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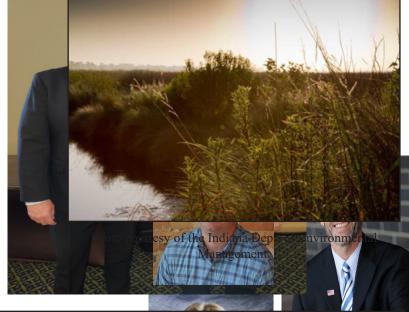
Wetlands Bill First Signed into Law by Governor Holcomb

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Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb signed House Enrolled Act 1383 dealing with wetlands on February 12, making the legislation the first bill enacted into law during the 2024 session of the Indiana General Assembly. HEA 1383 streamlines the State Regulated Wetland Law and removes ambiguity from wetland classification definitions.

The pictures below show an isolated wetland in Indiana and a picture of a wetland covered by the media. Do you see a difference?





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Meet your 2024 IBA President: Kenny Reinbrecht

How did you get started in the homebuilding industry?

I had a family member who owned a construction company, and I worked part-time for them from the age of 14 through college. I continued to do construction work on the side for several years. I decided to start my own company in the early '90s after building connections through working at a lumber yard.

What influenced your decision to join the Southwestern IN Builders Association (SIBA) and get involved at the local level?



Kenny Reinbrecht (left) being sworn in by IBA Past President Steve Heidorn.

We first joined the Southwestern IN Builders Association because we wanted to be a part of the Parade of Homes. Then, I was encouraged to become more involved at the local level by past leaders like Carl Shepherd. I also noticed rising housing costs in Vanderburgh County, and I wanted to be a part of the fight to keep housing affordable.

How did you become active at the state level?

I was appointed to serve as one of SIBA's representatives on IBA's Board of Directors in 2011, so I started attending state meetings then, and have continued since.

What are some of the greatest benefits that you've gained by being involved with IBA?

For me, the biggest benefit has been the networking opportunities. It's important to meet with others who have dealt with the same issues you're dealing with. Also, it's been a great benefit to understand what IBA is doing on the advocacy front to help keep housing costs down.

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Wetlands Bill cont.

The IBA-priority bill was the culmination of extensive work last summer and fall between the Indiana Builders Association, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and professional wetlands consultants across the state who came together to work through issues experienced in the field since the enactment of SEA 389 in the 2021 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

HEA 1383 was authored by Representative Alan Morrison (R-Brazil) in the House. Representative Morrison also serves as the Chair of the House Environmental Committee. Co-authors of the bill included Rep. Miller (R-Elkhart); Rep. Wesco (R-Osceola); and Rep. Prescott (R-Union City). The bill passed the Indiana House by a vote of 64-30 and moved to the Senate where it was sponsored by Senator Niemeyer (R-Lowell). Senator Niemeyer serves as the Chairman of the Senate Environmental Affairs Committee and the bill passed the Indiana Senate by a vote of 32-17. Co-sponsors of the bill included Senator Garten (R-Charlestown) and Senator Doriot (R-Goshen).

"Despite significant opposition to the bill from environmental groups across the state, members of the General Assembly understood the importance of preserving high-quality wetlands while accommodating for economic development and growth across our state. IBA and our coalition partners appreciate their willingness to make Indiana a great place to live and work," said IBA CEO Rick Wajda.

"This issue has been highly politicized over the years and IBA and its partners had to work hard to explain the difference of isolated wetlands in our state vs. wetlands that were being portrayed by our opposition, said IBA CEO, Rick Wajda.

The Indiana Builders Association and its members will continue to review local, state and federal regulations to look at ways we can reduce the cost burden on potential homebuyers as nearly 25% of the cost of a new home can be attributed to those costs at the local, state, and national levels. •

Meet your 2024 IBA President cont.

Reflecting on your experiences within the homebuilding industry, can you share a particularly memorable project or achievement that you're proud of?

In 2008, we built our first million-dollar home, which eventually led to a sustained business relationship. I'm also proud that all three of my sons joined the business and played a large role in growing it to the level it is today.

What goals do you have for IBA under your leadership this year?

My goals are to improve the IBA dues/franchise fee model, foster unity throughout all levels of the association, and engage more of our members on social media.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I enjoy fishing, golfing, and watching my grandkids play sports.

Any other thoughts you'd like to share?

I'd like to encourage all members to become more engaged on various levels with IBA. IBA plays a large role in keeping housing affordable, and it can be difficult to see that until you become involved at the state level, whether that's by serving in a leadership role or attending state meetings.

I'd also like to stress the importance of members using their fellow members' services to encourage unity throughout the association. •

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Frank Rhoades receives Indiana Builders Association's highest distinction

The Indiana Builders Association (IBA) awarded the 2023 John C. Hart Presidential Award, its highest award, to Frank Rhoades, of Cottage Watchman Security in Pierceton, IN, during IBA's Annual Conference and Board of Directors Meeting.

Rhoades has been an active member of his local association, the Builders Association of North Central Indiana (BANCI), IBA, and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) for many years. Rhoades' passion for the association is evident as he regularly attends IBA events, Board of Directors Meetings, and is a long-time member of IBA's Executive Committee.

"Frank believes in being involved in your community and industry, befitting the honor being bestowed on him. Frank has served his local, state, and national associations in leadership roles. Always ready to answer the call, he understands the importance of a strong association and supports IBA's advocacy efforts." commented Ric Zehr IBA 2023 President.

