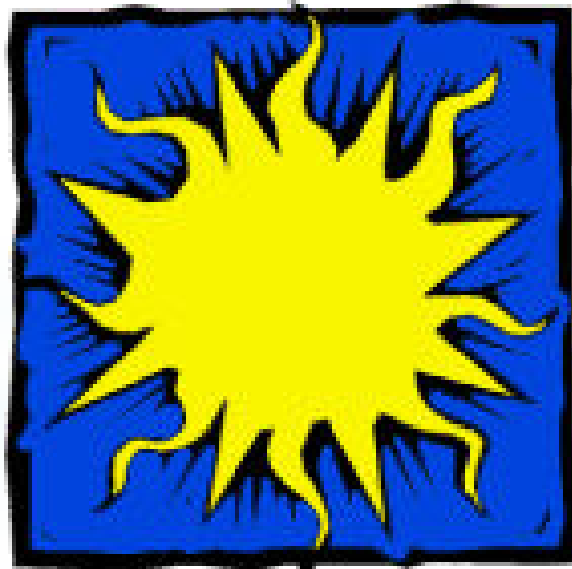


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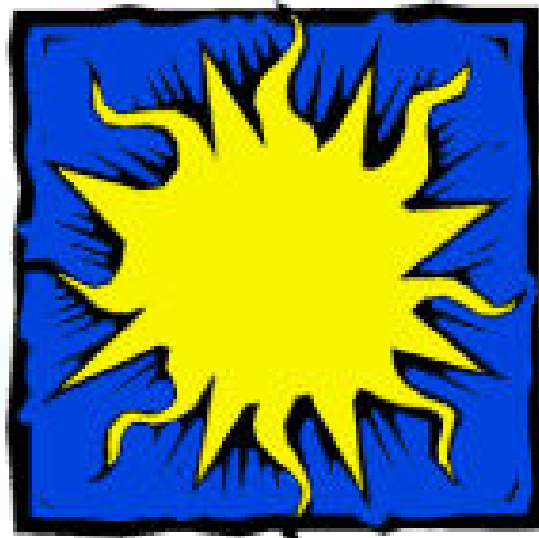
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# Mr. Charles Breitenfeldt, IDEM



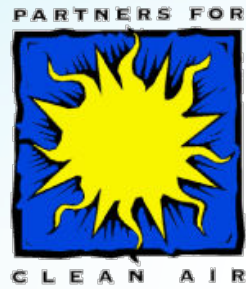
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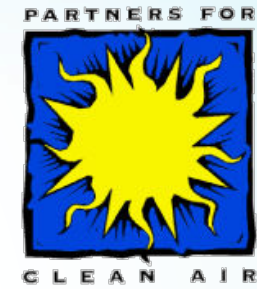


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# 2019 Partners for Clean Air Luncheon





# Michigan City's Conference on the Environment





# Partners for Clean Air Day at the RailCats



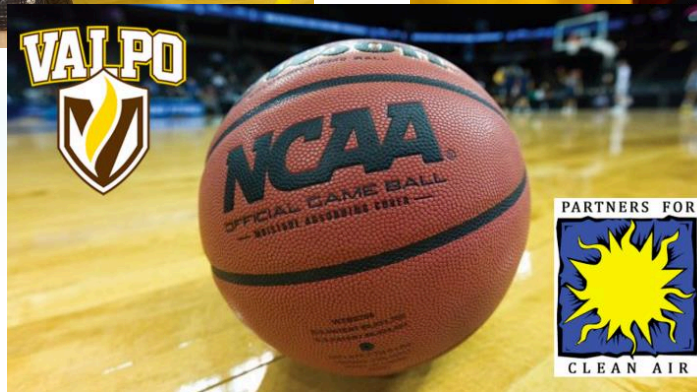


# South Shore Clean Cities Golf Outing





# Valparaiso University Men's Basketball Game



# 2020 South Shore Clean Cities Annual Business Meeting and Awards Presentation





# Partners for Clean Air Bike Giveaways



**Come cheer on the NWI  
Oilmen & enter for your  
chance to win two bikes  
during each game!**

<b>Friday Aug. 7</b>	<b>7:10 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday Aug. 9</b>	<b>4:10 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday Aug. 14</b>	<b>7:10 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday Aug. 16</b>	<b>4:10 p.m.</b>



# Bronze Level Members



# Silver Level Members

Hammond  
Port Authority



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# Gold Level Members

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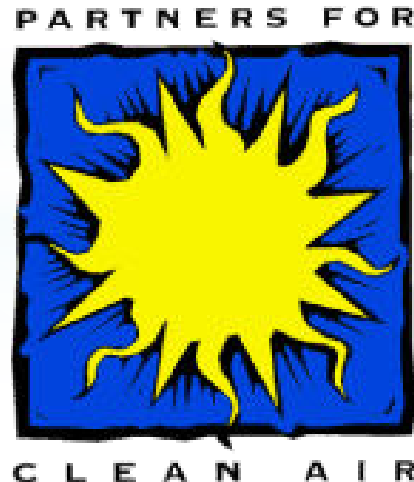


# Mr. Scott Nelson, Wilcox Environmental Engineering



# Thank You PCA Scholarship Committee

- ❖ Scott Nelson - Wilcox Environmental Engineering
- ❖ Lauri Keagle - South Shore Clean Cities
- ❖ Michael Kuss - Michigan City Sanitary District



# Video Announcement



Ms. Blair Milo  
Secretary, Career Connections and Talent



# Keynote Speaker



Bruno L. Pigott,  
IDEM Commissioner





# Partners for Clean Air Awards Ceremony

August 7, 2020

Bruno Pigott  
Commissioner  
Indiana Department of  
Environmental Management



# What We're Doing During Covid

- Work During Covid-19
- Permits
- Compliance
- VW Mitigation Settlement Trust Fund
- Citizen Portal
- IDEM Today





# Work During Covid-19

- Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-08 on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, ordering Hoosiers to stay at home.
- IDEM continued to work during this time.
- 95% of employees worked from their homes.



