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Short Biography of David Forsell, President, Board of Directors
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David Forsell is President of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. (KIB), a private, non-profit organization that engages diverse communities to create vibrant public places; helping people and nature thrive. In his role, David oversees 100 full, part-time and seasonal staff. In 2013, KIB coordinated more than 500 community improvement projects, with the help of more than 30,000 volunteers, including 8,000 Lilly employees for their annual day of service.

KIB's signature efforts are in community forestry. KIB and community volunteers have planted more than 40,000 1"-caliper trees since 2006. KIB ensures the trees' care through neighborhood and community-based partnerships, and through its Youth Tree Team program. In 2013, 80 young people were employed to maintain more than 4,000 trees. KIB also integrates art, nature and beauty in its placemaking work in neighborhoods and on school grounds.

KIB's work is a vehicle for meaningful applied academic research. Recent studies have investigated urban tree care and its relationship to collective action in urban neighborhoods; public-private partnerships in riparian landscape management; and soon, the installation and research of a green roof at KIB headquarters. Scientists will measure its impact on mitigating stormwater runoff; and, reducing rooftop temperatures and related utility use.

In recent years, KIB has been recognized amongst the top 50 US non-profits for which to work by *The NonProfit Times*, the leading business publication for non-profit management in America; the best local organization for which to volunteer by *NUVO Newsweekly*; and received gold certification from the US Green Building Council for its conversion of a vacant and contaminated warehouse into its new headquarters.

David is board chairman of the national Alliance for Community Trees; a delegate to the national organization CEOs for Cities; and serves on a variety of local steering committees including Velocity, focused on downtown development, and Reconnecting to Our Waterways, a collective impact model addressing community revitalization and enhancements to water quality.

David is married to Shannon, his lovely and talented wife of 23 years. Shannon is managing director of the non-profit Cabaret at the Columbia Club. They live in the Watson McCord neighborhood of Indianapolis with their chocolate lab Rowdy, and their cat Hank.