IBA's highest housing award is named in honor of John C. Hart, Sr. who served as Chairman of the Indiana House Ways and Means Committee in the early 1970s. Hart was known for being instrumental in restructuring Indiana's property tax system with then-Governor Doc Bowen. Hart is also the only Hoosier to serve as President of the National Association of Home Builders and one of five Hoosiers inducted into the National Housing Hall of Fame. The John C. Hart Presidential Award is reserved to a select few who have

made unselfish commitment and extraordinary contributions to the industry, the Association, or to one's community.



Frank Rhoades (left) accepts John C. Hart presidential award from Kenny Reinbrecht, IBA's 2024 President.

Julia Moore named IBA's 2023 Associate of the Year

Julia Moore, of First Federal Savings Bank in Rochester, was awarded the 2023 Associate of the Year award during IBA's Annual Conference and Board of Directors Meeting.

The Don Cassidy Associate of the Year Award recognizes an associate member who has demonstrated



Julia Moore (right) with Ric Zehr, IBA's 2023 President.

outstanding service to the Association. Moore, a Mortgage Loan Specialist, has been actively involved with the Builders Association of North Central Indiana (BANCI) for many years, serving on their Board of Directors and several committees since 2008.

"It is an honor to present such a prestigious award to a very deserving individual who has gone the extra mile for our industry and association. Julia is recognized as the 'go-to person' within BANCI, and her commitment extends to the state level as well. Julia has earned accolades such as the 'Associate of the Year' award from her local association and the title of 'Woman of the Year' by her local chamber of commerce. We proudly honor Julia Moore for her outstanding achievements and service," commented Ric Zehr, 2023 IBA President.

First Federal Savings Bank opened its doors in the back of a grocery store in 1966. Their focus on people has allowed them to expand to six branches across Northern Indiana and are considered to be a leading mortgage lender in Indiana. First Federal's mission is to serve their customers with the newest, competitively priced products delivered to them with state-of-the-art technology. •

DJ Tavernier named IBA's 2023 Remodeler of the Year

DJ Tavernier, founder and owner of Mishawaka-based River Valley Construction Group, was awarded the 2023 Remodeler of the Year Award during IBA's Annual Conference and Board of Directors Meeting. The Remodeler of the Year award recognizes exemplary association involvement at all levels, superior business management, and outstanding

contributions to the remodeling industry.

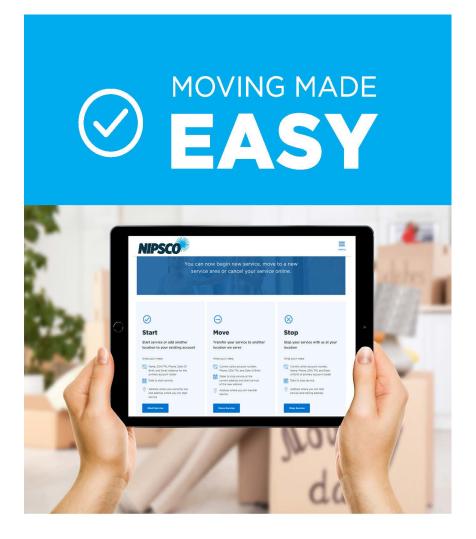


DJ Tavernier Photo courtesy of South Bend Tribune.

Tavernier has been extensively involved within the Home Builders Association of St. Joseph Valley, including serving as Board President and on several committees. Tavernier has been in the remodeling industry for years and received many accolades such as Deck Specialist Magazine's Specialist of the Year, and the South Bend Tribune's Readers' Choice and Best of the Best awards. Recently, Tavernier was named to the Michiana 40 Under 40 list by the South Bend Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"It's my honor and pleasure to present IBA's Remodeler of the Year Award to DJ Tavernier. DJ has been a tremendous advocate for the industry, and his numerous accolades are a testament to the quality work he performs," commented Ric Zehr, IBA's 2023 President.

River Valley Construction Group is an award-winning residential and commercial builder specializing in high-end decking, additions, new home builds, and more. •



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Introducing IBA's 2024 Senior Officers

Kenny Reinbrecht - President Southwestern Indiana BA (SIBA)

Kenny is the founder of Reinbrecht Homes of Haubstadt which currently builds around 120 homes annually in the Southern Indiana market. Kenny has served on the SIBA board and is a 2012 past president. Currently, Kenny is the Political Action Committee Chairman for SIBA.



Ryan Baker - Vice President Western Indiana BA

Ryan is the president of Rick Jenkins Builders in Terre Haute, Indiana which specializes in new homes and subdivisions. Ryan is a graduate of Indiana State University.



Marcy DeShong - Treasurer Madison County BA

Marcy is the president of Midwest Remodeling Services, a full-service remodeling company in Pendleton. Marcy is the 2024 President of the Madison County Builders Association, and has been active in her community and the construction industry at various levels including Chairperson of the Anderson/Madison County Chamber of Commerce.



Andrew Brindley - Secretary BA of Greater Indianapolis

Andrew is the founder and owner of Indianapolis-based H-E Homes. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture from Ball State University, where his graduate thesis titled "Lean, Clean and Green" studied and tested energy efficiency within the residential construction marketplace. Working with professionals in design, building trades and marketing skillsets, Andrew aims to improve home design by rethinking construction in a more efficient way.



2024 IBA Executive Committee



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Welcome IBA's new staff members: Jenna Blackwell and Juan Delgado

IBA recently welcomed two new employees, Jenna Blackwell and Juan Delgado.

Jenna Blackwell serves as the Events and Operations Coordinator of the Indiana Builders Association. In her role, she manages IBA's databases, plans and coordinates events, and administers member engagement efforts. Jenna earned a bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems and a minor in Business Analytics from Indiana State University. She previously worked as a personal account representative in insurance.