# Permits

- IDEM currently has no backlogged permits of any kind.
- Typically IDEM issues permits in about 65% of the timeframes allowed by statute.
- IDEM is committed to maintaining its permit issuance timeframes.



# Compliance

- IDEM is focused on improving the timeframes for the issuance of inspection reports.
- By Statute, IDEM has 45 days to issue inspection reports.
- IDEM is aiming to issue reports within 7 days of inspections on average.
- IDEM's 12 Month rolling average is now at 5.0 days from inspection to inspection report





# Compliance

- IDEM continued its inspections through the “Hunker Down” period.
  - Wastewater Inspections were prioritized.
  - Drinking Water Inspections focused on the largest facilities.
  - Air stack tests were suspended.
  - Solid and Hazardous waste inspections were mostly suspended.



# Compliance

- IDEM did not issue board based waivers from rules or permit requirements.
  - Facilities were encouraged to meet all requirements.
  - Where facilities had difficulty meeting specific requirements, IDEM required the submission of information.
  - Most requests were for timeframes associated with reports.



# VW Mitigation Settlement

- Indiana Awarded \$41 million.
- Governor's Executive Order establishes a board to oversee development of a Mitigation Plan
- The board created a mitigation plan.





# VW Mitigation Settlement

- Round 1 Funding:
  - IDEM Awarded \$9.8 million for 34 Onroad/Nonroad projects.
  - IDEM Awarded over \$1.3 million for 5 project through the DERA Program.



# VW Mitigation Settlement

- Next: Statewide Electric Vehicle Charging Network.
  - The Committee has issued a Request for Proposals
  - Funding for Direct Current Fast Charge and Level 2 charging stations.
  - 90% (\$5.5 m) for Fast Charging 10% (\$615,000) for Level 2 charging.



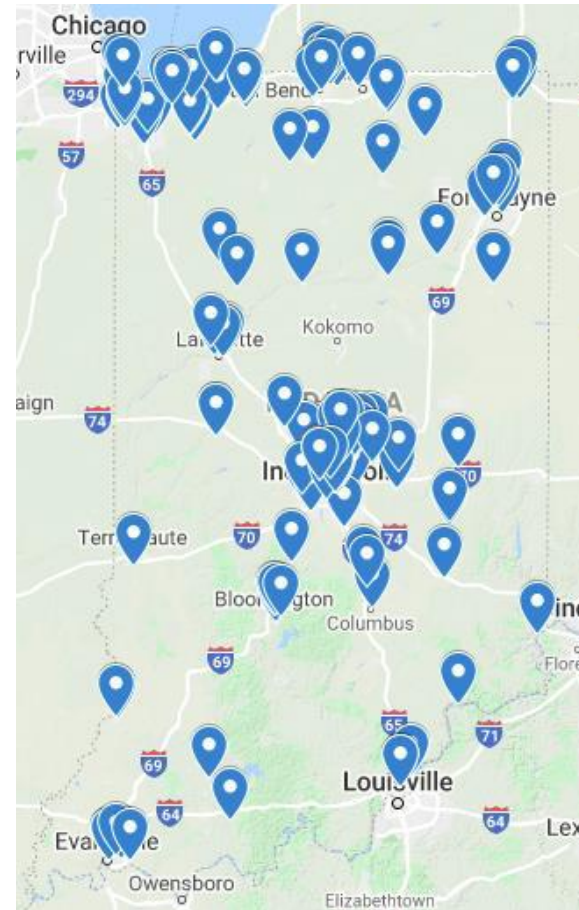
# VW Mitigation Settlement

- Eligible applicants for this program include, but are not limited to:
  - For-profit businesses registered with the Indiana Secretary of State
  - Nonprofit entities registered with the Indiana Secretary of State
  - Federal, state, and local government agencies
  - Indiana-based metropolitan planning organizations



