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**March 5, 6 & 7
2024**



Schedule Overview

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

8:00 AM	Registration opens
9:15 AM	Machinery Pete
10:30 AM	Jennifer Tank
11:30 AM	Gene Schmidt
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Jason Mauck
2:00 PM	Julia Wickard
3:00 PM	Machinery Pete
4:00 PM	Tom Coomes

Lunch included daily



Wednesday, March 6, 2024

8:00 AM	Registration & Vendor Midway
9:00 AM	Luke Owen
10:00 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Richard Dewitt
11:00 AM	Breakout Session 1
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Breakout Session 2
2:45 PM	Breakout Session 3
4:00 PM	Closing remarks

Tuesday Menu

Pulled Pork Sandwich
Beef Brisket
Mac & Cheese
Baked Beans
Coleslaw

Wednesday Menu

Pulled Chicken Sandwich
Beef Brisket
Green Beans
Mashed Potatoes
Macaroni Salad

Thursday, March 7, 2024

8:00 AM	Municipal Breakfast
12:00 PM	Awareness Certificate Training
6:30 PM	SWCD Annual Meeting

Lunch Sponsored by



Espresso Bar Menu

Hot or Iced

Americano
Chai Latte
Latte
Mocha
Hot Chocolate
Steamer
Cortado

Coffee bar daily 8AM-10:30AM



Specialty Drinks

Snickers Latte
Raspberry White Chocolate Latte

Tea

Earl Grey
Peppermint
Hawaiian Paradise

Flavors

Vanilla
hazelnut
caramel
dark chocolate
white chocolate
salted caramel
toffee nut
peppermint
lavender
sugar-free vanilla
sugar-free caramel

Fresh donuts daily 8AM-10:30AM



Hot Coffee

Coffee & Donuts Sponsored by



Schedule

Tuesday, March 5th
Agricultural Focus

8:00 AM- Registration Opens

The registration table is located at the entrance to the event. Vendor Midway is open for visitors

9:15 am - Machinery Pete

Analysis and perspectives on the value and market for no-till planters, drills and other equipment

10:15 am - Break

10:30 am - Jennifer Tank - PhD Notre Dame

New drainage technology for agricultural landscapes

11:15 am - Break

11:30 am - Gene Schmidt

Conservation programs on local, state, and federal levels

12:00 pm - Lunch

1:00 pm - Jason Mauck

Managing sunlight and water, creating a healthy and more profitable farm

1:45 pm - Break

2:00 pm - Julia Wickard

Empowering the great stewards of this land.

2:45 pm - Break

3:00 pm - Machinery Pete

New versus used equipment and what that market value looks like across the county

4:00 pm - Tom Coomes

Schedule

Wednesday, March 6th

Stormwater Focus

8:00 AM- Registration Opens

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9:00 AM- Luke Owen

10:00 AM- Break

10:30 AM- Richard DeWitt

11:00 AM- Breakout Sessions

Breakout Sessions

-  Design Path (Fidler Room)
-  Contractor Path (Mennonite Room)
-  Urban Conservation Path (Martin Room)

A Case Study in Water Quality Impacts – Results from long term water testing in Elkhart County that justifies “WHY” we design for Stormwater

~ Kate Barrett, St. Joseph River Basin Commission ~

Construction Budgeting for Design, Maintenance, and Inspection - Focusing on the “WHY” behind the regulatory and required permitting

~ Joe Moore, Siltworm ~

Landscaping for Stormwater – Concepts that incorporate nature based solutions for Stormwater

~ Krystofer Yacks, Aquascapes of Michiana ~

12:00 PM- Lunch

1:30 PM- Breakout Sessions

Design Issues in the SWPPP – The real results from an inspector’s perspective

~ Donovan Wilczynski, KERAMIDA, Inc. ~

Panel Discussion with Kuert, Ozinga, and Smith Ready Mix – Ready Mix wants to be better, but they can’t do it alone

~ Chad Montgomery, Indiana Ready Mixed Coorporation ~

City of Goshen Flood Resilience Plan

~ Aaron Kingsley, City of Goshen ~

2:45 PM- Breakout Sessions

Indiana Stormwater Quality Manual Updates and Buffer Zones – An in depth look at some new additions to the manual and when they are applicable

~ Rob Beck, IDEM ~

This session is combined with the above session in the Fidler Room

Introduction to rain gardens and rain barrels

~ Jenna Wait, Elkhart County SWCD ~

4:00 PM- Closing remarks

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Keynote Speakers

Greg Peterson (Machinery Pete)

