

INDIANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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The Indiana Wildlife Federation (IWF) and Hannum, Wagle, & Cline Engineering has applied for and received an EPA Environmental Education grant to develop a certificate program to administer focused environmental and ecological training-development professionals. We are looking for fellow organizations who would like to help sponsor this training.

This Environmental Habitat Steward Certificate Program will teach development professionals such as regional and landscape planners, architects, project designers, engineers, contractors, and developers fundamental concepts in habitat management as well as provide information on current practices that can be used during development projects to preserve or enhance environmental habitats. By focusing on the concepts of habitat management, participants will be able to apply environmental principles to their traditional methods in creative and innovative ways based on the needs of particular development projects. Also, by offering a training certificate at the completion of the program, IWF will publicly recognize and encourage environmental stewardship amidst property development.

The goals for this project are to:

Establish a curriculum-based certificate program to encourage development professionals to adopt habitat conservation, preservation, or enhancement practices

Increase the amount of wildlife habitat that is preserved or enhanced during human development

Increase the environmental awareness of the target audience

The Environmental Habitat Steward Certificate Program will be available to development professionals at 5 different training locations across Indiana. Each of the 5 separate trainings will consist of two weekend workshops. Participants will be exposed to readings, lectures, discussion, and activities led by environmental professionals including representatives from the Indiana Wildlife Federation, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Purdue University, Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Hannum, Wagle & Cline Engineering. Topics will cover fundamental principles involved with habitat management and environmental sustainability. All materials (i.e. readings, lectures, activities, etc.) will be provided to participants in the form of an Environmental Habitat Steward Training Book.

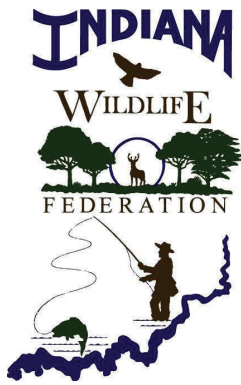
The program will be divided into two discipline priorities with focused subtopics. The first priority, which will be covered on the initial weekend of training, will focus on various principles of wildlife habitat management (e.g. succession, general ecology, biology, population dynamics, etc.) as well as the essential components of wildlife habitat (food, water, and shelter), the importance of spatial arrangement, and general landscape ecology.

The second priority, covered during the second and final weekend training, will focus on how participants can take what they learned about habitat management and incorporate it into the modified environment (i.e. urban, suburban, and rural developments). At the end of this weekend, participants can take a final examination to become certified by IWF. In turn IWF will provide unique opportunities to these stewards. IWF hopes to encourage a new environmental standard among development professionals that will eventually lead to a more sustainable future.

Training Locations:

- Training #1: Dec. 5-6th & 12-13th, Ft. Harrison State Park, Indianapolis, IN
- Training #2: Jan. 9-10th & 16-17th, Ft. Harrison State Park, Indianapolis, IN
- Training #3: Feb. 6-7th & 20-21st, Clifty Falls State Park, Madison, IN
- Training #4: Apr. 10-11th & 17-18th, Bass Pro Shops, Portage, IN
- Training #5: May (To Be Determined), Muncie, IN

IWF would like your help in administering this program. Please consider becoming a sponsor of the Environmental Habitat Steward Program. See the next page for Sponsorship Details



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THE ENVIRONMENTAL HABITAT STEWARD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Sponsors of the Environmental Habitat Steward Certification Program will receive direct exposure to designers, landscape architects, planners and other development professionals, in public and private fields, starting new conservation projects across the state. You have the opportunity to advertise at any or all 5 of our trainings; Madison, Indianapolis (2 sessions), Muncie, and Portage. Each training will cover 2 weekends, Saturday and Sunday of each, for a total of 4 days of instruction per training location. Participants will have the option at the end of the training of taking a final exam to achieve certification from IWF and become an Environmental Habitat Steward. Stewards will have the necessary materials to initiate conservation projects and have access to IWF resources, including sponsor contact information, for project assistance. IWF is offering three different sponsorship levels with corresponding benefits. Please look below to see how you can become a part of the Environmental Habitat Steward Certification Program.

\$1,000 –Program Partner

- Verbal recognition at each training location
- Company sign displayed at the sponsor table
- Company logo displayed on advertising materials and website
- Limited number of company handouts distributed at all training locations
- Up to 10 free registrations at a single training location of your choice

\$500 –Program Supporter

- Verbal recognition at each training location
- Company sign displayed at the sponsor table
- Company logo displayed on advertising materials and website
- Limited number of company handouts distributed at all training locations
- 4 Free registrations at a single training location of your choice

\$250 – Program Donor

- Limited number of company handouts distributed at one training location of your choice
- Company sign displayed at the sponsor table of one training location of your choice
- Company logo displayed on advertising material and website
- 2 Free registrations at a single training location of your choice

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