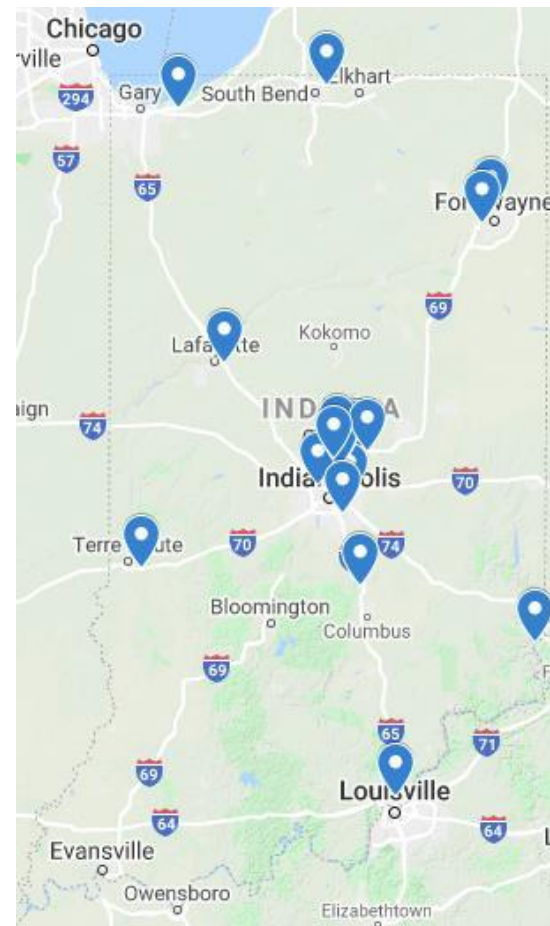
# VW Mitigation Settlement

## Level 2 Current Locations



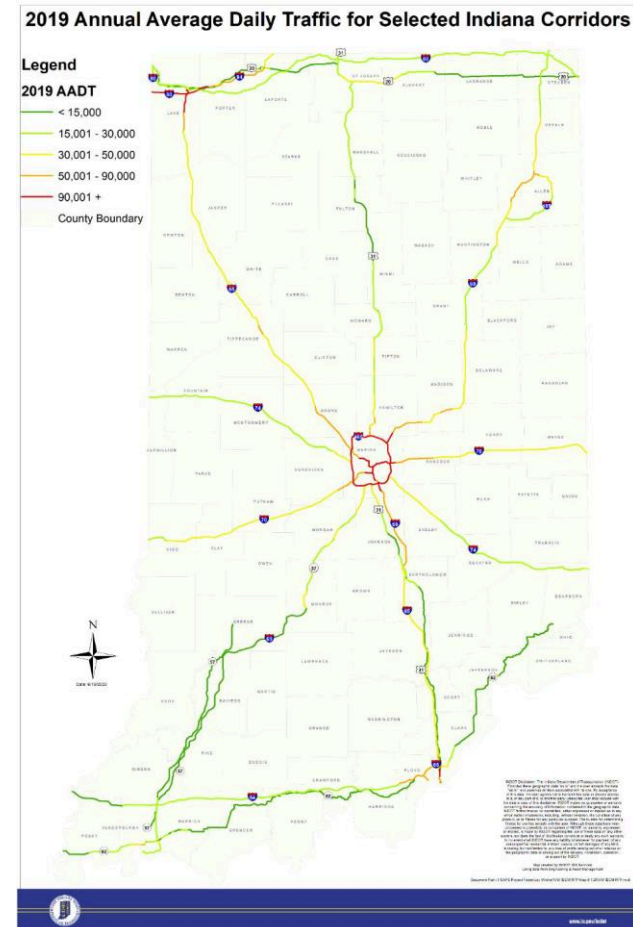
# VW Mitigation Settlement

**Fast Charging  
Equipment  
Current  
Locations**



# VW Mitigation Settlement

## Charging Equipment Indiana Roadway Priorities







# VW Mitigation Settlement

- Indiana will accept electronic grant applications in response to this RFP emailed to [VWTrust@idem.IN.gov](mailto:VWTrust@idem.IN.gov)
- Microsoft Word or PDF format only
- Applications due September 23, 2020



# Citizen Portal

- Citizens, business, and industries should be able to submit information electronically to IDEM.
- Current Methods are bulky.
- IDEM is investigating more efficient new systems.



# Citizen Portal

- IDEM has issued a Request for Proposal to companies to create this portal.
- IDEM has evaluated the different proposals.
- IDEM selected a business who will work with the agency to create the portal.



# IDEM Today

- About 90% of employees work from home 9 of 10 work days.
- IDEM employees are required to wear masks in the workplace.
- IDEM has had few positive cases of Covid-19.
- IDEM is once again conducting inspections in program areas.





# Questions?

Bruno Pigott

Commissioner

IDEM

[bpigott@idem.in.gov](mailto:bpigott@idem.in.gov)

# Mr. Michael Kuss, Michigan City Sanitary District



# Family Express

*Valparaiso, Indiana*

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*Accepted By*  
Lauri Keagle  
Communications Director  
South Shore Clean Cities







*Founded in Valparaiso in 1975*

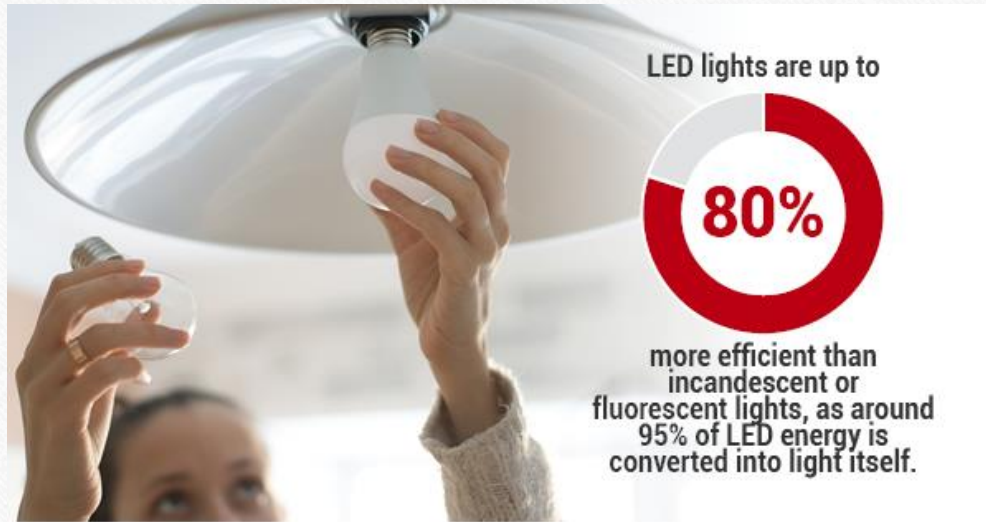
Now 75+ convenience store & fueling centers strong across Indiana





