

Get Involved

Local Organizations Supporting Healthy Habitats

The Nature Conservancy in Indiana: Offers educational programs, volunteer opportunities and resources for youth interested in protecting Indiana's natural lands.

Indiana Wildlife Federation: Provides educational programs, workshops and events for youth on various conservation topics.

Indiana Native Plant Society: Promotes the understanding and appreciation of native plants through educational programs, field trips and volunteer opportunities.

Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR): Manages state parks, forests and nature preserves. They offer volunteer opportunities for youth in various areas.

Purdue University Extension Forestry and Natural Resources: Offers educational programs and workshops for youth on topics like forestry, wildlife conservation and natural resource management.

Indianapolis Zoo: Provides educational programs and camps for youth on animal-related topics, including conservation and habitat restoration.

Local Parks and Nature Preserves: Many local parks and nature preserves offer volunteer opportunities for youth. You can find contact information through your city or county government website.



Scan the QR code for links to career connections, ways to get involved and even more resources to explore!



**ACTION
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Strength in Diversity

Biodiversity, Conservation and Habitat Restoration

Imagine walking through a lush forest, hearing birds chirping and seeing colorful butterflies fluttering around. How does being surrounded by diverse plants and animals make you feel?

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WILD HOPE

Take Action

You can make a difference by getting involved in conservation activities like planting native species, restoring natural habitats and speaking up for policies that protect wildlife and natural areas in your community.



Participate in local habitat restoration projects.



Create wildlife-friendly habitats in schools and communities.



Learn about native plant species and their role in supporting biodiversity.

Career Connections

Find links to these cool career guides at wfyi.org/inwildhope.

Indiana Career Explorer: Discover a range of careers, from environmental science and archeology to forestry and landscape architecture at indianacareerexplorer.com.

Science Buddies: Find detailed career profiles and explore diverse STEM careers.



Discover stories of everyday environmental action with Wild Hope (left) and Across Indiana (right).



Think About It

Biodiversity refers to the variety of life on Earth, including different species of plants, animals and microorganisms. Why is it important to preserve biodiversity and restore habitats? How does it help ecosystems thrive and combat climate change?



- Think about a time when you spent time in nature, such as visiting a park or hiking trail. What did you observe about the plants, animals and ecosystems around you, and how did it make you feel?
- Reflect on your connection to nature and the environment. How does spending time outdoors and interacting with natural habitats shape your understanding of biodiversity and conservation?
- If you could restore a habitat, what plants and animals would you bring back, and how would you do it?
- Why is it important to keep a variety of plants and animals in ecosystems? How does this help wildlife and the environment?
- How does habitat loss affect local wildlife? What can be done to restore habitats and help animals move more freely?