

Monday, June 1



A new kind of grid for the future, fueled by *community power*

Join Efroymsen Family Fund in taking a stand for our environment—give before June 30 and your gift will be doubled!

Give safely and securely at hecweb.org/donate.



Friend,

Forget everything you know about power grids. Because here at HEC, we're forging a brand-new version – one without pylons or transmission wires.

In our power grid, communities lead the charge, and we bolster their action. Whether it's data center transparency, wetland protection, or ensuring kids breathe clean air at school, HEC has Hoosiers' backs. We believe that together, community power can light up Indiana's future.

This month is a great time to help us help your community, and others like it. **Now until June 30, every dollar you donate up to \$75,000 will be matched, thanks to the generosity of the Efroymsen Family Fund.** Give safely and securely at hecweb.org/donate.

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Celebrating Trails & Environmental Action

Did you know that this Friday, June 5, is [World Environment Day](#)? Created in 1973 by the UN to raise awareness of global environmental problems, this year's theme is a global call for climate action. As we cross and set to exceed the 1.5° international climate target, the UN encourages us to pay attention to the signals the planet is sending: extreme temperatures and weather events, melting glaciers, and rising sea levels.



But all is not lost — every solar panel, restored forest, and small action represents seeds of hope. Which begs the question: how will you honor this special day? Whether you evaluate your personal energy use or turn your attention toward larger climate initiatives, we have one small action for you: send this e-newsletter to a friend, and encourage them to [subscribe](#)! From our commitment to increasing access to clean, affordable energy to advocacy for natural lands and conserving and restoring wetlands, HEC packs a big climate impact right here in the state we call home. Best of all? There are lots of opportunities for involvement throughout the year, from our action alerts to educational events.

Can't get enough of celebratory environmental days? [National Trails Day](#) is Saturday, June 6! Celebrating is easy. Lace up your hiking boots and hit a trail near you. Interested in

building, maintaining, or repairing a local trail? Check out the [Hoosier Hikers Council](#) for opportunities all year round!



Our HEC supporters love their local trails! From left to right: Liz Marthaler, Mounds State Park, Lynn McDaniels, Turkey Run State Park, and Lainey Deetz, Nickel Plate Trail in Fishers, IN.

We Loved Our Last Earth Month Event!

Last weekend, we hosted a table at Earth Day Indiana's 2026 festival, and we couldn't imagine a better way to spend a sunny Saturday! Thank you to everyone who came out to visit us with their friends and family. It's tough to watch our last Earth Month event come and go, but we're grateful for every conversation, wave, and quick hello from our supporters!

Pictured: Anna White (staff) and Eve Earley (volunteer) at EarthFest 2026. Photo Credit: Eve Earley



HEC News & Views

- [Therapist: Climate change carries physical, mental risk](#), Public News Service, May 29, 2026
- [Southsiders advocate for a nature preserve over semi-truck repair shop](#), Mirror Indy, May 28, 2026
- [Black Church Coalition demands halt to incentives for data centers](#), WRTV Indianapolis, May 28, 2026
- [Martindale Brightwood residents cite environmental concerns in suit against data center plan](#), IBJ, May 13, 2026

Upcoming Events

The events below are in Eastern Standard Time unless otherwise denoted.

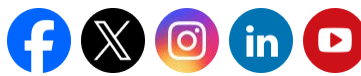
- **July 8 | 7:30 PM CT** | [Plastic Reduction Alliance: Public Forum](#), [Harre Union, Valparaiso University](#), 1509 Chapel Dr, Valparaiso, IN 46383
- **July 9 | 7:30 PM CT** | [Plastic Reduction Alliance: Public Forum](#), Our Lady Queen of Martyrs North Campus, 801 W 73rd Ave, Merrillville, IN 46410

- **July 30 - July 31** | [2026 Wetlands Workshop by Land & Ethic Nature Reserve](#), Hogtown Road, Whiskey Run Township, IN 47140

Double your impact by June 30 with your gift of up to \$75k, thanks to the Efroymson Family Fund!

I want to make twice the impact!

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