

GET THE DIRT



Urban & Small Farm Soil Health Conference

October 16th, 2024 8:00am - 5:30pm Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds, Danville, IN

8:00 - 8:30 am

Networking & Coffee - visit the information booths

8:30 - 8:45 am

Welcome

8:45 - 9:30 am

KEYNOTE: Growing Community & Conservation in a Small Business

Lali Hess, Owner of *The Juniper Spoon*, Crawfordsville, IN

Owner of The Juniper Spoon, a farm-to-table catering business, Lali brings more than 30 years of farming, cooking, and business experience to her craft. She will share her experiences with balancing sustainability, right livelihood, and business-ownership, while finding her niche in farm-to-table catering.



9:30 - 9:40 am

Break

9:40 - 10:35 am

Breakout session 1

Invertebrate Soil Life Dr. Stephanie Frischie *Agronomist & Native Plant Materials Specialist at The Xerces Society*

OR

Integrating Perennials Jonas Carpenter *Co-owner of Mavourneen Farm*

10:35 - 11:30 am

Breakout session 2

Small Farm Agronomy Kegan Hilaire *Small & Diversified Farm Consultant & Organic Consultant at Rodale Institute*

OR

Promoting Native & Beneficial Insects Dr. Laura Ingwell *Assistant Professor Horticulture Extension Entomology at Purdue University*

11:30 - 12:45 am

LUNCH - Catered by The Juniper Spoon - visit the information booths

12:30 - 1:25 pm

Breakout session 3

Organic Agriculture Ashley Adair *Organic Agriculture Specialist at Purdue Extension*

OR

Regenerative Homesteading Bree Ollier *Natural Resources Conservationist at Hendricks County SWCD & farmer at Copper Cataract Homestead*

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Conservation Planning Case Study

Cara Bergschneider *Urban and Small-Scale Conservationist at USDA-NRCS*

Kevin Allison *Urban Soil Health Specialist at Marion Co SWCD*

Marian Rodriguez-Soto *Urban Soil Health Specialist at Urban Soil Health*

Megan Ayers *Urban Soil Health Specialist at Urban Soil Health & farmer at Unvarnished Farm*

This session will demonstrate the process of conservation planning on small farms.

2:30 - 3:00 pm

Awards & Closing Remarks

3:30 - 5:30 pm

Social Hour - Porter Farm 4680 W U.S. Hwy 36, Danville, IN 46120 (6.8 miles away)

Learn about Porter Farms, a partnership between Indiana Farmer Veteran Coalition and Hendricks County Soil and Water Conservation District established in 2019 as a working veteran farm and demonstration space. We will have appetizers and drinks. Continue the conversations from the day during the social hour.