Juan Delgado is the Governmental Affairs Intern for Indiana Builders Association. In his role, he will work alongside IBA's lobbyists, Rick Wajda and Carlie Hopper, as they focus on priority issues during the 2024 Indiana Legislative Session. Juan participates in a variety of projects that include developing weekly Legislative Reports, attending committee meetings, and scheduling meetings with State Senators and Representatives. Juan is a recent December 2023 graduate from Indiana University- Indianapolis, obtaining dual degrees in Political Science and Management. Juan's previous internship included performing administrative responsibilities with the Office of Congressman André Carson.

"We are excited to have Jenna and Juan on board. Their backgrounds are already proving to be a great fit for the organization," commented Rick Wajda, IBA CEO. •



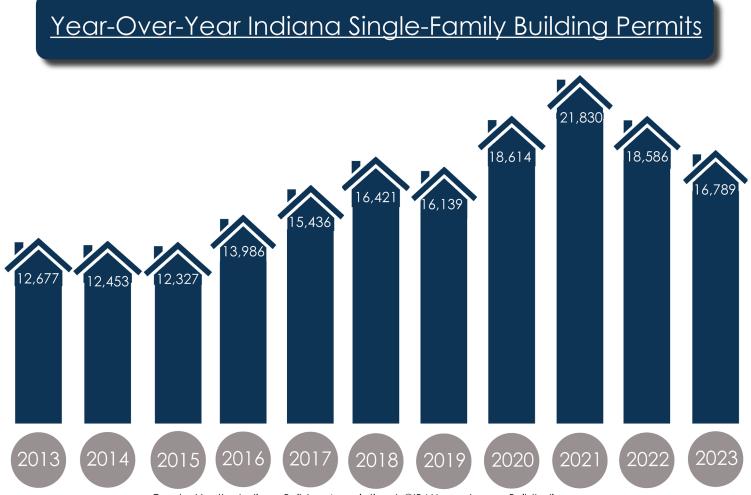
Jenna Blackwell



Juan Delgado

Annual permit numbers down for the year

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released statewide totals for building permits issued in 2023 and shows 16,789 single-family permits were pulled. The 16,789 single-family permit numbers for 2023 are down 10% compared to 2022 (18,586).



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2023 Hoosier Excellence Awards Winners

The IBA Hoosier Excellence Awards were created to recognize the exceptional work done by IBA members throughout the state in different areas of the building and remodeling industry. IBA members sent in nearly 100 submissions for consideration. The following companies received awards in their respective category based on judging from industry experts from across the country. The winners were revealed at a ceremony held during IBA's Annual Conference on November 29, 2023. View photos of the ceremony on page 21.



Please join us in acknowledging these outstanding projects and companies. View more photos and descriptions of the winning projects at sites.google. com/view/ibahea2023/winners.

It's not too early to start thinking about what projects you'll submit to the 2024 Hoosier Excellence Awards! Projects completed between October 1, 2023 and September 15, 2024, will be eligible for submission. Submission details to come.



Best Bath Remodel, Under \$40,000 Midwest Remodeling Services Weaver Bathroom



Best Bath Remodel, Over \$40,000 **Duke Homes** Ellis Full Home Refresh



Best New Bath, Home Under \$500,000 Joyner Homes WR25 Rush



Best New Bath, Home Over \$500,000 Joyner Homes JH125 Aiken



Best Kitchen Remodel, Under \$50,000 Midwest Remodeling Services Stella Kitchen



Best Kitchen Remodel, Over \$50,000 Heidorn Construction Morrison Kitchen Remodel



Best New Kitchen, Home Under \$500,000 Joyner Homes

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Best New Kitchen, Home Over \$500,000 Elevation Home Builders

Luxury Barndominium



Best Addition Tom Haas Constuction, LLC Family Cave Addition



Best Outdoor Living Design Alternatives, Inc. **Bunch Outdoor Living**



Best Problem Solved Four Seasons Design & Remodeling Wooddale Haven



Best Curb Appeal, Home Under \$500,000 Midwest Remodeling Services Stella Front Porch



Best Curb Appeal, Home Over \$500,000 **BBG** Construction

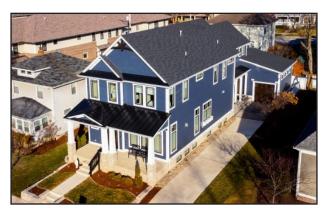
2022 Home-A-Rama at Chatham Hills



Best New Home, Under \$500,000 Reinbrecht Homes White Oak



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Best New Home, Over \$1,000,000 Traditions Custom Builders In the Shadow of the Dome

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IBA Foundations award \$17,500 in scholarships and grants

IBA's Foundations, the Indiana Builders Educational Scholarship Foundation and the Indiana Builders Charitable Foundation, have selected recipients of scholarships and grants.

The Indiana Builders Association Educational Scholarship Foundation honors IBA's long-time CEO, the late Bill Carson, by providing youth the opportunity to become the future generations of homebuilders. Scholarships are awarded to individuals desiring to enhance their career in the building industry, whether it is a structured degree, certification, designation apprenticeship, or an approved continuing education class. Students are evaluated based on academic achievement, prior work experience in the area of construction technology, recommendations by faculty and employers, and specific career objectives.

The Foundation awarded scholarships to the following students who have chosen the building industry as their vocation:





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Joanna Wuestefeld

Brownsburg



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Lafayette



Stephen Contreras

Lafayette



Trace Stookey
Winona Lake

The Indiana Builders Charitable Foundation (IBCF) is managed by the Central Indiana Community Foundation with direction from the IBCF Advisory Board. Its purpose is to provide funding to educational causes that enhance knowledge and understanding of the housing industry and of the career opportunities available within the industry.

