

# INDIANA LAND USE SUMMIT

**AUGUST 30, 2023**

**Hendricks County Fairgrounds**

**#INLandUse**

*Your community. Your plan. Your future.*

## WELCOME

Welcome to the 2023 Indiana Land Use Summit hosted by Purdue Extension and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. We hope throughout the sessions you will gain knowledge and practical land use tools and resources to take back to your communities. We will start with an update of key legislative outcomes from this year. Breakout sessions will follow. The keynote, presented by American Farmland Trust, will share research findings about farmland loss trends and the implications for communities and farms.

We look forward to sharing the perspectives of Indiana leaders as we all strive to make our communities resilient through change.

Thank you for participating!

*- Purdue Extension Land Use Team and Indiana Land Resources Council*

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## Wednesday, August 30, 2023

- 9:00 a.m. Registration opens. Refreshments available.
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and overview
- 10:15 a.m. Policy update panel

This session will provide an overview of key legislative outcomes from the 2023 General Assembly session. Panelists will speak to how various bills impact land use, local decision-making and community planning. Attend this session to find out what changes might impact your community.

### Panel Speakers:

- State Representative Kendell Culp
- John Ketzenberger, The Nature Conservancy
- Deborah Luzier, GRW Engineering, APA-Indiana

### Moderator:

- Don Lamb, Indiana State Department of Agriculture

- 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m. Breakout sessions

## 1 A - HOUSING AND PLANNING

### *Classroom C*

This session will cover land use regulatory tools that affect housing supply, recent trends in housing, and financial tools that can be used to incentivize housing development, including affordable housing. The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority will familiarize participants with the state's new housing dashboard, linking local housing indicators with local government policy to assist Indiana communities.

### Panel Speakers:

- Stephen Enz, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority
- Deborah Myerson, Myerson Consulting

### Moderators:

- Zuzana Bednarik, Research and Extension Specialist, North Central Regional Center for Rural Development
- Jessica Roberts, Community Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension Educator, Purdue Extension Rush County

## 2 A - TOOLS AND PROCESSES TO IMPROVE PLANNING AND ZONING

### *Main conference room*

This session will lead participants through the key aspects of a development plan review using local ordinances and sample development plans. Emphasis will be placed on establishing a foundational understanding of the development plan review process, concepts within agricultural settings, and best practices for orienting new staff and plan commission members.

**Panel Speaker:**

- Tim Dombrosky, Hendricks County Area Plan Commission

**Moderators:**

- Tamara Ogle, Community Development Regional Educator, Purdue Extension Community Development
- Dan Walker, Community Development Regional Educator, Purdue Extension Community Development, Illinois – Indiana Sea Grant, Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources

**3 A – PLANNING FOR NEW RURAL DEVELOPMENT TRENDS****Classroom A**

Communities across Indiana face the ongoing challenge of making sound land use and development decisions that consider the needs of residents while also addressing environmental impacts, infrastructure demands and fostering economic progress. This session will focus on the intricacies of managing development at the dynamic rural-urban interface by highlighting the perspectives of Allen, Daviess, and Hancock counties. Through these diverse contexts, we will discuss the role of effective planning and zoning in attaining balanced development.

**Panel Speakers:**

- Kayla (Hassett) Brooks, AICP, Hancock County Planning Director
- Bryant Niehoff, AICP, Uplands Science & Technology Foundation (USTF)
- Ben Roussel, Allen County Department of Planning Services Executive Director

**Moderator:**

- Kara Salazar, Assistant Program Leader for Community Development, Purdue Extension & Sustainable Communities Extension Specialist, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources

**12:00 p.m. Lunch, catered by Juniper Spoon**

**1:00 p.m. Keynote presentation: Farms under threat, American Farmland Trust**

How much farmland is Indiana predicted to lose by 2040? Where is that loss occurring, and on what kind of ground? And what are some viable strategies that can help to stem this loss?

American Farmland Trust's Cris Coffin and Dylan Cook will share findings from AFT's national Farms Under Threat research showing land loss trends and predictions for 2040. They'll look at what kind of conversion is occurring and the implications of conversion on both communities and farms. And they'll highlight strategies and policies in use around the country that might offer a foundation for action in Indiana.

**Speakers:**

- Cris Coffin, National Agricultural Land Network Director & Senior Policy Advisor
- Dylan Cook, Midwest Policy Manager

**2:00 p.m. Conclude**

# 2023 INDIANA LAND USE SUMMIT SPEAKERS

## Policy Update Panel

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## Tools and Processes to Improve Planning and Zoning



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## Planning for New Rural Development Trends



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## Keynote



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