

2021 Virtual Conference of Indiana SWCDs

Monday, January 11, 2021

11:30-1:00 PM

Opening Welcome & General Session

(Keynote Speaker: Damian Mason)

1:00-1:45 PM

Exhibitor Exploration

1:45-2:45 PM

Breakout Sessions #1

- **On the Ground:** Farming Green and the Economic Impact of Regenerative Farming *Presenter: Rick Clark*
- **District Management:** NACD Opportunities and Policy Updates
Presenter: NACD Staff
- **Outreach & Education:** Understanding Adoption and Persistent Use of Cover Crops by Farmers
Presenter: Linda Prokopy, Professor of Natural Resources Social Science, Purdue University

2:45-3:15 PM

Exhibitor Exploration

3:15-4:00 PM

SWCD Region Meetings

4:00-5:00 PM

Happy Hour & Networking (TBD)

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

7:30-8:30 AM

Breakfast Time Briefing with Legislators

What Are Soil & Water Conservation Districts

8:30-8:45 AM

Break

8:45-9:00 AM

Welcome to Day #2

9:00-10:15 AM

IASWCD Business Meeting

10:15-10:30 AM

Exhibitor Exploration

10:30-11:30 AM

Breakout Sessions #2

- **On the Ground:** Indiana's Future Water: A Report from the Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment
Presenter: Keith Cherkauer, Purdue University
- **District Management:** Contingency Planning for Districts
Presenters: Ginger Davis, Hamilton County SWCD & Terry Ault, Jackson County SWCD
- **Outreach and Education:** Virtual & Online Education: Using Social Media
Presenters: Nicole Messacar, LaPorte County SWCD & Jenna Wait, Elkhart County SWCD

11:30-12:15 PM

Lunch Break and Exhibitor Exploration

12:15-1:15 PM

Breakout Session #3

- **On the Ground:** Planting for Pollinators, Beneficial Insects and Farming for Soil Life
Presenter: Stephanie Frischie, PhD Agronomist, The Xerces Society
- **District Management:** Re-Energizing Districts
Presenter: Scott Ham, Silver Creek Water Corp
- **Outreach and Education:** The Dirt Trilogy - Connecting Soil Health and Human Health
Presenters: David Montgomery, author & Anne Bikle, biologist; husband/wife team, Dig2Grow.com

1:15-2:00 PM

Meet and Greet with David Montgomery and Anne Bikle

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

9:00-9:15 AM

Welcome to Day #3

9:15-10:15 AM

Breakout Session #4

- **On the Ground:** Soil Health Diagnostics – A Hands-On Approach to Evaluate Soil Health and Engage our Partnership and Farmers
Presenters: Stephanie McClain, Soil Health Specialist, USDA-NRCS & Joe Rorick, Agronomist, CCSI/Purdue University
- **District Management:** Fiscal & Human Resource Responsibilities of Districts
- **Outreach and Education:** Food Deserts: What are they? Why Should You Care? And What Can You Do About Them?
Presenter: Jonathon Lawler, farmer, CEO & Founder, Brandywine Creek Farms

10:15-10:45 AM

Exhibitor Exploration

10:45-11:45 AM

Roundtables

State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB)
INfield Advantage
NACD Technical Assistance (TA) Grants
Envirothon
Healthy Forest, Healthy Community
IDEM/DNR Permitting Programs
Urban Agriculture and Soil Health

11:45-12:00 PM

Grab Lunch & Join Us for the Closing & Awards Ceremony

12:00-1:00 PM

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