The Foundation awarded grants to the following organizations: Ball State University NAHB Student Chapter, HBA of Fort Wayne, Purdue University NAHB Student Chapter, and Southwestern Indiana BA. •



Prof. Mohsen Goodarzi (left) and Ball State NAHB Student Chapter members talk with Sen. Alexander (second from right) during IBA Legislative Conference.

IBA Across the State



IBA members meet with Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch (center). Pictured from left: Brad Davis, Ryan Baker, Scott Noel, David Kovich, Mary Ellis, Brian Kerkhoff, Ric Zehr, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Rachael Rhoades, Kenny Reinbrecht, Marcy DeShong, Brett Harter, Chris Price, and David Compton.



Southwestern IN BA Life Director Mike Zehner (right) meets with Sen. Tomes at an event in Downtown Indianapolis.



IBA CEO Rick Wajda (left) catches up with IBA Past Leaders. Pictured from left: Rick Wajda, Mike Bell, Jake Wagner. Bob Coolman, Bill Dodrill, and Larry Swank.



Kenny Pfeiffer (center) accepts award from BA of Southeastern IN President Vince Smith and Executive Officer Suzanne Parmer at a membership meeting for his years of distinguished servicef.



BDA of Southern IN Executive Officer Christian Evans (right) talks housing with U.S. Rep. Erin Houchin at a membership meeting.



2023 IBA President Ric Zehr (center) catches up with 2024 HBA of Fort Wayne President and IBA's Area 1 Vice President Greg Gerbers (left) and 2023 HBA of Fort Wayne President Logan Buescher.



2023 IBA President Ric Zehr (center) chats with Rep. Pressel (left) and Rep. Prescott outside the Statehouse.



2023 IBA President Ric Zehr (right) catches up with Rep. Smaltz at the Statehouse.



HBA of St. Joseph Valley President DJ Tavernier (left) accepts the 2023 IBA Remodeler of the Year Award from IBA Association Services Director Mollie Flook (center) and Richard Hanley at a membership meeting.

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In addition, the CAPS designation helps you make your clients' homes more "visitable." Even if the home owners don't think they need additional task lighting, grab bars, and other home modifications for their own use, their family members and visitors might. CAPS helps you help your clients make the right choices, and it gives you more security in a remodeling market niche that's continuing to grow in popularity.

Increase your credibility and gain a competitive edge in your career by earning your CAPS designation. IBA is offering the CAPS designation program April 22-24, 8:30 – 4:00 p.m. each day, at the Northend Community Center in Lafayette. This professional development program is valued at \$1,000 but is **free for members**! Register for the courses today at <u>business.buildindiana.org/events</u>.



IBA recognizes over 50 members with active professional designations

March is National Designation Month, a time to recognize designee achievements, promote ongoing education in the housing industry and educate the public on the value of professionals with NAHB designations. Professional designations offer excellent opportunities to improve skills, advance careers and earn recognition for builders, remodelers and trade partners' commitment to professional growth. Consumers can be assured that a NAHB professional designation holder or professionally certified individual has excellent training, practical experience and in-depth knowledge.

If you are currently a designation holder, be sure to show off your accomplishments! <u>NAHB.org/promoteyourdesignation</u> has all the tools you need to show your commitment to improving your craft and the value you place on professionalism in the industry. •

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Ryan Yonan, CAPS Yonan Dream Homes, Cedar Lake

Mike Zehner, CGB, GMB Zehner Development Corp., Evansville

Two local associations welcome new Executive Officers

The BA of LaPorte County and BA of Northeast IN both recently welcomed new Executive Officers.

Rachel Forman serves as the new Executive Officer for the Builders Association of Northeast Indiana (BANI). Rachel earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in Leadership from Marietta College and a master's degree in School Psychology from the University of Toledo. She spent thirteen years in the education system before embarking on a new career path in the home building industry. She currently works for Four Seasons Design & Remodeling, where her organizational skills, communication skills, and her compassion for helping others are valuable in their daily operations. Rachel is excited for the new opportunity to serve BANI and IBA.

Rosie Michiaels, Executive Officer of the BA of LaPorte County, is a lifelong resident of LaPorte County. She graduated from LaPorte High School and continued her education at Ivy Tech Community College. There she graduated with an Associate's Degree in Applied Science with a Culinary Arts Major. From there she has worked in various administrative and customer service positions. In 2010, she obtained her Realtor License for Indiana, and in 2014 her real estate license in Michigan. Before joining the BA of LaPorte County, she served as treasurer for LaPorte County Association of Realtors for 3 terms and was the chairperson for the Children's Charity Auction. Rosie is married to her husband, Marvin, and has two children and three grandchildren. •



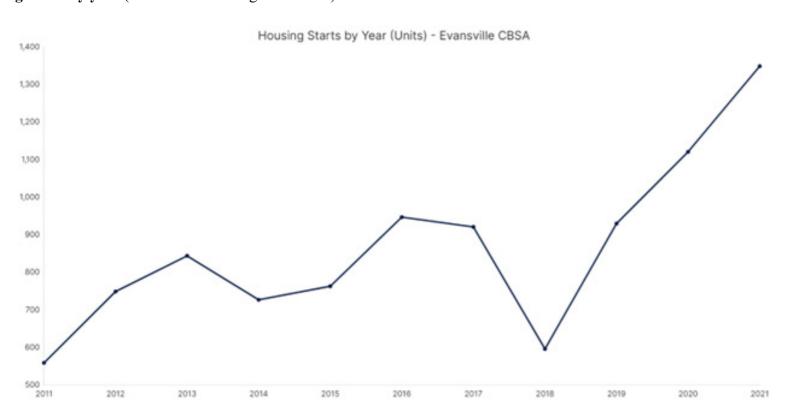
Rachel Forman



Rosie Michiaels

Local Association Spotlight: Southwestern Indiana Builders Association (SIBA)

