

Tuesday, Dec 17, 2024



Dear HEC Supporter,

A big THANK YOU to everyone who supported Hoosier Environmental Council in the Indy Gives contest. We had a strong showing and there is still time to [have your gift doubled](#) by the Efroymsen Family Fund if you give to Hoosier Environmental Council before the end of the year.

This week, we provide a preview of what environmental action we anticipate during the upcoming Indiana legislative session, and we highlight an opportunity to help push for an expansion of Deam Wilderness and Indiana's natural areas. Thank you for your care for Indiana's environment!

2025 Legislation Session Preview

There is lots of speculation, some good hard intelligence and many unknowns as we prepare for the 2025 legislative session. One thing HEC feels confident in predicting is that with: a new governor coming into office; it being a budget year and a longer session; and with new strains on our infrastructure and resources related to AI datacenters, advanced manufacturing; and continued loss of farmland and natural spaces due to development, it will be a consequential legislative session.

[Read our latest blog](#) for some of what HEC expects with some of our priorities highlighted.



Take Action



Deam Wilderness Expansion on the Line!

Bills to advance expansion of the Deam Wilderness and to create a multi-use National Recreation Area around the Deam are still active in Congress. Senator Braun and Representative Erin Houchin introduced these bills in their respective chambers and



a path exists through the budget reconciliation process to accomplish the goal yet this year.

Many HEC supporters have already sent messages to their congressional representatives, but if you have not yet done so, [here is the action link](#). This week tell your representative why you value wilderness and recreation in Indiana.

Featured Event

Indiana State House Informational Session

Hoosier Environmental Council will be participating in a webinar with [Save the Dunes](#) to highlight the importance of advocacy. We'll be focusing on the why, what, when, and how of effective advocacy in the upcoming legislative sessions.

Save the date for this Thursday the 19th at 5pmCT/6pmET to [join us on zoom](#).

Indiana State House
Informational Session: Recap &
Looking Ahead

Wetland Protections

PFAS Rulings

How to Get Involved

Save the Dunes

Hoosier Environmental COUNCIL
All Together Now

December 19th, 2024
5:00PM CST ON ZOOM
<https://tinyurl.com/msk9snh3>

PFAS Webinar Replay

Did you miss our PFAS webinar HEC held with Institute for a Sustainable Future at Purdue last week? [Watch the replay here](#).

We are holding a second webinar on January 21. Save the date and look for more information in our next newsletter to register.

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TUES. JAN 21. | 11:30am ET

SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming Events

- (Dec 19 | 6-7pm) [Indiana State House Informational Session: Recap & Looking Ahead](#), Virtual Zoom
- (Jan 21 | 9am-3pm) [Renewable Energy Day](#), Indiana Statehouse, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

- (Jan 21 | 11:30am) PFAS Forever Chemicals, Virtual Zoom

HEC in the News

- "[Advocates hopeful, cautious about 2025 legislative session](#)," by Caleb Amick, with David Van Gilder, Dec. 14, 2024, *The Herald Bulletin*.
- "[Environmental groups express concern with Tradebe remediation plan, recent spill](#)," by Michael Gallenberger, Dec. 13, 2024, *Lakeshore Public Media*.

Please support HEC's End of Year Campaign with [a gift of support](#). Your donation will be matched by the Efroymsen Family Fund, up to \$125,000 total if received by December 31st!

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