

AES PROJECT GREENSPACE

GRANTEE

**KEEP INDIANAPOLIS
BEAUTIFUL**

INVESTMENT

\$5,000

Project Overview:

KIB's AES Project GreenSpace program was created to transform vacant lots and underused spaces into natural, beautiful, and functional pocket parks and green spaces in urban Indianapolis neighborhoods. With the investment from the MIBOR ECDC, KIB was able to turn a vacant lot into an active, environmentally healthy community asset for the Indiana Guide Right Foundation located at 3540 Commercial Drive. The once vacant lot was transformed to make the space feel safe, warm and inviting to the community.

The investment from the MIBOR ECDC provided funding for program materials including sod, topsoil and paving stones. Along with the investment, MIBOR provided volunteers to assist KIB staff with the project. Seven MIBOR members volunteered over 20 hours to help move Project GreenSpace along.

Even though the physical build-out of the space was completed, KIB commits to two additional years of support for each of its new AES Project GreenSpace partners, aiding with site maintenance, neighborhood engagement, and teaching best practices for long-term stewardship and care.

- + Improves Quality of Life
- + Improves Community Livability
- + Creates Greenspace
- + Advocates for Expanding Green Spaces and Beautification Efforts
- + Increases Community Engagement
- + Creates Amenities in the Area
- + Fosters Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place
- + Encourages Community and Stakeholder Collaboration in Development Decisions
- + Promotes Natural Features and Destinations
- + Improves Access to Environmental Benefits
- + Promotes the Preservation and Celebration of Unique Natural Features and Environmentally Sensitive Areas