

Friend of Conservation Award: 2016

The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' (IASWCD) Friend of Conservation Award recognizes individuals and organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to soil and water conservation in Indiana. One winner in each of three categories will be recognized. Past recipients of this award are not eligible to receive the award again.



Categories for the Friend of Conservation Award are: **Corporate, Individual, and Nonprofit/Government.** One winner from each category will be recognized at the 2017 Conservation Awards Luncheon, which takes place at the 74th Annual Conference for Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts to be held in Indianapolis on January 23-24, 2017. The Awards Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown.

Rules for the 2016 Friend of Conservation award application are as follows. Please read carefully.

1. **Form:** Please complete this form and email to info@iaswcd.org by September 9, 2016.
2. **Nominees:** Those nominated for this award must have made a positive contribution to soil and water conservation efforts, particularly in their public outreach and education work. Conservation programs or projects the nominees have been involved in may be local, regional or statewide in nature. They may be nominated for a single project or for contributions made to multiple conservation projects over time. Results are important and must be adequately detailed in the application under the narrative sections.
3. **Submission:** Nominations are submitted by an individual, business, organization, or agency; however, the application must be submitted with the approval of the local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) office. The typed signature from the SWCD supervisor on the application (last page) signifies the District's review and approval. The local SWCD will submit the application to the IASWCD. SWCDs may only submit one application. The application is due to the IASWCD by September 9, 2016.
4. **Support material:** Support material may be emailed to info@iaswcd.org or sent via U.S. Mail. This is limited to two pages total (articles, photographs, etc.) This should be received by September 9, 2016. If mailed, send to "Friend of Conservation Support Material for (Nominee's Name)", IASWCD, 225 S. East St., Ste. 740, Indianapolis, IN, 46202. It is up to the individual or organization submitting support material to confirm receipt.
5. **Signature on the application:** A typed signature from the local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is required in the signature line of the application. This will serve as verification that at least one District supervisor has reviewed the application and approves it. Applications without a SWCD Supervisor signature typed in the appropriate box will not be considered for the state award.
6. **Eligibility:** Again, the Friend of Conservation award will be presented at the 2017 Annual Conference in three (3) categories: Corporate, Individual, and Nonprofit/Government.
7. **Additional consideration** will be given to those corporations, individuals or nonprofits/government entities whose project or accomplishment involved partnering with a [local Soil and Water Conservation District in Indiana](#).

2016 Friend of Conservation Award: Nominee Information

The nominee is the person, business, or organization that is competing for the award. Their information should be entered on this page. The nominator is the one who will complete this application and submit it to the IASWCD after it has been approved and signed by a local SWCD Supervisor.

Nominee category (choose 1): **corporate** **individual** **nonprofit/government**

Organization or Corporation Name: _____

If the nominee is an individual, please state their affiliation, if any (with whom they work, collaborate, or volunteer).

Nominee Name: _____

If the nominee is an individual, please write their name. If a corporation/nonprofit/government entity, please write the name of the contact person for their organization.

County in which the nominee is located: _____

Nominee Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Nominee email: _____

If no email, include the nominating county SWCD's email address.

Narrative: Section 1

Project / Program Description:

Provide a description of the nominee's soil and water conservation program / project. Limit: 300 words.

Narrative: Section 2

Impact / Results

Describe the benefits this program / project has made to the community (local environment) in terms of improved soil and water quality. Please provide specific examples. Limit: 300 words.

Narrative: Section 3

Understanding soil and water conservation

How has the nominee encouraged others to understand the value of soil and water conservation? Limit: 300 words.

Narrative: Section 4

Nominee's active participation in conservation groups

Explain the nominee's active participation in conservation groups (Local, regional and state) and describe his or her specific leadership role/roles. Limit: 300 words.

Narrative: Section 5

SWCD Partnership

Is (or was) the local SWCD a partner in this project? If yes, describe their participation. Limit: 300 words.

Nominator's Contact Information

Any person may submit a nomination for the Award. The nominator needs to fill out this page and is responsible for sending in the application. However, the application **must be signed by a SWCD supervisor** before it can be considered.

First name: _____ Last name: _____

County: _____

Organization: _____

Please type "N/A" if this does not apply.

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

Typed Signature of SWCD Supervisor: _____

Typed name signifies the county SWCD supervisor has reviewed the application and the SWCD approves submission of the Friend of Conservation award nominee.

Name of County SWCD: _____

Remember: The Friend of Conservation Award Application must be sent by September 9, 2016. Support material is subject to the same deadline. Email to info@iaswcd.org or mail to Friend of Conservation Award, c/o IASWCD, 225 S. East Street, Suite 740, Indianapolis, IN, 46202.