

INDIANA WATER SUMMIT

August 27, 2025



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8:00 Doors Open

8:00 - 9:00 Check-in and light breakfast available

9:00 Welcome

💧 *Jill Hoffmann, White River Alliance*

9:10 “Collaboration is an Antidote for Uncertainty: Stewarding the Future of Water, Together”

💧 *Danielle Gallet, Waterwell, LLC*

9:35 Our Water – Where and How Is It? Highlights from a Recent Report

💧 *Garth Lindner, Indiana Department of Natural Resources*

10:00 Better Measures for Better Management: the Next Generation of Water Observations

💧 *Dave Lampe, US Geological Survey*

10:25 Next Region Up: Indiana Regional Water Studies Continue with the Kankakee Basin

💧 *Sarah Hudson, Indiana Finance Authority*

10:40 --- BREAK ---

--What’s Happening on the Ohio? Regional Collaborations & New Developments--

11:00 ORSANCO, the Ohio River Basin Alliance, and the Ohio River Basin Restoration Plan

💧 *Sam Dinkins, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission*

💧 *Chris Lorentz, Thomas More University & Ohio River Basin Alliance*

11:35 Pigeon Creek: Indiana’s New Watershed Development Commission

💧 *Kristi Johnson, Indiana Department of Natural Resources*

11:50 Origin Park in Southeastern Indiana

💧 *Dennis Schnurbush II, River Heritage Conservancy*

12:05 Regionalism Discussion - Audience Participation

12:20--- LUNCH ---

1:05 A Voice from the River!

💧 *Eddie Gill IV, Friends of the White River*

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--- *Water Needs, Challenges, and Solutions* ---

1:20 Everything's (About to Be) Up to Date in Switz City: Infrastructure Improvement Based on a Comprehensive Asset Management Approach

- 💧 *Adam Hershberger, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water*
- 💧 *Wei Liao, Purdue University*
- 💧 *Tom Iseley, Purdue University*

1:50 Septics and Water Quality Impacts

- 💧 *Lakin Cuchetto, Conservation Law Center*

2:20 Regional Sewers in the Lakes District

- 💧 *Ken Jones, Jones Petrie Rifinski*

2:50 The "Farm Advisors" Program and Regenerative Agriculture Practices

- 💧 *Ray McCormick, McCormick Farms*

3:10 --- BREAK ---

--- *Seeing the Benefits* ---

3:30 Indiana's In-Lieu Fee Program and Wetland Conservation

- 💧 *Brad Baldwin, Indiana Department of Natural Resources*

4:00 Worth It? Property Value Impacts from Cleanup Efforts in the Great Lakes Areas of Concern

- 💧 *Alecia Cassidy, University of Alabama*

4:25 The Most Positive Water Impact of 2024

- 💧 *Christian Freitag, Conservation Law Center*

4:40 What Caught Your Eyes and Ears Today? Your Feedback

5:00 Wrap-up Comments & Adjourn

5:15 Annual Meeting & Stewardship Awards (Optional)