- Jurisdiction Gibson, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Posey
- Founded in 1948
- Membership 239 (72 builders, 167 associates)
- **Population Center** Evansville, Population 115,749 (2022, Source: Hoosierdata.in.gov)
- Major Employers (Source: Evansville Regional Economic Partnership)
 - Deaconess Health System (HQ) Healthcare 10,500 employees
 - Toyota Manufacturing Indiana Automotive Manufacturing 7,500 employees
 - Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp. Education 3,450 employees
 - Berry Global (HQ) Advanced Manufacturing 3,200 employees
 - Ascension St. Vincent Healthcare 3,000 employees
- Units permitted per 1,000 jobs created (10-year average) 1,324 units per 1000 new jobs (Source: IN Housing Dashboard)
- Housing starts by year (Source: IN Housing Dashboard)







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Almost Home

The Indiana General Assembly is approaching the end of the legislative session, which must adjourn by March 14. With 30% of the introduced bills alive in the second half, there are plenty of good (and bad) ideas that could impact housing. Keep reading for an update on those.

IBA-priority Legislation

Wetlands (House Enrolled Act 1383): streamlines the State Regulated Wetland law and removes ambiguity from wetland classification definitions. Read the feature story on HEA 1383 on page 1.

Status: Passed the House 64-30; Passed the Senate 32-17; Signed into law by Governor Holcomb

3rd-party residential inspections (HB 1329):

allows local units of government to provide for the inspection of Class 2 structures by a qualified third-party, including an individual employed by another city, town, or county, as a building inspector, a registered architect or professional engineer, a certified building official or a licensed home inspector. The bill prohibits government mandated inspections of a residential onsite sewage system (current law), with a few exceptions, and a Class 2 structure in connection with the sale or transfer of property. The bill also includes provisions to eliminate duplicative license bond requirements for contractors and allows for civil action against a political subdivision that does not recognize a contractor's license bond.

Status: Passed the House 82-14; Advances to Senate floor for further consideration

Residential Housing Infrastructure Assistance Program fix (HB 1387): makes necessary changes to ensure the success of the residential housing infrastructure assistance program established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2023. Specifically, the bill expands the definition of "economic development facilities" applicable to certain statutes to include facilities for housing, including age-restricted housing and residential housing development. The bill also makes a technical change from "municipalities" to "political subdivisions" for the purpose of the 70/30 funding split with 70% of the funding allocated to participants engaged in housing infrastructure projects benefitting political subdivisions with a population of less than 50,000 and 30% going to all other politi-

Bills By the Numbers

	Indiana Senate	Indiana House of Representatives	Total	
Bills Introduced	297	442	739	
Bills Alive at Half	110	111	221	

cal subdivisions.

Status: Passed the House 96-2; Passed the Senate 46-0

Development restrictions on slopes (HB 1108): prohibits a unit from preventing development exclusively on the basis of slope when the slope of the site is less than 25%, unless it is within a watershed area of a reservoir that is a source of the municipality's drinking water.

Status: Passed the House 69-27; Passed the Senate 39-10



Members of the BA of South Central Indiana in Bloomington made the trip north to Indianapolis to testify in favor of legislation authored by Rep. Dave Hall (R-Norman) (right) that will allow development on slopes less than 25%. (From left) David Killion, Todd Borgman, Jason Bell, Hall.

Other IBA-supported bills eligible for action in the second half

Inspection of residential onsite sewage systems (HB 1352): prohibits government-mandated inspections of septic systems unless they're required by the manufacturer, requested by the owner, required by federal or another state law, or if there is a complaint filed with the health department. The bill also prohibits a district or local health department from charging a periodic permit or inspection fee that exceeds the actual cost of the inspection.

Update Indiana Drainage Handbook (SB 105): authorizes the dept. of agriculture to select a contractor to draft the updated version of the Indiana Drainage Handbook, with the help of an advisory board. The 13-member advisory board includes a seat for a representative of the construction industry.

Tax assessment of wildlands (SB 246): offers a tax incentive for owners who preserve wetlands classified as wildlands. For purposes of property tax assessment, "wildlands" are parcels of land

that are at least 1/2 of an acre in size and contain wetlands.

Legislation of interest that died

Environmental scrutiny before property transfer (HB 1060): requires inspection and testing of a home's residential onsite sewage system and well before a home can be sold. Requires the Indiana Dept. of Health to adopt rules for inspectors and inspections of residential and commercial onsite sewage systems and testing of water wells.

Investor ownership of single-family residences (HB 1176): establishes the housing down payment assistance fund, paid for in part by taxes on single family residences owned by hedge funds, while HB 1113 prohibits an investment firm from purchasing a single-family residence until at least 90 days after the residence has been listed for sale.

Homeowners Association covenants (HB 1186): mandates property owners disclose if a home is within a homeowners association (HOA) community and provide governing documents, indication of assessments and assessment values, and contact information of members, owners, or agents that manage the HOA.

Worker classification on public projects (HB 1245) requires contractors, other than tier 1 contractors that are working on public projects or a taxed advantaged construction project, to complete a weekly report of wages and hours of their employees who work on the project. Other bills pertaining to labor issues also died, including worker's compensation (HB 1159), repeal right to work law (HB 1247), and minimum wage increase (HB 1323).

