

**HOOSIER CHAPTER
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY AWARDS**

<p style="text-align: center;">CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD (GROUP/INDUSTRY/BUSINESS)</p> <p><u>Purpose of Award:</u> To recognize the outstanding conservation accomplishments of a specific group or industry or business whose activities have resulted in improving the quality of the environment by directed efforts to advance science and art of good land use.</p> <p><u>Criteria:</u> The nomination's accomplishments should display unmistakable evidence of specific activities which have resulted in positive improvement of the environment via the effective promotion of soil and water conservation principles. Award recognition will consider (but not be limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The activities which aim to accomplish the mission of the SWCS Hoosier Chapter. • The nature and type of conservation accomplishment(s) achieved • The variety and breadth of accomplishment(s) • The influence the accomplishment(s) have had on other groups, industries, or businesses to initiate similar activities • The quality of environmental improvement resulting from the accomplishment, the far-reaching effects of the accomplishment • The activities should have clearly contributed to bringing about better conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources and/or a better understanding of natural resources conservation issues. • Is the nature of the activity, product or service the result of an organized program or an individual's activities? • Please explain the audience that was primarily affected by this activity. <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Any group, industry, business, organization is eligible to be recognized. Membership in the Society is not required.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD (INDIVIDUAL)</p> <p><u>Purpose of Award:</u> To recognize the outstanding conservation accomplishments of a specific individual whose efforts have resulted in improving the quality of the environment through applied soil and water conservation activities.</p> <p><u>Criteria:</u> The nominee's accomplishments should display unmistakable evidence of the interest in and the advancing of wise resource management through positive application of soil and water conservation activities. Award recognition will consider (but not be limited to);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The significance of the accomplishment to the overall mission of the SWCS Hoosier Chapter. • The nature and type of conservation accomplishment(s) achieved • The variety and breadth of accomplishment(s) • The influence the accomplishment(s) have had on others • The quality of environmental improvement resulting from the accomplishment • The activities should have clearly contributed to bringing about better conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources and/or a better understanding of natural resources conservation issues. • Are the nominee's accomplishments outside their normal working duties? • Have the nominee's professional achievements been recognized on a statewide, multi-state, nationwide or international level? • Summarize nominee's education, biographical and employment history that supports the nomination. <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Any individual is eligible to be recognized. Membership in the Society is not required.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">EDUCATION AND INFORMATION AWARD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE HOOSIER CHAPTER AWARD</p>
<p><u>Purpose of Award:</u> To recognize the outstanding achievements of a specific individual or group whose efforts in educating and/or informing the public about natural resources issues has resulted in a positive greater awareness of the need for protecting or conserving these resources.</p> <p><u>Criteria:</u> There should be unmistakable evidence of the effectiveness of the individual's or group's efforts to increase public understanding and appreciation of the need for wise resource management. Award recognition will consider (but not be limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The communication effort of the individual/group and the audience to which such effort is directed (general public, professional groups, industrial groups, classrooms, etc.) • The frequency of the communication effort • The manner of presentation of information and/or education effort • The length of time such efforts have been demonstrated • The results which occurred because of the information/education effort • The specific message(s) conveyed as it relates to the mission of the SWCS Hoosier Chapter • Was the scope of the project countywide, less than 25%, 25 -50%, 50-75% of the state, Statewide, Multi-state, Nationwide or International. <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Any individual or group is eligible to be recognized. Membership in the Society is not required.</p>	<p><u>Purpose of Award:</u> To recognize an individual or group for outstanding service to the SWCS Hoosier Chapter in developing and carrying out its objectives and program goals.</p> <p><u>Criteria:</u> Nominee’s services should display unmistakable evidence of service performed on behalf of the SWCS Hoosier Chapter which was distinctly above and beyond the service expected to be rendered by any member. Award recognition will consider (but not be limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noteworthy participation in Chapter activities or projects. • Influencing and motivating others to actively participate in SWCS Chapter programs. • Support of the SWCS Hoosier Chapter that results in significant growth and development of the Chapter • Encouraging others to engage in activities that support the mission of the SWCS. • Other activities that bring special recognition to the Hoosier Chapter. • The number of years that the member has been active • The length of time such efforts have been demonstrated • Describe activities outside of Chapter Society level • List activities of nominee outside the Chapter <p><u>Eligibility:</u> Any SWCS Hoosier Chapter member is eligible to be recognized. The award is not limited to one recipient per award year if the Committee believes that there has truly been outstanding service demonstrated in the nomination of activities as described in the nomination(s) documents.</p>

Nomination Procedure: Nominations should be submitted in letter form with any supporting material as appropriate. Documentation need not be lengthy but should clearly address all the criteria for each award respectively. Nominations should be postmarked by Monday, September 20th. Please send in care of Kim Megel to 2155 W Co Rd 350 N, North Vernon, IN 47265. Please call 812.592.6971 in regards to any questions.