



Anonymous Feedback & Community Engagement for 2025

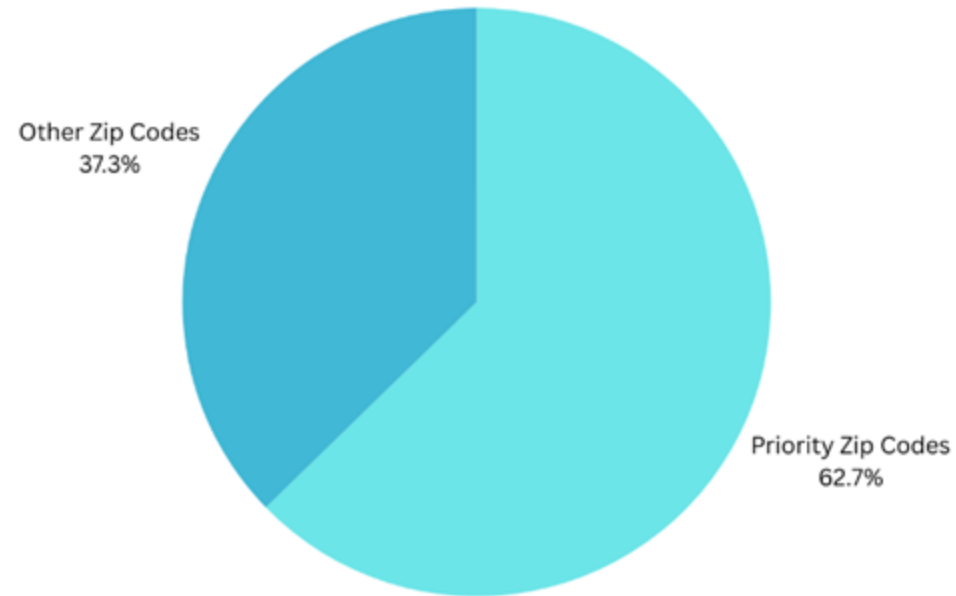
Indy's Thriving Neighbors Series

General Registrants Zip Codes

Indy's Thriving Neighbors Series Neighbor Participation from Priority Zip Codes

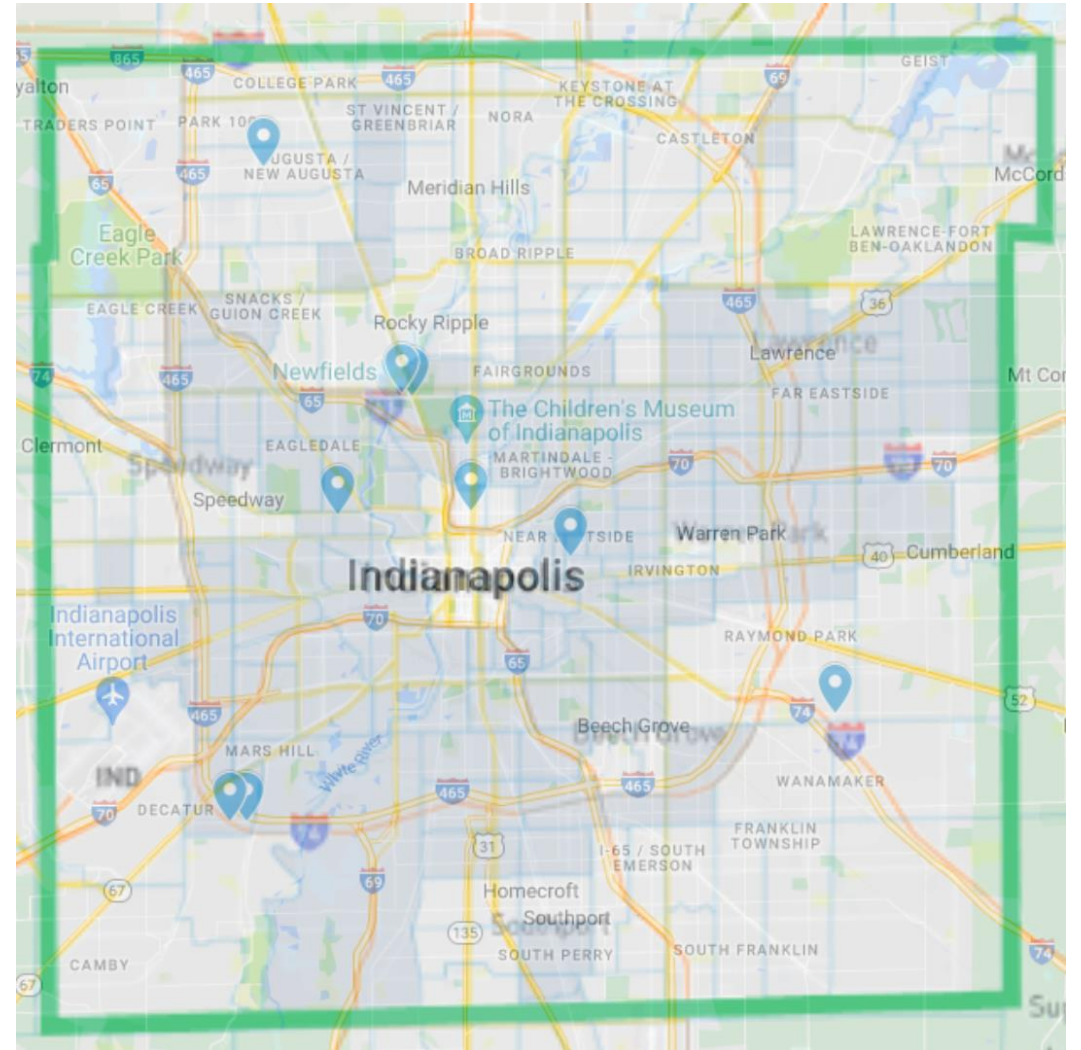
(Zip Codes aligning with J40 Census Tracts and surrounding the selected park locations)

