

# 2023 Drainage School

## *Speaker Biography*

### **Clara Furst Hamilton County Surveyor's Office**

Clara Furst is an Engineering Technician- MS4/Permits for the Hamilton County Surveyors Office, Hamilton County Indiana. In this role, she is responsible for overseeing the MS4 Stormwater Program including pursuing enforcement and compliance, Construction Stormwater General Permit SWPPP reviews, drainage encroachments, and educational outreach development. Prior to HCSO, Clara was the MS4 Stormwater Specialist for the Indiana Department of Transportation. Clara and fellow co-workers were the recipients of the 2020-2021 Outstanding Indiana MS4 Education & Training Program award. She is a Certified Inspector of Sediment and Erosion Control (CISEC), and a Certified Stormwater Inspector-Municipal Stormwater (CSI-MS4).

She has a bachelor's degree from Marian University, where she majored in Biological Sciences with a minor in Communication Studies. Throughout her college years, Clara traveled the U.S. competing on the Marian Knights National Speech & Debate Team sharpening her skills in public speaking and rhetoric. Clara's passion for communication fuels her drive to continue protecting the environment and waterways of Indiana.

Clara currently resides with her husband and young daughter in Northern Hamilton County. They enjoy spending hours out on their pontoon boat trying to out fish each other. She also spends time volunteering through Hamilton County 4-H and youth development.

