

Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy

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**Strengthening
our capacity
for successful
watershed
management**

If you're interested in water quality and watersheds, consider applying for the **Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy**. The Academy, organized by Purdue University with support from Indiana's major conservation agencies and organizations, gives participants the chance to:

- ◆ Engage in basic and advanced level watershed topics covering leadership principles, watershed science, organization and communication, technology and GIS, stakeholder involvement techniques and policy skills
- ◆ Meet, learn from, and build a network of peers
- ◆ Interact with topic experts
- ◆ Gain strategies, skills, and resources for successful watershed management
- ◆ Earn a Professional Certificate in Watershed Management

Indiana Watershed



Leadership Program

"This is a great educational experience. You learn a lot about the nuts and bolts of water quality management as well as ideas for how this work fits into the broader efforts to improve our environment. The networking is fantastic—both with the instructors and your fellow students."

— Mark Krivchenia, Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy Alumnus.

Format: Training includes 1) three face-to-face group sessions and 2) distance learning, online (approximately 3-4 hrs./week), January - May.

Academy Fee: \$700 (includes lodging and food for overnight and one-day workshops, plus all course materials).

Recognition: Participants who complete all requirements earn a Purdue University Professional Certificate in Watershed Management.

"Trying something new and challenging yourself is the best way to learn."

— Crist Blassaras, Madison County SWCD Watershed Coordinator and Academy Alumnus.



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- *"The group dynamic was awesome."*
- *"Networking far exceeded my expectations! Wonderful!"*
- *"I currently work with 3 watershed groups and this academy gave me more info in two days than I have accrued in 7 months with these groups."*

- Comments from an Academy session

Where to Find More Information

The program Web site offers information about the Academy and other programs:

<http://www.purdue.edu/watersheds>.

Could the Academy be right for you? Applications are due in November for the program that starts the following January.

Collaborating Organizations

Indiana Watershed Leadership is a program of Purdue University. The program draws on expertise and resources at Purdue and collaborates with Indiana's major conservation agencies. Support is provided by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management through section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

A diverse steering committee and project team representing different agencies and organizations is involved in developing and teaching the academy.

- Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Watershed Assessment & Planning Branch
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management, MS4 Program Coordinator
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Hoosier Riverwatch Program
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil Conservation
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Indiana Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- Jasper County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Davey Resource Group
- Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LLC
- The Nature Conservancy
- Hamilton County Surveyor

"Distance learning allows participants to learn in their own way on their own time. It is like a virtual classroom that's open for use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It allows you to learn at your own pace."

– Cindy Baker, Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District, Resource Conservation Specialist and Academy Alumna.



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