Be sure to read the weekly Legislative Report that's delivered to your inbox every Friday morning for updates. Contact IBA's Advocacy Team at info@buildindiana.org or 317-917-1100 if you have questions, comments, or concerns about any legislation. •



Indiana Builders Association 2023 Year in Review

The Indiana Builders Association, Inc. educates and advocates for the construction industry to positively impact legislative, regulatory, and legal issues that affect housing affordability.

members serving in the Indiana General Assembly



Raised over \$150,000 for state and national PACs

Met with 8/11 of Indiana's U.S. Congressional Delegates



- Passed \$75M Funding for Residential Housing Infrastructure & Residential TIF Flexibility
- Passed Legislation that Balanced State Building Commission & Created Consistent Code Adoption Process
- Passed \$2M Funding for Workforce Development

Provided 65 hours

of educational opportunities and professional designation courses \$17,500

in scholarships awarded to students and programs that further careers in the construction industry

2,661

Total members

562New members

278,000+

Employees represented

20

Local associations



Launched the IBA Hoosier Excellence Awards

16,789

Single-family housing permits pulled

2,747

21,652

Followers

Impressions







Released

50 industry publications

FEDERATION CONNECTIONS

Senior leadership and staff attended 42 local and national meetings





















\$200,000 +

in member savings and rebates through participation in IBA's member benefit programs

IBA welcomes 150 new members in fourth quarter of 2023

For the months of October, November, and December 2023, Indiana local home builders associations welcomed 150 new members to the federation. They are listed by local association. To find a local home builders association near you, please visit: www.buildindiana.org/local-associations/. All membership information is provided by NAHB's Web Membership System.

Dearborn County HBA

Tyler Clark, Clark's Home Services Josh Elliot, All American Gutter Precision Heather Jackson, Made In The Shade West Cincy Ray Pennington, Tri State Liquid Waste Tony Steinhardt Sr., ServPro Of Madison, Lawrenceburg & Versailles

BA of Dubois County

Joel Doughty, Ace Home Improvements Inc Ruger Kerstiens, Premier Property Management Nicole Risse, Turnkey Realty & Property Man-

Craig Schneider, Safeguard Print & Promo Matt Stoll, King's Home Finishing & Design

BA of Elkhart County

Dan Egan, Smith Ready Mix Colin Eley, Michiana Builders LLC Brad Haney, 1st Source Bank Bill Hays, Blueriver Digital Christopher Kooi, AT&T Ryan Lemon, W. A. Zimmer Andrew Macheca, Focus Audio Visual Larry Miller, Millersburg Lumber Eli Schlabach, Precision Works LLC Evan Stutzman, Stutzman Landscaping LLC

HBA of Fort Wayne Tina Bennett, Hallmark Home Mortgage LLC Katie Boardman, United Dumpsters Bruce Butler, Bruce Butler Painting Cory East, Koch Air LLC Lee Eicher, Closet & Storage Solutions Inc. Jamie Farris, Jamie's Drywall Dallas Fountain, Landmark Roofing Dakota Freed, MD Excavating LLC Troy Gerig, Precise Plumbing Luke Gerke, Gerke Concrete Adam Hawks, Applied Technology Group Inc. Daniel Hayes, Custom Concrete By Hayes LLC Brandon Hilliard, Chase Jake Hyde, Hyde's Renovate Right LLC Josh Krueckeberg, Krueckeberg Auction & Max Lengacher, George Lengacher & Sons Inc Jamey Marino, Marino Electric Inc. Kent McCool, 101 Mobility Marc McMahon, GFL Environmental Leroy Miller, Integrity Surfaces LLC Jerrod Nicole, JRN Construction Ben Nottingham, James Hardie Building Prod-

Sean O'Fallon, 4 Brothers Plumbing LLC

Kyriah Simmons, 3Kings Flooring Leroy Steury, Steury Builders Inc Ty Whitacre, Nutek Industries LLC Austin Wiegman, Wiegman Excavating Jesse Wittmer, J. Wittmer Construction Lp Brad Wolf, Wolf Excavating Inc. Jesse Zehr, Zehr Antiques LLC

HBA of Howard County

Tim Eckert, Weber Concrete Construction Jim Ferrell, Foundation Building Supply Tyler Hands, C & C Cleaning Services Butch Hayes, Independent Sales David Howard, The Howard Print Shop Kevin Hudson, Arbor Homes Gunner Williams, Reese Wholesale

BA of Greater Indianapolis

Stephanie Carlson, Naturspire LLC Leo Grabovsky, Apex Realty Group Jeremiah Hamman, Lifetime Green Coatings

Andrew Hughes, Nice Guys Building & Remodeling LLC

Raj Kumar, Custom Tech Installs Kendra Mallory, Performance Stoneworks Evan Pulliam, Pulliam-Scott Construction Kevin Roembke, Crestline Construction LLC Damon Selle, Seal Now LLC Vic Vickers, Culligan Ultrapure Of Indianapolis Josh Wakley, JW Restoration Services LLC Lennon Withrow, Quality Builders Warranty

BA of Greater Lafayette

Ashley Caffee, Bath Experts Vincent Farley, Wabash Overhead Door Levi Fields, Binz Dumpsters Tyler Herrington, Koala Insulation Erin Kincade, Lafayette Post Frame Ricky Kirk, Renewal By Andersen Rick Ley, Bone Dry Roofing Peyman Majd, Fiber Global Inc. Bethann Rogers-Bird, Painted Peacock Creations Justin Walker, Ferrell Gas

BA of LaPorte County

Sean Harrison, Roman's Roofing Mike Hurt, Robert Tylisz Appliance Hal Kemmerer, Adams Masonry Ricardo Suarez, Calumet Painting & Restoration

