Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Dear HEC Supporter,

There are a lot of great ways to connect with Hoosier Environmental Council coming up! Starting with our virtual Lunch and Learn Legislative Wrap-Up on Thursday, May 8, at noon on our Facebook Live stream. We'll discuss our legislative wins, the challenges we faced, and we'll take your questions. RSVP here, and submit your questions early here. Can't make it? No problem. We'll post the recording on our YouTube page - just be sure to submit your questions ahead of time!

RSVP Now

Nature Journaling Session | May 22, 2025

Unplug with us. Feeling overwhelmed? We get it. Join the Hoosier Environmental Council and Eagle Creek Park Foundation for a nature journaling session on Thursday, May 22, from 6:00 to 8:15pm at the Earth Discovery Center at Eagle Creek Park. Certified Nature Journal Educator and Advanced Master Naturalist James Todd will teach you the practice of recording and collecting your observations, thoughts, ideas, and experiences in nature onto the page. Dust off your journal, grab a pen, and register here to connect with nature. Only 25 spots are available—grab yours today. *Although our event is free, you may have to pay the gate entrance fee to Eagle Creek Park.*

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Calling all Photographers: Wetlands Photo Book

We're creating a coffee table book entitled *Indiana's Wetland Wonder: Thriving Through All Four Seasons* to showcase the incredible wetlands of Indiana and raise awareness about the threats they face from ongoing development. We'd love for you to contribute your stunning wetland photographs to help bring this project to life and highlight the importance of preserving these unique ecosystems. All contributed photos will be credited.

Send your photos (or questions) to Dr. Maria Iturbide at miturbide@hecweb.org.

Indiana Statewide PFAS Assessment

PFAS, or “forever chemicals,” are a group of manufactured chemicals that are prevalent in industry and consumer products. As their nickname suggests, PFAS take a long time to break down and accumulate in our water, soil, vegetation, and even our bodies. They’re associated with a number of adverse health outcomes, including cancer, thyroid and liver problems, and issues with fertility and development. Check out this report from the Purdue Institute for a Sustainable Future for a comprehensive understanding of the environmental and health impacts of PFAS in Indiana.

In Case You Missed It...

- Indiana's coal ash ponds are safe from April's floods, but still pose a risk, *IPB News,* May 1, 2025.
- Crowd tells IDEM: Don't let Amazon take wetland for more data centers in St. Joseph County, *South Bend Tribute,* May 1, 2025.

Upcoming Events

The events below are in Eastern Time unless otherwise denoted.

- (May 6 | 6-7:30pm CDT) IN Ready, Set, Solar! May 2025 Solar 101, Virtual
- (May 8 | 12:00-12:45pm) HEC Lunch and Learn Legislative Wrap Up, Virtual
- (May 8 | 6-7:30pm) Rooted in the City: Urban Gardens in Our Community, 425 East Main Street, Carmel Clay Public Library, Carmel, IN 46032
- (May 18 | 12-5pm) Eco Fest Fort Wayne, Headwaters Park, 333 South Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802
- (May 22 | 6:00 - 8:15pm) Nature Journaling with James Todd at Eagle Creek, Earth Discovery Center at Eagle Creek Park, 5901 Delong Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46254
- (May 31 | 11am-5pm) Earth Fest by Earth Day Indiana, Garfield Park, 2345 Pagoda Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46203
- (July 19 | 8:30am-12pm) Pike Farmers Market, 5429 Lafayette Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46254

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