

GET THE DIRT

Urban & Small Farm Soil Health Conference

September 4th, 2025 8:30am - 5:00pm Madison Co. Fairgrounds & Full Hand Farm, Noblesville, IN



8:30 - 9:00 am

Networking & Coffee

9:00 - 9:10 am

Welcome to Get the Dirt: Return to Roots

9:15 - 10:45 am

Visit the information booths - Concurrent with the breakout sessions

9:15 - 10:00 am

Breakout Session 1

Agroforestry Tools and Examples for the Diversified Farm Xinyuan Shi *Technical Assistance Provider at Savanna Institute*

OR

Soil, Self, and Systems: Building Trust Where the Land Remembers Porchea McGuire
Executive Director at Partners IN Food and Farming (PIFF)

10:05 - 10:45 am

Breakout Session 2

Living Pathway Management for No-Till Production Sarah Finney *Farmer and Owner of Finney Family Farm*

OR

Becoming Soil: Roots + Cover + Biodiversity - Tillage/Time Kevin Allison *Urban Soil Health Specialist at Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District*

10:50 - 11:50 am

Conservation as Our Grounding Principle: Building a Farm and Life in Southeast Indiana

Liz and Nate Brownlee, *Owners of Nightfall Farm, Crothersville, IN*

Our keynote presenters, Liz and Nate, will share their experiences farming with conservation as a priority, partnering with folks like NRCS and SWCD, and the intersection of soil health practices and farm viability. They will share tips and tricks based on what's working in year 12 of their farm, what they wish they had known sooner, and where the farm is headed.



12:00 - 1:00 pm

LUNCH Catered by The Juniper Spoon - *Networking and visit the information booths*

1:00 - 1:45 pm

Breakout session 3

Farmer Panel: My Favorite Small-Scale Tools

Ryan Lee *Lee's Edible Acres*

Sarah Finney *Finney Family Farm*

Kevin Allison *Marion County SWCD*

OR

Tarping and Low Tunnels: Two Tools of Integrated Pest Management Cara Bergschneider
Urban and Small-Scale Conservationist at Natural Resources Conservation Service

OR

Soil Organic Matter Gowri Somasundaram *Founding Member and Board President at Indiana Composting Council*

1:45 - 2:00 pm

Closing Remarks & Awards Ceremony

2:30 - 5:00 pm

On Farm Tour & Social at Full Hand Farm 3844 IN-13, Noblesville, IN 46060 (17.2 mi away)

Genesis and Eli will show off areas on the farm where they approach the farm with conservation practices in mind: rotational cover crop plots, caterpillar tunnels, bringing new beds into production, tried-and-true bed flips, and crop rotations. Continue the conversations from the day during the social hour where we will have appetizers and drinks available.



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