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Vincennes Receives IACT Community Achievement Award

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) announced the City of Vincennes has been named a **2014 IACT Community Achievement Award** winner in the 10,000 to 20,000 population category for its Rainbow Beach Family Aquatic Center. The City will receive its award during the Annual Awards Luncheon presented by Umbaugh, Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the 2014 IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in Fort Wayne.

The very first Rainbow Beach, built in the 1930's, boasted a round pool with a sand beach for the citizens of Vincennes. Decades and a few renovations later Rainbow Beach was in need of dire repairs. After many discussions and research into the costs of both options, it was decided a new aquatic facility was needed for the community. Without room in the existing budget, the city held a referendum to reduce impact on other taxing units. A special election to vote on the pool was held to avoid the pool being closed for another season. The community support was undeniable, the citizens wanted a new facility. The new design consists of 3 separate pools, a zero entry children's area, dive well and a slide pool with a 25 yard lap lane.

“Rainbow Beach is a great example of a community coming together for something that's important to the people who call Vincennes home. It's a great facility with a great story to tell. We're so proud to be recognized for this achievement,” said Vincennes Mayor Joe Yochum.

IACT Executive Director and CEO Matt Greller noted, “The citizens of Vincennes came out in great numbers to vote in favor of improving the quality of life in their hometown. The Rainbow Beach Aquatic Center is a great example of trusting Indiana's local leaders and the communities they serve.”



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In its 38th year, the IACT Annual Awards program, presented by Umbaugh, recognizes communities and individuals in municipal government for excellence and outstanding achievement. A nine-member panel of qualified judges selected this year's winners from a competitive field of nominees from around the state.

Media are welcome to attend the awards luncheon. Please notify Jennifer Simmons (jsimmons@citiesandtowns.org) at your earliest convenience to secure a media credential.

The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) is a coalition of municipal officials who seek to improve the quality of life in Indiana through effective government, and is a member of the National League of Cities. Founded in 1891, IACT is one of the oldest state municipal organizations in the country, with 470 cities and towns as members. IACT advocates for municipalities as the official voice of municipal government in Indiana, and promotes good government through education, training and leadership.

Conference Facts:

2014 IACT Annual Conference and Exhibition

September 9-11

Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne

Attendance: 1,000 (pending final registration count)

Further information: www.citiesandtowns.org