

# AGENDA

NOVEMBER  
3-4

THE HISTORY CENTER,  
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA



## LEADERSHIP FOR MIDWESTERN WATERSHEDS

*A network for knowledge exchange  
among agricultural watershed  
management professionals*

### Effective Partnerships

#### Wednesday, November 2nd

**7:00 PM** Pre-event social at Conner's (adjacent to Courtyard Hotel)

#### Thursday, November 3rd

**8:00 AM** Registration and light breakfast (History Center)

**9:00 AM** Welcome and Introductions

**9:30 AM** Stories of Partnerships in the Watershed Context –  
*Larry Clemens, Indiana State Director, The Nature Conservancy*

**10:15 AM** Break

**10:35 AM** A Brief History of Watershed Monitoring Programs  
in the Three Rivers of Fort Wayne – *Dr. Robert Gillespie,  
Emeritus Professor of Biology, Purdue University Fort Wayne*

**11:20 AM** Facilitated small group discussions

**12:00 PM** Buffet lunch

**1:00 PM** Farmer Leadership Case Studies and Panel Discussion

– *Rick Clark, Farm Green Consulting (Indiana)*

– *Clint Nester, Nester Ag LLC (Ohio)*

– *Matt Burkholder, Burkholder Healthy Farms (Ohio)*

– *Andrew Bernzott, Bernzott Family Farms (Indiana)*

– *Carmen McKee, City Cultivators (Gary, Indiana)*

**2:30 PM** Break

**2:50 PM** Facilitated small group discussions

**3:30 PM** Break

**3:45 PM** Human Dimensions of Watershed Management

*Dr. Aaron Thompson, Associate Professor of  
Landscape Architecture, Purdue University*

**4:30 PM** Adjourn

**5:30 PM** Happy Hour

**6:30 PM** Group Dinner at The Hoppy Gnome, 203 E. Berry St.  
(one block west of History Center)

#### Friday, November 4th

**7:30 AM** Three Rivers Sunrise Walking Tour (optional)

**8:00 AM** Light breakfast (History Center)

**8:30 AM** Watershed Partnership Case Studies

– *Lauren Sandhu, Blanchard River Watershed Partnership, Ohio*

– *Leslie Fisher, Big Pine Creek Watershed Project, Indiana*

– *Colleen Forestieri, Conservation Technician, Van Buren  
Conservation District*

**9:15 AM** Facilitated small group discussions

**9:45 AM** Break

**10:00 AM** Opportunities to Partner with NRCS  
*Jill Reinhart, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service,  
Outreach and Partnerships Division*

**10:30 AM** Program/Policy Updates

**11:00 AM** Break

**11:15 AM** Growing Farmer Leadership in Watershed Management:  
Tools You Can Use – *Jenny Seifert, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Division of Extension*

**12:00 PM** Buffet lunch, and adjourn

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