# Environmental Responsibility

- \$1 million to convert to LED lights
- Early adopter of ethanol & biofuels

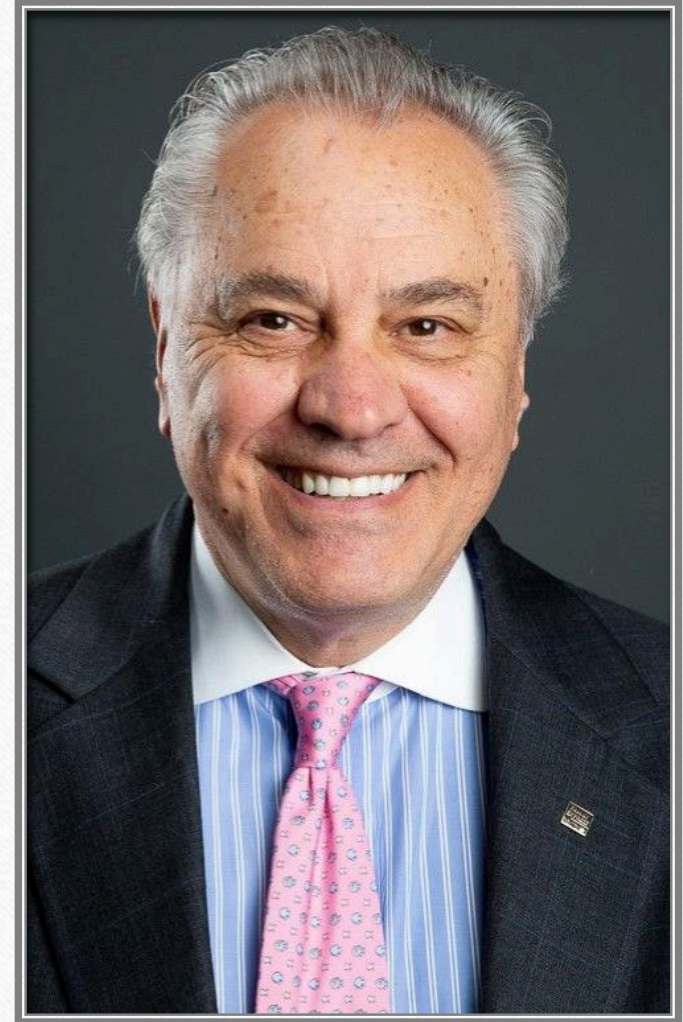






“At the time that our company made the bold step to support biofuels close to 15 years ago, our country was exporting close to half a trillion dollars a year in wealth to places often far away from our shores”

*Gus Olympidis, President & CEO  
Family Express*







## Hoosier Homegrown Fuels Blender Pump Program 2016 & 2017

Expands ethanol blends across Indiana  
with the Indiana Office of Energy  
Development, South Shore Clean Cities &  
Indiana Corn Marketing Council



Invested nearly \$1.4 million for the installation  
of 80 E15 & E85 fueling pumps, including at  
Family Express locations







# Community Commitment



Tom Navarre, vice president of marketing and logistics for Family Express, serves as treasurer of the South Shore Clean Cities Board of Directors and has served on the board for more than seven years. Tom's dedication to the nonprofit sustainable transportation organization is an extension of the dedication of Family Express to furthering the use of clean, domestic, sustainable fuels.





Thank You!

*Learn more at*  
**[www.familyexpress.com](http://www.familyexpress.com)**





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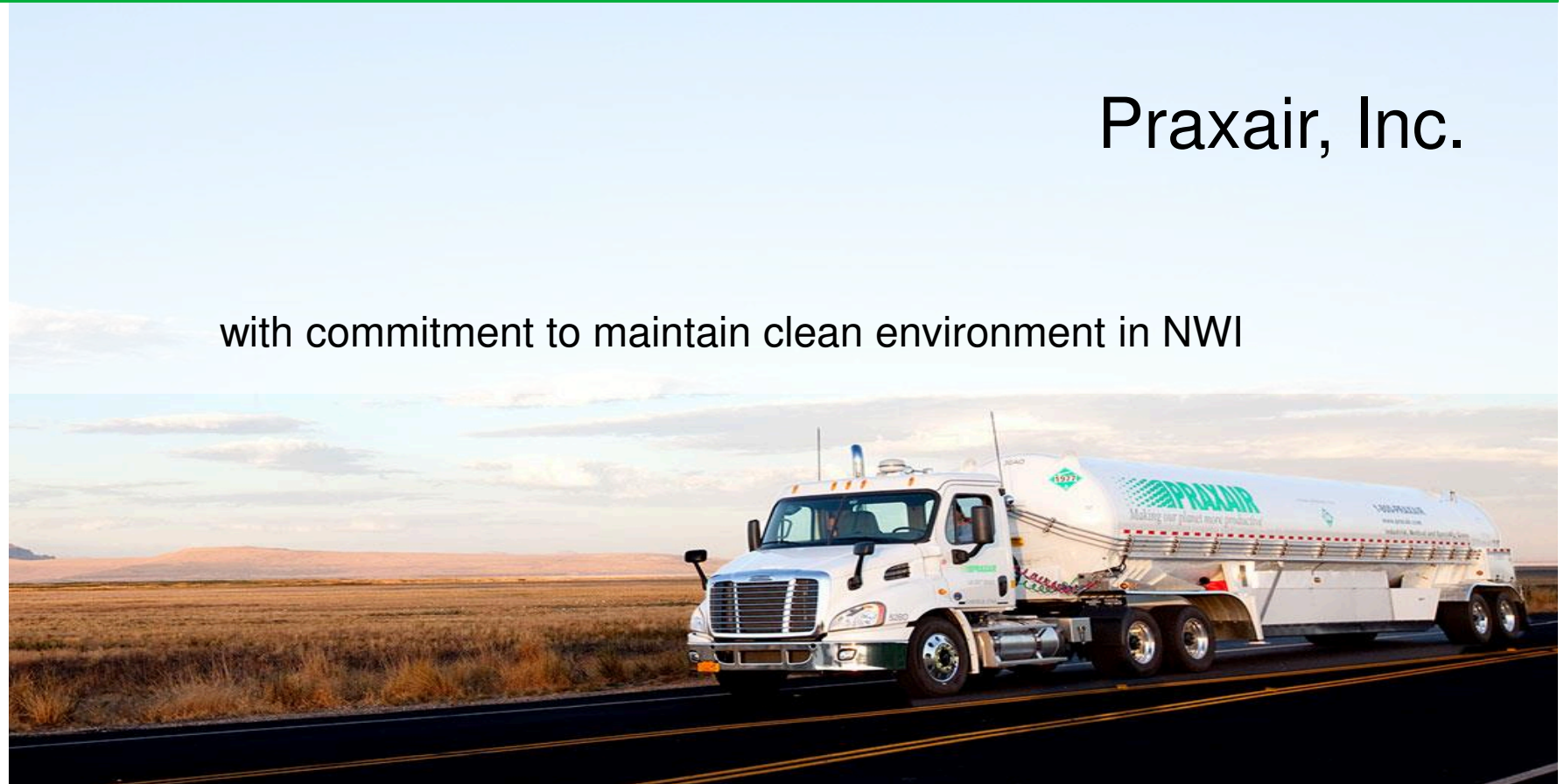
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## Praxair, Inc.

