

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM REPORT

July 1, 2009

Watersheds	Contracts	Acres	Acres/Contract	Average Dollars/Acre	Obligated State Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Tippecanoe River	424	3103.2	7.3	\$174.95	\$542,895.00	\$9,048,931.20
Upper White River	217	1463.2	6.7	\$436.76	\$639,060.00	\$4,266,691.20
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	120	430.86	3.6	\$214.81	\$92,554.00	\$1,256,387.76
TOTAL	761	4997.26	6.6	\$255.04	\$1,274,509.00	\$14,572,010.16

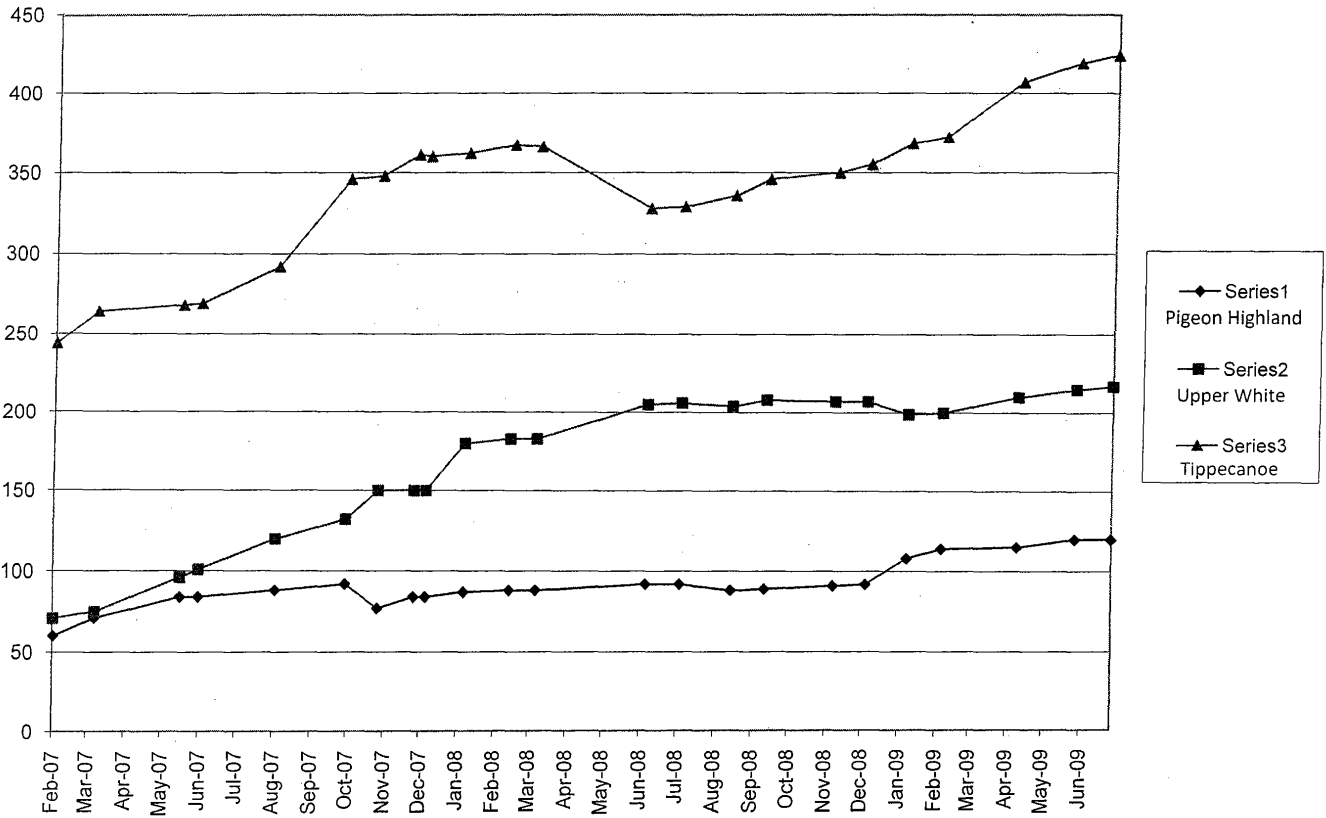
June 2, 2009

Watersheds	Contracts	Acres	Acres/Contract	Average Dollars/Acre	Obligated State Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Tippecanoe River	419	3086.9	7.4	\$174.14	\$537,565.00	\$9,001,400.40
Upper White River	215	1429.2	6.6	\$429.17	\$613,365.00	\$4,167,547.20
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	120	430.86	3.6	\$214.79	\$92,544.00	\$1,256,387.76
TOTAL	754	4946.96	6.6	\$251.36	\$1,243,474.00	\$14,425,335.36

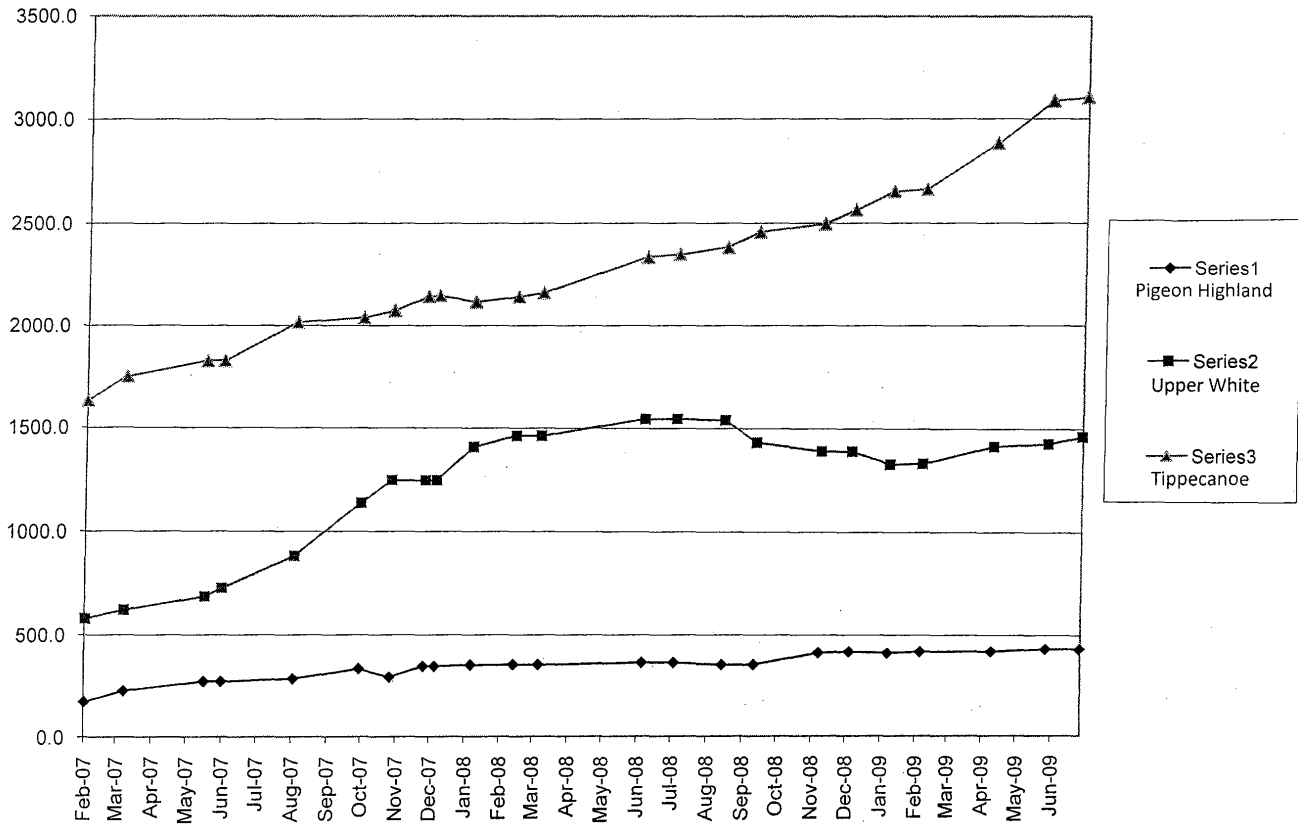
CREP Obligated vs. Paid Funds

Watersheds	Obligated	Paid	Difference
Tippecanoe River	\$542,895.00	\$301,920.00	\$240,975.00
Upper White River	\$639,060.00	\$449,155.00	\$189,905.00
Pigeon Highland Rivers	\$92,554.00	\$36,717.00	\$55,837.00
Total	\$1,274,509.00	\$787,792.00	\$486,717.00

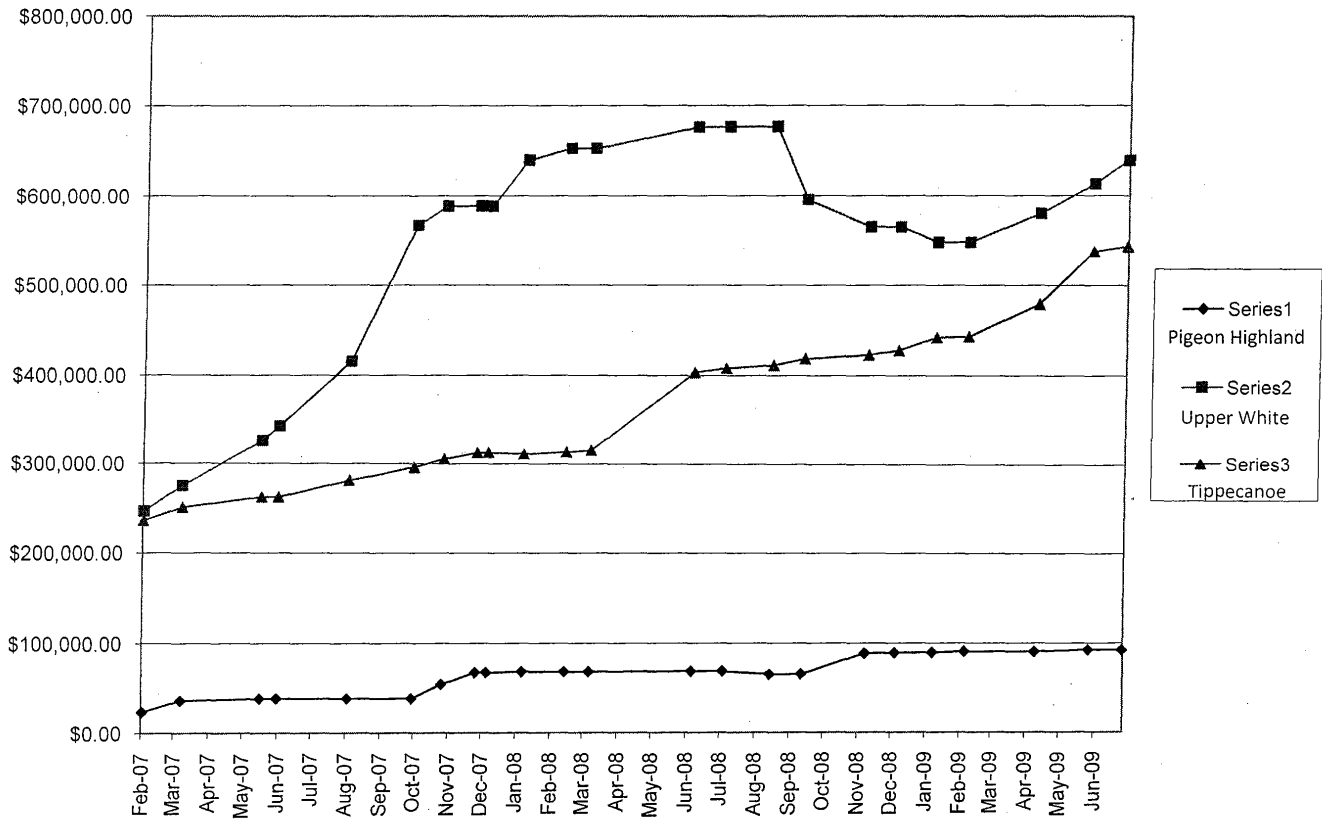
CREP Landowner Contracts February 2007 - July 2009



