

2026 Indiana Envirothon State Contest Problem Presentation Guidelines –

All materials related to the presentation (note cards, posters, outlines, etc.) need to be turned in when you register. Your team will be told at registration where the items will be placed. Be sure to include/bring all support materials for your presentation. **NO** items that could be construed as additional prep for presentation or additional study materials should be in the possession of the students after registration. This especially includes note cards, a team seen with notecards outside of the presentation room will be disqualified (see State rule #3). **Please print 8 copies on 8.5X11 paper of your watershed map to give to your “elected officials”.**

Make sure the presentation includes how the project will affect soils and land use, wildlife, forestry, aquatic ecology, and address the 2026 current issue- Non Point Source Pollution:It Begins at Home.

If you will be using a PowerPoint presentation of some type with your oral presentation, it must be submitted via e-mail to Melissa Ruschau as a PDF file only. E-mail your PDF presentation to **Melissa Ruschau at melissa.ruschau@ccsin.org by April 24, 2026 by 12:00 PM (noon)**. Teams that do not meet this deadline will not be able to use PowerPoint or other computer-enabled presentation mode at the State competition. Teams should title their presentation as **SCHOOL NAME- TEAM NAME.pdf** not “Final Presentation” or “Mill Creek Project”

All PowerPoint presentations **MUST** be submitted in PDF format **ONLY** – no other presentations, pre-recorded verbal or internet accessed presentations are permitted. PDF presentations will be pre-loaded onto a computer prior to the contest by the Indiana Envirothon representative. Please be sure your presentation is in PDF format before sending it in. Posters, flipcharts, etc. are encouraged. No additional equipment or tripods will be provided.

It is highly encouraged to have a back-up plan for your presentation in the event that technical or other issues beyond the control of Indiana Envirothon should occur during the State contest.

(Scenario for presentation)

Your team will play the role of a group of concerned citizens. Your 1st presentation will be to your county commission made up of 3 present members to propose recommendations to address non-point source pollution in a local watershed. You will make a recommendation about how to improve the water quality in your local waterways. If your proposal is accepted, your second presentation will be to a joint special meeting of the City, County Commissioners and Councils, made up of 5 members. (All judges at your presentation are professionals in their resource areas.)

Your presentation must be no longer than 12 minutes. There will be a 2 point penalty for going over 12 minutes and the team will be stopped at that point. Your presentation should be between 10 and 12 minutes.

A score sheet has been included as an attachment to reference.