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White River Alliance partners with Indiana Finance Authority to present Central Indiana Water Study at Annual Indiana Water Summit

Statewide conversation focused on protecting the future of Indiana's water resources returns with both in-person and virtual options on Aug. 9-10

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (July 28, 2021) – The [Indiana Finance Authority](#) is partnering with [White River Alliance](#) to highlight the findings of the Central Indiana Water Study at the annual Indiana Water Summit, including a public meeting to discuss the study's results and recommendations. The Summit is an apolitical and inclusive forum developed to examine the complex interests and issues that face the state's diverse water supply.

This year's event will be held as a hybrid of in-person and virtual attendance options on Aug. 9-10. For those attending in person, the Summit will take place at the historic Athenaeum in downtown Indianapolis. The topics discussed are intended to help lay the framework for state and regional-level water planning. Funded by the Indiana Finance Authority, the Central Indiana Water Study aims to provide a better understanding of the supply and demand of water resources in the Central Indiana region. The Study is just one compelling element on the Summit's full and diverse agenda.

"It's important that we understand the issues facing Indiana's water supply in order to protect public health and continue to provide a business environment that supports the state's economic future," said James McGoff, COO and director of environmental programs with the Indiana Finance Authority.

Key strategies of the study include:

- Inventory of water resources and build on current knowledge
- Collaborate with partners in water-resource agencies
- Evaluate future water demand
- Understand available supply
- Develop recommended actions

A large group of agency partners, including the Department of Natural Resources, Indiana Geological and Water Survey, United States Geological Survey as well as consultants from INTERA and Empower Results, were brought together by the study to determine if Indiana has enough water to meet future demand.

Based on a robust water-budget analysis, the study found that water demand is expected to increase by more than 100 million gallons per day by 2070. Climate change is anticipated to impact water availability and should be monitored. Water conservation, exploration of new sources, and cooperation among users and providers are among the report's primary recommendations and topics to be discussed at the Summit.

"Sustainable water management can't happen in a vacuum of isolated users, and we are excited to host this unique forum that brings together diverse interests and identifies cooperative solutions," said Jill Hoffmann, executive director of the White River Alliance.

[Registration](#) for the Summit is open now until Aug. 2. Media can attend in-person or virtually. For members of the press interested in joining virtually, please contact Scott Minor at scott@thewhiteriveralliance.org for Zoom access. For a more in-depth look at the study findings, the executive summary can be accessed [here](#).

2021 Indiana Water Summit Event Information

Regional Planning Forum

Monday, Aug. 9 from 1-5 p.m.

Virtual and In-Person Attendance Options

Monday's programming is hosted in partnership with the Indiana Finance Authority. Topics will focus on the Central Indiana Water Study and what this means for Indiana's water resources over the next 50 years. This discussion will then look for ideas of how the study's findings can guide regional water planning.

Main Summit Event

Tuesday, Aug. 10 from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Virtual and In-Person Attendance Options

In-person, networking and celebration happy hour event – at the conclusion of programming.

The Rathskeller Biergarten, 401 E. Michigan St.

This day-long event will cover a wide variety of integrated water topics. Both local and national speakers will be present. Additionally, there will be group discussions and hands-on input activities to collaborate on future water efforts and solutions. For those choosing to attend in-person, there will be a networking happy hour at the Rathskeller Biergarten with live music concluding the program.

About Indiana Water Summit

Topics for this year's Summit aim to be consistent with and build upon current legislative actions. Programming will weave together diverse topics that demonstrate the interdependence of water issues and the science behind the state of the waters. Topics are selected to align with relevant university research, while also recognizing current water needs and challenges. All sectors of water users, including agriculture, industry, utility, and the community's overall quality of life, are considered, as well as the [Indiana Water Roadmap](#), a set of strategies created to help direct future agendas of the Summit, policy round tables, forums and educational resources.

About White River Alliance

The White River Alliance exists to improve and protect water resources in central Indiana. The Alliance is made up of diverse interests and organizations that work together to steward the river and its sixteen-county watershed. The collective programming of the Alliance works to raise broad awareness of water issues, provide training and resources to varied audiences, and advance regional water planning efforts. In addition to the Indiana Water Summit, the Alliance's programs include the national Clear Choices Clean Water program, which encourages residents to take individual action to improve water quality and increase water conservation, volunteer water sampling via the RAFT program, and several other local and regional public engagement and professional training programs. For more information, visit www.thewhiteriveralliance.org.

About Indiana Finance Authority

The Indiana Finance Authority provides resources to maintain and improve the infrastructure that protects our valuable water resources. For more information visit www.ifa.in.gov or contact James McGoff at jmcgoff@ifa.in.gov.

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