deductible gift to the Indianapolis Parks Foundation in any of the following ways:

- Online Giving
- Cash Gifts
- Bequest
- Real Estate
- In-Kind Donations

