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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