



# MARTINDALE-BRIGHTWOOD: MAKING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Backyard Gardening  
Workshop

Martindale-Brightwood Environmental Justice Collaborative  
Improving Kids' Environment, Inc.



# Welcome and Introductions

Mrs. Elizabeth Gore

R W VanFrank

MBEJC Leadership  
Chair

Improving Kids Environment  
Board Member



# MBEJC



- The Martindale Brightwood Environmental Justice Collaborative was founded in 2006
- Our Mission: To serve as champions and advocate for the residents of the Martindale Brightwood against environmental hazards and injustice that have an impact on the health and wellness of the community



# MBEJC Vision



- To create a sustainable community by organizing, educating and empowering residents and community partners to strive for a safe, healthy and prosperous environment that is conducive for the spirit of change.



# Action of our Collaborative



- Empower residents to change environmental conditions
  - Share the Vision Meetings – neighborhood participates in decision-making
- Work with local government and partners to construct a better social and environmental quality of life for the health of residents in the Martindale Brightwood neighborhood



# Partnerships



- In partnership with Improving Kids' Environment, we were awarded a \$97,840 CARE grant from the USEPA for research to determine environmental health priorities
- We have built relationships and established many partnerships: Residents, Churches, Business Leaders, Community Organizations, Schools, Government Agencies
- Will you join us as a partner?





# Backyard Gardening Workshop

## Agenda/Housekeeping

Julie Rhodes

MBEJC/CARE Facilitator





# Agenda



- Gardening as part of Martindale Brightwood's historic fabric
- Should Martindale Brightwood be concerned about Lead?
- Lunch
- Getting ready for spring gardening in Martindale Brightwood
- Martindale Brightwood urban farm concept



# Gardening as part of Martindale Brightwood's historic fabric

Ms. Lillian Rucker

Ralston-Hovey-Arsenal neighborhood



# Should Martindale Brightwood be concerned about Lead?

Peter Saffen and Ryan Kaufman

Lead Safe and Healthy Homes Program  
Marion County Health Department



# LUNCH

Thanks to Ms. Jeani Jones for preparing our lunch

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# Getting ready for spring gardening in Martindale Brightwood



Aster Bekele

Ginny Roberts

Angela Hermann

Felege Hiywot Center

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful  
Purdue Extension Service

Master Gardener



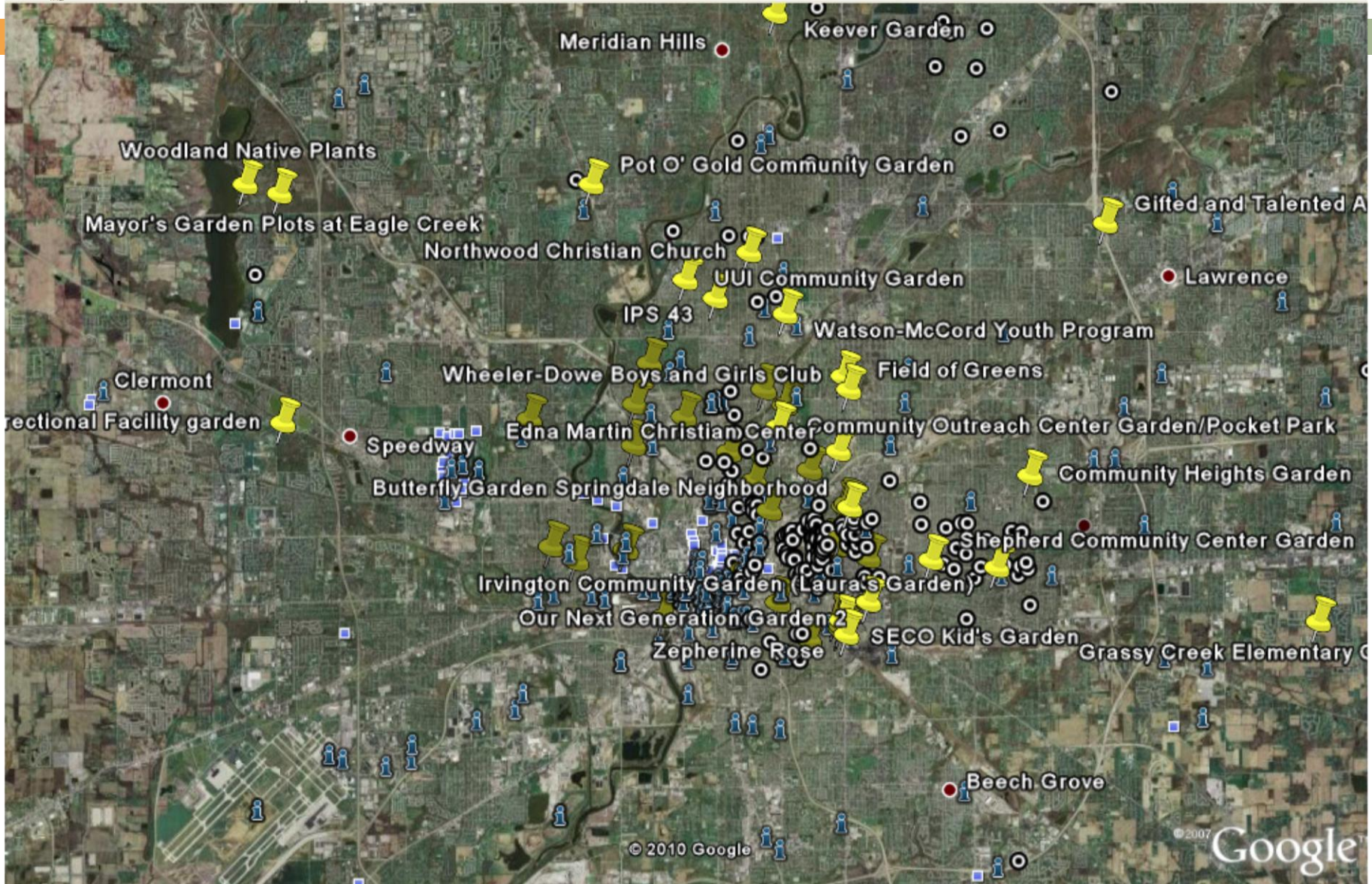
# Martindale Brightwood Urban Farm Concept

Chris Harrell

City of Indianapolis, Department of Code Enforcement,  
Brownfields Division



# Community Gardens





**Join us for our next**  
**Martindale Brightwood**  
**Environmental Justice**  
**Collaborative**  
**meeting**

Thursday, February 25, 2010

Food Service 5:30 p.m. • Meeting 5:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Washington Park Family Center



# Contact Us....



To find out how you can help, contact:

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