

Hoosier Chapter SWCS Annual Meeting

From the Wabash to the Gulf

Connecting Conservation to Healthy Wildlife Habitat

November 10, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Indianapolis Zoo
Hulman River House
1200 W Washington St, Indianapolis

Indiana is part of the Mississippi River basin and has been identified as one of the states contributing the most excess nitrogen (11 percent) to the Gulf of Mexico creating oxygen-free dead zones. The changes people make in Indiana can make a difference in the Gulf. The Nature Conservancy in Indiana, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Soil and Water Conservation Districts, US Fish and Wildlife, and Indiana Departments of Agriculture, Environmental Management and Natural Resources are working with farmers, landowners and others along the Wabash River to restore soil health and floodplain forests and install conservation practices that make a difference. Join us to see how what we are doing along the Wabash River ultimately impacts the dolphins at the Indy Zoo!

Participants will learn how and why the new dolphin show was created and how the Gulf Hypoxia Initiative, spearheaded by seven Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) and the Mississippi River Basin Initiative partners are working together to identify high impact conservation practices in targeted areas that benefit wildlife, water quality, and agricultural productivity using high-tech, web-based spatial analysis tools. Plus, visit the new Dolphin Show or take a tour of the zoo gardens to see how they are incorporating soil health practices. Speakers include *Mary McConnell*, Executive Director, TNC; *Mike Dunn* Director of Freshwater Conservation Programs, TNC; *Gwen White*, Science Coordinator, USFS—Tallgrass Prairie, LCC; *Jorgen Rose*, Landscape Conservation Specialist, USFW; *Kevin Allison*, Urban Conservationist, Marion Co. SWCD; and *Andy Norman*, Horticulturalist, Indianapolis Zoo.

\$30 members, \$50 non-members
Spouses & Retirees \$20
Students \$5

Lunch is on your own

Registration Deadline: **October 27**

Registration Link: http://swcshoosierchapter_fallmeeting2016.eventbrite.com

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