

# 44th Indiana Water Resources Association Symposium:

## Foundations and the Future

June 25-27, 2025

Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County State Park  
Nashville, Indiana



The IWRA would like to invite you to the 44th Indiana Water Resources Association Symposium 2025 to explore essential topics in water resource management and future innovations. This symposium will serve as a platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration, focusing on essential tools and strategies for effective water resource planning now and in the future. Join us as we work together towards informed water management throughout Indiana.

### Themes

- **Understanding Fundamentals:** Revisit the core principles of water resource management, including components of the water cycle, water quality, and the environment.
- **Innovative Technologies:** Explore the latest technological advancements that are reshaping water conservation and management.
- **Collaborative Solutions:** Foster collaboration among stakeholders to develop integrated and sustainable water resource management strategies.
- **Future Challenges:** Identify key challenges such as weather and climate variability, population growth, and economic development that impact water resources.

### Symposium Overview

The 2025 Symposium will be at the **Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County State Park** in Melodeon Hall. The full schedule of a wide range of exciting topics will be sent out soon.

Symposium check-in will begin at Noon on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, with the event starting at 1:00 pm.

Presentations on Wednesday will feature speakers discussing topics related to recent legislative changes and “Understanding the Fundamentals”. The Poster Session and Awards Banquet will be held in Melodeon Hall on Wednesday evening. Additional tickets for the banquet can be purchased on Eventbrite for \$35.

The symposium will continue through Thursday, June 26, with an opening keynote presentation from Sujay Kaushal from the University of Maryland. The day continues with talks within the themes of “Collaborative Solutions,” “Innovative Technology,” and “Future Challenges”. Breakfast and lunch buffets will be served in Melodeon Hall. Thursday night dinner will be on your own with several options in nearby Nashville, Indiana.

Friday, June 27, following a breakfast buffet, will feature an introduction to the field trip to Strahl and Ogle dams within Brown County State Park. The Symposium will conclude by lunchtime for ample travel time home.

The full meeting agenda will be posted on the IWRA website very soon: [www.iwra.info](http://www.iwra.info)

**Thank you to Indiana Water Resources Research Center at Purdue University and INTERA for sponsoring this year's symposium!**

### Registration Fees

**Early registration is now through May 28, 2025.** Please register early so we can get an accurate head count! The link for the conference registration is:

[https://44th\\_IWRA\\_Symposium2025\\_Registration.eventbrite.com](https://44th_IWRA_Symposium2025_Registration.eventbrite.com)

Instructions for student presenter registration will accompany notification of abstract acceptance.

For IWRA member rates, please sign up or renew your membership at: [http://iwra\\_membership.eventbrite.com](http://iwra_membership.eventbrite.com). **Please also consider donating to our student scholarship fund. We value our ability to continue to support student presenters, allowing them to attend for free.**

All non-student presenters are expected to pay the symposium registration fee. If your employing organization cannot or will not pay the registration fee, please contact the IWRA president and we'll try to work something out. The full-meeting registration fee is \$190 (member/early bird) and includes four meals. Information on registration fees, lodging, and other details are provided on the Symposium Eventbrite site, and also at the IWRA web site [www.iwra.info](http://www.iwra.info). Early Symposium registration pricing ends on **May 28, 2025**. Students are eligible for a reduced registration fee. Student presenters will have their registration fees paid by IWRA.

### Lodging:

Reservations (group rate of \$107 per night plus tax) for lodging at the Abe Martin Lodge can be made [online](#) or by calling **1-877-LODGES1** and using the group code **0625IW**. Reduced block group pricing ends at midnight on **May 31, 2025**. Book your room early, space is limited.

Attendees who are coming for the day and who do not have overnight lodging can qualify for a gate waiver. All overnight attendees must pay the one-time per vehicle gate fee of \$7 (in-state) or \$9 (out of state).

### Student Scholarships

IWRA especially values and encourages student presentations and sponsors a Student Scholarship Fund designed to cover student expenses for attending and presenting at the Spring Symposium. All student-submitted abstracts will be considered for a scholarship. Please contact Sally Letsinger, [sletsing@iu.edu](mailto:sletsing@iu.edu), if you have questions concerning student scholarships.

### Award nominations

Please submit a nomination for the IWRA Charles Harold Bechert Award and/or the IWRA Outstanding Achievement Awards for presentation at the 2025 symposium.

The Bechert Award celebrates lifetime achievement of excellence in water resources, whereas the IWRA Outstanding Achievement Awards honor individuals who have contributed significantly to the goals of IWRA:

*Promotion of research and technical, social, economic, advances in all aspects of water resources; Collection and dissemination of water-resources information through publications, symposia, and other media; Relating the needs of water-resource institutions for specialized services or guidance to qualified professionals; or initiating and maintaining lines of communication in the water-resources community.*

Nomination forms are available on the IWRA website: [iwra.info/forms/IWRA\\_award\\_nomination\\_form.pdf](http://iwra.info/forms/IWRA_award_nomination_form.pdf). Please send your nominations to Mark Basch, IWRA Awards Committee, [mbasch@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:mbasch@dnr.IN.gov), (317) 232- 0154. **The nomination deadline is May 31, 2025.**

### Further Information

For further information about the 2025 IWRA Symposium, please contact IWRA President Garth Lindner, [GLindner@dnr.in.gov](mailto:GLindner@dnr.in.gov). Additional information concerning IWRA is located at the Indiana Water Resources Association website: [www.iwra.info](http://www.iwra.info)

### The Indiana Water Resources Association

The Indiana Water Resources Association (IWRA) was founded in 1979 as a state section of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA, [www.awra.org](http://www.awra.org)) to promote water resources research, education, and communication in Indiana. The IWRA is an organization of several hundred professionals and students working in all aspects of water resources. Its members include scientists, engineers, technicians, environmental health specialists, regulators, educators, lawyers, policy makers, and students from government, universities, industry, consulting firms, and other water-related groups. One of the main goals of IWRA is to facilitate communication and the exchange of information within the water-resources community of Indiana. Please view our conferences as an opportunity to present your work, in a relatively informal atmosphere, to Indiana's water-resource professionals. Because many of our members do not regularly attend national meetings, we encourage you to present papers that you may have given previously at national or regional professional meetings.