



MARCH 5-6, 2015
INDIANAPOLIS

AGENDA

Thursday, March 5

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Registration

9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions

9:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Strategies for Creating and Maintaining Effective Capital Plans

Better planning, increased coordination and more efficient use of tax dollars are synonymous with quality capital planning. Learn how some communities are using technology to facilitate better planning, involving their citizens, prioritizing projects, tracking available funding and more.

10:45 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Keeping a Close Eye on How you Spend your TIF Proceeds

TIF is one of the few economic development incentives still available to cities and towns. To ensure its long-term viability it's important that it be used properly. A small panel of experts will review the proper uses for TIF proceeds and will be ready to answer your questions.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

OpenGov, Transparency in Municipal Budgeting and Financial Planning

The City of Greenwood will soon launch a new data platform that transforms the way budget information is shared, analyzed and accessed. Beyond sharing information with the public, the city will also use OpenGov internally to create custom reports, manage operations to budget, and keep administrators and legislators informed. This portal transforms volumes of raw data into actionable insight and information, enabling better analysis and understanding of the city's budget.

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mayor's Idea Exchange

A mayor's only roundtable where candid discussion is encouraged and honest feedback is never in short supply.

Friday, March 6

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Combined Sewer Overflow Guidance Documents – Examining Your Options and Priorities

Over the last few years, most Indiana communities with Combined Sewer Overflows have entered into Agreed Orders with the State or Consent Decrees with the US Environmental Protection Agency. The U.S. EPA has recently issued two guidance documents, one regarding financial capability and affordability burden and one regarding “integrated planning” to increase flexibility to blend water quality programs. This panel will discuss these guidance documents, what options there are to consider with reopening a community's CSO plan, and what some Indiana cities are already doing to reprioritize infrastructure investments based on local priorities.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Using Local Organizations and Resources to Create Safe, Welcoming Environments for Growing Immigrant Populations

As Indiana becomes more culturally diverse through immigration, communities must find a way to make their newest residents feel safe, secure, and involved. This workshop will focus on ways to work with minority populations to help them thrive and contribute in their new home. The City of Goshen will highlight their newly implemented program, a partnership with their Community Relations Commission and police department to explain police operations to immigrants and explain the rights that even undocumented residents have during police interactions.

11:30 a.m.

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