

INDIANA WATER SUMMIT

August 19, 2026



8:15 Doors Open - Coffee, Tea, Light Breakfast Available

8:45 Welcome

💧 *Jill Hoffmann, White River Alliance*

9:00 Progress Report on the Development of the State's Water Planning Framework

💧 *Suzanne Jaworowski, Secretary of Energy and Natural Resources*

9:30 State Water Policy Implementation with State Agency Officials

💧 *Ryan Mueller, Indiana Department of Natural Resources*

💧 *Clint Woods, Indiana Department of Environmental Management*

💧 *Jim McGoff, Indiana Finance Authority*

💧 *Jonathan Witham, Indiana Department of Homeland Security*

💧 *David Bausman, Indiana State Department of Agriculture*

10:10 --- BREAK ---

10:30 Stream Water Quality in Indiana - What is Regulated, by Whom, and How?

The Case of Eagle Creek and the LEAP District

💧 *Jill Hoffmann, White River Alliance*

💧 *Kelly Brown, White River Alliance*

💧 *Shannon Killion, White River Alliance*

💧 *Caleb Rennaker, Indiana Department of Environmental Management*

12:00 --- LUNCH ---

- *Group discussion topic: the updated Indiana Water Roadmap - viewing the Roadmap strategies from multiple perspectives: what are the challenges to implementing these strategies and what would help address those challenges?*

1:35 Lunch Activity Report-Out

2:00 Groundwater Quality in Indiana: What We Know and Don't Know

💧 *Kevin Spindler, Indiana Department of Environmental Management*

💧 *John Mundell, Mundell & Associates*

💧 *Others TBD*

2:50 --- BREAK ---

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3:10 The Role of Local Governments in Protecting Water in Indiana

- ◆ *Amanda Trakas, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water*
- ◆ *Shannon Hayes, City of Richmond*
- ◆ *Jason Doerflein, Marion County Public Health Department*
- ◆ *Cassie Brunson, Elkhart County Health Department*
- ◆ *Rachel Walker, Mundell & Associates*

4:00 Policy Discussion: Ensuring Clean, Safe Water – Our Current Status and Opportunities for Progress

- ◆ *Brett Clark, Indiana State Senate*
- ◆ *La Keisha Jackson, Indiana State Senate*
- ◆ *Kumar Menon, City of Fort Wayne Utilities*
- ◆ *Suzanne Weirick, Elkhart County*
- ◆ *David Van Gilder, Hoosier Environmental Council*

4:40 Closing Remarks

- ◆ *Jill Hoffmann, White River Alliance*

5:00 *White River Alliance Annual Meeting*

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9:00 Collaboration Is Not Optional

◆ *Michelle Stockness, Freshwater Society*

9:30 Addressing Emerging Concerns: PFAS

◆ *Matthew Hobbs, Indiana American Water*

◆ *Lauren Nielsen, KERAMIDA*

◆ *Anne Tavalire, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy*

◆ *Rey Barreto or Charles Steele, Purdue University Northwest*

10:20 --- BREAK ---

10:40 Addressing Emerging Concerns: Microplastics and Pharmaceuticals

◆ *Julie Peller, Valparaiso University*

◆ *Kyle Doudrick, University of Notre Dame*

◆ *Dan Moran, Citizens Energy Group*

11:20 Policy Options for Meeting These Challenges - Policy Discussion

◆ *Maureen Bauer, Indiana House of Representatives*

◆ *David Abbott, Indiana House of Representatives*

12:00 --- LUNCH ---

- *Group discussion topic: Critical next steps for the State - what are the priority concerns and what actions are needed in 2027 and 2028?*

1:35 Lunch Activity Report-Out

2:00 Drainage, Nutrients, and Water Quality

◆ *Michael Dunn, The Nature Conservancy*

◆ *Bob Barr, Indiana University - Indianapolis*

◆ *Ben Reinhart, Ecosystem Services Exchange*

◆ *Jennifer Tank, University of Notre Dame*

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2:50 --- BREAK ---

3:10 Economic Development, Water, and Data Centers

- ◆ *Hasaranga Jayathilake, Indiana University - Indianapolis*
- ◆ *Rachel Havrelock, University of Illinois - Chicago*
- ◆ *Elizabeth Riggs, American Rivers*
- ◆ *Alex Burton, Indiana House of Representatives*
- ◆ *Kendell Culp, Indiana House of Representatives*

4:10 Making Water Protection Compatible with Economic Development - Policy Discussion

- ◆ *Mike Aylesworth, Indiana House of Representatives*
- ◆ *Wendy Dant Chesser, Indiana House of Representatives*
- ◆ *Mark Heirbrandt, Hamilton County*
- ◆ *Natalie Goodwin, Indiana Chamber*

4:40 Closing Remarks

- ◆ *Jill Hoffmann, White River Alliance*

◆ *Adjourn to Happy Hour Reception*