CREP Obligated Acres February 2007 - July 2009



CREP Obligated Funds February 2007 - July 2009



Tippecanoe Watershed - Practices by County

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Practice/Type	Benton	Carroll	Cass	Fulton	Jasper	Kosciusko
CP 21 Contracts	1		2	82	19	16
CP 21 Acres	2.6		4	407	74.2	61.9
CP 21 Funds	\$260.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$40,700.00	\$7,420.00	\$6,190.00
CP 22 Contracts	0	0	0	1	0	0
CP 22 Acres	0	0	0	0.6	0	0
CP 22 Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CP 23 Contracts	0	0	0	0	0	1
CP 23 Acres	0	0	0	0	0	121.7
CP 23 Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79,105.00
CP 23A Contracts	0	0	3	8	1	3
CP 23A Acres	0	0	43	50.3	33.7	30.4
CP 23A Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,200.00	\$20,120.00	\$13,480.00	\$12,160.00
CP 31 Contracts	0	1	0	0	0	0
CP 31 Acres	0	5.6	0	0	0	0
CP 31 Funds	\$0.00	\$2,240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Contracts	1	1	5	91	20	20
Total Acres	2.6	5.6	47	457.9	107.9	214
Total Funds	\$260.00	\$2,240.00	\$17,600.00	\$61,060.00	\$20,900.00	\$97,455.00

Extensions and Easements

County	Type	Practice	Total Contracts	Total Acres	Status
Kosciusko	Extension	CP 23	1	121.7	Open
Pulaski	Extension	CP 31	1	14.8	Paid

Tippecanoe Watershed - Practices by County (Continued)

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Practice/Type	Marshall	Noble	Pulaski	Starke	White	Whitley	Total
CP 21 Contracts	4	2	156	34	63	5	384
CP 21 Acres	44.8	7.7	1219	305.3	283.9	15	2425.4
CP 21 Funds	\$4,480.00	\$770.00	\$121,900.00	\$30,530.00	\$28,390.00	\$1,500.00	\$242,540.00
CP 22 Contracts	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
CP 22 Acres	0	0	7.2	0	4.7	0	12.5
CP 22 Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,880.00	\$0.00	\$1,880.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
CP 23 Contracts	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CP 23 Acres	0	0	0	0	0	0	121.7
CP 23 Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79,105.00
CP 23A Contracts	0	0	7	3	3	1	29
CP 23A Acres	0	0	224	62.6	62.4	0.5	506.9
CP 23A Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$89,600.00	\$25,040.00	\$24,960.00	\$200.00	\$202,760.00
CP 31 Contracts	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
CP 31 Acres	0	0	14.8	0	0	0	20.4
CP 31 Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,920.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,160.00
Total Contracts	4	2	165	37	67	6	419
Total Acres	44.8	7.7	1465	367.9	351	15.5	3086.9
Total Funds	\$4,480.00	\$770.00	\$220,300.00	\$55,570.00	\$55,230.00	\$1,700.00	\$537,565.00

Tippecanoe Watershed

Total Acres by County and Practice

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County	Practice	Active Acres	Paid Acres	Total CREP Acres
Benton	CP 21	0.0	2.6	2.6
Cass	CP21	0.0	4.0	4.0
Fulton	CP 21	142.9	264.1	407.0
Jasper	CP 21	4.1	70.1	74.2
Kosciusko	CP 21	12.6	49.3	61.9
Marshall	CP 21	15.7	29.1	44.8
Noble	CP 21	0.0	7.7	7.7
Pulaski	CP 21	220.0	999.0	1219.0
Starke	CP 21	137.2	168.1	305.3
White	CP 21	121.5	162.4	283.9
Whitley	CP 21	0.0	15.0	15.0
Fulton	CP 22	0.6	0.0	0.6
Pulaski	CP 22	0.0	7.2	7.2
White	CP 22	4.7	0.0	4.7
Kosciusko	CP 23	121.7	0.0	121.7
Cass	CP 23A	0.0	43.0	43.0
Fulton	CP 23A	41.1	9.2	50.3
Jasper	CP 23A	0.0	33.7	33.7
Kosciusko	CP 23A	26.0	4.4	30.4
Pulaski	CP 23A	122.6	101.4	224.0
Starke	CP 23A	36.5	26.1	62.6
White	CP 23A	0.0	62.4	62.4
Whitley	CP 23A	0.0	0.5	0.5
Carroll	CP 31	5.6	0.0	5.6
Pulaski	CP 31	0.0	14.8	14.8
TOTAL		1012.8	2059.3	3086.9

County	Active Acres	Paid Acres	Total County Acres
Benton	0.0	2.6	2.6
Carroll	5.6	0.0	5.6
Cass	0.0	47.0	47.0
Fulton	184.6	273.3	457.9
Jasper	4.1	103.8	107.9
Kosciusko	160.3	53.7	214.0
Marshall	15.7	29.1	44.8
Noble	0.0	7.7	7.7
Pulaski	342.6	1122.4	1465.0
Starke	173.7	194.2	367.9
White	126.2	224.8	351.0
Whitley	0.0	15.5	15.5
Total	1012.8	2074.1	3086.9

Upper White River Watershed - Practices by County

Jun-09

Practice/Type	Boone	Delaware	Hamilton	Hendricks	Henry	Madison
CP 2 Contracts	0	0	0	0	0	0
CP 2 Acres	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CP 2 Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CP 21 Contracts	2	28	16	7	0	18
CP 21 Acres	4.9	105.9	53.7	21.4	0.0	54.0
CP 21 Funds	\$490.00	\$10,590.00	\$5,370.00	\$2,140.00	\$0.00	\$5,400.00
CP 22 Contracts	0	3	3	1	1	6
CP 22 Acres	0.0	24.2	7.7	4.5	3.9	43.1
CP 22 Funds	\$0.00	\$9,680.00	\$4,730.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,560.00	\$27,215.00
CP 23A Contracts	0	1	4	0	0	0
CP 23A Acres	0.0	10.0	49.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
CP 23A Funds	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$32,305.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CP 31 Contracts	1	10	7	2	2	28
CP 31 Acres	2.9	132.2	97.6	21.2	7.2	457.1
CP 31 Funds	\$1,160.00	\$52,880.00	\$53,290.00	\$8,480.00	\$2,880.00	\$305,740.00
CP 3A Contracts	0	0	0	0	0	0
CP 3A Acres	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CP 3A Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Contracts	3	42	30	10	3	52
Total Acres	7.8	272.3	208.7	47.1	11.1	554.2
Total Funds	\$1,650.00	\$77,150.00	\$95,695.00	\$12,420.00	\$4,440.00	\$338,355.00

Extensions and Easements

County	Type	Practice	Total Contracts	Total Acres	Status
Hamilton	Extension	CP 22	2	6.6	Open
Hamilton	Extension	CP 23	4	49.7	Open
Hamilton	Extension	CP 31	3	57.7	Open
Hamilton	Extension	CP 31	1	3.5	Paid
Madison	Extension	CP 22	1	4.7	Open
Madison	Extension	CP 22	4	35.2	Paid
Madison	Extension	CP 31	3	26.6	Open
Madison	Extension	CP 31	15	322.6	Paid
Tipton	Extension	CP 31	1	8.5	Paid
Madison	Easement	CP 31	5	71.2	Open

Upper White River Watershed - Practices by County (Continued)

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Practice/Type	Marron	Randolph	Tipton	Total
CP 2 Contracts	0	0	1	1
CP 2 Acres	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.6
CP 2 Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$160.00
CP 21 Contracts	0	17	38	126
CP 21 Acres	0.0	77.9	86.9	404.7
CP 21 Funds	\$0.00	\$7,790.00	\$8,690.00	\$40,470.00
CP 22 Contracts	0	6	0	20
CP 22 Acres	0.0	24.2	0.0	107.6
CP 22 Funds	\$0.00	\$10,440.00	\$0.00	\$55,425.00
CP 23A Contracts	0	0	0	5
CP 23A Acres	0.0	0.0	0.0	59.7
CP 23A Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,305.00
CP 31 Contracts	1	10	1	62
CP 31 Acres	18.1	109.8	8.5	854.6
CP 31 Funds	\$7,240.00	\$43,160.00	\$5,525.00	\$480,355.00
CP 3A Contracts	0	0	1	1
CP 3A Acres	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
CP 3A Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
Total Contracts	1	33	41	215
Total Acres	18.1	211.9	98.0	1429.2
Total Funds	\$7,240.00	\$61,390.00	\$15,025.00	\$613,365.00

Upper White River Watershed

Total Acres by County and Practice

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County	Practice	Active Acres	Paid Acres	Total CREP Acres
Tipton	CP 2	1.6	0.0	1.6
Boone	CP 21	4.9	0.0	4.9
Delaware	CP 21	44.7	61.2	105.9
Hamilton	CP 21	8.8	44.9	53.7
Hendricks	CP 21	0.0	21.4	21.4
Madison	CP 21	11.7	42.3	54.0
Randolph	CP 21	36.2	41.7	77.9
Tipton	CP 21	10.3	76.6	86.9
Delaware	CP 22	24.2	0.0	24.2
Hamilton	CP 22	6.6	1.1	7.7
Hendricks	CP 22	4.5	0.0	4.5
Henry	CP 22	0.0	3.9	3.9
Madison	CP 22	4.7	38.4	43.1
Randolph	CP 22	0.0	24.2	24.2
Delaware	CP 23A	10.0	0.0	10.0
Hamilton	CP 23A	49.7	0.0	49.7
Boone	CP 31	0.0	2.9	2.9
Delaware	CP 31	92.8	39.4	132.2
Hamilton	CP 31	57.7	39.9	97.6
Hendricks	CP 31	10.0	11.2	21.2
Henry	CP 31	0.0	7.2	7.2
Madison	CP 31	40.5	416.6	457.1
Marion	CP 31	18.1	0.0	18.1
Randolph	CP 31	38.2	71.6	109.8
Tipton	CP 31	0.0	8.5	8.5
Tipton	CP 3A	0.0	1.0	1.0
TOTAL		475.2	954.0	1429.2

County	Active Acres	Paid Acres	Total County Acres
Boone	4.9	2.9	7.8
Delaware	171.7	100.6	272.3
Hamilton	122.8	85.9	208.7
Hendricks	14.5	32.6	47.1
Henry	0.0	11.1	11.1
Madison	56.9	497.3	554.2
Marion	18.1	0.0	18.1
Randolph	74.4	137.5	211.9
Tipton	11.9	86.1	98.0
Total	475.2	954.0	1429.2

Pigeon Highland Watershed - Practices by County

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Practice/Type	Gibson	Posey	Vanderburgh	Warrick	Total
CP 2 Contracts	0	0	1	0	1
CP 2 Acres	0.00	0.00	2.50	0.00	2.50
CP 2 Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
CP 21 Contracts	24	9	33	22	88
CP 21 Acres	58.80	30.60	87.93	76.30	253.63
CP 21 Funds	\$5,880.00	\$3,060.00	\$8,793.00	\$7,630.00	\$25,363.00
CP 22 Contracts	1	0	7	0	8
CP 22 Acres	3.80	0.00	2.53	0.00	6.33
CP 22 Funds	\$1,520.00	\$0.00	\$1,164.00	\$0.00	\$2,684.00
CP 31 Contracts	0	1	3	1	5
CP 31 Acres	0.00	18.70	84.30	6.30	109.30
CP 31 Funds	\$0.00	\$7,480.00	\$33,680.00	\$2,520.00	\$43,680.00
CP 3A Contracts	0	0	9	1	10
CP 3A Acres	0.00	0.00	46.89	2.30	49.19
CP 3A Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,756.00	\$920.00	\$19,676.00
Unknown Contracts	0	0	8	0	8
Unknown Acres	0.00	0.00	9.91	0.00	9.91
Unknown Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$991.00	\$0.00	\$991.00
Total Contracts	25	10	61	24	120
Total Acres	62.60	49.30	234.06	84.90	430.86
Total Funds	\$7,400.00	\$10,540.00	\$63,634.00	\$11,070.00	\$92,644.00

Pigeon Highland Watershed

Total Acres by County and Practice

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County	Practice	Active Acres	Paid Acres	Total CREP Acres
Vanderburgh	CP 2	0.00	2.50	2.50
Gibson	CP 21	14.10	44.70	58.80
Posey	CP 21	18.20	12.40	30.60
Vanderburgh	CP 21	45.38	42.55	87.93
Warrick	CP 21	48.60	27.70	76.30
Gibson	CP 22	3.80	0.00	3.80
Vanderburgh	CP 22	1.92	0.61	2.53
Posey	CP 31	0.00	18.70	18.70
Vanderburgh	CP 31	56.90	27.40	84.30
Warrick	CP 31	0.00	6.30	6.30
Vanderburgh	CP 3A	41.00	5.89	46.89
Warrick	CP 3A	2.30	0.00	2.30
Vanderburgh	Unknown	9.91	0.00	9.91
TOTAL		242.11	188.75	430.86

