

# Institute for Sustainable Development

## JUNE 2-4, 2014

Abe Martin Lodge  
Brown County State Park  
Nashville, Indiana

*Share • Think • Apply*

The 2014 Institute for Sustainable Development will provide Extension educators and specialists an exciting venue for the dissemination of high quality Extension programming opportunities and experiences. The workshop will embrace a creative format that will facilitate the establishment of a regional network of Extension professionals committed to working together on a core set of issues and programs.

The key themes of the 2014 Institute will include *(see descriptions below)*

- Community Resiliency
- Local/Regional Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture
- Community and Regional Development

The “Retreat” format will combine presentations, workshops, field experiences, poster session/contest and networking into a dynamic and interactive mix of professional development activities.

Each key theme will be divided into three separate concurrent tracks that cover equity, economics and the environment. This ‘triple bottom line’ approach provides the framework to share programs, think about future efforts and apply what has been learned in a focused way.

In support of the Institute, we are seeking proposals for each theme:

- Presentations (25 mins) – **Share** information on current or emerging Extension programs (Total: 27)
- ‘Think’ Sessions (30 mins) – Encourage people to **Think** about and discuss cutting-edge opportunities (Total: 9)
- Workshops (75 mins) – **Apply** tools and techniques and take an in-depth look at how Extension can address these timely issues in an impactful and effective way (Total: 9)

The proposal process is simple. Please submit the following to Michael Wilcox ([wilcox16@purdue.edu](mailto:wilcox16@purdue.edu)) by April 25<sup>th</sup>:

**Type of proposal • Title • 300 word abstract • Session • Presenter contact information**

In addition to the opportunities to present, **all participants are strongly encouraged to submit a poster presentation** that provides an overview of your Economic and Community Development (ECD) Extension programming. This poster should be “conference quality” and enable stakeholders, administrators, etc. to understand what ECD Extension programming “looks like” and how it impacts your community, region and/or state. This can be poster that you are preparing for the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) annual meeting or something you’ve always wanted to do so stakeholders and colleagues can better understand your works and its impact.

Posters will be peer judged and prizes will be awarded!

**Registration for the Institute for Sustainable Development will be opening in April 2014.**

For more information please contact your Extension Program Leader or Michael Wilcox / Assistant Program Leader / Economic and Community Development / Purdue Extension (865) 696-2267 / [wilcox16@purdue.edu](mailto:wilcox16@purdue.edu)

## Descriptions of Key Themes

### Community Resiliency

In an era that has been marked by significant economic transition, increasing income inequality and consensus building around the effects of human activity on the environment, the concept of community resiliency is receiving ever more attention. Extension is positioned to enhance the resiliency of communities as they address issues resulting from these changes, especially in the areas of climate change, disaster preparedness, diversity and migration, sustainable health systems, etc.

### Local/Regional Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture

The topics of food systems and sustainable agriculture have evolved from movements to science-based disciplines that continue to garner interest from a wide range of Extension audiences. With a focus on the 'triple-bottom line', food systems and sustainable agriculture intersect issues such as food security, land use and agribusiness development.

### Entrepreneurship and Regional Development

Extension programs devoted to entrepreneurship have a broad scope that targets firms, communities and, more recently, regions. A key element of economic development, entrepreneurship is now being integrated alongside business retention and expansion efforts and industry recruitment programs. Concurrently, communities are recognizing that an 'us vs. them' mentality is not producing desired results and finding that collaboratively leveraging regional assets leads to a more holistic systems-based approach that is strategic and robust.

### Sessions

<b>Themes</b>	<i>Equity</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>Environment</i>
<i>Community Resiliency</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Local/Regional Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Entrepreneurship and Regional Development</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>

## DRAFT AGENDA

<b>Monday June 2, 2014</b>	<b>Item</b>						<b>Speaker</b>
10:00 am	Registration and Poster Hanging						
11:00 am	Poster Session and Lunch						
1:00 pm	Welcome and Introductions						Jason Henderson Bo Beaulieu Alison Davis Greg Davis Anne Silvis
1:30 pm	Community Resiliency Keynote Presentation (45 mins)						TBA
	<b>Community Resiliency Concurrent Sessions</b>						
	<i>Equity</i>		<i>Economics</i>			<i>Environment</i>	
2:30 pm	Share	Speaker 1 Speaker 2 Speaker 3	Share	Speaker 1 Speaker 2 Speaker 3	Share	Speaker 1 Speaker 2 Speaker 3	
3:45 pm	Think	Facilitated Discussion	Think	Facilitated Discussion	Think	Facilitated Discussion	
4:15 pm	Apply	Interactive Workshop	Apply	Interactive Workshop	Apply	Interactive Workshop	
5:30 pm	Networking + Rest +Explore						
6:30 pm	Dinner						
7:30 pm	Bonfire						

<b>Tuesday June 3, 2014</b>	<b>Item</b>					
7:00am	Breakfast					
8:00am	Local/Regional Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture Keynote Presentation (45 mins)					TBA
	<b>Local/Regional Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture Concurrent Sessions</b>					
	<i>Equity</i>		<i>Economics</i>		<i>Environment</i>	
9:00am	Share	Speaker 1 Speaker 2 Speaker 3	Share	Speaker 1 Speaker 2 Speaker 3	Share	Speaker 1 Speaker 2 Speaker 3
10:15am	Think	Facilitated Discussion	Think	Facilitated Discussion	Think	Facilitated Discussion
10:45am	Apply	Interactive Workshop	Apply	Interactive Workshop	Apply	Interactive Workshop
12:00pm	Boxed Lunches and Transportation to Field Trip Sites					

		<b>Institute for Sustainable Development Field Excursions</b>	
		<i>Bloomington, IN</i>	<i>Nashville, IN</i>
1:00 pm			
4:30 pm		Depart for Abe Martin Lodge	
6:00 pm		Dinner	
7:00 pm		Reception and Local Entertainment	

Wednesday June 4, 2014	Item					
7:00 am	Breakfast					
8:00 am	Entrepreneurship and Regional Development Keynote Presentation (45 mins)					TBA
<b>Entrepreneurship and Regional Development Concurrent Sessions</b>						
		<i>Equity</i>	<i>Economics</i>		<i>Environment</i>	
9:00 am	Share	Speaker 1 Speaker 2 Speaker 3	Share	Speaker 1 Speaker 2 Speaker 3	Share	Speaker 1 Speaker 2 Speaker 3
10:15 am	Think	Facilitated Discussion	Think	Facilitated Discussion	Think	Facilitated Discussion
10:45 am	Apply	Interactive Workshop	Apply	Interactive Workshop	Apply	Interactive Workshop
12:00 pm	Lunch					
1:00 pm	State Meetings					
3:00 pm	Departure					