

Agenda-at-a-Glance

Tuesday, December 11

Registration Desk Open

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

*Workshop 1: Great Lakes Big Rivers Climate

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

The workshop will help educators, conservation professionals, natural resource managers, and outreach professionals recommend management practices that respond to changes in climate. Topics include agriculture and natural resources, community development, human health, youth engagement in climate and communicating about climate.

*Workshop 2: NextGen Youth Water Leadership

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

This workshop will feature discussion and planning for youth water outreach programming in the North Central Region. Amy Timmerman of Nebraska Extension will share the results of the North Central Region Water Network funded youth water education needs assessment. Justin Hougham of the University of Wisconsin-Extension will share details about an innovative youth water program connecting youth with science and the outdoors by using modern mobile technology tools. Discussion groups will unpack this information to enhance current programming, share ideas for incorporating water into youth programs and form teams to develop new programs.

*Workshop 3: Conservation Finance

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

To achieve desired conservation and water quality goals, conservation professionals increasingly need the knowledge and skills to bring a diversity of funding sources together. This workshop will examine a variety of different strategies for funding conservation efforts and explore how nontraditional funding sources and partnerships can lead to more sustainable watershed management efforts across the North Central Region.

*North Central Region Water Network Harmful Algal Bloom Project Team Meeting

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

This meeting is for members of the North Central Region Water Network's Harmful Algal Bloom project team.

Wednesday, December 12

Registration Desk Open

7:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Morning Coffee and Light Breakfast

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Forum Kickoff and Morning Plenary – One Water in Action

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

This plenary will introduce the one water concept and feature a panel discussing different perspectives on one water, examples of one water at work across the region and opportunities and challenges to using the one water approach.

Morning Break: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

World Café

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Lunch

12:00 PM – 1:00PM

Concurrent Working Sessions on Sustainable Water Supply, Climate and Water and Soil Health and Water

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Working sessions will share new knowledge or perspectives, and allow time for attendees to discuss opportunities and challenges to approaching specific water topics in a more integrated, inclusive and sustainable manner. Working sessions will also provide time for participants to explore how we can establish creative collaborations addressing water-related issues moving forward.

Afternoon Break: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Concurrent Working Sessions on Water Infrastructure, Engaging the Next Generation of Water Stewards, and Watershed Management

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Working sessions will share new knowledge or perspectives, and allow time for attendees to discuss opportunities and challenges to approaching specific water topics in a more integrated, inclusive and sustainable manner. Working sessions will also provide time for participants to explore how we can establish creative collaborations addressing water-related issues moving forward.

Exhibitor and Poster Reception

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Thursday, December 13

Registration Desk Open

7:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Morning Coffee and Light Breakfast

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Morning Plenary - Rewiring for One Water

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

This plenary will focus on system barriers to one water solutions, and how the water community can come together to carve out new pathways conducive to one water thinking.

Morning Break: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Concurrent Working Sessions on Source Water Protection, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Water Outreach, Research, and Management and Nutrient Management and Harmful Algal Blooms

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Working sessions will share new knowledge or perspectives, and allow time for attendees to discuss opportunities and challenges to approaching specific water topics in a more integrated, inclusive and sustainable manner. Working sessions will also provide time for participants to explore how we can establish creative collaborations addressing water-related issues moving forward.

Morning Break: Exhibit Hall and Poster Presentations Open

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Afternoon Plenary Session and Lunch

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Working session leaders will share highlights from their respective conversations. Discussion will focus on commonalities between different conversations, goals for the future, and a one water agenda for the North Central Region moving forward.

12:30 PM Forum Adjourns

1:00 PM *Indiana Conservation Tour

Join the Hoosier Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and Purdue Extension on a tour of one water concepts in action. This half day tour will showcase Cicero Creek, a tributary of the Morse Reservoir which supplies water to the city of Indianapolis. Hear from groups who have banded together, forming a unique partnership, to ensure water quality along the stream and into the reservoir. The last hour will be spent on a guided walk through Oliver's Woods, a 53-acre nature preserve in the middle of this bustling metropolitan center. Learn about the

partnership that made this preserve possible, participate in a fun art activity, and hear about the distinctive biodiversity of this area along the White River.

***Not included in standard registration. Additional fees may apply and ticket(s) required to attend.**