County	Active Acres	Paid Acres	Total County Acres
Gibson	17.90	44.70	62.60
Posey	18.20	31.10	49.30
Vanderburgh	155.11	78.95	234.06
Warrick	50.90	34.00	84.90
Total	242.11	188.75	430.86

**Clean Water Indiana Summary of
Grants/Incentives to Soil and Water Conservation Districts**



	Awarded		Paid to Districts		Balance		comments
2006 CWI Grants	\$ 609,257.00		\$ 528,877.00		\$ 75,975.00		Recommitted \$ 4,405.00 8 Districts still have a balance 1 report received after numbers were totaled
District Training Incentive	\$ 69,000.00		\$ 52,688.41		\$ 16,311.59		

2007 CWI Grants	\$ 533,662.50		\$ 497,985.00		\$ 29,693.26		Recommitted \$ 5,984.08 6 District still have a balance
District Training Incentive			\$ 96,670.73				

2008							
CMIG	\$ 164,000.00		\$ 162,000.00		\$ 2,000.00		7 Final report were received after numbers were totaled
SNRG	\$ 210,500.00		\$ 206,350.00		\$ 4,150.00		3 Final report were received after numbers were totaled
District Training Incentive	\$ 135,000.00		\$ 116,413.01		\$ 18,586.99		47 District received maximum of \$ 1500.00 30 District received some part of \$ 1500.00 11 District did not submit reimbursement 2 District did not request DT

2009							
SNRG	\$ 284,887.00		\$ 270,643.00		\$ 14,244.00		

CMIG = Conservation Marketing Incentive Grant, SNRG = Sediment Nutrient Reduction Grant, CWI = Clean Water Indiana

ECAP Report for July 2009

Round 1:

Allocated: \$1,197,094.82

Total Paid: \$1,148,765.29

Difference that was swept: \$48,329.53

Round 2:

Allocated: \$300,000.00

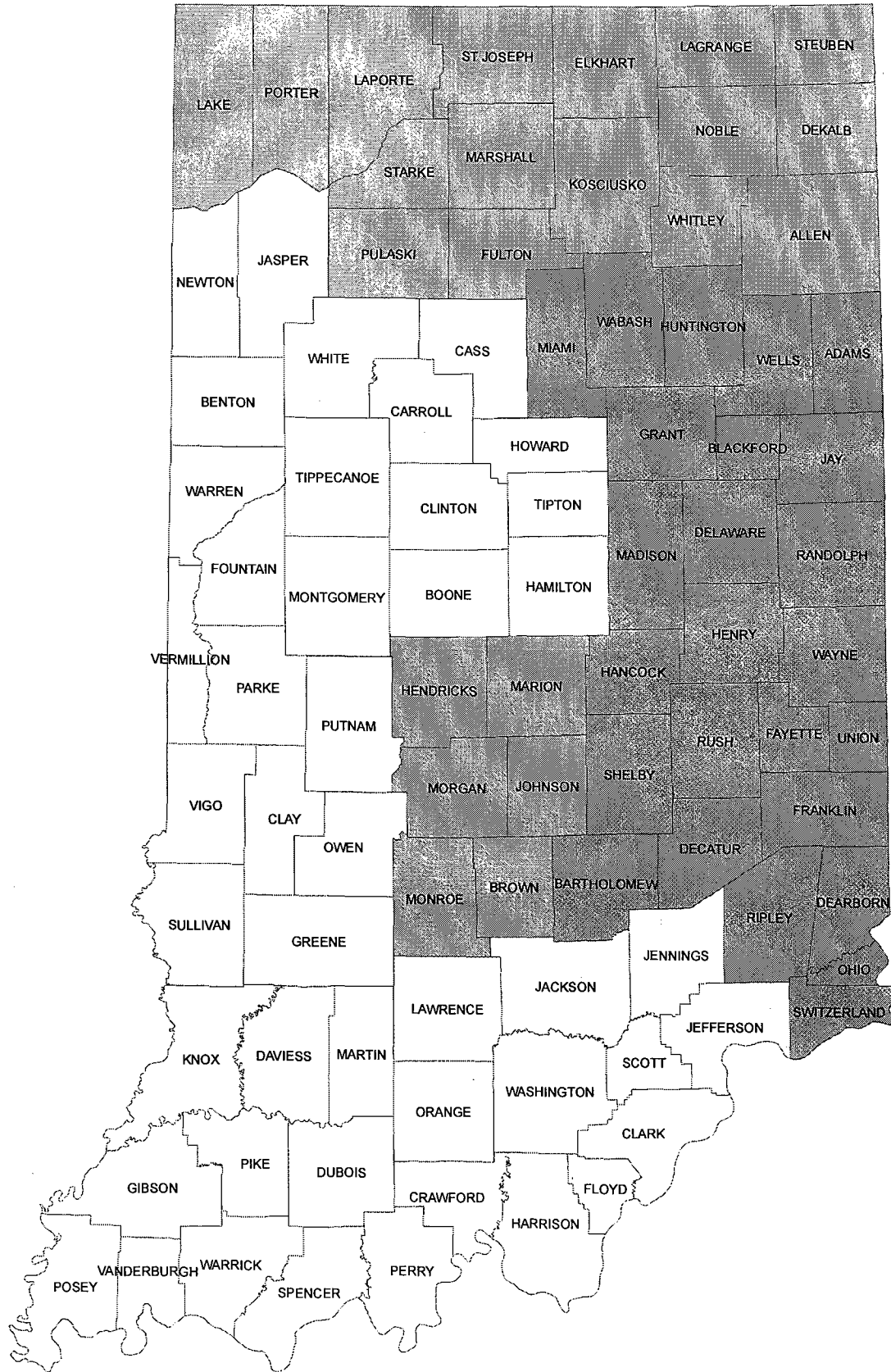
Total Paid (as of July 2th): \$181,595.00

Difference yet to be paid: \$118,405

Additional ECAP Information:

- To date we have reported 404 practices funded by ECAP (out of 29 counties that submitted status reports)
- 39 of those practices have not been completed or been paid (Mostly due to wet conditions)
- Out of the 29 counties that submitted status reports:
 - \$1,030,586.71 has been allocated to landowners
 - \$25,802.43 is still yet to be allocated to landowners
 - \$585,947.65 has been paid to landowners
 - \$78,411.28 is still yet to be paid to districts
 - \$1,548,305.29 has been spend on flooding projects:
 - 44.2% - ECAP contributions (\$684,974.76, not all has been paid)
 - 54.4% - Landowner contributions (\$841,726.32)
 - 1.4% - District contributions (\$21,604.21)

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June 8, 2009

Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District
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Aurora, IN 47001

I find that with my current work schedule and responsibilities it has become very difficult for me to attend the SWCD meetings. I think it best that I resign my position on the Board. With this letter I officially tender my resignation to take effect immediately.

I would like to continue with the Board as an associate board member.

Sincerely,



Ted Fowler

RECOMMENDATION FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

ELECTED SUPERVISOR; VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

Sec. 13. (a) If a vacancy in the position of elected supervisor occurs during the district's operating year:

- (1) the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position;*
 - (2) at the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision(1), the board shall act upon the recommendation and appoint an individual to temporarily fill the vacancy; and*
 - (3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.*
- (b) The individual appointed to temporarily fill a vacancy under subsection (a) shall serve until the district's next annual meeting.*
- (c) At the annual meeting immediately following the appointment of an individual to temporarily fill a vacant elected supervisor's position, the position shall be filled through the regular election procedure set forth in sections 6 through 9 of this chapter.*

("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)

The Supervisors of the Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that (Name) Mike Heffelmire maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

ADDRESS: 8868 Arlington Road

CITY, STATE AND ZIP: Dillsboro, IN 47018

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation (enclose) of Ted Fowler or
- Death of or
- No election held.

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor.

We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS: (signatures)

Signatures On File

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 6/10/2009

<p>Submit to: Your District Support Specialist</p> <p>Please visit the following website to access contact information for your DSS: http://www.in.gov/isda/files/DSS_temp assignments.pdf</p>
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QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

(b) To hold the position of elected supervisor, an individual:

(1) must be an occupier of a tract of land that is:

(A) more than ten (10) acres in area; and

(B) located within the district;

(2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and

(3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.

NAME: Mike Heffelmire PHONE: (812) 432-5490 DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/YYYY): 10/18/1947

ADDRESS: 8868 Arlington Road

CITY: Dillsboro STATE: IN ZIP: 47018

EDUCATION: 3 yrs college

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Retired E9-USAF; farming

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: President Dearborn County Farm Bureau, Member of County Farm Committee

LAND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY

If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices you have installed or performed.

Fencing livestock out of pond and installed watering tank; pasture and hay land management

TEMPORARY APPOINTEE

Have you previously served as an SWCD supervisor? Yes No

If YES, answer the following two questions:

1. What was the date of last service? (M/d/yyyy):
2. What was the reason for termination of last service?
2. How many years did you serve as a supervisor?

I currently hold a public service position/office Yes No (If yes) I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide Yes No

By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

Name of appointee: **Mike Heffelmire (Filsignature)**

Date (M/d/yyyy): **6/10/2009**



Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District

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April 30, 2008

State Soil Conservation Board
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Indianapolis IN 46204

Re: Clean Water Indiana Grant Extension and Project Amendment

The Supervisors of the Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to request an extension for our Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant, project A377-8-CWI-819. We are requesting that the grant term be extended 3 months, to terminate on July 30, 2008.

Our original grant proposal included promotion of our conservation practices at the 4-H Fair. The Dubois County Fair will be at the end of July; to complete this final promotion would require the grant term to end after the Fair concludes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

The Board of Supervisors,
Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District


Alan R. Weyer, Chair



**APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT:
 CONSERVATION MARKETING INITIATIVE GRANT
 INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger at: AEizinger@isda.in.gov

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City/State/Zip	Jasper IN 47546

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County	Dubois
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Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Jack A. Welp
Project Title	Conservation Systems Field Day

Nutrient Management Practice	<input type="checkbox"/> Cover Crops <input type="checkbox"/> No-till Strip <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Management Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Buffers	Use Ctrl Key to select more than one choice.
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Cover Crops, No Till, Nutrient Management Plan, Buffers, Pasture/Livestock Management

Describe the event you are proposing along with your plan for promotional and educational objectives. Be sure to include key steps and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

The proposed event is a Conservation Systems Bus Tour, featuring grazing systems, soil testing, no-till, cover crops, buffers, waterways, and Water and Sediment Control Basins. Participants will view successfully established conservation practices. The USDA Farm Bill programs will be promoted, to encourage landowners to participate.

The bus tour will be promoted through articles in the SWCD newsletter and local media outlets.

Desired outcomes of the bus tour include an increased awareness of the conservation practices available to reduce soil erosion. The use of nutrient management planning and management intensive grazing systems will be encouraged. The benefits of no till farming and the use of cover crops and buffers will be emphasized. The use of these practices will reduce soil erosion and the resulting nutrient laden sedimentation, and improve water quality. The use of these practices also benefits wildlife, and reduces carbon emissions.

Local and state elected officials will be invited to showcase local success stories, and encourage continued use of conservation practices.

Local sponsors will be sought to provide a meal, refreshments, and incidentals.

Partners in planning the Conservation Systems Bus Tour include NRCS and Purdue Extension staff.

A database of attendees will be developed, and partnership staff will work with the SWCD Supervisors to compile a list of landowners who could benefit from the use of conservation practices. This list will be compiled prior to the tour, and letters and/or face to face contacts will be made to these individuals to encourage their attendance.

Following the conservation tour, face to face meetings with local landowners will be made by SWCD staff and supervisors to promote and encourage the use of the conservation practices.

A display showcasing the sites visited will be prepared, and will be used at the 4-H Fair and SWCD annual meeting.

Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District

1931 South Liberty Drive
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2009 Board of Supervisors
Robert Woodling, II, Chairman; Ben Stidd, 2nd Chair; Keith McConnell; Larry McConnell and Dallas Conder

April 14, 2009

Dear Members of the State Soil & Water Conservation Board:

We the board of supervisors of Monroe Co. SWCD would like to request a redirection of the remaining CWI-Marketing Grant funds we received.

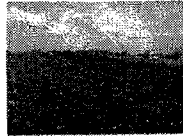
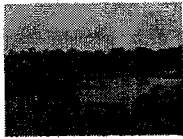
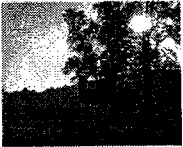
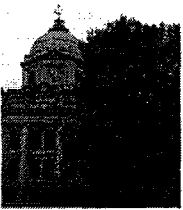
The funds we have remaining we would like to use to purchase signage promoting CWI and Watershed awareness.

We appreciate your consideration of our request.

