



**Indiana Association of  
Soil and Water  
Conservation Districts**

Protecting and enhancing Indiana's soil  
and water resources for all Hoosiers



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**TO:** SWCD Supervisors and Staff

**RE:** Legislative visits at the Statehouse during 2019 Session

**When:** February through April

**Where:** Indianapolis Statehouse

For the 2019 Indiana Legislative Session, the IASWCD is offering to help coordinate visits to the Statehouse during the months of February through April. With our ask for additional Clean Water Indiana funding on the table, it is important that Districts meet with their local legislators to make our message heard. A minimum of at least 3 people from a District must be committed to attend (any combination of Supervisors and/or Staff). The visit will include an overview of the legislative process, a quick tour of the Statehouse, and then meeting with your legislators. The IASWCD lobbyist, Cress Hizer, will lead this effort and be with the groups on each visit. An additional IASWCD officer or the Executive Director may also be in attendance as needed. This is a great opportunity to become more comfortable with advocating for soil and water conservation issues. **YOUR VOICE is IMPORTANT!**

**Dates Available:**

February 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

March 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

April 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11

It is possible for two SWCDs to attend on the same day, especially if you share legislators. This might make for more efficient use of everyone's time, and be more impactful. The ideal number for one visit is a maximum of 10 people.

**Additional Information:** The plan will be to meet with Cress at the east public entrance of the Statehouse (200 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN) at 9:30 am. The overview and tour will begin immediately, and the day will end no later than 2:30 pm. Please plan to purchase your own lunch.

**How to Register:** Please email me ([joseph-schmees@iaswcd.org](mailto:joseph-schmees@iaswcd.org)) with your top 3 preferred dates and who will be attending. Note, however, availability will be first come, first serve.

Sincerely,

Joe Schmees  
Executive Director

**THE IASWCD MISSION** *is to enable the conservation of natural resources of Indiana.*