

SUSTAINABLE INDIANA 2016

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Dear Indiana Bicentennial Committee:

We at Sustainable Indiana 2016 have enjoyed being a part of this amazing celebrations for our State's 200th year. As one of your Legacy Projects, we have worked with a large number of organizations and businesses around Indiana to fulfill our mission to documenting and celebrating Hoosier solutions to a changing climate.

Each year we have sponsored "themed actions," resulting in a proliferation of Bicentennial Gardens (2012), hiking down our trails (2013), and exploring Green power options (2014). In 2015, we asked Hoosiers to dedicate themselves to protecting our forests and urban trees as well as dedicating new trees to the Indiana Bicentennial. From this idea, we submitted the Tree of Hope campaign to the IBC for special Legacy Project designation.

We are happy to report that over the past two years we have seen over 260 Trees of Hope planted around Indiana, by schools, cities, churches, communities, and individuals, from Manchester University, to the courthouse in Paoli, to the elementary schools in Avon, all the way down to Evansville's ice skating rink.

Our very first Tree of Hope was planted and dedicated on March 29, 2015 at the Historic Dunham House in Tipton County, a fitting place to recognize both the special place Indiana has between the past and the present. As the Dunham House bridges the family of President George Washington with the family of President Barack Obama, while embodying the style of our state so well, it was an ideal location to plant our first tree in this project.

We therefore support its special inclusion as a Legacy Project of its own, as the first tree and with special distinction as a memorably symbolic tree for our State's 200th anniversary.



For our children's children,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Gibson".

John Gibson, State Coordinator
Sustainable Indiana 2016,

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