**Sincerely,
The Monroe Co Board of Supervisors**

Improving Monroe County one conservation practice at a time!

The Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District is a sub division of state government. Our purpose is to provide the Monroe County residents a link to local, state, and federal conservation programs. The SWCD is part of a partnership which includes: USDA's Natural Resources Conservation District, Purdue Cooperative Extension, USDA's Hoosier Heartland RC&D, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Division of Soil Conservation and Local Government Agencies.





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CONSERVATION MARKETING INITIATIVE GRANT
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

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Grantee Name	Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District
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County	Monroe
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Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Kip Myers
Project Title	Soil Quality Improvement

Nutrient Management Practice	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Cover Crops</td> <td>▲</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No-till Strip</td> <td>■</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nutrient Management Plan</td> <td>■</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Buffers</td> <td>▼</td> </tr> </table>	Cover Crops	▲	No-till Strip	■	Nutrient Management Plan	■	Buffers	▼	Use Ctrl Key to select more than one choice.
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County	Monroe
CIT Region	CSW
14-digit HUC Code(s)	All Monroe County Ones
Grant Amount Requested	\$2,000.00

Describe the event you are proposing along with your plan for promotional and educational objectives. Be sure to include key steps and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

Marketing Grant Project Overview:
 Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District in partnership with Purdue Cooperative Extension of Monroe County will hold a field day in the fall of 2008 targeting Nutrient Management Planning, The Value of Cover Crops and Buffer Strips and Pasture Improvement. Additionally the SWCD will engage an expert to speak at the Monroe County SWCD 2008 Annual Meeting to be held in the winter of 2009 on one of the listed topics.

Key Steps:

- Secure the experts to speakers for the field day to speak on the specific topics: Nutrient Management Planning, Pasture Improvement and The Value of Cover Crops and Buffer Strips.
- Secure an expert speaker for the annual meeting. A speaker that will expound upon one of the specific topics covered at the field day.
- Promote both the field day and annual conference on a larger scale throughout Monroe County. Using such methods as: an information booth and handouts at the County Fair, partnership meetings with Farm Bureau, Inc., Purdue Cooperative Extension newsletters, newspaper ads, public service announcements, mailing's to individual landholders and on the SWCD website.
- A list of participants will be compiled.
- After the workshop all participants will be contacted to complete a short survey and given the opportunity to submit additional questions.
- A record will be kept of these follow up questions and the answers. During the follow-up process the SWCD will offer to arrange a site visit to address the landholder's concerns directly. This visit may be from the DC, or a district appointed expert representative.

Desired Outcome:
 Monroe County SWCD has three desired outcomes from this marketing project the first would be that landholders would gain knowledge regarding the value of conservation, the second that landholder would be provided the ability to analyze their individual soil test data, applying nutrients according to the soil test results; and the third and final desire would be for landholders to gain knowledge regarding the value of why cover crops help with

and final desire would be for landholders to gain knowledge regarding the value of why cover crops help with sediment and nutrient management and the desire to plant a cover crop.

Briefly list promotional materials and advertising you will need to complete this project	
1	Brochures, Flyers and Newsletter paper and ink
2	Table Top Displays and Layout and Design for Booths
3	Media Advertising: Newspaper, Shopper, Radio, TV
4	Labor for folding/labeling/stuffing mailings
5	

Briefly state the education event(s) you will host	
1	Field Day Fall 2008
2	Annual Meeting speaker
3	
4	

Briefly list expected expenses for your educational event(s)	
1	1500 for field day promotion and speakers
2	500 Annual meeting speaker
3	
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5	

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	3250	
Fringe Benefits	600	
Travel	100	
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Printer	200	
Computer	100	
Volunteer Consultant	100	
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Laser Printer Ink	200	200
Paper for Newsletter's	50	
Other (Itemize Below)		
Postage		300
Annual meeting speaker		500
Newspaper Ad and Newsletter Printing		1000

Total CWI	2000
Total In-Kind Match	4600
Total Project Cost	6600

July 2, 2009

State Soil Conservation Board
c/o Indiana State Department of Agriculture
101 W. Ohio St., Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: CWI SNRG Grant #A377-8-CWI-013
Scott, Clark & Jefferson County Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Project
Clark County SWCD

Dear Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Clark County Board of Supervisors in regards to our 2008 Clean Water Indiana SNRG referenced above.

We were recently informed that we utilized only \$6,684 of the \$10,000 grant funds allocated to our project. We feel several factors contributed to this: our overestimate in the number of participants we would have for the project, an overestimate of the number of acres that would be soil tested, and a rise in the cost of fertilizer from the time we wrote the grant until it was implemented.

We therefore, would like to request that we be allowed to allocate the remaining funds to those producers that participated in the project. We propose to due this proportionately according to the tons of fertilizer that each producer applied to their land (i.e. a producer that required only a small amount of fertilizer to meet recommendations would get a lesser payment than a producer that required a large amount).

We would like to thank you in advance for your time in considering our request. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (812) 256-2330, ext. 3.

Sincerely,

Sam Hagest
District Chairman



**APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT:
 SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT
 INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger at: Aeizinger@isda.in.gov

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County	Clark
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Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Sam Hagest
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Project Title	Scott, Clark & Jefferson County Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Project
Sediment and/or Nutrient Reduction Practice	Soil Testing

Describe your proposed project and how it will address sediment and nutrient management. Be sure to include key steps, benchmarks and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

In a recent report from Purdue University, it was stated that agricultural producers are currently experiencing the best of times financially. Crop prices are up due to a demand for biofuels, and increased world economic growth is spurring added food demand. The downside, however, is that input costs are also increasing; seed and fertilizer costs are up 15 to 20 percent. Under conditions such as this, it would be logical for producers to want to invest their time and energy into their croplands, where quick returns and profits will likely result, and neglect their hay and pasture land.

The Clark County SWCD recognizes the detrimental effects of this scenario. Although, immediate effects on hay yields or pasture quality may not be noticed, land not properly managed can only become stressed over time; nutrient deficiencies and erosion will be the end result. For this reason, the SWCD feels that a project focused on improving these hay and pasture lands through nutrient management would be beneficial. It would also help us address concerns over soil quality and soil erosion set forth in our business plan.

Nutrient management, according to NRCS's practice standards, is applying the correct amount and form of plant nutrients for optimum yield and minimum impact on water quality. This is done by taking a soil test, determining nutrient needs, and applying nutrients at the proper time by the proper method. These steps reduce the potential for nutrients to go unused and wash into water supplies, and reduce sediment loss by producing healthy plant growth that will "hold" the soil. With this in mind, the SWCD proposes to provide producers with the tools necessary to practice nutrient management on their hay and pasture land.

The first step in this process is education. We will host a Pasture workshop in the summer of 2008. The advantages of soil testing and variable-rate fertilizer application will be emphasized. The workshop will be advertised through news releases, newsletters, and flyers placed in strategic locations.

To encourage producers to use the knowledge gained from the workshop, and carry through with having their soil tested, we will offer free soil testing through our partner, Crop Production Services. We will fund up to \$400 of soil testing (approximately 20 producers) in the month following the workshop. As a further incentive, we will pay a consultant fee of up to \$50 to help producers develop a nutrient management plan for their land. This consultation will insure that the producers have the pertinent information and resources they need to apply fertilizer according to soil test recommendations.

The final and most critical step of this process is the actual application of the fertilizer. For this, we will provide a \$250 incentive payment for completing the application according to recommendations. Producers can implement their plans either in the fall 2008 or spring 2009; payment will be distributed once they provide a receipt of application.

We feel this is a significant project that can benefit our county and the surrounding areas. Thus, we have partnered with the Scott and Jefferson County SWCDs, who will be duplicating our efforts in their respective counties. We will be promoting workshops and activities in each of the three counties as they occur, in our newsletters and in news releases. We will document our accomplishments in the same manner. We feel that by creating a strong multi-county partnership, Clean Water Indiana dollars will be maximized to their greatest extent,

and there will be a greater impact realized on our communities.

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.			
Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
Crop Production Services	4,000.00		
Scott County SWCD	500		
Jefferson County SWCD	500		
		Total	5000

County	Clark
CIT Region	SE
14-digit HUC Code(s)	05140101070070 05140101130010 05140101140060 05140101140090
Grant Amount Requested	\$10,000.00

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel - supervisors & staff	1,935.00	
Fringe Benefits - staff wage x 25%	\$408.75	
Travel - 150 miles x county rate .405/mile	\$60.75	
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Promotional materials (newsletters, flyers)	\$600.00	
Other (Itemize Below)		
Soil Testing		\$4,000
Consultant fees		\$1,000
Incentive Payments		\$5,000

Total CWI Funds Requested	10000
Total SWCD In-Kind Match	3004.5
Total Partner Funds Contributed (J:65)	5000
Total Project Cost	18004.5

ELKHART COUNTY
soil and water conservation
D I S T R I C T

17746-B County Road 34, Goshen IN 46528 Phone: 574-533-3630, Ext. 3 Fax: 574-533-4620

May 18, 2009

Nola Gentry, SSCB Chair
State Soil Conservation Board
c/o Amy Eizinger
ISDA Division of Soil Conservation
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Gentry:

We are writing to request another 60-day extension of the CWI Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant contract with the Elkhart County SWCD. This is Grant # A377-8-CWI-002 for installation of a demonstration site at the Goshen Public Library.

Construction of the Library's parking lot has moved forward this spring and is scheduled to be finished by the end of June. Contractors are currently paving asphalt areas, preparing the rain garden, and excavating areas where pervious concrete will be installed. Plants have been ordered, and we have planned a field day to plant the rain garden on June 20, with a rain date of June 27. We are designing an informational sign which will be displayed permanently at the site.

Our goal is that everything will be finished by the end of June. However, since we plan to finish so close to the grant deadline, we would like the additional 60-day extension as a contingency against unforeseen events that would extend the work beyond the end of June.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Jim Hess



**APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT:
SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

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County	Elkhart
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Email	eric.kurtz@ln.nacdn.net

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Jim Hess
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Project Title	Goshen Public Library Sediment & Nutrient Reduction Demonstration Site
Sediment and/or Nutrient Reduction Practice	Rain Gardens and Pervious Pavement

Describe your proposed project and how you address sediment and nutrient management. Be sure to mention existing nonpoint source best management practices (BMPs).

Stormwater runoff from urban areas is a significant source of sediment, nutrients, and other pollutants entering local waterways. Practices that reduce pollutant loads from urban stormwater runoff can be simple, cost-effective, and functional, but are not widely used due to a lack of real world examples. In order to increase acceptance of these practices, there is a need for demonstration sites.

The Elkhart County SWCD has an opportunity to partner with the Goshen Public Library to demonstrate the use of two such practices, rain gardens and pervious pavement, in the library's parking lot expansion. Preliminary plans call for 1,700 square feet of pervious concrete and 1,800 square feet of rain garden. Grant funds are requested to offset the higher cost of these practices compared to conventional stormwater management.

The SWCD also requests grant funding to create two permanent, high-quality, color signs explaining the basics of water quality, conservation, and the specific practices used at this site. When the practices are in place, the SWCD will hold a field day for developers, contractors, municipal officials, and the public to promote the practices used.

The library sits in a very visible location on Main Street in Goshen, and has 20,000 regular patrons who will see the signs and the practices as they visit the library. The proposed practices will be easy to replicate at homes, businesses, driveways, and parking lots.

The Elkhart County SWCD's 2007-2012 Business Plan identifies sediments and nutrients from non-agricultural land as a critical natural resource issue in Elkhart County and the Elkhart River watershed as a critical geographical area. The District has a five-year goal to develop five demonstration sites demonstrating BMPs such as rain gardens and pervious pavement.

Rain gardens and pervious pavement work by capturing rainfall to reduce peak flows and runoff volumes, enhance infiltration, and filter out pollutants. According to the EPA, rain gardens remove 90% of Total Suspended Solids (TSS), 77% of Phosphorus, and 74% of Nitrogen from stormwater runoff. Pervious pavement removal rates are 95% of TSS, 65% of Phosphorus, and 83% of Nitrogen.

The library is served by a combined sewer system with overflows into the Elkhart River. Reducing the stormwater runoff entering the combined sewer will reduce the frequency and impact of combined sewer overflows, which are a significant contributor of nutrients into waterways from urban areas.



Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District
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jeffswcd@yahoo.com

RE: 2008 CWI Grant
Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant (SNRG)

Date: June 29, 2009

District Supervisors

Kerry Brinson
Steve Riley
Dale Sides
Joe Ferguson
Wes Thomas

Associate Supervisors

Greg Schneider

District Coordinator

Lisa Jones

NRCS

Jenny Vogel

Muscatatuck Watershed
Coordinator

Deanna Robison

State Soil Conservation Board,

Upon the deadline of May 30th, the Jefferson County SWCD had \$832.54 in unspent funds from the Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant. Of the original 25 participants, 21 purchased fertilizer. The district is requesting to disperse these remaining funds to those 21 individuals.

At the time the grant was written the cost of fertilizers was significantly less than today's price. To help the landowners off set the cost we are proposing that the amount of \$832.54 be divided by the total acres pulled by the 21 individuals 654.90, which equals \$1.27 per acre. That multiplied by the number of acres each individual had sampled would be the additional payment each would receive in conjunction with the \$250 previously allocated.

Thank You,

Lisa Jones

Lisa Jones
District Coordinator
Jefferson County SWCD



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 INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

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County	Jefferson
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Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Mr. Robert Kuppler
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Federal ID Number	35-1131066
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Project Title	Jefferson, Clark, and Scott County Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant
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Sediment or Nutrient Reduction Practice	Soil Testing
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County	Jefferson
CIT Region	SE
14-digit HUC Code(s)	05120207010070, 05120207010080, 05120207010090, 05120207010060

Grant Amount Requested	\$10,000.00
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List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.			
Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
Crop Production Service	4,000.00		
Purdue Extension	1,000		
Scott County SWCD	500		
Clark County SWCD	500		
			Total 6000

Describe your proposed project and how it will address sediment and nutrient management. Be sure to include key steps, benchmarks and desired outcomes. (500 words or less).

Managing your soil's fertility is a basic requirement for ensuring good production from your lands investment while also improving water quality. As input costs toward fuel, fertilizers, and cropland management increase often soil management is left undone. We recognize this basic need and realize that by offering producer incentives toward management we help improve hay yields and pasture quality, as well as help in prevention of soil nutrient deficiencies and erosion through production of healthier plant root systems. Therefore through soil management we provide our landowners the opportunity to improve their soils deficiencies thereby improving the health of nearby water bodies, in a cost effective way.

As outlined in our five year business plan "Best Management Practices" are an area where profit margins and environmental benefits could expand. The goal for our Sediment and Nutrient grant is to increase the number of pasture and hay land producers who routinely apply correct amounts of fertilizer and lime as indicated by soil test results. The following are steps we plan to use to advertise, implement, and follow-up with the project.

First we plan to educate our landowners about the importance of soil testing. We will host a Pasture Walk workshop designed to emphasize the advantages of soil testing and variable-rate fertilizer application. This event will be advertised through our quarterly newsletter and local newspapers. The funding is being provided

for through our CWI Marketing Incentive grant.

Step two of our plan will be accomplished by offering free soil testing. Along with our partner, Crop Production Services, we will offer up to \$400 of free soil testing for approximately 20 producers. The soil testing will take place in the month following the workshop.

The third step involves developing a BMP plan. We will offer a consultant fee of \$50.00 to follow up on each soil test. Payment of the \$50 will be contingent upon appropriate documentation of the follow-up consultation. The consultation will insure that the producer has the correct information, and needed resources, to ensure the fertilizer is applied according to soil test recommendations.

Now that the soil has been tested, the BMP written, then the most important element of our project is application. This fourth step involves a \$250.00 incentive payment for the actual completion of the BMP by applying fertilizer and lime following soil test suggestions. Practice implementation occurring in either fall 08, or spring 2009. Payments will be received only after providing receipt of application.

Finally, with our fifth step we propose yet another consultation from partner, Purdue Extension. An incentive to protect the newly fertilized land our consultant will do site visits to each farm offering aid with decisions for appropriate grazing management and a pasture condition index. This allows our investment to weather the winter months in preparation for spring planting.

We want the effects of sedimentation and nutrient management to last longer then one grant cycle. Our hope is that "seeing is believing", and that word of mouth will be the best advertising we'll be able to offer.

Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel= Supervisor & Dist. Coord Wages	\$1,007.00	
Fringe Benefits= Dist. Coord. Wage x 25%	226.8	
Travel= 20 miles x county rate \$ 0.40/mile	50	
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Supplies for Mailings (paper, ink, labor, etc..)	250	
Postage and related fees	500.00	
Light Refreshment	25	
Other (Itemize Below)		
Soil Testing		\$4,000
Consultant Fees	\$1,000	\$1,000
Incentive Payments		\$5,000

Total CWI Funds Requested	10000
Total SWCD In-Kind Match	13058.8
Total Partner Funds Contributed (J:44)	6000
Total Project Cost	29058.8



**Newton County
Soil and Water Conservation District**

6, 2009 213 E. North Street • P.O. Box 440 • Morocco, IN 47963
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Indiana State Soil Conservation Board
101 W Ohio St
Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Board:

We are writing regarding our CWI grant that we received from you entitled: Goodland Flood Control Wetland. We are very grateful for the grant that you awarded to Newton County SWCD. We have had some hurdles to cross with our grant and are asking for an extension. Presently, we have Jeff Cannaday, P.E., NW Area Engineer for NRCS working on our project. He just sent us a note saying "they need to do some preliminary soils investigation for the proposed structure out there. There is a high probability that an in depth soils study will need to be completed for this soon. I will need to discuss this with you sometime as our soils lab will take quite awhile to return results for us."

We are very excited about our grant, but feel there was a lot more involved than any of us realized. The process is progressing but it is going slower than we would have liked. We would like an extension until Dec 2010. We have a plan and alot of our data, we will need to wait until after this growing season to start work.

We realize this is after our deadline and would be very grateful for the extension so that we can complete this project with Clean Water Indiana support.

Sincerely,

Newton County SWCD Chairman
Gus Nyberg



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 INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger at: Aeizinger@isda.in.gov

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County	Newton
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Name of District Chairperson:	Gus Nyberg
Project Title	Goodland Flood Control Wetland
Sediment and/or Nutrient Reduction Practice	Sediment and Nutrient Reduction

Describe your proposed project and how it will address sediment and nutrient management. Be sure to include key steps, benchmarks and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

The Town of Goodland received 6 inches of rain in 4 hours in January of 2008, approximately 375 homes and 25 businesses were at risk. This occurs approximately one time a year for this town. The wetland construction will focus on sediment and nutrient reduction in the Hunter Ditch Watershed which covers 18,865 acres. No town around us has constructed a wetland area where water funnels thru the wetland before it comes into the town to reduce the flow of water during a flood event.

We would like to start construction no later than July 2009 and complete it by November 2009. We will use engineering and earth moving equipment to create a wetland with a buffer zone which would allow the wetland to increase capacity at a later date. The size of the wetland will be determined after the engineering has been completed. The County Surveyor has looked at the site numerous times. He has taken elevations and states the vegetation is indicative of a wetland area, but soil boring samples will need to be completed. The earth moving work would be hired out to a local contractor.

Advertising will include: articles in the county newspapers, FSA and Extension newsletters and posted on our display board at the Newton County Court House. This project will reduce the sediment erosion and nutrient run off for the local farmers in their fields. This will also reduce the flooding in the residential areas. A sign will be erected to educate the public on what a wetland is and list our contributors.

Newton County SWCD will be working with the Newton Country Surveyor's office, Newton County Commissioners and the Town of Goodland. We will also solcite volunteers for this project, possibly from the Boy Scouts, Master Gardeners and Service Clubs.

The \$10,000 from the grant will be used by Newton County SWCD to collaborate with our partners to accomplish a greater goal of creating the Goodland Wetland to reduce nutrient and sediment run off. Individually, none of us can accomplish this goal financially, but together as a team we can complete this effort. In addition to the monies already committed, plans to contact other groups are already in progress. Grant Township Trustee's Board desires to help with the project; they await the State Board of Accounts approval to donate money. Once the engineering is near completion, the Town of Goodland may be able to provide more money.

An additional \$2,000.00 will be provided towards the Goodland Wetland Project by the Newton County SWCD.

How does this project tie into and advance your Districts business plan? (50 words or less)

The Newton County SWCD's business plans' goal includes working with 2 town boards to implement conservation measures and addressing our critical natural resources: ground water, surface water and soil erosion. We will have worked with 1 town board to implement conservation measures and worked on surface water and soil erosion.

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
Newton County Commissioners	\$20,000.00		
Newton County Surveyor's office	\$35,000.00		
Town of Goodland – might give more	\$10,000.00		
Grant Township-\$ to be determined			
20 Volunteers \$8hr pay x 4 hrs	\$640.00		
			Total \$65,640.00

CIT Region	NW
14-digit HUC Code(s)	7120002040090
Grant Amount Requested	\$10,000.00

Budget

Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel		
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Earth Moving Equipment Rent & Labor Approx 1,600 cu yds	25,000.00	
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Wetland plants	35,000.00	10,000.00
grasses & forbs seeds for wetland	\$1,000.00	
Other (Itemize Below)		
Purchase of farm land approx \$6,000/acre	\$12,000.00	
Sign -- unsure of cost at this time		
Engineering	\$25,000.00	
Labor of planting plants & sowing seed	\$45,000.00	

Total CWI Funds Requested	10,000.00
Total SWCD In-Kind Match	\$2,000.00
Total Partner Funds Contributed (J:77)	65,640.00
Total Project Cost	\$153,000.00

June 24, 2009

Nola Gentry
c/o Kelly L. Gentry
Division of Soil Conservation
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
101 West Ohio St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Gentry:

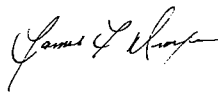
On behalf of the Posey County Soil & Water Conservation District, I would like to request an adjustment to our 2008 Clean Water Indiana Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant, contract #A377-8-CWI-004. We have already received an extension of the grant due to unusual weather conditions to allow our producers to plant cover crops in the fall.

Our grant – the Cover Crop Campaign – involves a \$20 per acre incentive to producers to offset the cost of planting acceptable cover crops. The goal of the grant was to increase the number of cover crop acres planted within the county. We find that many people use winter wheat as a cover crop and not as a cash crop. Originally we did not allow for winter wheat as a non-cash crop to be used. One adjustment requested is to allow non cash crop winter wheat to be used as a cover crop.

The second requested adjustment would allow the District to use \$400 of the funds to help offset expenses of a Quad County Tillage Field Day. Posey County, along with Vanderburgh, Gibson and Warrick counties, helps sponsor a no-till field day at the Alan Stahl Farm in Vanderburgh County. As part of a continuing education program, this year's field day at the Stahl's will include speakers on various topics including cover crop, year round residue management, gypsum applications in no-till and carbon sequestration. Please see flyer that is attached. We are able to offer CCA credits on this workshop. We also have a corporate sponsor – Daylight Farm Supply – for the meal, but we still have related speaker expenses.

We appreciate your time and consideration of each of these requests separately and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Jim Droege
Chairman



**APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT:
 SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT
 INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger at: Aeizinger@jsda.in.gov

Grantee Name	Posey County Soil & Water Conservation District
Address	1805 Main Street
City/State/Zip	Mt. Vernon, IN 47620

Contact Name	Jeri Ziliak
Title	District Coordinator
Address	1805 Main Street
City/State/Zip	Mt. Vernon, IN 47620
County	Posey
Telephone	812-838-4191, extension 3
E-mail	jeri.ziliak@in.nacdnet.net

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Jim Droege
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Project Title	Cover Crop Campaign
Sediment and/or Nutrient Reduction Practice	Planting of Cover Crops

Describe your proposed project and how it will address sediment and nutrient management. Be sure to include key steps, benchmarks and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

Soil Erosion is the number one priority of the District. We are always working with the local population on ways to reduce erosion and by extension, the lost of soil nutrients. The District currently has a 205j grant in place that focuses on soil loss reduction. This grant would give the District a financial boost to increase the amount of soil and nutrients saved by increasing the number of acres of farmland within Posey County that contain acceptable cover crops which will help to reduce sediment and nutrients lost between normal crop rotation plantings. The project would offer a \$20 per acre incentive to offset the cost of planting an acceptable cover crop with a county wide maximum of 500 acres. Priority will be given to Highly Erodible Land (HEL) acres. To fulfill this project, we propose the following:

- * Advertise and distribute information on this project and its benefit to landowners and producers within the county by use of the District's monthly newsletter and both local newspapers, the Posey County News and the Mt. Vernon Democrat. We will also utilize the newsletter distributed by Purdue's Cooperative Extension office. Information brochures will be created for distribution at all meetings, workshops and other public events attended by our target audience. Signage will be made available to those individuals who participate in the project. A field day demonstration will also be held to show fields planted differently, whether broadcast or planted with a no-till drill.
- * Besides the members of the Conservation Partnership, the District will utilize unique partners such as Great Plains Manufacturing for use of a no-till drill and Baker seed company as well as other local seed companies for cover crop seed, information and brochures. We have the support, knowledge and expertise of the Big Creek Watershed Coordinator.
- * The District currently has provisions in place with a local producer for a 35 acre cover crop test plot along a major thoroughfare in the county. This test plot will add to the visual benefits of cover crops as well as offer proof that cover crops do work by performing RUSLE 2 calculations before and after the planting of the cover crops. Financial and in-kind partners are in place for this test plot.
- * The District will make its own no-till drill available to participants who do not have a drill.

