

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

"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 graduate

Format: Training includes 1) 3 face-to-face group meetings; 2) distance learning, online (about 2 hours/week); and 3) a group project.

Academy Fee: \$1,250, which is automatically reduced to \$750 for nonprofit, SWCD, and self-funded applicants. 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.



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



More Information, and Dates

- The program website offers information about the Academy and other programs: <https://www.purdue.edu/watersheds>
- 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. Partial support has been provided by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management through section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The steering committee and project team members are representatives of the following organizations:

- Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Water Quality
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil Conservation
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- The DaVinci Pursuit
- Indiana Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- Benton County Soil & Water Conservation District
- The Nature Conservancy
- Hamilton County Surveyor
- Purdue Extension Community Development
- Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District

"This program turned my confidence and my career around. The people I met and the skills I learned in that short time have helped me create comprehensive programs for my community that are getting people involved and hopefully move the needle for water quality!"

— Caitlin Yoder, Community Engagement Specialist, Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams

"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."

"This academy consists of an absolutely great group of folks that are not only willing but excited to help and guide you to your watershed knowledge goals. I would highly recommend this academy to anyone looking for more information on watersheds."

"Learning about new web tools to create maps is so powerful, and keeping up to date on the latest/greatest is super useful."

"The networking that we did will be incredibly helpful for me in my job! This session helps to make the entire management process seem not quite so daunting."

"The group dynamic was awesome."

"Networking far exceeded my expectations! Wonderful!"

"I currently work with 3 watershed groups, and the academy gave me more info in two days than I have accrued in 7 months with these groups."

— Comments from an Academy sessions