Machinery Pete will be the Keynote speaker on Tuesday, March 5th

Greg Peterson, known as Machinery Pete, has built a network of 1,100 auction firms, 600 ag lenders, 2,000 implement dealers and hundreds of thousands of farmers worldwide. Since 1989, Machinery Pete has compiled more than 1.5 million auction prices on all types of used farm and construction equipment sold throughout North America. MachineryPete.com is the fastest growing web site marketplace for buyers and sellers of used equipment with 6M+ page views/mo. and 130,000 equipment listings for sale for sale from dealers, auction firms and private farmer sellers. Peterson is the multimedia expert on used equipment values for Farm Journal, including print and broadcast. He appears every Monday on AgriTalk radio and AgDay TV. In 2013, Machinery Pete launched a weekly 30-minute Machinery Pete TV show on RFD-TV. Now in its ninth season, Machinery Pete TV has a new show airing every Saturday at 12:30 p.m. CST and repeats each Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. CST on RFD-TV as well as more than 50+ affiliate TV stations across the country. Machinery Pete has more than 300,000 social media followers across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn. His YouTube videos were watched more than 66M minutes the past 2 years! A widely sought-out speaker, Peterson regularly presents to farmer, dealer, auctioneer and investor audiences. Listen to Greg speak on Tuesday, March 5th on various topics surrounding the equipment industry and the auctions that drive the secondary market so many farmers rely on for implements.



Luke Owen (NPDES Training Institute)

Luke will be the keynote speaker on Wednesday, March 6th

Luke grew up in Colorado and currently resides in Georgia, a state plagued by centuries of erosion, stormwater mismanagement, and point source pollution. In the 1970s, during his service as a United States Marine overseas, Luke witnessed the severe and occasionally fatal health consequences endured by individuals compelled to consume untreated water contaminated by industrial and sewage pollutants. After his honorable discharge as a Sergeant, Luke pursued higher education at Colorado Mesa University, where he graduated with honors, earning a degree in Geology in 1985. Luke's passion for the outdoors coupled with the experience gained throughout his over 30-year career in stormwater, wastewater, and groundwater environmental consulting was the driving force behind his launching the NPDES Stormwater Training Institute in 2005, a company that has educated thousands of stormwater treatment system professionals in both the private and public sectors across the country. Luke is an active member of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA), Southeast Stormwater Association, Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP), Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, and the American Sports Fishing Association. Listen to Luke speak on Wednesday, March 6th or attend one of Luke's NPDES Awareness Training courses that will be offered March 7th at 12pm.



Tuesday, March 5 Speakers

Jason Mauck

Jason Mauck farms in Gaston, Indiana with his family. Jason is passionately curious when it comes to everything Ag. His company, Constant Canopy, is looking at agriculture through a different lens with the next generation in mind. He believes that the sharing economy will transform every industry, including agriculture in the next few years. He wants to create more regenerative solutions to produce and share food, energy and nutrients. Jason will be continuing his conversation that was started last year at this same event covering his successes and failures as he incorporates new practices into his operation.

Jennifer Tank

Professor Jennifer Tank is the Director of the University of Notre Dame Environmental Change Initiative (ND-ECI). Tank has been actively involved at ND-ECI since its inception, previously serving as the principle investigator of the Land Use Program and the Director of the Notre Dame Linked Experimental Ecosystem Facility (ND-LEEF). Tank is the Ludmilla F., Stephen J., and Robert T. Galla Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Notre Dame. Her research focuses on nutrient and carbon cycling in streams and rivers and the influence of human activities on water quality and stream health. Jennifer will be speaking on the role that small streams play in removing nitrogen from the water and to prevent it from polluting downstream ecosystems.

Julia Wickard

Julia A. Wickard was appointed by the Biden Administration to serve as the State Executive Director of the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Indiana in April 2022. Wickard served as the Assistant Commissioner of the Office of Program Support and the Agricultural Liaison at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for the State of Indiana. Wickard previously served as the State Executive Director for FSA in Indiana from 2009-2017. Before her federal service, Wickard served as the Executive Vice President of the Indiana Beef Cattle Association. She also worked for Indiana Farm Bureau, the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and served as Deputy Director in the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture for seven years. She has worked for two members of Congress in Washington D.C., and she serves on several agricultural and community boards. Julia will be speaking from years of experience on a variety of agricultural topics.

