

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND AGRITOURISM



What is the size of your carbon footprint? Lafayette-West Lafayette can say that there are some cutting edge, state-of-the art facilities like no others in and around our community. If renewable energy, biofuels, “green” focused companies, and other Earth friendly endeavors interest you look no further than here.

This community has flourishing farmers markets in both Lafayette and West Lafayette as well as one on Purdue’s campus. These markets offer everything from Tye Dyed T-Shirts, handmade jewelry and wood crafts to fresh calzones, grass fed meats and produce galore. You will often catch live entertainments as well while strolling the historic downtown shopping district in Lafayette.

Subaru of Indiana Automotive became the first automaker in the country to achieve “zero-landfill” status — meaning it sends no waste to a landfill. The attention to even the smallest of waste detail is amazing at the very least and touring the facility is a fascinating experience. The Lafayette - West Lafayette Convention & Visitors Bureau can set up a tour for any size group. You won’t be disappointed.

Visit Indiana’s first wind farm where there are over 400 wind turbines up and running and there are more to come. www.bentoncounty.in.gov

Wiser Tours (Western Indiana Sustainable Energy Resource) offers tours to following:

EnviroWatts Generating Plant at the Liberty Landfill where they are busy producing Green Power, an environmentally friendly electricity that is generated from renewable energy sources such as biomass at the landfill.

Anaerobic Digester at Bio Town Ag Energy Center where nothing goes to “waste.” They are utilizing manure generated from Bio Town Ag’s cattle feedlot and swine facility along with other organic products for processing in an anaerobic digester that generates methane gas. The methane gas is then used to power internal combustion engines to generate 3 megawatts of electricity per hour!

Algaewheel at Bio Town USA is a system that applies algae-based technology to replace the typical equipment used in a conventional wastewater treatment plant. This technology can be used for a variety of uses such as generating electricity, biofuel production, emissions sequestration, feed supplements and more.

Meadow Lake Wind Farm is a multiphase commercial wind farm that when finished will cover 92,000 acres of land with the potential for additional phases. The first four phases are producing enough electricity to power over 150,000 average Indiana homes with clean energy each year. www.wiserindiana.org

It won't be long before Purdue University breaks ground on their new Purdue Energy Park which will be a one of a kind working research facility studying the benefits of wind energy. Tours will be available once the project is completed.

How about a corn maze? Exploration Acres is nothing to sneeze at...well, tromping around in a corn field might make you sneeze but it's well worth a few minor sniffles. Shoot a corn cannon, mine for gemstones, compete in an adult sized tricycle race, shop at the gift store, have an elephant ear or just hang out at your own fire pit and roast marshmallows. This is one activity the entire family will enjoy.

www.explorationacres.com

We are on the cutting edge of agriculture and clean energy and we are proud to show it off. The Lafayette West Lafayette - West Lafayette Convention & Visitors Bureau can arrange for and coordinate a tour of any or all of these sites and attractions.

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