Success of the project would be able to be measured by

- 1 – increased interest in cover crops; good attendance at the demonstration field day as well as the cover crop expo;
- 2 – the increased number of acres planted in cover crops; and
- 3 – RUSLE 2 calculations taken randomly at the beginning and end of the plantings will show a reduction in soil loss

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.			
Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
In-kind Wiley Farms, Inc.	1200		
In-kind Great Plains Manuf.	1100		
In-kind Big Creek Watershed	3500		
In-kind Baker Seed	350		
		Total	6150

County	Posey
CIT Region	SW
14-digit HUC Code(s)	Preference to 05120113110-080; - 120; -130; and -140
Grant Amount Requested	\$10,000.00

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	1500	
Fringe Benefits	375	
Travel	125	
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Drill rental	1,500	
Additional demonstration plot equipment rental	150	
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Pre event advertising expenses	500	
Post event follow up expenses	500	
Other (Itemize Below)		
Cover crop incentive @ \$20/acre 500 acres maximum		10,000
Speaker stipends	50	
Total CWI Funds Requested	10000	
Total SWCD In-Kind Match	4700	
Total Partner Funds Contributed (J:65)	6150	
Total Project Cost	20850	

**Sponsored by: Posey,
Gibson, Vanderburgh &
Warrick SWCDs and NRCS**

**Quad County Tillage
Field Day
Thursday, July 30, 2009
Alan Stahl Farm
Evansville, Indiana**

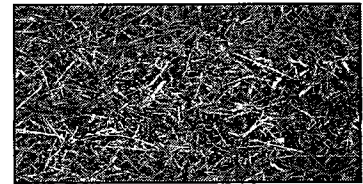
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9:00—**Ron Chamberlain**—earthANEW, LLC, Company Indianapolis, Indiana

Topic: Gypsum Applications in No-Till

10:00—**Rodney Rulon**—Rulon Farm Enterprises, Atlanta, IN

Topic: Cover Crops



11:00—**Marion Calmer**—Calmer's Ag Research & Calmer Corn
Heads, Inc., Alpha, Illinois

Topic: Year Round Residue Management

CCA Credits: 3.0- Soil & Water

12:00-Lunch

12:45- **Chad F. Martin**—Aggregation Specialist, AgraGate Climate Credits Corp.

Derrick Marcum, President, Global Climate Solutions, LLC

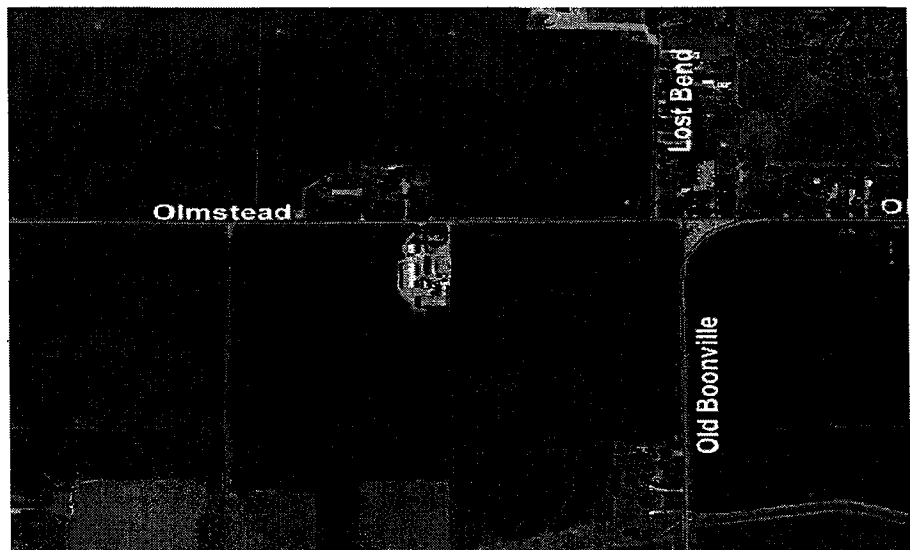
Topic: Carbon Sequestration and Trading

**SPONSORED BY
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SUPPLY**

All times are Central Standard time.

DIRECTIONS:

**I-164 to Lynch Road, East to
Old Boonville Hwy, North 1
1/2 miles to Olmstead Road,
turn left onto Olmstead and
Stahl's Farm is the first
farmstead on the left.**



**Reservation
Recommended
Please call SWCD in:
Posey—812-838-4191
Gibson—812-385-5033
Vandy. 812-867-0729**

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Ron Chamberlain, earthANEW, LLC, Indianapolis, IN

Gypsoil is produced and distributed by earthANEW LLC, which was created in 2008 by Ron and Cheryl Chamberlain. Both Ron and Cheryl grew up on farms in Indiana in the 1950s and 60s when tillage was a major part of every operation. Ron has worked professionally in the ag industry since 1971 - in both the United States and Europe. Working with crops and soils for the last three and a half decades has made it clear that soil structure is a major factor leading to crop success or failure. Unfortunately, most soils have been damaged over time by the effects of tillage on physical characteristics and by the effects of certain liming and fertilizing practices on soil chemistry. Though agriculture has made great strides in the areas of genetics, technology and chemistry, most of our soils have not responded to their full potential to this progress due to poor soil structure. EarthANEW's company mission is to make a positive difference in our soil's productivity while conserving resources and protecting the environment. They offer leadership and a product line, both focused on returning soils to their original productive state.

Marion Calmer, Calmer's Ag Research and Calmer Corn Heads, Inc.

Marion is a farmer from western Illinois and is the entrepreneur of Calmer's Ag Research and Calmer Corn Heads, Inc. He started his farming operation of 80 acres of corn and 10 gilts in 1975. In 1978 he graduated from Black Hawk East College with an Associates Degree in Applied Sciences. During his farming career, he has grown corn, soybeans, seed corn, soybean seed, and operated a swine operation. Marion has also spent several hours modifying and inventing farm machinery. During his career he has gone from conventional tillage to no-till, adopted the use of biotechnology, and has gone from growing corn and soybeans in 40-inch rows to growing both crops in 15-inch rows. He also strives to reduce input costs. In 1991 Marion was selected as one of four finalists for the Illinois Soybean Association's Young Leader Program. He has been a DuPont No-Till Neighbor and a featured speaker at the DuPont and Monsanto Residue Management Conference and at the National No-Till Conference from 1994 to the present. Marion is a corporate member of the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC).

Rodney Rulon, Rulon Farm Enterprises, Atlanta, IN

It's not easy bringing new partners into an existing farming operation, but the Rulon family of Arcadia, Indiana has been doing it successfully for 35 years. One key to their success is that they don't have senior partners and junior partners. Instead they have equal partners. It started in 1971 when Jerry Rulon, who began farming in 1963, took his brother, Doyle, in as a partner. To do that Jerry loaned Doyle 50% of the equity he had built up in the operation. That made Doyle an equal partner and entitled him to half the earnings and half the growth potential. Since then Jerry's sons, Ken and Roy, and Doyle's son Rodney, have joined the operation under similar terms. Rodney joined the operation in 1997. By then the operation had grown to 4,500 acres. Rodney has a Master's degree in Ag Systems and serves as the farm's technology manager. He received his B.S. degree in Ag Systems Management from Purdue University in May 1994.

Chad Martin, AgraGate Climate Credits Corp., Moravia, IA

Chad serves as the Soils Aggregation Specialist for AgraGate Climate Credits Corporation. He received a Business Administration degree from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Since 2004, Chad has provided specialized carbon credit registration and trading services to farmers, ranchers and landowners throughout the United States. AgraGate Climate Credits Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, is the leading aggregator of carbon credits from agriculture. On behalf of farmers, ranchers and private forest owners, the company managed more than 3.4 million credits during the first year of operation while distributing more than \$4.2 million in 2008.

Derrick Marcum, President, Global Climate Solutions, LLC

Originally from the farming community of Liberty, IN Derrick grew up working for a variety of farmers prior to attending the University of Evansville, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree. Later he went on to receive a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Anderson University. Derrick started Global Climate Solutions LLC to help people and businesses become green in a cost effective manner and partnered with AgraGate Climate Credits Corporation in February 2009 as a contract facilitator for soil and forest carbon offsets. Currently Derrick resides in Zionsville IN, with his wife Becky, dog Presley, and they are expecting their first child August 11th.

RSVP BY CALLING ANY OF THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS LISTED ON THE FROM OF THIS BROCHURE



1040 Second Street
Columbus IN 47201
(812) 378-1280 Ext. 3

Supervisors:
Brett Glick, Chair
Adam Hall
Shane Meier
Ed Engelau
Daryn Romine

Bartholomew County Soil & Water Conservation District

Coordinator/Educator:
Melissa Sporleder

June 30, 2009

*Clifty Creek Watershed
Project Coordinator:*
Heather Siesel

Indiana State Soil Conservation Board
101 W. Ohio T, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

*Haw Creek Watershed
Resource Specialist:*
Christine Goldstein

Dear State Soil Conservation Board:

This letter is in regards to the ECAP grant we received that is slated to be done in September 2009. At this time we are asking for an extension giving us a deadline date of December 31, 2009. All of our funds have been allocated but due to the high amount of rainfall our land producers have been delayed in their field activity and have not been able to meet with district staff to complete the grant process of submitting receipts and receiving their grant funds.

If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email our office.

Thank you,

Melissa Sporleder
District Coordinator
Bartholomew County Soil & Water Conservation District
Melissa.sporleder@in.nacdnet.net

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**Emergency Conservation
Assistance Program**



This application **MUST** be typed and submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger at:
Aeizinger@isda.in.gov
Please be sure to submit a copy of your board's meeting minutes along with this form.
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Bartholomew County Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: 1040 E Second Street
City: Columbus State: IN. Zip: 47201
Phone: 812-378-1280
Contact Name: Melissa Sporleder
Contact E-Mail: Melissa.sporleder@in.nacdnet.net
Federal ID Number: 35-1118803

Brief over view of SWCD's plans:

Our plans are to cost share on soil testing for the flood damaged areas, putting a cap on the number of acres per producer of 200 acres. We are figuring a cost of \$8.00 to \$12.00 per acre for testing. This process will be based on an assessment form completed by the farmer and the approval by the board.

Total Amount Granted: \$59,178.48

Category:

Dollar Amount:

Administrative (max: 10%)

1,178.48

Brief Description: administrative cost associated with directing this program
Monitoring the process through completion for each individual cost share project.
Office supplies associated with implementing the program, maintaining and finishing
the program and maintaining files for a period of time for recording and audit purposes.
Implementing the application and approval process associated with the board and this
Program.

Incentive/Cost Share

57,000.00

Brief Description: Cost share on soil testing with an assessment and approval
process in place to best serve those in greatest need in the flood damage areas.

Match

Brief Description:

Technical Assistance

Brief Description:

Education/Outreach (max: 5%)

1,000.00

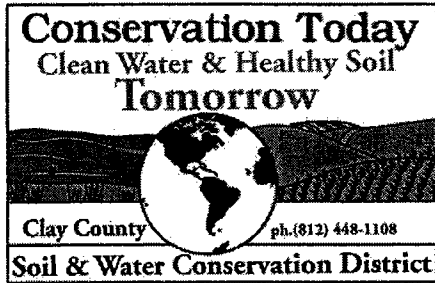
Brief Description: Communications used to get the message out there that we have
this cost share program available.

Land Restoration

Brief Description:

Custom Hire/Application/Transportation

Brief Description:



Clay County Soil & Water Conservation District
955 W. Craig Ave.
Brazil, IN 47834
Telephone No: 812-448-1108 ext 3
Fax No: 812-443-2108

July 2, 2009

Indiana State Soil Conservation Board
Kelly Gentry
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear State Soil Conservation Board:

Clay County Soil & Water Conservation District would like to request an extension on ECAP funding due to the weather this year. The weather conditions have made it difficult for our customers to complete their projects as originally scheduled.

At this time we would like to request an extension from September 1, 2009 to December 1, 2009.

