



Photo, Goose Pond FWA

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Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area has begun construction on the new interpretive trail around the Visitor Center! We announced in late 2020 that a partnership between Indiana Wildlife Federation and Indiana Department of Natural Resources with funding from Duke Energy Foundation, Greenways Foundation, and the Greene County Foundation would be used to turn the mowed trail around the Visitor Center into an ADA-accessible educational trail. This trail improvement will allow increased access compared to the former path and will include several stops where visitors will find educational opportunities about plants native to the area, pollinators, the function of Goose Pond as habitat, and details about the property and its history.

For many of the thousands of guests who visit every year, exploring a Fish and Wildlife Area can be intimidating. Incorporating a user-friendly trail will welcome new and experienced visitors alike to explore the property in a new way and get a deeper understanding of the importance of Goose Pond and the vital protection it provides for some of Indiana's most threatened habitats.



Converting the mowed path and creating additional trail surfaces will allow broader, easier access to information points intended to educate visitors and encourage them to further explore the property. Stay tuned for more updates and public opening dates.

*Photo; Construction underway at
Goose Pond*

FREE FISHING LESSONS @ VIRGINIA B. FAIRBANKS ART & NATURE PARK

- +BEGINNER LEVEL FISHING SESSION
- +LISTEN TO A BRIEF INTRODUCTION ABOUT HABITAT, SPECIES, AND STRATEGIES
- +EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
- +IN DNR FISHING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS APPLY FOR PEOPLE 18 AND OLDER
- +VISIT DNR.IN.GOV TO OBTAIN YOUR LICENSE
- +REGISTER BY EMAILING BLAKE@INDIANAWILDLIFE.ORG

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH 10AM-NOON
MEET AT VIRGINIA B. FAIRBANKS
ART & NATURE PARK PARKING
LOT
1850 W 38TH ST, INDIANAPOLIS,
IN 46228

Letter from IWF Staff

Dear IWF Members and Friends,

If you received our email in July, you already know we are bidding a heartfelt farewell to Emily Wood, our Executive Director. By the time you read this, she is already settling into her new position as Executive Director of the Door County Land Trust in beautiful Door County Wisconsin. While we are sad to see her depart, we're still excited for the amazing work she will continue to do championing conservation and habitat protection in the Great Lakes region.



▲ Photo; IWF Staff (left to right) Aaron Stump, Emily Wood, Jenny Blake

In her time at IWF, Emily not only helped our organization grow in size and scope, she inspired us and others to keep fighting to protect the integrity of our great outdoors like never before. No matter what challenges were thrown our way (and there were many), Emily always faced them head on and lead those around her in courage and cheer. We will miss her leadership as much as her friendship.

While our board of directors is getting closer to finding our next Executive Director, we are working diligently on strengthening our network of conservationists and delivering our statewide programs. We have plenty of upcoming events that will help support habitat restoration projects and educational programs and we still value your [membership](#). Keep reading the latest issue of Hoosier Conservation to find out more about our trail events and the ever-so-popular monarch taggings! More fall events are expected to be added, so keep checking our [events page](#).

Thank you for continuing to support our mission and efforts to improve conservation in Indiana. Let's try to make Emily proud!

Yours in conservation,

Aaron and Jenny, IWF staff

Visit our website for native plants, videos, and more!

At indianawildlife.org, we strive to bring you resources for a wide range of conservation issues in Indiana.

Our [Native Plant Sale](#) is available all year, with spring and fall shipping windows. Our [Native Plant Finder](#) will be getting a big update this month including more plants and more pictures.

We have a [Bill Tracker](#) to help you follow important conservation legislation you may have missed.

The [Newsroom](#) is a searchable resource containing articles, legislative updates, and every issue of our Hoosier Conservation Newsletter.

Conservation TOP SHOT

Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 1:30pm
Indiana Gun Club (Fishers)

A sporting clay
fundraiser benefitting:



Since 1938, The Indiana Wildlife Federation (IWF) has played an important role in conserving Indiana's natural resources on behalf of hunters, anglers, gardeners, conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts. By educating Hoosiers, consistently advocating on behalf of wildlife with legislators, and actively working with state agencies, the IWF promotes the conservation, sound management, and sustainable use of Indiana's wildlife and wildlife habitat. Come out in support of our common cause, Indiana's natural resources, and enjoy an afternoon of sporting clays at the Indiana Gun Club on September 1st, 2022.

