



## News Release

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### **Director of Lafayette Renew Named a Hoosier Resilience Hero**

**LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – May 3, 2022** – Brad Talley, Director of Lafayette Renew, has been named a Hoosier Resilience Hero by Indiana University’s Environmental Resilience Institute (ERI). Hoosier Resilience Heroes are individuals and groups committed to ensuring a safe, healthy environment for their families, their neighbors and future generations. This year’s cohort includes professionals and volunteers dedicated to food justice, climate policy, renewable energy, and sustainable business practices.

For more than 20 years, Talley has established a forward-thinking vision beyond treating stormwater and wastewater that prioritizes the economic and environmental health of the City of Lafayette. Under Talley’s leadership, Lafayette Renew has implemented urban green infrastructure projects to mitigate flooding and divert pollutants away from the Wabash River. Projects such as the Durkees Run Stormwater Park include educational aspects utilized by classrooms and the public, and feature the importance of stormwater management through rain gardens, permeable pavers, pressure walls and flood-stage plazas. Talley’s department is finalizing a ground-mounted solar field downtown with capacity to power a nearby wastewater lift station. Innovative practices have produced a Greenbush CSO storage tank and urban stormwater pumping station that incorporate community park spaces. Talley and his staff



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partner on numerous events with organizations focused on protecting the Wabash River and environmental wellness of the community.

“We are very proud of the groundbreaking work Brad and his department have accomplished over the years for the City of Lafayette,” states Mayor Tony Roswarski. “Under Brad’s leadership, Lafayette Renew is one of the most advanced treatment facilities in the country that complies with regulations and processing wastewater efficiently and cost-effectively. His dedicated staff will continue to keep our rivers and streams clean.”

Indiana University’s Environmental Resilience Institute brings together a broad coalition of government, business, nonprofit, and community leaders to help Indiana and the Midwest better prepare for the challenges of environmental change. By integrating research, education, and community, ERI is working to create a more sustainable, equitable, and prosperous future

“Charting Indiana’s course toward a more resilient and sustainable way of life requires leaders in every community and every corner of the Hoosier state,” said ERI Managing Director Sarah Mincey. “These leaders are making an important difference in their community and throughout the state by sharing their knowledge, inspiring others, and advocating for more sustainable and equitable solutions to environmental change.”

To learn more about ERI’s 2022 Hoosier Resilience Heroes go to: <https://eri.iu.edu/who-we-work-with/residents/2022-hoosier-resilience-heroes.html>.



**Brad Talley, Director, Lafayette Renew**

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