## NEAR EASTSIDE SOLAR FACILITIES INITIATIVE Sponsored By: Englewood CDC & East Washington Street Partnership

Englewood Community Development Corporation, as part of the newly established East Washington Street Partnership, proposes to install state-of-the-art solar arrays to a maximum of sixteen Near Eastside and East Washington Street area properties, utilizing IPL's Rate REP initiative, which guarantees a fixed rate purchase of solar energy for 15 years. The majority of the facilities are owned by and/or operated for community development purposes in our collective pursuit for a healthier and more vibrant Near Eastside of Indianapolis.

As the first major initiative of the East Washington Street Partnership through Englewood CDC, the goals of the Solar Facilities Initiative are consistent with the Partnership's long term "triple bottom line" (Profit. People. Planet) economic development strategy:

**1. Financial Viability:** The initiative will provide a positive annual cash flow for the anticipated 35+ year life of the solar equipment. While the short term return on investment would be considered low, the initiative will provide a very healthy financial return for facility and financial partners committed to the long term growth and prosperity of the Near Eastside.

2. Strengthen Community Centered Facilities and Organizations: The initiative will directly benefit, over the short and long term, facilities and organizations committed to serving Near Eastside neighbors and neighborhoods.

**3. Contribute Toward Our Renewable Energy Future:** Environmental sustainability should be our collective pursuit and cannot be at odds with economic development. Over the system life, the solar facilities will be the equivalent of the carbon sequestered by 16,659 acres of pine or fir forest annually.



4. Other tangible and intangible benefits associated with promoting and helping to pioneer green and high performance technologies, particularly within urban and underserved neighborhoods.



• The carbon sequestered by 12,659 acres of pine or fir forest annually.

- The electricity use of 7,403 homes for one year.
- The greenhouse gas emissions from 11,641 passenger vehicles, which is like taking away emissions from over 80% of the Near Eastside vehicles.

(http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/calculator.html#results)