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Clarksville Unveils Story Map Showing Extreme Summer Heat

Results based on heat survey conducted during Summer 2021

CLARKSVILLE, IN (March 29, 2022) –The Town of Clarksville’s Beat the Heat initiative has published an online story map that shows the distribution of extreme summer heat across the town. The story map, titled “Mapping Summer Heat in Clarksville, Indiana”, is open to the public and can be viewed at www.tinyurl.com/ClarksvilleHeatStory. By using the map, residents can take a guided tour of Clarksville’s hottest and coolest places, explore areas they are already familiar with, and learn about how extreme summer heat impacts Clarksville.

To create the heat maps used in the story map, 17 local volunteers participated in Clarksville’s Heat Watch Campaign by collecting near-surface air temperatures across town in August. The data collected by volunteers was then sent off to climate analytics specialists at CAPA Strategies to produce the final maps. As members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Urban Heat Island Mapping Cohort, Clarksville is one of 18 towns and cities in the US that led a Heat Watch Campaign in 2021.

To learn more about the heat maps and how they are being used to inform Clarksville’s Heat Management Strategy, Clarksville community members can attend a public meeting. Beat the Heat will be hosting two public meetings in April, during which a draft version of the Strategy will be presented to attendees for additional public feedback. To learn more about these public meetings, please visit Beat the Heat’s webpage at <https://www.townofclarksville.com/residents/beat-the-heat/>.

For any questions about Beat the Heat’s story map or public meetings, please contact Clarksville’s Heat Relief Coordinator, Bronte Murrell, at bmurrell@townofclarksville.com or (812) 283-1437.

MEDIA NOTE: Visit www.tinyurl.com/ClarksvilleHeatPhotos to download photos from the 2021 Heat Survey. Source: Town of Clarksville