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Public invited to submit nominations for Northwest Indiana Partners for Clean Air awards

Nominations being accepted online through April 1

VALPARAISO -- Northwest Indiana Partners for Clean Air is accepting nominations for its annual Clean Air Awards.

Nominations can be submitted for any Northwest Indiana business, municipal or county government, industry, organization or individual who voluntarily undertook actions to protect the air during the 2021 calendar year. Self-nominations are accepted.

The awards are issued annually by the coalition of Northwest Indiana-area businesses and industries; local, regional and state organizations and governmental entities that work together to promote clean air.

The Partners for Clean Air Nomination form is available online at <https://bit.ly/3nWcr1B>. The deadline to submit nominations is end of business April 1, 2022.

Four awards will be presented, one in each of the following categories: business, municipal, industrial and the Mark Siminski Bicycle Award, which will recognize an individual or entity for extraordinary efforts to promote and/or participate in bicycling in Northwest Indiana.

The awards will be presented at the Northwest Indiana Partners for Clean Air Luncheon and Awards Ceremony from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 22, 2022. The event will also feature the announcement of the winners of the 2022 Partners for Clean Air Scholarships.

The event is free, but registration is required. Registration and more information is available online at <https://bit.ly/3tVbJpi>.

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About Partners for Clean Air

Partners for Clean Air is a coalition of Northwest Indiana businesses and industries; local, regional, and state organizations; governmental entities and individuals committed to improving overall air quality and public health through voluntary actions. Members of the Partners for Clean Air Program develop Air Quality Action Plans designed to be implemented on Air Quality Action Days as a way of reducing harmful pollutants.

About Air Quality Action Days

Air Quality Action Days (AQADs) are days when ground level ozone pollution or fine particulate matter could build to unhealthy levels in the outdoor air. IDEM issues AQAD advisories for ozone and PM2.5 based on [air quality forecasts](#), [air quality standards](#), and [Air Quality Index \(AQI\) categories](#). When AQADs are predicted, Hoosiers can [take action](#) to protect their health and protect air quality. Air Quality Action Day forecasts begin May 1 and end September 30 each year. For more information and to subscribe to alerts, please visit www.smogwatch.IN.gov.

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