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**Annual Conference of Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts Will Bring 400 Conservationists to Indianapolis**

INDIANAPOLIS, IN –The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (IASWCD) will draw approximately 400 conservationists from around the state for their Annual Conference of Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) on January 11-13, 2015 at the downtown Indianapolis Marriott.

Each year the event serves as a forum for continuing education and collaboration on the natural resource issues that the state faces. This year, the SWCDs also celebrate their 75th anniversary in Indiana, making it a time for celebration of the conservation work that has been accomplished, and reflection on the progress still to be made.

The IASWCD counts on the support of like-minded sponsors for the Annual Conference of Indiana SWCDs. These organizations represent diverse sectors, including state agriculture agencies, seed distributors, and fertilizer companies, among others. They share a common interest in protecting essential natural resources such as soil and water for improved quality of life for both urban and rural residents of the state.

“We appreciate the support of our sponsors and the fact that they share our conservation values,” said IASWCD President Jeff Meinders. “These organizations and businesses are committed to sustainable agriculture and sustainable communities, which can be accomplished by protecting water quality and soil health.”

The IASWCD thanks the following organizations for sponsoring the 2015 Annual Conference of Indiana SWCDs:

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Soil and Water Conservation Districts are county-level units of government that manage and direct natural resource management programs at the local level. Indiana has 92 SWCDs, one for each county. Their focus is responsible and wise management of private land and natural resources.Together with the 92 SWCDs and more than 400 volunteers statewide, the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts coordinates technical and financial assistance in an effort to develop locally-driven solutions to natural resource concerns. The IASWCD seeks to enable the conservation of Indiana’s natural resources and to improve the environment and quality of life for future generations.

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