46202, 46222, 46224, 46254, 46225, 46217, 46227, 46107,
46203, 46201, 46219, 46218, 46226, 46205, 46208, 46221



Zip Codes

- 13 feedback survey responses from Series attendees/registrants
- 11 included their Zip Code
- 1 was located outside Marion County
- Roughly 50% resided in J40 neighborhoods, the focus of the Series



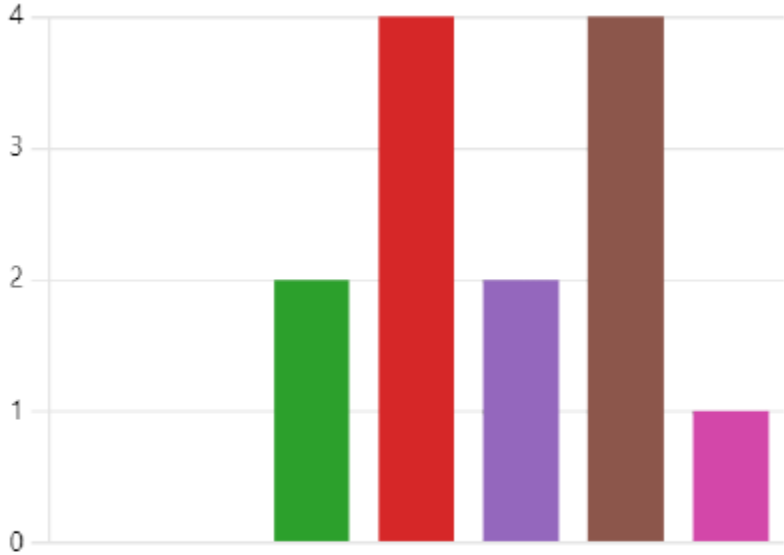
Racial/Ethnic Group

- 85% White
- 15% People of Color

Age

- Below 18
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 and over

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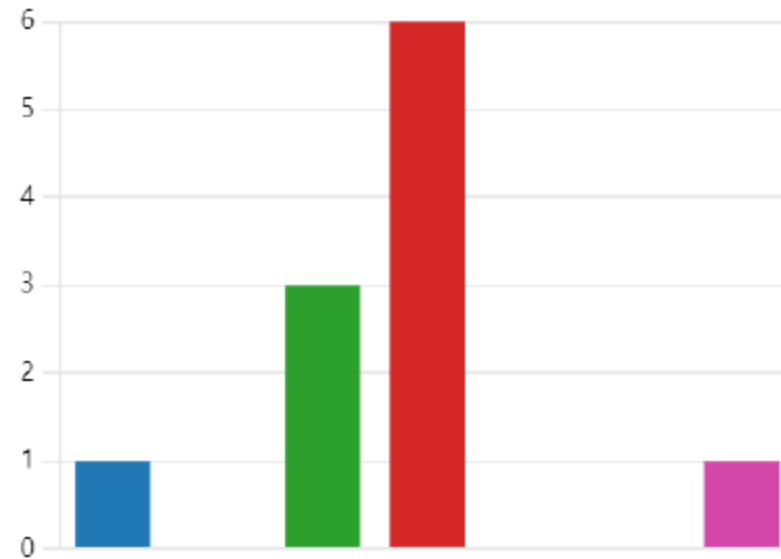
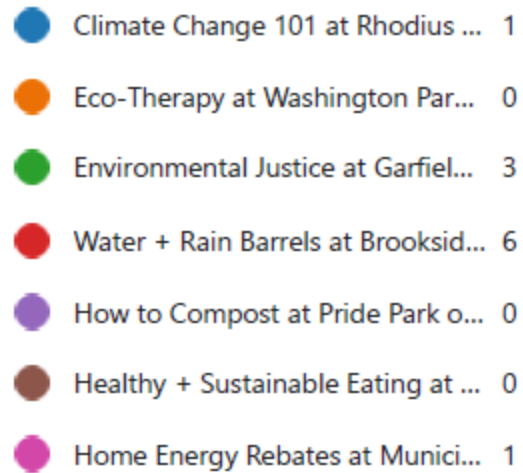


If you registered but could not attend, please share what kept you from attending:

