

Greening the Statehouse 2021: Nov. 19th and 20th 2021

Finalized Program

Day 1: Friday, November 19, 2021:

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm:

How can we better the future of solar energy in Indiana in 2022? (preceded by a welcome to GTS)

- The Current Policy Climate for Rooftop Solar in Indiana
 - Speaker: Ben Inskeep, Principal Energy Policy Analyst, EQ Research
- Environmentally Friendly Utility-Scale Solar: Its Significance & Impact on Communities
 - Speaker: Jessi Wyatt, Senior Energy Analyst, Great Plains Institute
- Building Grand Coalitions for Rooftop Solar
 - Speaker: John Delurey, Senior Regional Policy Director, Vote Solar

Moderated by Jesse Kharbanda, Executive Director, HEC

1:30 pm to 2:00 pm:

Networking and Ask an Outreach Expert

HEC's Senior Policy Director Tim Maloney and HEC's Senior Outreach Associate Delaney Barber will be available to take your outreach questions.

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm:

How can we protect and restore Indiana's wetlands & floodplains after SB 389?

- Current Policy in Indiana
 - Speaker: Dr. Indra Frank, Hoosier Environmental Council
- Local Strategies and Opportunities for Floodplain and Wetland Protection
 - Speaker: Kerry Daily, Christopher Burke Engineering; Indiana Association for Stormwater and Floodplain Management
- Protecting Isolated Wetlands: Observations and Considerations for States
 - Speaker: Dr. Brenda Zollitsch, Association of State Wetland Managers

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Day 2: Saturday, November 20, 2021:

9:00 am to 9:15 am:

Introduction: Emily Plunkett, Manager of Outreach, HEC; Jesse Kharbanda, HEC Exec. Director

9:15 am to 10:30 am:

What are our best paths to advance environmental justice in urban and rural Indiana?

- How to Engage your Local Electeds, other Decisionmakers, & the Community on EJ
 - Speaker: Paula Brooks, Environmental Justice Coordinator, HEC
- Advances in Safeguarding Hoosier Kids from Lead Poisoning
 - Speaker: Garry Holland, Chair of the Education Committee, Indianapolis NAACP
- Promising Directions for Achieving a Sustainable Food System that Revitalizes Rural Communities
 - Speaker: Kim Ferraro, Senior Staff Attorney, Hoosier Environmental Council

10:30 am to 11:00 am

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11:00 am to 12:30 pm

What will it take to move Northern and Southern Indiana from its polluting past & present?

- Quality of Place as the New Economic Banner for Indiana's Struggling Communities
 - Speaker: Dr. Michael Hicks, George and Frances Ball Distinguished Professor of Economics, Ball State University
- Protecting the Lake Michigan Watershed
 - Speaker: Natalie Johnson, Executive Director, Save the Dunes
- Fighting a Coal-to-Diesel Plant Proposed for SW Indiana
 - Speaker: Mary Hess, Southwestern Indiana Citizens for Quality of Life
- Rethinking Rural Development Strategies: the Mid-States Highway and a Different Paradigm
 - Speaker: Tim Maloney, Senior Policy Director, Hoosier Environmental Council

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Lunch and Networking

1:30 pm to 2:00 pm

The 2021 HEC Awards, with awardees announced by Marianne Holland, Senior Development Manager

2:00 pm to 2:30 pm

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2:30 pm to 2:45 pm

2022 Climate Legislation in Indiana: A Presentation by Confront the Climate Crisis

- Speakers
 - Rahul Durai
 - Ethan Bledsoe
 - Annabel Prokopy

2:45 pm to 3:55 pm:

What's on the mind of the Indiana environmental community?: Reflections on 2021, Prognostications for 2022, and Fielding an Array of Audience Questions

Panelists: Indra Frank, Jesse Kharbanda, Kim Ferraro, Paula Brooks, and Tim Maloney

3:55 pm to 4:00 pm

Farewell Words: Continuing What We Have Accomplished Together, Jesse Kharbanda, HEC Exec. Director