Any questions please call me at 812-448-1108 ext 3.

Thanks for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer McKee
Clay County Soil & Water Conservation District Coordinator



**Emergency Conservation Assistance Program
Application Form**



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Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: 955 W. Craig Ave

City: Brazil State: IN. Zip:47834

Phone: 812-448-1108 ext 3

Contact Name: Jennifer McKee/David Schroer

Contact E-Mail: jenn.mckee@in.nacdnet.net/david.schroer@in.nacdnet.net

Federal ID Number: 35-1262097/0

Brief over view of SWCD's plans:

Clay County SWCD will use the money for Equipment Rental or Fuel Reimbursement for flood cleanup activities.

CCSWCD will provide :

75% cost share on Equipment Rental up to \$1,500.00

OR

75% cost share toward Fuel Reimbursement in lieu of Equipment Rental up to \$750.00.

This applies per applicant. All projects/claims are subject to CCSWCD board approval. Take pictures before & after and forward all receipts to:

Clay County Soil & Water Conservation District
955 W Craig Ave
Brazil, IN 47834

Total Amount Granted: \$50,911.37

Category:

Dollar Amount:

Administrative (max: 10%)

\$5,000.00

Brief Description: CCSWCD feels there will be increased drill rental. Preventive Maintenance on field equipment-drill repair

Incentive/Cost Share

\$45,911.37

Brief Description:

CCSWCD will provide :

75% cost share on Equipment Rental up to \$1,500.00

OR

75% cost share toward Fuel Reimbursement in lieu of Equipment Rental up to \$750.00.

Match

Brief Description:

Technical Assistance

Brief Description:

Education/Outreach (max: 5%)

Brief Description:

Land Restoration

Brief Description:

Custom Hire/Application/Transportation

Brief Description:



DAVISS COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2524 EAST NATIONAL HIGHWAY
WASHINGTON, IN 47501

Phone: (812) 254-4780 Ext. #3
Toll Free: (888) 287-3276
Fax: (812) 254-0057

June 24, 2009

Dear State Soil Conservation Board,

The Daviness County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to request an extension on the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) deadline. Unseasonably high rainfall amounts this spring have caused farmers to postpone construction practices in order to plant their crops. This is unfortunate due to our desire to complete the implementation of these conservation needs. Please consider moving our deadline to December 30, 2009. This will allow additional time in the fall to implement many of the needed construction practices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Flint".

Philip Flint, Chairman
SWCD Board of Directors



**Emergency Conservation Assistance Program
Application Form**



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Aeizinger@isda.in.gov

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Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: 2526 East National Highway

City: Washington State: IN. Zip:47501

Phone: (812) 254-4780

Contact: Name:Toni Allison

Contact E-Mail: dcswcd@rtccom.net

Federal ID Number: #35-1262482

Brief over view of SWCD's plans:

The Daviess County Soil & Water Conservation Districts met on September 15th to discuss the distribution of ECAP funds.

1. The District plans to focus on land restoration including but not limited to:
 - a. Cover crops (\$25 per acre not to exceed \$1,000 per landowner/operator)
 - b. Debris removal (50% cost-share not to exceed \$1,000 per landowner/operator)
 - c. Conservation structures, waterways, WASCObS, farm drainage etc. (50% cost-share not to exceed \$1,000 per landowner/operator)
2. The District will develop for landowners/operators to submit along with documentation of any damages they sustained due to the flooding. There is an October 31st deadline.
3. The District will provide information to the public on details of eligibility of the distribution of ECAP funds through direct mail, local media, and office staff.
4. The District will assess the need to determine financial assistance.
5. Landowners/operators will be required to provide proof of damage through pictures, receipts or invoices of repair, etc.
6. The SWCD will evaluate applications and documentation and distribute funds accordingly.

Total Amount Granted: \$27,352.02

Category:

Dollar Amount:

Administrative (max: 10%)

352.02

Brief Description: Funding will be used for mileage for district staff to verify damaged areas qualify for funding and of work completed before payment can be paid.

Incentive/Cost Share

Brief Description:

Match

Brief Description:

Technical Assistance

Brief Description:

Education/Outreach (max: 5%)

500.00

Brief Description: The District staff will prepare all articles, mailings, etc. and provide information to customers. Expenses for outreach will include but not be limited to postage and supply cost.

Land Restoration

26,500.00

Brief Description: The District will receive request for assistance from landowners/operators through an application form. The district will review all applications, focusing on land restoration covering:

- a. Cover Crops - \$25 per acre not to exceed \$1,000 per landowner/operator
- b. Debris Removal - 50% cost-share not to exceed \$1,000 per landowner/operator
- c. Conservation Structures, Waterways, WASCObS, Farm Drainage etc. 50% cost-share not to exceed \$1,000 per landowner/operator

District will verify projects have been completed in proper order before payment will be made.

Custom Hire/Application/Transportation

Brief Description:



Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District

1486 Executive Blvd., Suite A – Jasper, IN 47546 – Phone (812) 482-1171, Ext. 3 – www.duboisswcd.org

June 5, 2009

Paul Hoffman
ISDA, Division of Soil Conservation
101 W. Ohio St. Suite 1200
Indianapolis IN 46204

Re: ECAP Contract Extension

Paul:

The Supervisors of the Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to request an extension for our Emergency Conservation Assistance Program, project #A337-09-ECAP-006. We are requesting that the grant be extended, to terminate on December 31, 2009.

Our original grant proposal was to offer assistance to landowners affected by the floodwaters of spring of 2008. Due to the wet weather this spring, some of these landowners are not able to do the repairs to their fields as they had planned. These landowners feel that they can complete the repairs this fall.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at (812) 367-1074 with any questions.

Regards,

The Board of Supervisors,
Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District

Alan A. Weyer, Chair



**Emergency Conservation Assistance Program
Application Form**



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Aeizinger@isda.in.gov

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Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: 1486 Executive Blvd. Suite A
City: Jasper State: IN. Zip: 47546
Phone (812) 482-1171 Ext. 3
Contact Name: Judi Brown
Contact E-Mail: judi.brown@in.nacdnet.net
Federal ID Number: 35-2257821

Brief over view of SWCD's plans:

The SWCD Supervisors decided to contact the landowners that were previously identified as having sustained damage from the June flooding to make them aware funds are available for repairs. An attempt will be made to contact all people in the White River watershed and flood plain. A radio announcement will also be made to be sure all landowners are reached. All receipts or other documentation will need to be brought to the SWCD office by the end of September. The Supervisors will review all receipts and documentation at the October SWCD meeting. Based upon the needs presented by the landowners, the Supervisors will decide funding guidelines, including cost share amounts, funding caps to landowners, and other specifics. The funds will be prioritized and allocated by the Supervisors at the October meeting based upon need and the number of applicants. 10% of the funds will be retained for SWCD administrative expenses, if needed

If funds remain after the landowners submit their receipts from the June flooding, the Supervisors will consider making funds available to landowners who received damage from the March flooding.

Total Amount Granted: \$ 51,062.40

Category:

Dollar Amount:

Administrative (max: 10%)

\$5,106.24

Brief Description: Funds would be used for office supplies and the use of existing equipment, newsletter articles, and the potential need for additional staff.

Incentive/Cost Share

Brief Description:

Match

Brief Description:

Technical Assistance

Brief Description:

Education/Outreach (max: 5%)

Brief Description:

Land Restoration

\$45,956.16

Brief Description: All funds will be used to repair damaged conservation practices, remove debris from fields, fill gullies, and other flood related damage as reported by the landowners.

Custom Hire/Application/Transportation

Brief Description:



**Gibson County Soil and Water
Conservation District (SWCD)**
229 S. Second Avenue, Princeton, IN 47670-3534

Phone: (812) 385-5033, Ext. 3

Fax (812) 385-2037

Email – ethel.o;born@in.nacdnet.net

Date: June 29, 2009

To: Indiana State Soil Conservation Board


Subject: Request for Extension of the deadline for Spending ECAP Funds

The Gibson County SWCD board of supervisors would like to request an extension of the deadline date to spend the allotted ECAP funds from 9/01/09 to 12/31/09.

Due to the unusual amount of rainfall in Gibson County during the past year, several of the land owners have not been able to complete their ECAP projects.

If you need anything further, please let us know and thanks for all your assistance.

Sincerely,



Debbie Wolfe, Chairman
Gibson County SWCD

“All Gibson County SWCD programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.”

CONSERVATION – DEVELOPMENT – SELF-GOVERNMENT



**Emergency Conservation Assistance Program
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Aeizinger@isda.in.gov

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Gibson County Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: 229 South Second Avenue, Suite 3
City: Princeton State: IN. Zip: 47670-3534
Phone: 812-385-5033 extension 3
Contact Name: Ann Ice
Contact E-Mail: ann.ice@in.nacdnet.net
Federal ID Number: 86-1147370

Brief over view of SWCD's plans:

The Gibson County Soil and Water Conservation District plans to distribute the ECAP funds as follows:

- 1) Through the news media, news letters, direct mailing and office staff, the public will be provided with information on the details of the eligibility and distribution of ECAP funds.
- 2) The Board and staff will develop an application form for landowners. The deadline for landowners to submit the application with documentation will be October 31, 2008.
- 3) Concentration will be in flood plain areas affected by the June 2008 flooding event.
- 4) A cap will be set at \$5,000 per landowner and re-evaluated after applications are received.
- 5) Concentration will be on Land Restoration
 - a. Sand and Debris Removal
 - b. Soil Testing
 - c. Cover Crops
 - d. Scour Erosion
- 6) Land owners will be requested to provide proof of damage through pictures, receipts, invoices etc.
- 7) The SWCD board will evaluate applications and documentation and distribute the funds accordingly.

Total Amount Granted: \$ 80,175.34

Category:

Dollar Amount:

Administrative (max: 10%)

\$ 4,000

Brief Description: The SWCD staff will assist with developing, printing and filling out the applications. They will also collect applications and verification of damage through pictures, receipts and invoices. Staff will also be developing direct mailings, news and radio media advertising, newsletter articles and newsletter on the application process and benefits of practices being promoted to flooded and other areas of Gibson County.

Incentive/Cost Share

Brief Description:

Match

Brief Description:

Technical Assistance

Brief Description:

Education/Outreach (max: 5%)

\$ 1,000

Brief Description: The SWCD Staff will prepare the news articles, news letters, direct mailing and provide information to walk in customers. Expenses incurred for this will be the cost of paper, envelopes, and postage. There will also be additional information for walk-in customers.

Land Restoration

\$ 75,175.34

Concentration will be in flood plain areas affected by the June 2008 flooding event. A cap will be set at \$5,000 per landowner and re-evaluated after applications are received. Concentration will be on Land Restoration

- a. Sand and Debris Removal
- b. Soil Testing
- c. Cover Crops
- d. Scour Erosion

The SWCD board will prioritize applications and documentation and distribute the funds accordingly.

Custom Hire/Application/Transportation

Brief Description:



Knox County
Soil & Water Conservation District
2015 Hart St
Vincennes, IN 47591

Phone: 812-882-8210x3

Fax: 812-886-3748

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Tom Held

June 24, 2009

Nola Gentry, Chairperson
Indiana State Soil Conservation Board
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mrs. Gentry,

The Knox County SWCD requests an extension on the September 1st deadline for the expenditure of ECAP funds. A very wet spring delayed the planting season in Knox County, making it very unlikely that Knox County's farmers will be able to implement their conservation practices prior to September 1st. We are thus requesting that the deadline on the expenditure of ECAP funds be moved back to December 1, 2009.

We greatly appreciate your consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact Troy Hinkle at the SWCD office should you have questions on the matter or should you require further details.

Sincerely,

Mike Brocksmith, Chairman

All programs and services of the Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.

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Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: 2015 Hart Street
City: Vincennes State: IN. Zip: 47591
Phone: 812-882-8210
Contact Name: Shalyn Sargeant
Contact E-Mail: Shalyn.sargeant@in.nacdnet.net
Federal ID Number: 35-1262645

Brief overview of SWCD's plans:

The SWCD Board has identified the following priorities for the use of ECAP funds:

1. Establishing a cover crop on areas in floodplains that are highly susceptible to scour erosion;
2. Establishing a cover crop on frequently flooded areas in flood plains, especially areas that were left unplanted this year;
3. Repairing conservation structures that were damaged by heavy rains.

We will fund all requests for priority #1 before considering requests for priority #2, and will fund all requests for priorities #1 and #2 before considering requests for priority #3. We will offer a per acre payment of \$40 for establishing cover crops (seed prices are up significantly this year). If the number of requested acres for priority #2 is greater than the number of acres we are able to fund, we will fund an equal number of acres for each applicant. We will offer, but not require, a two-year option (2008-2009) for priority #1 participants.