Gene Schmidt

Gene Schmidt, a member of the LaPorte County Soil and Water Conservation District board since 1983, has recently been appointed by Governor Eric Holcomb to the Indiana State Soil and Water Conservation Board where he offers oversight of state dollars going to the local districts for programs and activities guiding the conservation movement throughout Indiana. Originally from Illinois, Schmidt eventually found his way to Indiana where he farms about 1,700 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat south of Hanna. Gene will be talking about the idea of thinking outside the box when approaching new methods of conservation and opportunities that local farmers have when considering the state dollars that are available.

Wednesday, March 6 Speakers

Richard L. DeWitt

DeWitt was a former Department Head and MS4 Coordinator; CISEC, CMS4S (CPMSM) for the City of Franklin, Indiana prior to his retirement in 2018. Richard was a founding member and Treasurer for the Indiana MS4 Partnership, to which an annual scholarship award is given in his name each year at the Indiana MS4 Annual Meeting. He was also active in the Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality and INAFSM. He and his wife Connie now reside in South Carolina. Richard will be speaking on identifying Stormwater issues in everyday life and ways they can be mitigated on a smaller scale.

Joe Moore

Joe Moore is the Founder and Chief Brand Ambassador for Siltworm, Inc. and Erosion Construction Services; CPESC, MS4CECI and is an avid outdoorsmen with a strong belief in the Clean Water Clean World Initiative. He actively contributes to preserving waterways while indulging in his love for outdoor activities. Whether he is casting a line for fishing, perfecting his archery skills, or coaching CYO girls' basketball, he blends his enthusiasm for nature with a commitment to sustainability through his professional life and the companies he has founded. Joe will be speaking on construction budgeting for design, maintenance, and inspection with an additional focus on the "why" behind the regulatory authority, required permitting, etc.

Chad Montgomery

Chad Montgomery, serving as the Promotions Director at the Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association (IRMCA), brings a rich background in the concrete industry, starting with a four-year stint at Ozinga Ready Mix where he honed his skills in batching and testing concrete. In his 8 years at IRMCA, Chad has been pivotal in promoting concrete use across Indiana, engaging with a diverse audience including contractors, engineers, and local officials, to discuss concrete's various applications. Chad will be leading a panel discussion with leaders of some of the most recognizable names in ready-mix concrete, Ozinga, Kuert, and Smith. They will discuss the many ways concrete companies are working to improve the industry but cannot do it alone.

Donovan Wilczynski

Donovan Wilczynski, an Environmental Compliance Specialist KERAMIDA Inc., is a Certified Erosion, Sediment & Stormwater Inspector (CESSWI) and Geologist with over 15 years of experience in Environmental Inspections in construction & industry, Mr. Wilczynski holds a B.S. in Geology from Ball State University. As a consultant Mr. Wilczynski lead the eastern Indiana environmental inspection program for NIPSCO as the Environmental Compliance Specialist for the last year. Providing direct feedback to inspection field staff and functioning as a liaison between permitting, engineering, and construction field staff, as well as assisting with updating their Environmental Compliance documents to progress towards their goal of 100% compliance. Donovan will be speaking about the negative encountered by inspectors when a project is not designed appropriately.

Kate Barrett

Kate Barrett, PhD is an Aquatic Ecologist at the St. Joseph River Basin Commission and a professor of biology at Holy Cross College. In her SJRBC role, Kate manages the water quality monitoring program, analyzes historical water quality data, assists community partners with grant writing and data interpretation, gives watershed presentations at regional outreach events, and serves as the AmeriCorps member supervisor for the SJRBC. At Holy Cross College, Kate serves as part-time professor of biology, and has developed and taught a series of new courses at the college, including Biodiversity, Environmental Science, Aquatic Ecology, Environmental Sociology, and Human Ecology. Kate will be speaking on her data analysis of long term water sampling that has been done in Elkhart County and the impacts she has seen that are directly related to development in this region.

Thursday, March 7 Speakers

Reggie Korthals

Reggie Korthals currently is the Environmental Resource Project Manager in the Stormwater Division at Butler Fairman & Seufert, Civil Engineering in Indiana and works out of the Merrillville office. She is responsible for stormwater program development, client support and regulatory guidance.

Reggie has over 25 years of working with entities on Federal and State environmental law implementation; water quality, air quality, and land use management. Reggie retired from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Office of Water Quality, after ten plus years as the Program Manager for Indiana's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES permit program, She worked with 182 Indiana permitted communities on compliance, technical assistance, and implementation. Reggie developed the Indiana MS4 Partnership Annual Meeting that is designed to provide compliance assistance, educational information, and networking opportunities to the state permittees holders. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the Partnership that has become a non-profit. 2023 marked the 16th year of this successful nationally recognized educational event.