with commitment to maintain clean environment in NWI



We produce industrial gases such as:

- Nitrogen
- Oxygen
- Argon
- Hydrogen
- Carbon Dioxide



# Praxair facility in NWI

There are five Praxair facilities in NWI

- Praxair - East Chicago
- Praxair - Whiting
- Praxair - Gary Lakeside
- Praxair – Burns Harbor
- Praxair - LaPorte



# Praxair – East Chicago





# East Chicago – Tree Planting



Planted 60 native trees in support of the Urban and Community Forestry Program, led by the U.S. Forest Service



# EC Tree planting: next 40 yrs cost benefits

- \$3,047 of air quality improvement savings
- \$5,855 of savings by reducing 251,719 lbs of atmospheric carbon dioxide through CO2 sequestration and decreased energy production needs and emissions



# EC Tree planting: next 99 yrs cost benefits



- \$17,578 of air quality improvement savings
- \$24,291 of savings by reducing 1,044,435 lbs of atmospheric carbon dioxide through CO2 sequestration and decreased energy production needs and emissions



# Earth Day 2019 – Chellberg Farm



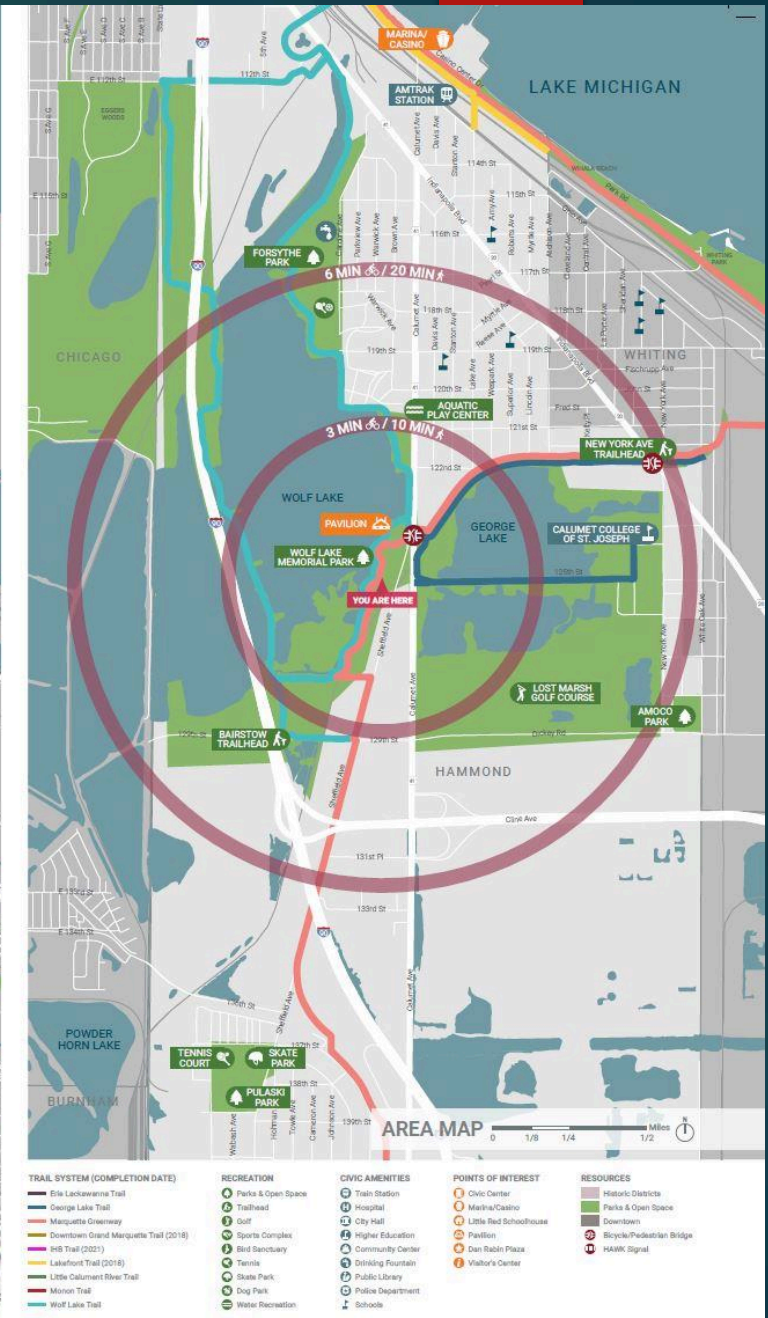
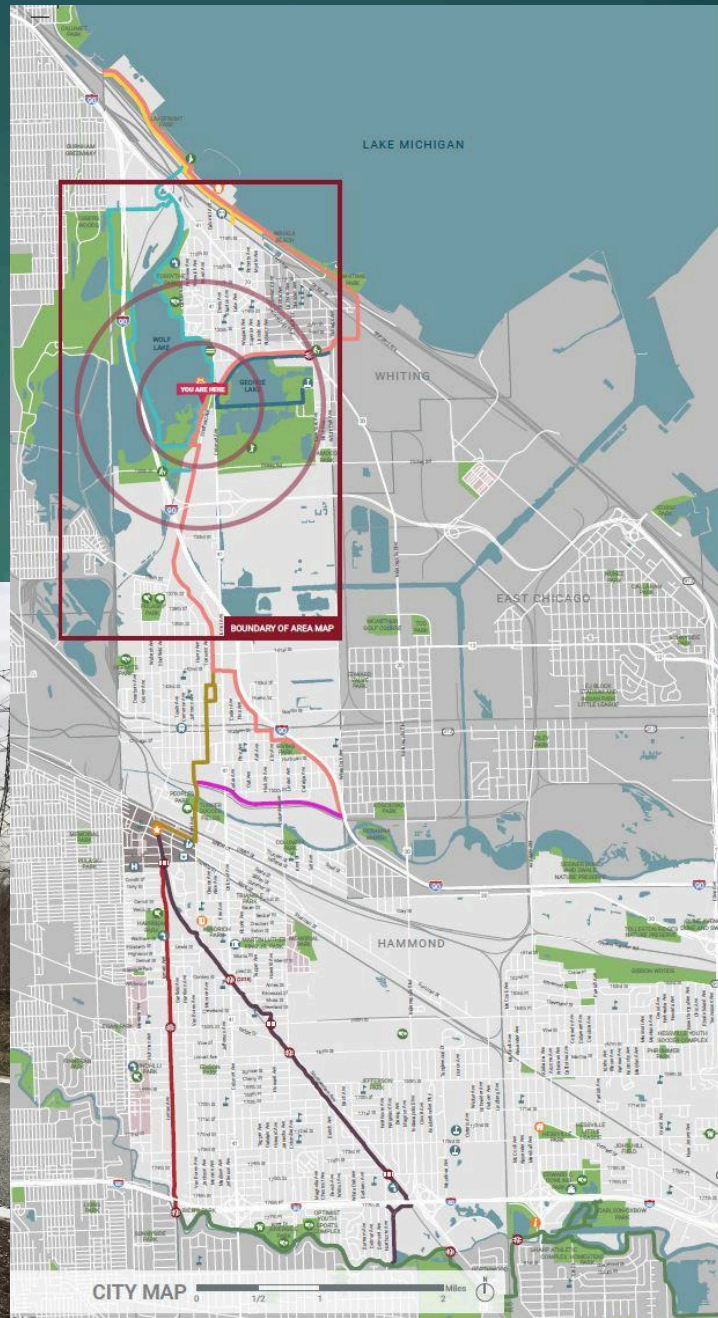
Praxair NWI employees volunteered 130 combined hours of service to help the National Park Service restoring and enhancing Chellberg Farm



