



As we acknowledge the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day without gatherings and major celebratory events, work does continue. The original Muncie Action Plan included various action steps aimed at Earth Day principles, such as reducing carbon footprints and creating a Muncie energy office. Since that time, particularly in the last 3 years, background work has been done leading up to the creation of the Planet Muncie Committee – a subcommittee of the MAP Task Force 5 Initiative that began meeting earlier this year.

The Committee will build on the work done by an immersive learning class lead by Dr. David Hua in 2017 which included some data collection efforts based on survey responses to questions designed to assess community knowledge of sustainability related resources and priorities. Additionally, a 2019 project involving an extern from Indiana University working with the Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission created some baseline green house gas inventory datasets for Muncie and Delaware County.

The Planet Muncie Committee intends to host a summit that will allow attendees to discuss their current activities and identify potential collaborations. There would also be presentations, reports on existing activities, and possible guest speakers. The original goal was for this to occur later in 2020 but the time table is currently fluid.

Any individual or organization that deals with sustainability – whether environmental, social or economic – who would like to be a part of the Planet Muncie initiative may contact the MAP Coordinator at

mapcoordinator@muncieactionplan.net. Stay tuned for further developments by visiting <http://muncieactionplan.net/>



Photo by Donna Young

How can your neighborhood make this a fun time for the families who live here? That's the question the South Central board answered this month with a belated Easter Egg Hunt.

Donna Young volunteered to fill 100 plastic eggs with quarters or dollar bills (using funds they reallocated within their budget) and neighborhood information. Then she waited for a sunny morning before hiding them down 7th and 9th streets. Kids were thrilled to find the surprises, some at their own houses and others traveling around the neighborhood. As the weeks of staying home continue on, we believe we're making home in our neighborhood a great place to be!

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**MAP Board Member Spotlight: Wayne E. Johnson**  
**Ivy Tech Community College, Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Services**



**When did you join the MAP board?** February 2020

**Why do you work with MAP?** To be a part of the solution as it relates to the continuing transformation of our community.

**Favorite Travel Destination:** New Orleans

*"I Love Muncie because you never meet a stranger due to the close knit nature of the community."*

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## Coming Up In 2020

This springs [Bridge Dinner](#) has been pushed back to a date in this fall. As soon as a date is set, we will let you know. We are excited to join all of our neighbors for food, entertainment and a relaxing evening on the Washington Street Bridge!

Looking for things to do from home? Check out the Muncie Visitors Bureau [calendar](#) for virtual exploring and entertainment. Or check out their Facebook page: [Muncie Visitors Bureau](#).

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**Be sure to check your neighborhoods Facebook page for updates about this months meeting.**

**MAP Neighborhood**

**Meetings:**

*Updated for 2020*

**2020 MAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Donna Browne**, Grant Writer, Center for Energy Research|Education|Service, Ball State University

**MAP Neighborhood Presidents' Council:**

6pm, 3rd Tuesday, Fisher Building, Ivy Tech

**Anthony-Northside:** 6:30pm, 4th Thursday  
of odd-numbered months, Community  
Fellowship Church

**Blaine/Southeast:** 6pm, 2nd Tuesday,  
Serenity Club, 1218 S. Brotherton St.

**Forest Park:** 6:30pm, 3rd Friday, Delaware  
County Senior Center

**Gilbert:** 7pm, 2nd Monday, Inside Out, 300  
N. Madison Street

**Industry:** 6pm, 4th Thursday, Price Hall, 704  
S. Madison Street

**Ludingwood:** 2pm, 3rd Saturday, Woodlands  
Nursing Home, 3820 W. Jackson St.

**Minnetrista/Central:** 6pm, 1st Tuesday,  
Minnetrista Cultural Center

**Northview:** 6pm, 3rd Monday, Northview  
Elementary, 807 W. Yale Avenue

**Old West End:** 6:30pm, 4th Tuesday, Friends  
Memorial Church, 418 W. Adams Street

**Riverside/Normal City:** 7pm, 4th  
Wednesday, Hazelwood Christian Church  
Fellowship House, 1400 W. University Ave.

**South Central:** 6pm, 4th Monday, Bridges  
Community Services, 318 W. 8th Street

**Southside:** 5:30pm, 4th Tuesday, Southside  
Middle School, 1601 E 26th Street

**Thomas Park/Avondale:** 6pm, 3rd  
Wednesday, Ross Community Center, 1110 W.  
10th Street

**Whitely:** 5:30pm, 2nd Monday, Muncie Area

**Gretchen Cheesman**, City of Muncie  
Community Development

**Cornelius Dollison**, Whitely Community  
Council

**William Hughes**, Attorney, Beasley &  
Gilkison (**Treasurer**)

**Mitch Isaacs**, Executive Director, Shafer  
Leadership Academy

**Roni Johnson**, Community Foundation of  
Muncie and Delaware County, retired

**Wayne Johnson**, Ivy Tech Community College

**Jenni Marsh**, President/CEO, United Way of  
Muncie and Delaware County (**President**)

**Missy Modesitt**, Delaware County BY5 Early  
Childhood Initiative, Inc.

**Marta Moody**, Director, Muncie-Delaware  
County-Metropolitan Plan Commission

**Steve Moore**, First Merchants Bank

**Chuck Reynolds**, Muncie Community Schools

**Alison Robbins**, Intersection advertising firm

**Kelly Shrock**, President, Community  
Foundation of Muncie and Delaware County  
(**Vice President**)

**Susan Volbrecht**, Coldwell Banker the Real  
Estate Group

**Heather Williams**, Program Manager,  
Building Better Neighborhoods (**Secretary**)

Career Center, 2500 N. Elgin Street

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### **Task Force 1: Linking Learning, Health, and Prosperity**

MAP TF1/BY5 has increased resources and program to underserved families by over 60% and has increased access to high quality child care in Muncie/Delaware County by 22% since 2013.



### **Task Force 2: Fostering Collaboration**

MAP TF2's efforts have created and sustained over 27 active neighborhood associations in the community of Muncie.



### **Task Force 3: Strengthening Pride and Image**

MAP TF3 has worked together with communications partners to create Mymuncie.org, signage and delivering the good news of the opportunities Muncie has to offer.



### **Task Force 4: Creating Attractive and Desirable Places**

MAP TF4 has strengthened Muncie's resiliency and code enforcement, helped to create the Muncie Cultural Train, Canan Commons and continues to work with Downtown Development to attract new business.



### **Task Force 5: Managing Community Resources**

MAP TF5 has worked with Delaware County GIS department and helped to create Bike Muncie, Scout Muncie, has overseen Tuhey Pool Warterpark's transformation, reservoir projects, among other land resource improvements.



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