Ms. Korthals served as Environmental Director for the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) from 1999 – 2007, managing the regional Environmental Management Policy Committee (EMPC) for the Commission. Reggie is a nationally recognized speaker and presenter on water resource protection, regional planning, air quality protection and environmental policy and law.

Reggie is the recipient of the Indiana Quality of Life Council Award for outstanding contributions to environmental protection in Indiana and the IDEM Exceptional Service in Environmental Management for over 5 years. She began her love of teaching as the Varsity Debate Coach and Speech Instructor at Chesterton High School. She continues that love by serving as an adjunct professor at Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA). Ms. Korthals holds a Master of Public Administration and Environmental Law & Policy from the SPEA School at Indiana University and Vermont Environmental Law College. She also has undergraduate degrees from Purdue University and Kent State University in Ohio. She works at water skiing, actively supports the Green Beret Foundation and hates to cook.

Richard L. DeWitt

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Indiana Erosion & Sediment Control Awareness Training

The Erosion & Sediment Control Awareness Seminar offered by the NPDES Training Institute is a 4-hour course designed to train contractors, builders, developers, site superintendents, grading and utility contractors, and monitoring consultants in Indiana's regulatory approach of preventing erosion and controlling sedimentation of the construction site sediment from entering state waters.

Topics covered in this course are:

fundamentals of erosion and sediment control

Indiana Rule 5 (327 IAC 15-5)

NPDES Permits and inspection of best management practices (BMPs) on construction sites in accordance with the approved Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

basics of proper installation, maintenance, stream buffers, and the role of vegetative and structural best management practices

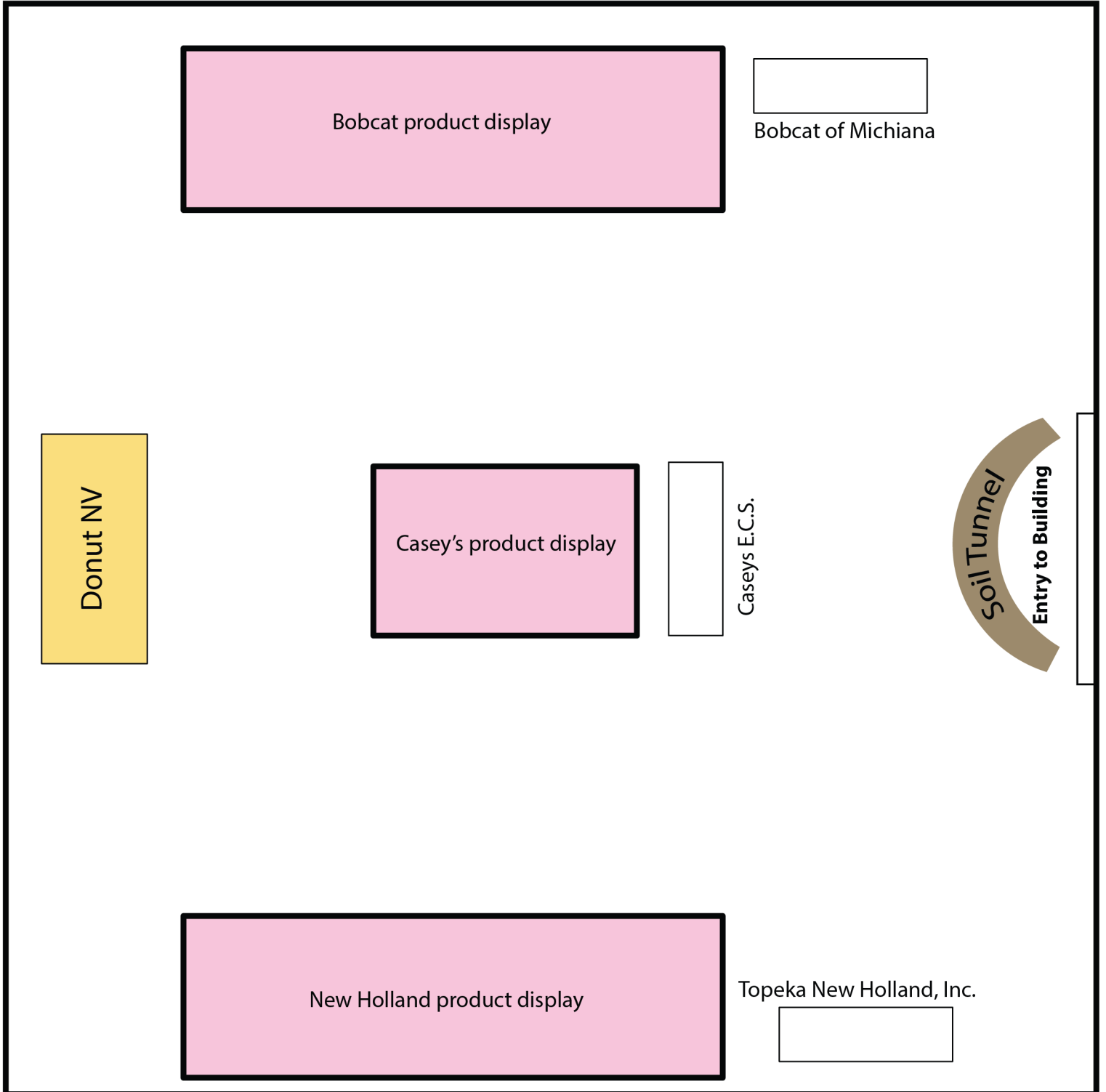
A certificate of completion worth 4 professional development hours (PDHs) will be provided for those who attend the 4-hour course.