Register at indianawildlife.org/top-shot/

Native Plant Sale 2022 Has Closed

Our 2022 Native Plant Sale may have closed, but it's never too early to think about spring. Start planning and prepping your garden plots for next year. We will soon have ordering open for spring 2023 and the sooner you place an order the less likely you will be to receive substitutes.

Thanks to our partnership with Cardno Native Plant Nursery to provide a selection of native plant kits, bare root shrubs and trees, and seed packets. Each plant kit contains 50 native plants that will be delivered to your door. Every purchase supports IWF and Indiana's wildlife.

For more information visit indianawildlife.org/wildlife/native-plants/native-plant-sale



▲ Photo: Pollinator Kit



▲ Tagging and releasing monarch butterflies on the Urban Wilderness Trail

Monarch Tagging

Our award winning Monarch Tagging is back again in 2022! This will be our sixth year tagging monarch butterflies as part of the Monarch Watch citizen science effort. If you have never participated before, this is a unique opportunity to get hands-on with the conservation of these incredible insects.

These migratory butterflies pass through Indiana on their way to Mexico in mid-September. They can travel upwards of 100 miles a day at an altitude of thousands of feet. In the evening, they make their way down to rest and eat.

For more details, please visit our [events calendar](#).

Urban Wilderness Trail - From 6:00pm - 7:30pm on September 10 (rain date September 17)

Noni Werbe Krauss Nature Preserve - From 6:00pm - 8:00pm on September 28 (RSVP required; [register here](#))

Newfields Fairbanks Art and Nature Park - From 6:30pm - 7:30pm on October 6

Clean-up at Oliver's Woods - Aug 24 10a - 1p

Creek Clean-Up at [Oliver's Woods](#)

All Ages-Help us pick up debris and hand-pull invasive plants in and around Carmel Creek at Oliver's Woods.

- Be prepared to get dirty and potentially wet
- Dress in long pants thick enough to stand up to thorns, brush, poison ivy, ticks, and mosquitos (unfortunately leggings aren't very protective)
- Wear closed-toed shoes that can stand up to mud and shallow water
- Please dress for the weather as we will work in rain or shine

Directions

Oliver's Woods is located at 8825 River Road Indianapolis, Indiana. Please park in the parking lot adjacent to I-465 and meet staff on foot in front of the house.

Registration REQUIRED through Eventbrite.

[Register here.](#)



▲ Photo; Oliver's Woods

2023 IWF Annual Conference

The 2023 IWF Annual Conference is fast approaching! It will be held Saturday, January 28, 2023 at the Garrison at Ft. Harrison State Park. Here's a little info on what to expect.



Keynote Speaker

Anne Lacy - International Crane Foundation

In 2009, Anne joined the Whooping Crane Reintroduction Project to study the ecology of the newly reintroduced population in Wisconsin.



Will Ditzler - President and founder of RiverBirch Executive Advisors

Will spent 22 years in the wetland consulting, permitting, and mitigation industry and led the Wetland Task Force for the State of Indiana in 2022.

Updates from Goose Pond FWA
Jenny Blake, IWF
Sustainable Trails Coordinator

Conference also features:
Catered Lunch at the Garrison
Silent Auction and more!

Other speakers to be announced

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Habitat Programs Updates

Do you belong to or manage a group looking for educational workshops? IWF offers several presentations from our Wildlife Habitat Workshop, which covers the basics of creating habitat at home to our Indiana's Wild Climate Workshop where we discuss the impact of the climate crisis on Indiana and our wildlife. If you would like more information or want to schedule a workshop, please visit our [Workshops Page](#) or contact Aaron Stump at stump@indianawildlife.org.



▲ Photo; presenting to Teter Retreat and Organic Farm



▲ Photo; Wildlife Friendly Habitat Workshop at Elkhart Environmental Center

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