

GET THE DIRT

Small Farms Conservation Conference

September 10th, 2026 8:30am - 5:00pm Forest Park Inn & Teter Organic Farm, Noblesville, IN



8:30 - 9:00 am

Networking & Coffee

9:00 - 9:10 am

Welcome to Get the Dirt: Year of the Woman Farmer

9:15 - 9:55 am

Session 1 - Breakouts:

Small-Scale Livestock: Challenges and Celebrations (Panel) Sabrina Friend, *Prairie Hills Farm*; Heidi Potter, *Summer Solstice Farms*; Whitney Schlegel, *Marble Hill Farm*

Ecology of a Campus Farm Jackie Kehr, *Interim Ullem Farm Manager, DePauw University*

10:00 - 10:45 am

Session 2 - Breakouts:

Planting Community in City Spaces (Panel) Freida Graves, *Faith Farms LLC*; Danielle Guerin, *Soul Food Project Indy*; Samantha Alba, *Crooked Creek Permaculture/Rooted in Realty*

Silvopasture - The Why and How of Trees in Pasture Xinyuan Shi, *Technical Assistance Provider, Savanna Institute*

10:50 - 11:30 am

Session 3 - Breakouts:

Creative Diversification in EcoMarkets (Panel) Karen McMahan, *American Wildflower Farms*; Jenny Wyss, *Homestead Solutions Plus*; Julie Perkins, *Perkins Good Earth Farm*; Elizabeth Tobey, *Bundlesticks Farm*

Biodiversity in Small Spaces Ella Stroh, *Indiana Partner Biologist, Pollinator Partnership*

11:35 - 12:25 pm

LUNCH - *Network and visit the resource tables*

Outdoor patio Ask the Expert - EQIP for Small Farms - *Cara Bergschneider, NRCS*

12:30 - 1:20 pm

KEYNOTE - Growing for Good: the intersection of food, farm, and community

Rachel Beyer, Mavourneen Farm

Rachel will share her personal farm story, from falling in love with the work of growing food at the MSU Student Organic Farm, to starting her own vegetable business on family land with her partner Jonas, and later co-founding the Bloomington Farm Stop, a farmer owned cooperative grocery store. Come hear about the celebrations and challenges inherent to food system work, different ways to be a farmer, and the essential role of community building in conservation.



1:25 - 1:30 pm

Closing Remarks

2:00 - 5:00 pm

Tour & Social at Teter Organic Farm 10980 E 221st St, Noblesville, IN 46062 (6 mi away)

Katy Rogers will give a farm tour and share about Teter Farm's farming and conservation practices.

Continue the conversations from the day during the social hour where we will have appetizers and drinks available.