Madison County BA

Tim Eckert, Weber Concrete Construction

BA of North Central IN

Kim Abrams, Abrams Consulting Firm Jim Anderson, Wacky 2 Premier Properties LLC Alex Carder, Pro-IT Solutions Bill Hays, Blue River Digital Annette Knoop, Kuert Concrete Inc. Gary Miller, Icon Protective Coatings LLC Dustin Parker, Van's Home Center Philip Sleeseman, Surf Internet Rob Spencer, 1st Source Bank

Adam Stevens, D & J Roofing And Construction

Shari Vermillion, Interra Credit Union Sean Weigand, The DeHayes Group

HBA of Northwest IN

Tracy Bergstrom, Everwise Credit Union Daniel Borun, Air Ductor Inc. Lisa Brickley, Harvey45 Inc. D/B/A Harvey

Adam Daniel, Patriot Truss & Components Nancy Frigo, Taylor & Monroe Enterprise LLC Josh Gasser, Chicago Closets Mike Hurt, Robert Tylisz Appliance Tamera Jerka, GQ Tops Scott Kosteba, Everwise Credit Union Cory Kreith, Younique Design + Build Inc. Nolan Mckim, Pro Pics 3-D Kate Ross, Coldwell Banker Realty Kyle Wade, Weichert Realtors - Shoreline

BA of South Central IN

Jason Barrett, Floor Coverings International Eric Brown, Bloomington Concrete Surfaces W. Cullison, Farmers & Mechanics Federal Savings & Loan Association Debbie Farmer, Roto-Rooter Plumbers David Floyd, Hammersmith Inc Josh Koontz, Koontz Roofing & Exterior Construction

Ryan Langley, Ruoff Home Mortgage Jon Pritchett, Pritchett Brothers Construction Beth Robinson, Robinson Real Estate Brian Stancombe, Mccomb Windows/Pella Window Store Al Vlasman, Al Vlasman Construction Inc.

Conner Welch, Rural 1st Kim Young, Bounds & Mcpike Sue Zurface, Precision Constructing Services

BA of Southeastern IN

Randy Domingo, Levenstein's Quality Floor Cov Travis Scheibler, Scheibler Building & Design

BDA of Southern IN

Troy Cunningham, German American Bank Wes Hemp, SME Brad Holmes, Holmes Ace Hardware David Lutes, Stonecroft Homes Mike Shearer, First Financial Bank

Southwestern IN BA

Matt Dubord, Matt Dubord Homes LLC Mark Lovelace, Independence Contracting Steve Maltese, Brickworks Supply Center

HBA of St. Joseph Valley

Manny Dosal, MGR Masonry LLC Brian Ocilka, Lowe's Home Improvement Edgar Shaff, Gushwa Heating & Air Bryan Strebinger, Focus Audio Visual Josh Uebelhor, Kitchen Solvers South Bend Ryan Woodruff, GVC Mortgage

Western IN BA

Mitch Fuqua, Hef Services Inc Rusty Gray, Rusty's Rollers Zach Haggan, Hagan Construction LLC Matt Larimer, Vigo County School Corporation Matt Larimer, Vigo County School Corporation Brandon Marrs, Marrs Brothers/Fireplace World Inc.

Ryan Sullivan, Prairie's Edge Buildings

Scott Bowman earns 2023 Paul Johnson Membership Award

The Indiana Builders Association's Paul Johnson Award is awarded each year to an individual who has displayed extraordinary services to membership recruitment. The award was created in 1990 and named after Indiana's all-time producer with 440 Spikes at the time of his death. The Indiana Builders Association has awarded the 2023 Paul Johnson Award to Scott Bowman of B M B Inc. in Evansville. Bowman recruited 21 new members in 2023. Bowman served as the President of Southwestern IN Builders Association, one of the state's top recruiting local associations in 2023. •



Scoot Bowman (left) accepts the Paul Johnson Award from Jennifer Mitchell, Southwestern IN BA's Membership Chair at a recent meeting.

2023 MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS AS OF DECEMBER 31

2,661

Total members

562
New members

278,000+

Employees represented

20Local associations

TOP RECRUITING LOCALS BY PERCENTAGE GAIN

1. HBA of Northwest IN: 38.8%

2. BA of North Central IN: 17.1%

3. Dearborn County HBA: 15.2%

4. BA of Elkhart County: 10.1%

5. Southwestern IN BA: 9.8%

TOP RETAINING LOCALS

1. Vincennes Area BA: 88.9 %

2. BA of Greater Lafayette: 88.7%

3. Dearborn County HBA: 87.9%

4. BA of Elkhart County: 87.5%

5. BA of Dubois County: 87.3%

TOP NEW MEMBER RECRUITERS

Scott Bowman, BMB Inc., Newburgh: 21
Mike Needles, CA Jones Inc., Fairview Heights, IL: 20
Logan Buescher, Bob Buescher Homes, Fort Wayne: 18
Bob Micunek, LG Electronics, Merrillville: 14
Jason Bell, Bell's Vacuum and Appliance, Bloomington: 10
Mark Mayfield, Modern Structure, Evansville: 9
Matt Reinbrecht, Reinbrecht Homes, Haubstadt: 7



IBA Annual Conference provides learning and networking opportunities

IBA hosted its Annual Conference and Board Meeting at Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel in Carmel on November 29 and 30, 2023. Nearly 100 members and Hoosier leaders within the housing industry attended the 2-day conference to learn about government affairs, economics, membership recruitment and retention, workforce development, artificial intelligence, and more. IBA also honored IBA President Ric Zehr with a video tribute and presented other association awards.