# 2020 PCA Municipal Award CITY OF HAMMOND



# 25 miles of multi-use paths



## Wolf Lake Trailhead

Rules & Regulations

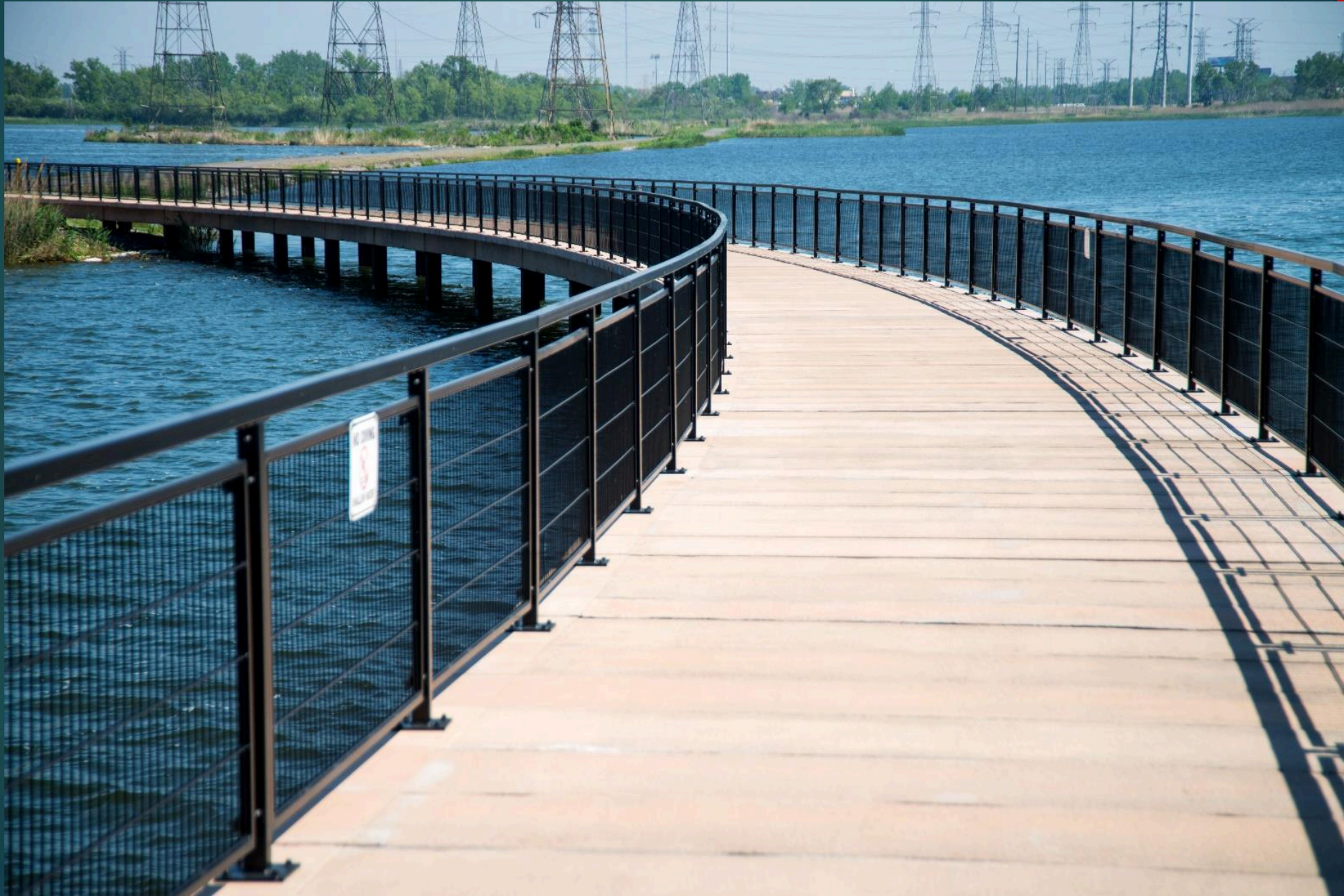


# Northwest Indiana's First HAWK Signal





# Wolf Lake Trail Boardwalk



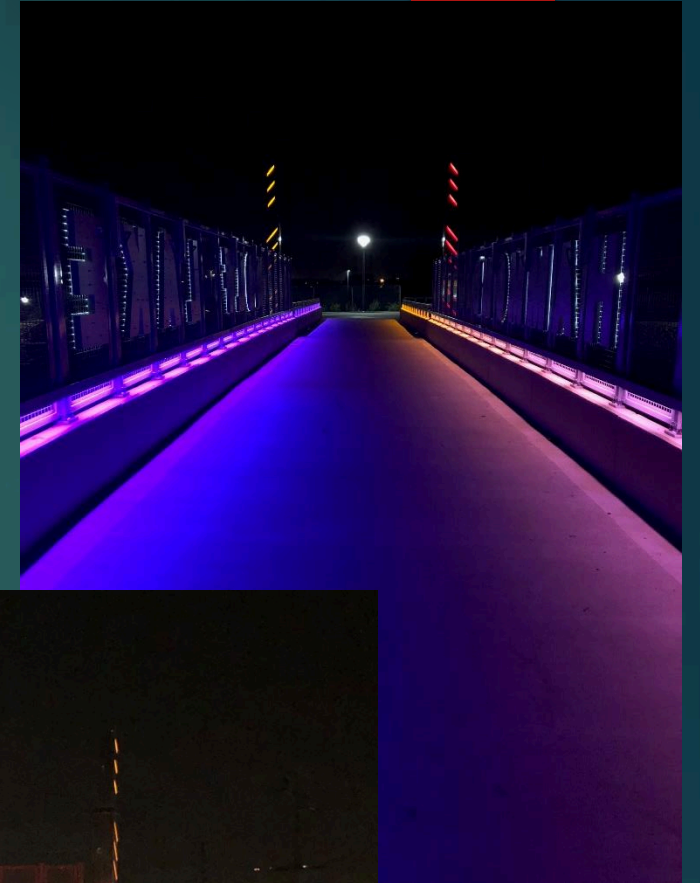


# George Lake Trail Pedestrian Bridge





# Wolf Lake Pedestrian Bridge





# Conkey Street Pedestrian Bridge





# Leon's World's Fastest Triathlon, Hammond, Indiana



Leon Wolek, Race Promoter





