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Summit IV Webinar Series of the Indiana County Sustainable Economic Development Task Force

INDIANA COUNTY, PA – For the first time ever, the Indiana County Sustainable Economic Development Task Force will be holding a series of webinars through the month of March and into April. This webinar series will cover a wide variety of sustainability topics relevant to our community, with headliners like “Energy Policy: Creating Opportunities for PA Residents” and “Supporting Sustainable Food Chains and Soil Health”.

The first week of March, which is dedicated to the topic of Environmental Stewardship, has the following webinars scheduled:

Tues. March 2 @ 12pm - *Public Art and Creative Sustainability*

Ramiro Davaro-Comas, creator and director of a unique traveling artist residency program, Dripped On The Road, will be presenting a talk about the programs October 2020 residency in Indiana, PA. The talk will touch on the history of the residency program, its October 2020 project in Indiana, PA that brought 14 new murals to town, and the Creative Sustainability initiative they launched to curb emissions and environmental waste, while continuing to create public art.

Thurs. March 4 @ 12pm - *Keystone State Wildlife in a Changing Climate and What We Can Do About It*

We'll discuss some of the benefits of biodiversity, impacts of climate change on migratory birds of PA, and ways individuals and communities can take action to support birds and biodiversity and to reduce climate change. This session will be presented by four team members from the Carnegie Museum of Natural History and University of Pittsburgh's Climate and Rural Systems Partnership.

Fri. March 5 @ 12pm - *Family Forest Carbon Program: Making an Income from Private Woodlots*

Kevin Yoder, Conservation Forester with The Nature Conservancy, will present on forest carbon management and opportunities for landowners to get paid for sustainable forest management. The Family Forest Carbon Program (FFCP) is a new way to engage rural landowners with new types of incentives, benefitting family forest owners by helping offset the cost of the needed forest management practices and offer opportunity for income.

To see the full Summit IV Webinar Series schedule, register for email updates, access the webinar meeting links directly, or watch recorded webinars visit sustainableindianacounty.org and click the “Summit IV Webinar Series” button. Follow @ICSSEDTaskForce for updates and Webinar Live Streams. Contact sustainableindianacounty@gmail.com for more information.

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