IBA's 2024 Senior Officers, pictured from left: Andrew Brindley, Ryan Baker, Kenny Reinbrecht, and Marcy DeShong.



IBA's 2023 Senior Officers meet with Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. Pictured from left: Ric Zehr, Ryan Baker, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Marcy DeShong, and Kenny Reinbrecht.



2023 IBA President Ric Zehr (center) with Area 2 Vice President Tim Eckert (left) and Area 1 Vice President Greb Gerbers.



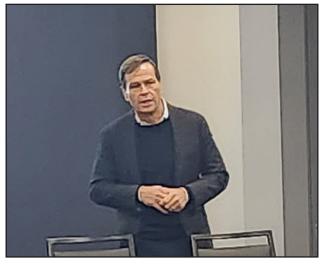
NAHB Director of Tax and Trade Analysis David Logan (right) chats with Rep. Miller.



IBA Past Presidents gathered during Past President's Dinner



2024 IBA President Kenny Reinbrecht (right) presents 2023 IBA President Kenny Reinbrecht with a plaquie for his service to the association.



Republican candidate for Governor Brad Chambers addresses IBA's Executive Committee.



2023 IBA President Ric Zehr (left) with his father, Joe Zehr, 2001 IBA President.



IBA Hoosier Excellence Awards on display before the ceremony.



IBA Association Services Director Mollie Flook introduces ceremony emcee, Amanda Parker from Collective Alternative.

Outstanding building and remodeling projects recognized at Hoosier Excellence Awards Ceremony

At the inaugural Hoosier Excellence Awards ceremony, held during IBA's Annual Conference, 16 outstanding building and remodeling projects were recognized.



Susan Benedict (right) and Katie Switzer-Cole of Design Alternatives, Inc. accept their award for Best Outdoor Living.



D.G. Asay of Heidorn Construction accepts the award for Best Kitchen Remodel, Over \$50,000.



Dona Brown of Reinbrecht Homes accepts the award for Best New Home, Under \$500,000.



Kristi Steffen of Four Seasons Design & Remodeling accepts the award for Best Problem Solved.



Beth Carey (left), Marcy DeShong (center), and Karen Shreves of Midwest Remodeling Services accept the awards for Best Curb Appeal, Under \$500,000; Best Kitchen Remodel, Under \$50,000; and Best Bathroom Remodel, Under \$40,000.



Brittainy and Aaron Gilliand of Elevation Home Builders accept the award for Best Kitchen Remodel, Over \$50,000.

IBA members advocate for housing at "Home Builders Day at the Statehouse"

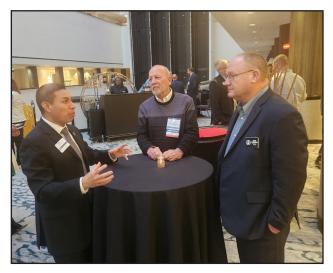
Nearly 100 IBA members and local HBA staff participated in our annual "Home Builders Day at the Statehouse" on January 29 to advocate for housing and to protect their business and industry.



Sen. Taylor (center) chats with staff and leadership of the BA of Greater Indianapolis, Christina Wilson and Helen Metken.



Legislators and IBA members and staff from the BDA of Southern IN talk housing. Pictured from left: Rep. Zimmerman, Ryan Hodskins, Rep. Engleman, Christian Evans, Rep. Fleming, Josh Hillman, Greg Furnish, Sen. Garten, and Jason Sams.



IN Secretary of State Diego Morales meets with Area 2 Vice President Tim Eckert and 2024 President Kenny Reinbrecht.



Sen. Maxwell (right) and BDA of Southern IN Executive Officer Christian Evans chat during Legislative Lunch.



Members from the HBA of Fort Wayne chat with Sen. Johnson. Pictured from left: Glen Claycomb, Sen. Johnson, Nate Delagrange, Greg Gerbers, Luke Hoffman, and Austin Buescher.



Rep. Goodrich talks housing with Area 2 Vice President Tim Eckert.



IBA Members catch up with Rep. Miller. Pictured from left: Mike Hannigan, John Jones, David Kovich, Rep. Miller, and Bob Micunek.



John Linn (left), Rep. DeVon (center), and Sen. Niezgodski chat during Legislative Lunch.



BA of Elkhart County members and staff talk housing with Sen. Doriot (right). Pictured from left: Todd Meier, Niki Groves, Jeff Loucks, Bryan Barr, and Sen. Doriot.



Madison County BA members meet with their legislators.
Pictured from left: Sen. Gaskill, Lynn Madden, Travis
Riddle, Marcy DeShong, Daphne Holtzleiter, Megan Payton, Rep. Kyle Pierce, Lawrence Johnson



IBA 2024 President Kenny Reinbrecht (right) catches up with Sen. Messmer.



2024 IBA President Kenny Reinbrecht (right) talks housing with State Comptroller Nieshalla.



Western IN BA members and IBA 2024 President Kenny Reinbrecht chat with Rep. Morrison. Pictured from left: Dan Browne, Jared Grable, Rep. Morrison, Ryan Baker, Hank Kidwell, and Kenny Reinbrecht.



Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch (left), Rep. McNamara (second from right), and Rep. O'Brien (right) present 2024 IBA President Kenny Reinbrecht with an award.



Rep. Behning (second from left), Sen. Baldwin (center) and Sen. Buchanan (right) with Drake Branda (left) and Tim Eckert.



Rep. Hatfield (right) and 2024 IBA President Kenny Reinbrecht catch up during Legislative Lunch.



Rep. VanNatter (left) chats with Steve Schreckengast, Life Director of the BA of Greater Lafayette.









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