# Hammond Region Riot Criterium Bike Race





# WHAM!

NINTH ANNUAL

# WHAM!

THE WHITING, HAMMOND,  
HIGHLAND & MUNSTER

AFTER  
MIDNIGHT  
RIDE

SATURDAY  
AUGUST 8TH

Annual Midnight Ride through NWI





# Active Mayor





The City of  
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the Partners for  
Clean Air for this  
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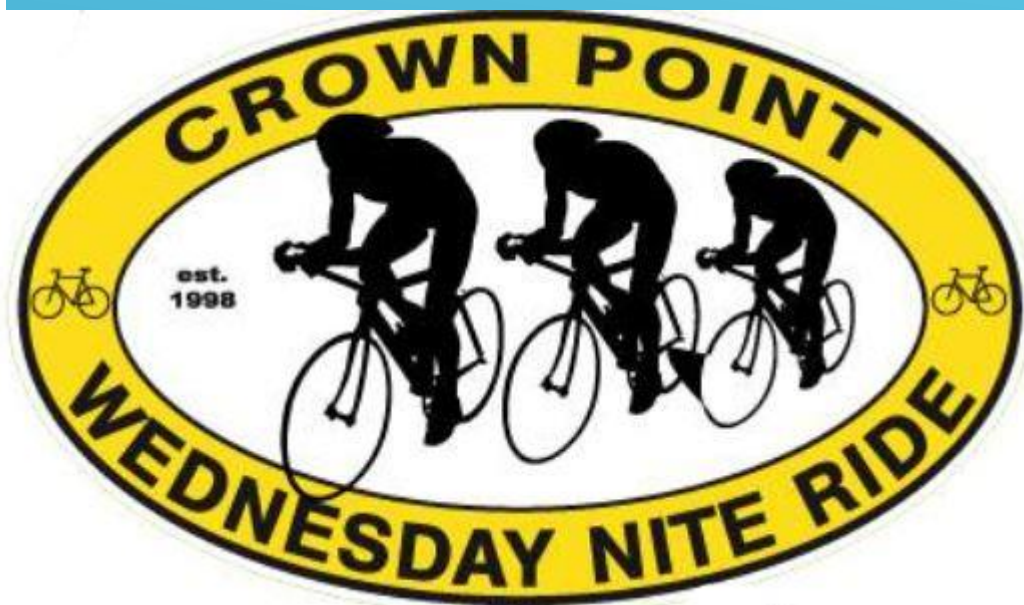