3 responses

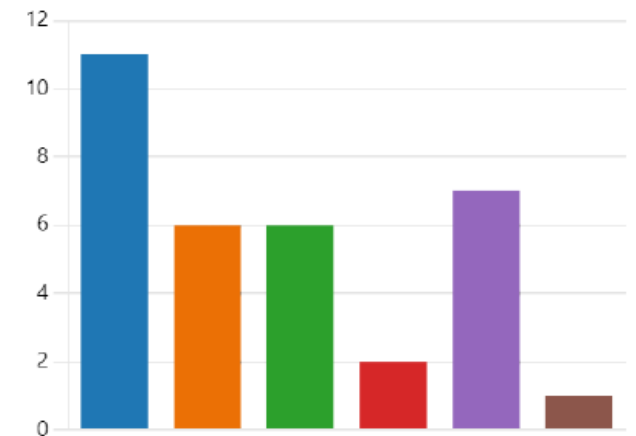
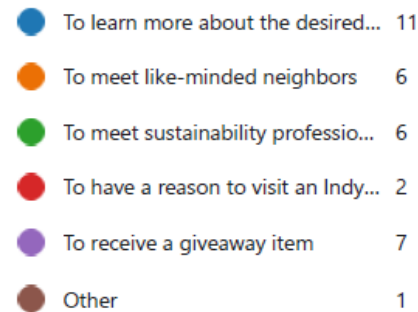
- Family health emergency that required out of state travel
- Illness
- Work conflict

Which workshop(s) did you attend?

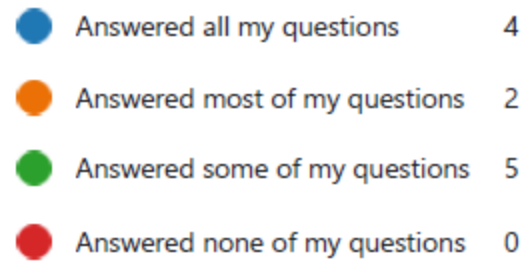


Why did you decide to register and/or attend a workshop?

- To learn more about the desired topic
- To meet like-minded neighbors
- To meet sustainability professionals in the area
- To have a reason to visit an Indy park
- To receive a giveaway item
- Other



Did the workshop answer all your related questions?



Did the workshop meet your expectations?



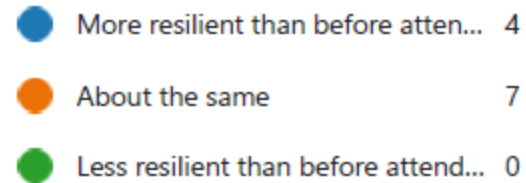
In what ways would you like to engage with the Indianapolis community around climate and sustainability in Indy Parks in the future?

- I'd like to volunteer. I'd like to learn all I can about sustainability.
- I would like to see some type of fair that brings kids into the conversation.
- More in-person events, less structured.
- Visit one of the few remaining wetlands in the area to witness biodiversity.
- Updates on legislation? For example, while attending the Home Energy Rebates, I learned about prior federal legislation, and current state legislation that could allow for more equitable home energy rebate opportunities. As concerned citizens, it's difficult to keep track of all the relevant climate and sustainability initiatives (federal, state, city, and private industry) that should be promoted within our individual spheres of influence.
- These in person workshops are a great way to bring people together. Topics are relatable AND replicable for a small scale homeowner. Would love to attend more of these and hoping you get the grant to make it happen. Possibly every season! (Fall: leaf litter benefits, gardening cold crops, winter: maple syrup collection, garden planning 101, energy efficiency)
- EV Ride & Drives

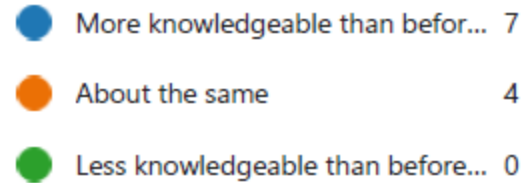
If this type of programming were to continue in the future, what format would you prefer?



How would you rate your level of climate resilience after attending the workshop?



How would you rate your sustainability knowledge after attending the workshop(s)?



Succession Plan: Community Engagement

- Work with Indy Parks team to include sustainability and climate justice organizations on RFPs for park programming.
- Create "Volunteer" section on Office of Sustainability's website to help connect people to local organizations.
- Encourage Eagle Creek Park managers to host "Wetland Tours" for locals who want to learn more about them.
- Continue to promote events and opportunities locally on social media and in newsletter to connect audience to existing community engagement – EV Ride & Drives, Earth Day Festival, the newly formed Indy Climate Club.
- Due to limited staff and resources, OOS needs to focus community engagement efforts on specific projects. Be sure to utilize Parks spaces for these engagements whenever possible. These will be more clear in 2025:
 - Far east side neighborhoods surrounding brightfield/community solar project on closed Juliette Landfill (Solar For All grant)
 - West side neighborhoods affected by EPA Superfund planning process updates
 - EV charging station locations from Charging & Fueling Infrastructure grant
- Encourage the relaunch of the Indy Parks Green Committee. OOS attend meetings to stay up to date on educational, engagement, and funding needs in parks related to sustainability and resilience.
- Encourage Indy Climate Club to hold some meetings at Indy Parks Family Centers.