

PERRY COUNTY

IMPACT PROGRAM

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Perry County Impact Program Grant Details 2023

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Mission Statement:

The mission is to build community, practice better disposal methods, and educate about the importance of recycling.

Program Description:

Perry County Impact Program was created in 2023 to help unite us as a community, to learn from one another, to share diverse perspectives, and to do our part in keeping nature wild.

Sponsored by United Way of Perry County and **created by** Paddle Perry, Inc.

The purpose of the program is to provide our community partners with the equipment and knowledge to leave places better, practice better disposal methods, and educate about the importance of recycling.

From offering equipment for cleansweeps to finding funding solutions to create and sustain new projects that align with our mission.

The program's main service is to offer local events and festivals the opportunity to operate nearly "waste free".

The program offers one or two 10'x10' booth(s) throughout your event where waste would be collected, separated accordingly, and disposed of properly.

Equipment is available to reserve year-round by event/festival committees and/or organizations. Booth(s) are to be operated by the organization which reserves the equipment. In order to help eliminate improper disposal methods and excess sorting the program requests that all other waste cans not be present during the event in order to help direct the public to the booth. Reach and grab sticks, gloves and sanitizer are available with reservations to assist in clean up during and after the event around the facility.

Organizations that wish to collect materials that generate revenue, such as aluminum cans, may deposit said materials appropriately and keep the funds raised or donate the funds back to the program. Funds donated to the program will be used to purchase new materials for the booth(s).

Educational signage is available for display at the booth(s) and/or educational facilities.

Event/festival committees and other organizations are welcome to request the use of the booth

In addition to the booth, the program offers equipment to be reserved for clean sweeps.

How the Program Impacts the County:

- Reduce waste from high traffic events.
- At times, provide extra income to the local Recycling District.
- Provide organizations with the opportunity to raise funds.

Project Sustainability:

- After the initial start-up costs listed in the original United Way Grant application, the Impact Program is easily sustainable with the recurring use from community groups at local events/festivals. A portion of Paddle Perry's year-round can collection fundraiser will be put aside to fund the recurring costs of the Impact Program in regards to recurring costs with bags, gloves, and hand sanitizer.

Recurring Costs:

- Trash Bags, Gloves, Hand Sanitizer, Stickers / Give Aways and promotional hand outs.

Operations:

Any community group including but not limited to 501c3's, churches, schools, sports, ect. may make reservations to utilize the program equipment by contacting Paddle Perry, Inc. via email (info@paddleperry.com) or an online form found on their website, www.paddleperry.com

Any group utilizing the program will be responsible for the following:

- Selecting an event/festival where the booth will be operating.
- Organizing your booth and deciding what will be collected and how it will be disposed of.
- Educate the public on how to properly dispose of materials, or direct them to resources.
- Disposing of your collections properly.
- Making sure all trash is picked up from road sides, side walks, ect. after the event and disposed of properly. Reach & Grab Sticks are provided for this service.
- Reporting in the binder how much of each material you collected (including any money raised from deposits of materials or via a donation jar).

- Returning all equipment (cleaned and undamaged) to Paddle Perry (3270 E ST RD 66, Cannelton, IN) during operating hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CST
- Uploading images of your booth to the Paddle Perry album:
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=oa.3570741076479699&type=3>

Event committees and/or groups running the booth may request specific collections, such as aluminum cans, to offset any operating costs and/or raise funds for their group.

Booth attendees are responsible for properly disposing of all waste collected during the event.

Suggestions of what to collect and where to dispose/deposit:

- Aluminum Cans, All Kinds of Scrap (Hours: ____)
- Cardboard, Cannelton Recycling Facility (Hours: ____)
- Glass (Brown, Clear, Green), Cannelton Recycling Facility
- Plastics (separate plastic caps), Cannelton Recycling Facility
- Compost, Local Farmers (ask the Farmers Market)
- Landfill, to be taken care of by the event/festival committees or make arrangements with the city where the event/festival takes place.

Resources:

Leave No Trace, https://lnt.org/?gad=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwz8emBhDrARIsANNJS7Qv3HfHjJsnH7ix0EwpvTN7wd2e40dxBQSQWS_E9FhnX7c447cwaAgH2EALw_wcB

Keep Nature Wild, <https://keepnaturewild.com/pages/about-us>

EPA, <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/reduce-reuse-recycle-resources-students-and-educators>

Recreate Responsibly, <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/recreate-responsibly.htm>

Social Media Hashtags:

#RecreateResponsibly #KeepNatureWild #KNW #LeaveNoTrace #LNT #HoosierNationalForest #HNF #PaddlePerry #PickPerry #PerryCountyIndiana

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