# 2020 MARK SIMINSKI PCA BICYCLE AWARD

**Recipient – Dave Stokoski, Crown Point**

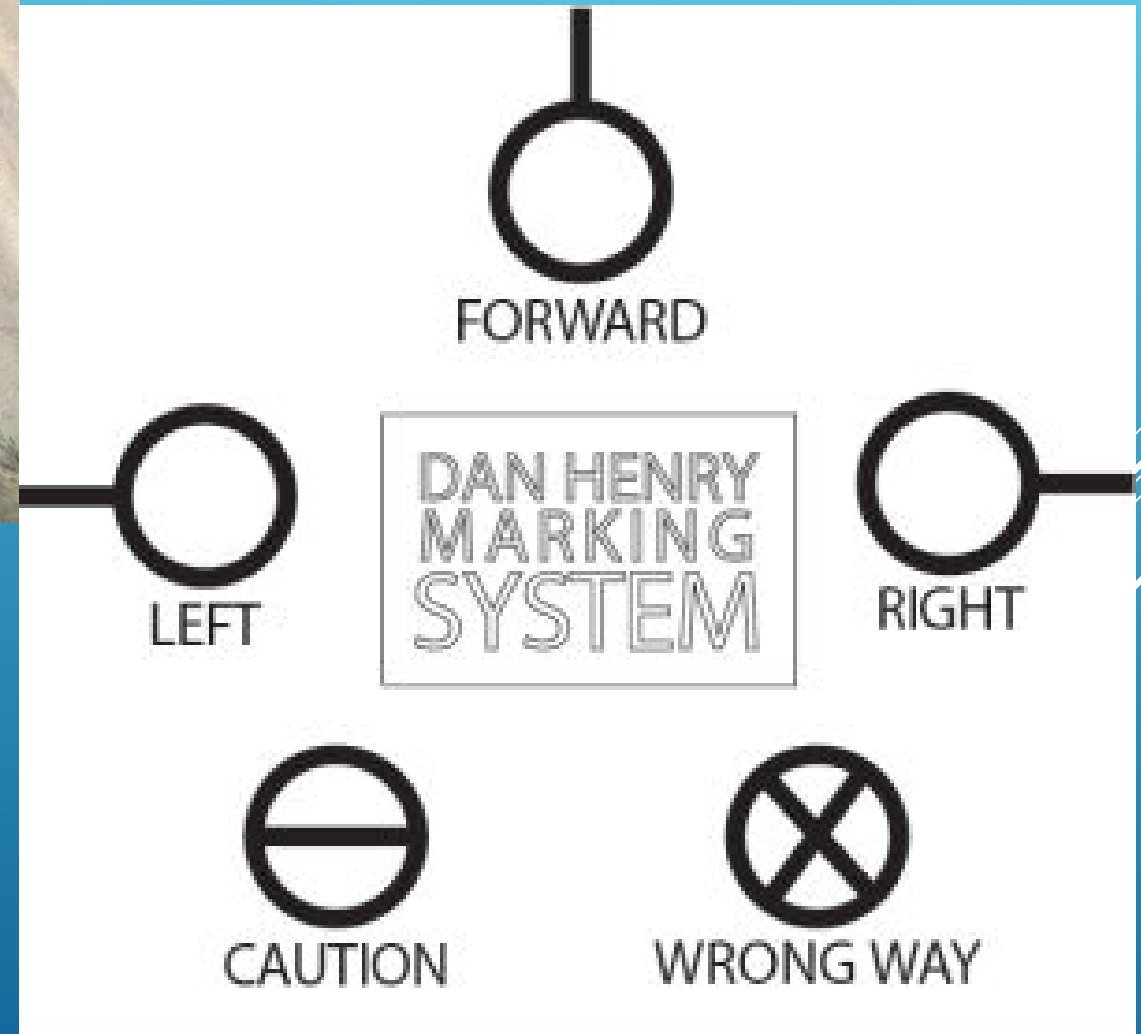








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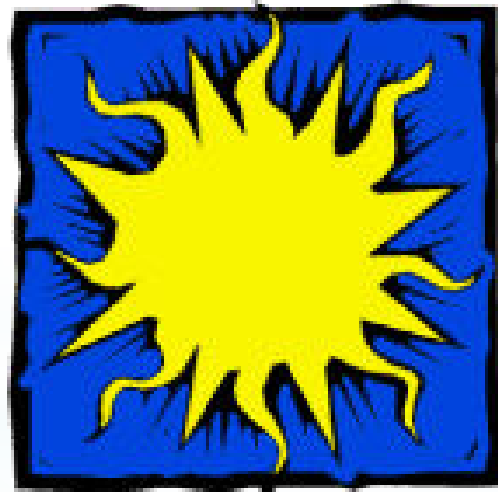




CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE STOKOSKI

# Questions?

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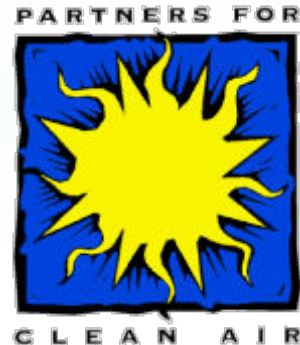


# For more Information on Partners for Clean Air

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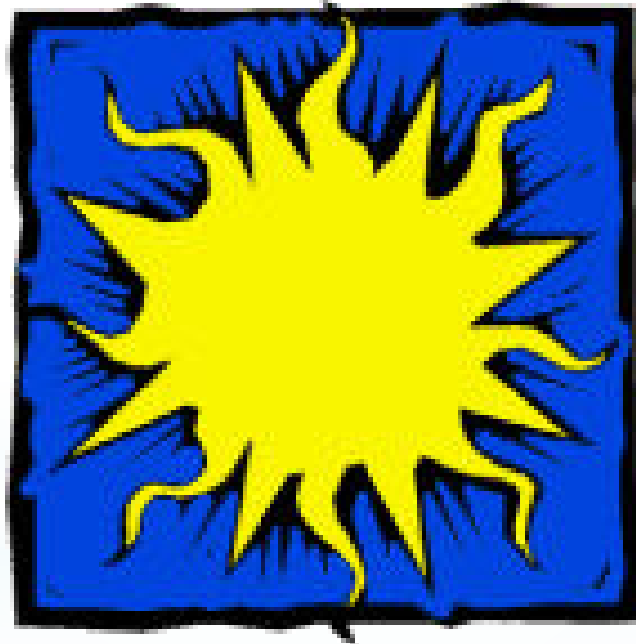
or

Contact Charles Breitenfeldt at  
219-250-0119



# Thank You for Coming!!

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