Vendor Midway

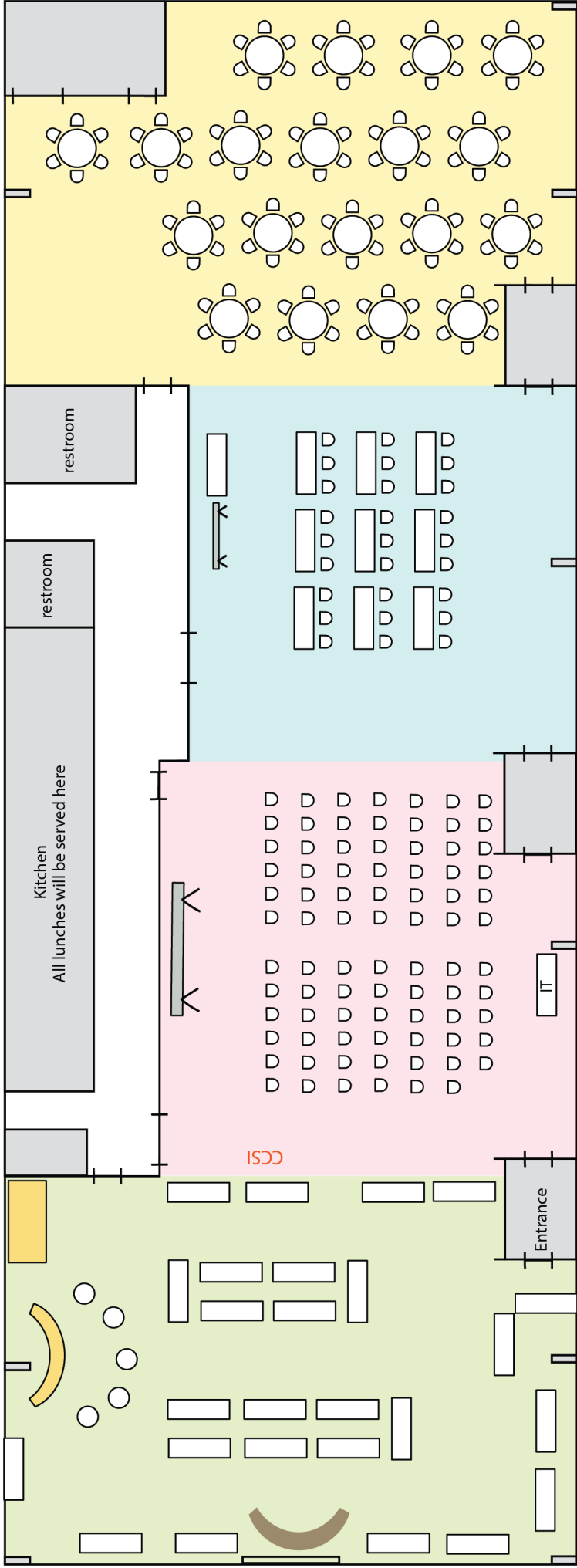
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Vendor Midway Tent



Elkhart County Community Center



Showalter Room

Mennonite Room

Fidler Room

Martin Room

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ELKHART COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

82nd

**Annual Meeting
Thursday, March 7, 2024**

Dinner starts at 6:30pm

Martin Room, Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds

RSVP by visiting www.elkcoswcd.org or call 574-523-2030

There is no ticket fee, but consider supporting the SWCD with a donation or membership