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Saturday, June 8, 2024



Dear HEC Supporter,

And the crowd let out a cheer when Indra Frank introduced herself as Hoosier Environmental Council's water policy director! This was the reception HEC received from those who attended a recent public hearing held by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for a wetland permit to build warehouses in Franklin Township. I believe it is because we are seen as a trusted partner, advocate, and resource for those advocating to protect our natural assets.

In this particular instance, HEC helped the community win an unprecedented victory with a permit denial by IDEM. Our work, and your support, made a difference. How do you feel about Hoosier Environmental Council? If you see us as a trusted resource, partner and advocate making a difference on issues you care about, please consider giving a gift today to help us reach our June \$75,000 gift match, so generously offered by the Efroymsen Family Fund. Your involvement and financial contributions help us aim higher, set more ambitious goals, and get more done on behalf of Indiana's environment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sam Carpenter

DOUBLE Your Donation Today

Sam Carpenter
Executive Director, Hoosier Environmental Council

Help Hoosiers Save on Energy Bills

How would you spend \$182 million . . . If it was your job to decide how to help Hoosiers save money on their utility bills through improved efficiency?! The Indiana Office of Energy Development is rolling out a program to help Hoosiers save money and improve home comfort through better insulation and new appliances. Half of the funding is geared toward low- and moderate-income households and the other half is for everyone. You have a chance to make this program better with your input by following this link and giving your input.

Not sure what to say? HEC can help. To have an effective program, HEC believes the points

below. If you agree or just want to follow our lead – please include these points in your comments. **Your voice will make a difference!**

- Make rebates and incentives large to make improvements affordable.
- Rebates should be provided at the time of purchase.
- Pay contractors promptly.
- Partner with residents in Justice 40 communities to ensure broad program participation.
- Use pre-existing program qualifications like WIC, Medicaid, and Energy Assistance rather than creating new eligibility tests for income-based rebates.

Share Your Input



IOED Home Energy Rebate Engagement Sessions

Attend a stakeholder engagement session to learn more and to provide valuable input on both the design and implementation of the Home Energy Rebate Programs! **Please consider attending the meeting closest to you.**

[Join HEC at the Indianapolis engagement session!](#)

INDIANAPOLIS

Tuesday, June 11
6:30 – 8:30pm EST

Indiana Historical Society - Frank and Katrina Basile Theatre (450 W Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202)

[Register](#)

EVANSVILLE

Thursday, June 13
7:30-9:30pm EST /
6:30-8:30pm CST

C.K. Newsome Community Center, (100 E. Walnut St., Evansville, IN 47713)

[Register](#)

FORT WAYNE

Tuesday, June 25
6:30 – 8:30pm EST

Ivy Tech Coliseum Campus (3800 N. Anthony Blvd., Rm. CC1640, Fort Wayne, IN 46805)

[Register](#)

VIRTUAL CLOSING SESSION

Thursday, June 27
6:30 – 8:30pm EST

Registration for the Virtual Meeting will be provided soon. [View past meeting slides here.](#)

Advanced registration is not required to attend but is strongly encouraged by the IOED to assist with preparation.

HEC In the News

- "[Deep Dive: Wetlands \[Part 2\]](#)," *WFHB News and Limestone Post Magazine*, May 29, 2024.
- "[Southsiders prevail in halting plan to destroy wetlands](#)," with Sam Carpenter, *Mirror Indy*, May 29, 2024.
- "[State agency denies permit to build warehouse complex on south-side wetlands](#)" by Taylor Wooten, *Indianapolis Business Journal*, May 29, 2024.

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Events

- (June 11, 6:30-8:30pm) [IOED Home Energy Rebate Session – Indianapolis](#), Indiana Historical Society, Frank and Katrina Basile Theatre, 450 W Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202
- (June 13, 6:30-8:30pm) [IOED Home Energy Rebate Session – Evansville](#), C.K. Newsome Community Center, 100 E. Walnut St., Evansville, IN 47713
- (June 13-14, 7am-4pm) [National Water Management Forum](#), St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, IN
- (June 15, 9am-4pm) [Shape Your Community: Urban Planning Workshop – Indianapolis](#), University CAP: INDY, Ball State Architecture Building, 25 N Pine St Indianapolis, IN 46202
- (June 25, 6:30-8:30pm) [IOED Home Energy Rebate Session – Fort Wayne](#), Ivy Tech Coliseum Campus, 3800 N. Anthony Blvd., Rm. CC1640, Fort Wayne, IN 46805
- (June 27, 6:30-7pm) [IOED Home Energy Rebate Session – Virtual Closing Session](#), Virtual
- (August 21-22, All Day) 2024 Indiana Water Summit, Biltwell Event Center, 950 S. White River Pkwy W. Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46221
- (Sept 22 | All Day) [2024 Annual Environment and Spirituality Summit](#), Hybrid
- (Sept 26-27 | All Day) [2024 Great Lakes Conference](#), The Drake Hotel, 140 E Walton Place Chicago, IL 60611

For a complete listing of events, check out our [events calendar](#).

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