

AJ Popovic
Northwest Indiana Regional Specialist

Hello, I am AJ Popovic. I was born and raised in St. Joseph County, Indiana, and currently live in Mishawaka, Indiana. I went to college at Purdue University Fort Wayne and have a Bachelors Degree in Computer Engineering Technology and an Associates Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology.

During my time in college, I read "The Natural Heritage of Indiana" which completely altered my view of Indiana. This is a very special place, and it is critical that we work to protect what is left of our natural spaces.

Before being hired at SICIM, I worked at Pure Green Farms, a hydroponic lettuce farm in South Bend, Indiana. This farm is very near to the headwaters of the Kankakee River, and I convinced the CEO and CFO to provide me with resources to lead a native wetland prairie restoration project on site. This was a fantastic learning opportunity which taught me the importance of invasive species management, and habitat restoration.

I regularly volunteer with Shirley Heinze Land Trust, specifically focusing on their Lydick Bog property. Through my volunteering, I have increased invasive plant species management skills and have helped to co-lead volunteer workdays. It is inspiring to see how much a property can improve with a little bit of focused management.

I am excited to work for SICIM as the Northwest Indiana Regional Specialist, and hope to not only be a reliable resource for the region to lean on but to continue learning and partnering with fellow Indiana residents!