

District Showcase Award Application

Showcase Your District's Success – Apply for the 2025-2026 District Showcase Award!

Is your Soil and Water Conservation District leading the way in innovation, outreach, or successful conservation programs? Don't miss your chance to be recognized for your hard work and creativity through Indiana's **District Showcase Award**, sponsored by the Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP).

Perhaps your SWCD should be selected for this prestigious award, celebrating standout projects, new ideas, and effective community engagement in conservation!

Why Apply?

- **Be Recognized:** Winners will be honored during the **2027 IASWCD Conference Awards Banquet** at The Westin in downtown Indianapolis.
- **Showcase Your Work:** Display your project photos and materials at the conference, and share your success story with peers across the state.
- **Statewide Exposure:** Featured in statewide newsletters, websites, and press releases.
- **ICP Leadership Visit:** Winning districts will receive an **in-person visit in 2026** from members of the Indiana Conservation Partnership.
- **Free Conference Registration:** Each winning application earns **one free registration** to the 2027 IASWCD Annual Conference.

How to Apply:

- **Complete the online application via this Google Form**
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Deadline: March 31, 2026, by 5 p.m. EDT

- SWCDs awarded in **2022, 2023, or 2024 are not eligible**
- Joint applications are welcome, but each SWCD may submit only **one application**

Take pride in your district's achievements—**don't keep your success a secret!** Apply now and let your work inspire others across Indiana.

For questions, contact Amy Work at amy-work@iaswcd.org.

** Indicates required question*

1. SWCD Name *

2. Personal Contact Name *

3. Contact Title *

4. SWCD Street Address *

5. City *

6. State *

7. Zip Code: *

8. Contact Email *

9. Phone *

10. Typed Signature (signifies acceptance of this application and approval of it being submitted to the IASWCD for consideration) *

Narrative

Submission Guidelines: Tell Us Why Your District Deserves to Be Showcased

In your narrative, describe why your SWCD should be recognized for a specific **project, program, or activity** related to soil and water conservation. Your response should clearly explain the impact and innovation behind your work.

Points will be awarded based on how well your description addresses the following criteria:

1.
Target Audience: Identify the specific group(s) your project focused on—such as urban residents, rural communities, farmers, or the general public.
2.
Conservation Practices: Describe the conservation practices featured in the project.
3.
Outreach & Communication: Explain how you engaged with your target audience and communicated your message.
4.
Connection to Business Plan: Show how the project aligns with goals outlined in your district's current Business Plan.
5.
Partnerships: Highlight both traditional and non-traditional partners involved in the project and their roles.
6.
Funding: Describe the funding sources used (if any), such as grants, donations, or cost-share programs.
7.
Environmental Impact: Detail the environmental or conservation benefits of the work—include measurable outcomes if possible.

8.

Measurable Results: Share any data, outcomes, or metrics that show the project's success or progress.

9.

SWCD Growth: Explain how the project has strengthened your district's capacity, visibility, partnerships, or services.

Tip: Be specific, provide examples, and quantify results when possible. A strong narrative will not only meet all the criteria but also tell a compelling story about your district's commitment to conservation.

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