

Eagle Marsh

Teaming Up To Protect Our Water Quality

June 20, 2017

Eagle Marsh Nature Preserve 6801 Engle Rd.

Fort Wayne, IN

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Northeast Indiana contains some of the most beautiful wetlands in North America. These areas are critical to the protection of our water quality in our rivers, streams, lakes and drinking water supplies. They are also critical to the numerous species of wildlife that depend on them.

Eagle Marsh is a 716-acre wetland nature preserve located southwest of Fort Wayne. Acquired in 2005 by the Little River Wetland Project (LRWP), Eagle Marsh has undergone one of the largest wetland restorations in Indiana.

Because Eagle Marsh is located on the watershed divide of the Mississippi River and Lake Erie, concern that Asian carp, a problematic fish that has already invaded a nearby river, could make its way to the Great Lakes during flood events became the focus of a new project along the marsh. Federal and state agencies also became concerned that a number of other invasive aquatic species might cross either way between the Mississippi River and Great Lakes watersheds in such a flood. To prevent this from occurring, the partnership expanded an existing berm that runs through Eagle Marsh and made other changes to the hydrology of the preserve.

Efforts this large take **strong partnerships**. Join the Hoosier Chapter SWCS to hear more about this important collaborative effort. Speakers will include Betsy Yankowiak, Director of Preserves and Programs, LRWP; Dr. Chris Winslow, Director, Ohio Sea Grant College Program; Rick Duff, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Field Coordinator, NRCS; Duane Riethman, Area Engineer, NRCS; and Andrew Pursifull, Engineer, NRCS.

Register Today!

\$30 members, \$60 non-members
\$20 spouses/retired conservationists
\$5 students

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Registration includes lunch and snacks. Deadline: **June 16**

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A walking tour of the project will follow the workshop. Bring sturdy walking shoes.