

2025-2026 Friend of Conservation Award Nomination

Recognizing Outstanding Contributions to Conservation in Indiana

The **Friend of Conservation Award** honors **individuals, businesses and organizations** that have shown an exceptional commitment to soil and water conservation and sustainability in Indiana.

Awards are presented in each of the following categories:

- Individual
- Government/Nonprofit
- Corporate

Who Can Be Nominated?

Anyone who has made a **meaningful impact** on conservation in Indiana can be nominated. This includes soil and water conservation efforts that support **education, outreach, implementation of conservation practices**, or long-term dedication to conservation efforts.

Nominees may be recognized for:

A single, impactful project or ongoing contributions to multiple conservation efforts at the local, regional, or statewide level.

Note: Past recipients are not eligible to receive the award again.

Who Can Submit a Nomination?

Individuals, businesses, agencies and organizations. However, **all nominations must be submitted through a local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)**, and must include:

A **typed signature** from an SWCD Supervisor, confirming the District's review and approval.

Only one nomination may be submitted per SWCD each year.

How to Apply:

1. Contact your local SWCD (SWCDs must submit the application)
2. Submit the online application during the **nomination period: October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026**
3. Email Support Materials (photos, letters of support, documentation, news articles, etc.) to amy-work@iaswcd.org by the March 31 deadline. Verify receipt of these materials.

Why Apply?

Winning the **Friend of Conservation Award** is more than an honor -- it's a chance to:

- **Inspire others** by sharing your conservation success story
- **Receive statewide recognition** for your commitment to natural resource stewardship
- **Be recognized** at the 2027 IASWCD Statewide Conference in Indianapolis

Bonus consideration is given to nominations involving collaboration with a local Indiana SWCD.

Note: Results are important and must be adequately detailed in the application under the narrative sections.

* Indicates required question

Nominee Information

The nominee is the person, business, or organization that is competing for the award. Their information should be entered below. The nominator is the SWCD who will complete this application and submit it to the IASWCD after it has been approved and signed by an SWCD Supervisor.

1. Nominee Category (choose 1) *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Nonprofit/Government
- ☐ Corporate

2. If Individual checked above, please enter Individual Name below:

3. If Nonprofit/Government checked above, please enter Nonprofit/Govt Name below:

4. If Corporate checked above, please enter Corporation Name below:

5. If the nominee is an individual, please type their organization affiliation below. If the *
nominee is a corporation or nonprofit/government entity, please type the name of
the contact person for that organization below:

6. County in which the nominee is located *

7. Nominee Street Address *

8. City *

9. State *

10. Zip Code *

11. Daytime Phone *

12. Nominee Email (If no email, include the nominating county SWCD's email address): *

Narrative: Section 1 Project/Program Description

13. Provide a description of the nominee's soil and water conservation program/project/ongoing efforts. (Limit 300 words) *

Narrative: Section 2 Impact/Results

14. Describe the benefits this program/project has made to the community (local environment) in terms of improved soil and water quality. Please provide specific examples. (Limit 300 words) *

Narrative: Section 3 Understanding Soil & Water Conservation

15. How has the nominee encouraged others to understand the value of soil and water conservation? (Limit 300 words) *

Narrative: Section 4 Nominee's Active Participation in Conservation Groups

16. Explain the nominee's active participation in conservation groups (local, regional, national and/or state) and describe the organization or his or her specific leadership role(s). (Limit 300 words) *

Narrative: Section 5 SWCD Partnership

17. Is (or was) the local SWCD a partner in this project or program? YES or NO. If *
yes, please describe that participation/partnership. (Limit 300 words)

Nominator's Contact Information & Supervisor Signature

This application must be signed by an SWCD Supervisor before it can be considered.

Person completing the form for the nomination below:

18. First Name: *

19. Last Name *

20. County *

21. Organization

22. Street Address *

23. City *

24. State *

25. Zip Code *

26. Daytime Phone *

27. Email *

28. Typed Signature of SWCD Supervisor (Typed name signifies the county SWCD supervisor below has reviewed the application and the SWCD approves submission of the Friend of Conservation Award nominee.) *

29. SWCD of What County? *

 Dropdown

Mark only one oval.

☐ Adams

☐ Allen

☐ Bartholomew

☐ Benton

☐ Blackford

☐ Boone

☐ Brown

☐ Carroll

☐ Cass

☐ Clark

☐ Clay

☐ Clinton

☐ Crawford

☐ Daviess

☐ Dearborn

☐ Decatur

☐ DeKalb

☐ Delaware

☐ Dubois

☐ Elkhart

☐ Fayette

☐ Floyd

☐ Fountain

☐ Franklin

☐ Fulton

☐ Gibson

☐ Grant

☐ Greene

☐ Hamilton

☐ Hancock

- ☐ Harrison
- ☐ Hendricks
- ☐ Henry
- ☐ Howard
- ☐ Huntington
- ☐ Jackson
- ☐ Jasper
- ☐ Jay
- ☐ Jefferson
- ☐ Jennings
- ☐ Johnson
- ☐ Knox
- ☐ Kosciusko
- ☐ LaGrange
- ☐ Lake
- ☐ LaPorte
- ☐ Lawrence
- ☐ Madison
- ☐ Marion
- ☐ Marshall
- ☐ Martin
- ☐ Miami
- ☐ Monroe
- ☐ Montgomery
- ☐ Morgan
- ☐ Newton
- ☐ Noble
- ☐ Ohio
- ☐ Orange
- ☐ Owen
- ☐ Parke
- ☐ Perry
- ☐ Pike

- ☐ Porter
- ☐ Posey
- ☐ Pulaski
- ☐ Putnam
- ☐ Randolph
- ☐ Ripley
- ☐ Rush
- ☐ St. Joseph
- ☐ Scott
- ☐ Shelby
- ☐ Spencer
- ☐ Starke
- ☐ Steuben
- ☐ Sullivan
- ☐ Switzerland
- ☐ Tippecanoe
- ☐ Tipton
- ☐ Union
- ☐ Vanderburgh
- ☐ Vermillion
- ☐ Vigo
- ☐ Wabash
- ☐ Warren
- ☐ Warrick
- ☐ Washington
- ☐ Wayne
- ☐ Wells
- ☐ White
- ☐ Whitley

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