

## IDEA objectives:



To strengthen Indiana  
Soil & Water  
Conservation Districts.

To provide a system  
whereby the exchange  
of information and ideas will  
encourage unification and  
coordination of district programs  
throughout the State of Indiana.

To encourage excellent fulfillment  
of duties of district employees in  
their job capacities.

To establish and support  
continuing education programs for  
all District employees.

To encourage and maintain a  
stable and harmonious working  
relationship between district  
employees, supervisors, and  
cooperating agency personnel.

## Contacts

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### Join us at:

- Annual Conference
- Fall Training Workshop
- Specialized training sessions

*Call a regional representative  
For more information!*

*Annual membership dues—only \$15.00.*



*Strengthening Indiana  
Soil & Water  
Conservation Districts*

**VISION**—A network of  
professional conservationists  
who, by sharing their expertise  
and skills, provide quality  
service to all customers.

## We've Got a Great IDEA!

**MISSION**— *To enhance local conservation programs through a network which provides leadership, support, and education for its members and other district employees.*

### **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**—

New members can appreciate the benefits mentoring can bring, as they form new networks and friendships.

Creativity and ideas flow from around the state; IDEA is where they converge!

Excellent educational and training opportunities abound.

Working closely with partnering organizations and State Boards allows our voice to be heard.

Learning about the state and the Districts in each county can give you a new perspective on what Conservation Districts are doing.

These are just a few of the reasons to join IDEA. We're sure you'll experience many more as a member!



## Who can join....and how?

Membership is open to any Indiana Soil and Water Conservation District employee who is supportive of the objectives and mission of IDEA. Any other interested person or organization may become an *Associate member*.

**Annual dues are just \$15.00 per person.**

### **Member privileges**

Your dues make it possible for IDEA to provide training programs and networking opportunities for all District employees.

*Members* are also entitled to vote for IDEA Directors and to vote on any action taken at the IDEA meeting in October each year.

*Associate members* enjoy all member benefits but may not vote or hold office.

### **Dues**

Dues may be paid to IDEA and sent to IDEA Treasurer, Chris Remley, Tippecanoe County SWCD, 1812 Troxel Dr., Suite C3, Lafayette, IN 47909.

Please include a claim voucher (if necessary) and self-addressed envelope. Chris will return the voucher and a receipt.

## Organization

IDEA holds its annual meeting in October in conjunction with the IDEA Fall Workshop.

IDEA is managed by a board of directors. One director is elected from each Natural Resources Region and serves a four-year term.

IDEA, in partnership with the IASWCD and ISDA Division of Soil Conservation, organizes training meetings and workshops for district employees. In addition, we assist with various events and activities to strengthen Soil and Water Conservation programs throughout Indiana.

- ⇒ Helpful websites
- ⇒ IASWCD — [www.iaswcd.org](http://www.iaswcd.org)
- ⇒ IDEA—<http://indianaidea.org>
- ⇒ NRCS—[www.in.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov)
- ⇒ IDNR—[www.state.in.us/dnr/soilcons](http://www.state.in.us/dnr/soilcons)
- ⇒ CES—[www.ces.purdue.edu](http://www.ces.purdue.edu)
- ⇒ NREC—[www.in.gov/dnr/nrec](http://www.in.gov/dnr/nrec)
- ⇒ Access Indiana—[www.ai.org](http://www.ai.org)
- ⇒ ISDA- [www.isda.in.gov](http://www.isda.in.gov)