

## Dark Sky Community Designation Requirements

1. Membership in IDA
  - Nomination letter must come from an IDA member.\*
  - Access to hundreds of educational articles, PowerPoint presentations, other resources.
  - Support from IDA during the application process. Dr. John Barentine, Program Manager.
2. Approval from town government, which includes authorization of public and municipal lighting improvement projects. Documentation of completed improvement projects.\*
3. Contact – NIPSCO Engineer Tom Miltenberger, to determine cost of streetlight retrofit.
4. Financing for required streetlight retrofits and for other required public and municipal lighting improvements.
5. Continuing education. Presentations of IDA PowerPoint, and anti-glare demonstration. Educational articles in community newsletters and regional publications, utilizing the IDA library and other resources.\*
6. Creation of new lighting ordinances or revision of existing ordinances to meet IDA requirements. Codes on commercial lighting, municipal/public lighting, and private lighting must be included.\*
7. Letters of endorsement from town government, town residents organization, individual town residents, regional organizations (NIRPC, IDNL, etc), local government officials (Rep. Visclosky).\*
8. Continuing commitment to sky brightness monitoring.\*
9. Publicity in local media.\*
10. Development and submission of Dark Sky Community Application.

\* These items must appear in the application.