

Senator Lugar honors Students, Community for Putnam RISE Results

Senator Richard Lugar joined Greencastle Mayor Sue Murray and DePauw University President Brian Casey in recognizing Putnam RISE energy conservation and recycling student leaders.



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Connecting people and ideas for environmental solutions to strengthen our community, economy, culture and quality of life



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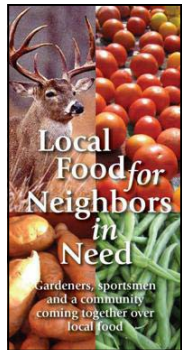
Our Story

Building on the momentum of sustainability results achieved by the City of Greencastle and Mayor Sue Murray, more than 100 citizens gathered in 2008-09 to offer a report of recommended environmental solutions for the community. A broad effort continues to bring those ideas to fruition.

Ongoing Projects:

Downtown Farmers' Market

Saturdays 8–12 a.m.
Courthouse Square
Grown, sewn and made locally.



Local Food for Neighbors in Need (hunger relief)

Program through which gardeners, farmers, and sportsmen harvest local food for distribution through participating social service agencies and church food pantries.

Community Garden

Located on the City Hall reserve parking site off Franklin Street.



Inspired Ideas

Whether harvesting local food for those in need or saving schools energy and money, our community is coming together to think creatively and achieve valuable outcomes.

The key is broad participation by individuals and organizations identifying shared interests and pursuing collaborative solutions.

Putnam RISE (www.putnamrise.org)

Putnam RISE (Renewal, Investment, Savings and Efficiency) is a broad partnership bringing energy savings and investments to schools, homes and businesses across Putnam County. Funded by the Putnam County Community Foundation and Vectren Foundation, 100 homes will receive free energy audits and 21 homes will get weatherized-for free. Among those 21 homes, one will be selected for a Green Home Makeover of more extensive energy efficiency upgrades and donated appliances and products.



Energy Challenge

Our RISE goal is 2,011 pledges from households to select from a menu of energy conservation steps to secure financial savings and win cash awards for their school corporations.



Meaningful Results

“In all my years in Greencastle, I have never seen a group of citizens respond like this.”
Jinsie Bingham,
Greencastle City Council

River Clean-up

Greencastle High School Students have cleaned a 5 mile stretch of the Big Walnut Creek adjacent to the DePauw Nature Center.



DePauw Move Out

DePauw University and community members combined to collect clothes, furniture, food, school supplies and

personal items when students move out in May. Over 40 families and organizations benefit from collecting valuables that have gone into the trash in the past.

Greencastle—Green Community of the Year

In 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, Greencastle was named the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) Green Community of the Year.