If there are any funds remaining for priority #3, applications will be reviewed by the board and funds will be allocated based on the severity of the need.

We will advertise the program through a letter and newspaper notices. Farmers and landowners who sign up prior to the cut off date (September 30) will receive a site visit by SWCD staff to determine the type and severity of damage. The SWCD staff will make a follow up visit to confirm practice completion prior to payment.

We recognize that this plan is significantly different from our original plan. After considerable discussion, SWCD Board members decided to use ECAP funds in a way that does not overlap FSA's disaster and flood programs and in a way that maximizes the benefit to our soil and water resources. Protecting our vulnerable bottom land soils from further erosion seems to be the best way to accomplish both of these objectives.

Total Amount Granted: \$124,199.98

Category:

Dollar Amount:

Administrative (max: 10%)

\$5,500.00

Brief Description: We will use administrative funds to help cover the expense for staff to develop, promote, and administer the program, and to cover travel costs incurred in this program.

Incentive/Cost Share

Brief Description:

Match

Brief Description:

Technical Assistance

Brief Description:

Education/Outreach (max: 5%)

\$650

Brief Description: We will use these funds to send a program notice letter to our mailing list and to place ads/articles in the local newspaper.

Land Restoration

\$118,049.98

Brief Description: We will use these funds to pay for planting cover crops at \$40 per acre and to repair damaged conservation structures at some fraction of the cost of repair.

Custom Hire/Application/Transportation

Brief Description:



LAWRENCE COUNTY
soil and water conservation
DISTRICT

1919 Steven Ave., Bedford, IN 47421
812-279-8117, Ext. 3 Fax 812-279-1394

www.lawrencecountyswcd.org

Serving Lawrence County since 1957

June 29, 2009

Dear State Soil Conservation Board,

The Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District would like to ask for an extension of our ECAP funds. Due to the excessive rain we have two access roads that need completed and critical area seedings that will need to be done in the fall. Any consideration to this request will be helpful to the landowners who are having difficulties due the amount of rain we continue to receive here in Lawrence County.

Thanks,

Mike Spreen
SWCD Chairman



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soil and water conservation
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Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: 1919 Steven Ave.

City: Bedford State: IN. Zip: 47421

Phone: 812-279-8117, ext. 3

Contact Name: Marsha Ralston

Contact E-Mail: marsha.ralston@in.nacdnet.net

Federal ID Number: 35-128-1708

Brief overview of SWCD's plans:

Our plan is to cover practices that the ECP funds through the FSA doesn't cover. First step will be to initiate cover crop seedings and then we will help with access roads. What funds are available after the cover crops and access roads will be used to help a landowner who had a large amount of serious scour erosion fill in with dirt and reseed. If we should have funds left after bills have been turned in on the previous listed practices we plan to do critical area seedings during the spring of 09'.

Total Amount Granted: \$31,642.52

Category: Dollar Amount:

Administrative (max: 10%) \$ 3164.25

Brief Description: Our District Coordinator and Technician will be doing the paperwork, advertising, making payments, etc.

Incentive/Cost Share 17,395.00

Brief Description: These funds will be used to cost share for cover crops, access roads and one landowner hauling soil, seed and fertilizer for his very large scour erosion project. We hope to have landowners do 50% cost share.

Match

Technical Assistance 1,560.00

Brief Description: Technical assistance will be provided to all landowners who accept ECAP cost share funds. The technician will meet with the landowner at the seeding or project site before after each project.

Education/Outreach (max: 5%)

Brief Description:

Land Restoration 9,523.27

Brief Description: These funds will be used to help landowners in the spring of 09' with critical area seedings.

Custom Hire/Application/Transportation

Brief Description:



Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District

439 Courthouse Drive g PO Box 34 g Shoals, IN 47581-0034

www.martinswcd.com g 812-247-2423

Promoting the wise use of our soil, water and natural resources

June 24, 2009

Dear SSCB members,

The Martin County SWCD would like to again thank you for allocating ECAP funding to Martin County. All ECAP funds have been allocated but, due to weather conditions, landowners are having a difficult time making the September 1 deadline.

Due to the extreme wet weather in much of southern Indiana the District is asking for an extension on the spending of ECAP funds until December 31, 2009.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Martin Co. SWCD Board of Supervisors



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Aeizinger@isda.in.gov

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Martin County Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: P. O. Box 34, 439 Courthouse Drive
City: Shoals State: IN. Zip: 47581
Phone: 812-247-2423
Contact Name: Teresa Harder
Contact E-Mail: tharder@martinswcd.com
Federal ID Number: 35-1262600/0

Brief over view of SWCD's plans:

The Martin Co. SWCD met on September 15, 2008 to discuss the distribution of the ECAP funds.

Their decisions are as follows:

1. Information on the eligibility and distribution of ECAP funds will be made to the public thru local newspapers, newsletters, public service announcements, direct mailings, and office staff.
2. Applications along with a FAQ sheet will be available at the SWCD office. The application must be received by the SWCD by October 10, 2008 for consideration.
3. The Board will hold a special meeting on October 13, 2008 to assess and approve the applications.
4. The main focus will be on land restoration including but not limited to:
 - a. Cover crops (Cover crops will be given top priority.)
 - b. Sand and debris removal
 - c. Scour erosion
5. Upon completion, the landowner/operator must provide proof such as receipts, pictures, etc. The landowner/operator must also provide information used in the preparation of 1099's. Only then, will payment be made.

Total Amount Granted: \$ 28,723.13

Category:

Dollar Amount:

X Administrative (max: 10%)

500.00

Brief Description: The office staff will be responsible for the advertising, collection, verification, notification, and processing of all applications. The staff will work with landowners to insure implementation of practices as soon as possible. The staff will be responsible for all reporting and financial records.

Incentive/Cost Share

Brief Description:

Match

Brief Description:

Technical Assistance

Brief Description:

X Education/Outreach (max: 5%)

500.00

Brief Description: The SWCD will inform the public thru direct mailings, local newspapers, and radio stations. Expenses will include but not be limited to postage and cost of supplies.

X Land Restoration

27,723.13

Brief Description: The Board will focus on Land Restoration when assessing the applications, which will include but not be limited to:

1. Cover crops (Cover crops will be given top priority.)
 - a. Up to \$25.00 per acre, not to exceed the total cost, with a \$1,000.00 cap per landowner.
2. Sand and debris removal
 - a. 50% of total cost with a \$1,000.00 cap per landowner.

Custom Hire/Application/Transportation

Brief Description:

Gentry, Kelly

From: Chew, Jerod
Sent: Thursday, July 02, 2009 5:48 PM
To: Gentry, Kelly
Subject: FW: Emergency Conservation Assistance Program Status Request

Categories: Red Category

This was buried in my Inbox.

Jerod Chew

Division of Soil Conservation, Director
Indiana State Dept. of Agriculture
101 West Ohio St., Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204
jchew@isda.IN.gov
Ph: 317-517-9445
Fax: 317-232-1362

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Follow "ISDAgov" on [Twitter.com](https://twitter.com)
Look up "Indiana Agriculture" on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

From: Witty, Jaci - Rockville, IN [<mailto:Jaci.Witty@in.nacdnet.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2009 2:16 PM
To: Chew, Jerod
Cc: Witty, Jaci - Rockville, IN
Subject: RE: Emergency Conservation Assistance Program Status Request

Sorry, I don't think I can get the report completed by tomorrow. I've been out of the office several days last week and this week and will be out tomorrow afternoon also. We still have quite a few projects not completed due to the weather and landowners still trying to get their crops in. I have 2 just recently completed that I have not gotten paid yet.

The Parke SWCD would like to request an extension to get the projects completed that have been allocated.

If you need more of a request that this, (i.e. - a letter) please let me know.

Thanks and have a safe and happy holiday.

Jaci

Jaci Witty, Administrative Assistant
Parke County Soil & Water Conservation
District
252 S. Ridgewood Drive
Rockville, IN. 47872
(765) 569-3551, Ext. 3
FAX: (765) 569-6551

From: Chew, Jerod [mailto:jchew@isda.IN.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 3:04 PM
To: #ISDA Soil Users
Subject: Emergency Conservation Assistance Program Status Request
Importance: High

SWCDs participating in ECAP,

In order to assess the status of the ECAP funds and projects, we are requesting that you take a few moments to fill out the attached form. ***We request that this form is returned by Friday, July 3rd***. This form will give the State Soil Conservation Board a "snapshot" of where districts are in the ECAP process. In addition, please submit any photos (before and after) you may have of these ECAP projects. Please note that the ECAP contracts are slated to expire September 1st. At that time SWCDs will then have 60 days to submit the final report. ***If you anticipate that an extension will be needed to accomplish the goals of this program, it is recommended that you submit this request as soon as possible, preferably before the State Soil Conservation Board meeting on July 7th***.

Please save this form with your district's name in the file name and return it as an attachment via e-mail to Kelly Gentry, kgentry@isda.in.gov.

Thank you for your continued efforts responded to the needs of our landowners who have suffered damages due to the 2008 disaster.

Jerod Chew
Division of Soil Conservation, Director
Indiana State Dept. of Agriculture
101 West Ohio St., Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204
jchew@isda.IN.gov
Ph: 317-517-9445
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PARKE County Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: 252 S. Ridgewood Dr.
City: Rockville State: IN. Zip: 47872
Phone: 765-569-3551, Extension 3
Contact Name: Jaci Witty
Contact E-Mail: jaci.witty@in.nacdnet.net
Federal ID Number: 35-1263407

Brief over view of SWCD's plans:

Parke SWCD will plan to use the funds for 50% cost share. (I.e. 50% = \$500 to \$2,500)

Plan to have a news article in local newspaper announcing cost-share program. Also to have Extension Specialist put article in his news item and newsletter. To use funds on Ag-working lands damaged due to flooding since June 1, 2008.

Landowners can make application for soil and water concerns including where debris or silt damage occurred. Also landowners may not realize all the damage until after crops are out. Applications would be accepted, and then SWCD Supervisors would rank according to concerns and how it falls in line with business plan.

Total Amount Granted: \$32,041.62

Category:

Dollar Amount:

Administrative (max: 10%) 5% \$ 1,602.08

Brief Description: *Allow for extra work time for administrative assistant*

Incentive/Cost Share 75% \$24,031.22

Brief Description: *Cost share 50% of landowners expense up to \$2500*

Match

Brief Description:

Technical Assistance

Brief Description:

Education/Outreach (max: 5%)

Brief Description:

Land Restoration 20% \$ 6,408.32

Brief Description: *Help restore land back to original or best use of land*

Custom Hire/Application/Transportation

Brief Description:

June 24, 2009

Nola Gentry
c/o Kelly L. Gentry
Division of Soil Conservation
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
101 West Ohio St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Gentry:

On behalf of the Posey County Soil & Water Conservation District, I would like to request an extension of our grant for the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) funds.

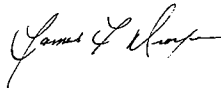
The current grant is due to expire September 1, 2009. To date, we have spent approximately 60% of our \$83,005.30. The District had proposals submitted totaling \$127,556; however, a maximum limit of \$3,000 per landowner was set. We have outstanding requests of approximately \$43,000 remaining which is more than the \$29,000 in grant funds remaining.

Like other counties throughout the state, we have had multiple rain events which have caused delays in planting, harvesting and field repairs! This has created a huge time issue for all aspects of farming. We have received phone calls from our producers letting us know that they still intend to get to the repairs, they just haven't been able to as yet. Our contractors are very busy not only trying to get to these conservation repairs, but also with conservation projects being installed.

To enable us to achieve the goal of our grant, we are requesting an extension of this grant for another six to nine months (March 1 to June 1, 2010) to give our applicants a chance to make the necessary repairs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jim Droege
Chairman



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Posey County Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: 1805 Main Street

City: Mt. Vernon State: IN. Zip: 47620

Phone: 812-838-4191, extension 3

Contact Name: Jeri Ziliak, District Coordinator

Contact E-Mail: jeri.ziliak@in.nacdnet.net

Federal ID Number: 35-1184840

Brief over view of SWCD's plans:

The Posey County Soil and Water Conservation Districts met August 26th to discuss the distribution of ECAP funds. The following was decided:

1. The District would provide the public with information on the details of eligibility and distribution of ECAP funds through local media, direct mail and all office staff.
2. An application will be developed for landowners to submit along with documentation of any damages they sustained due to flooding. There is an October 15th deadline.
3. The District will assess the need to determine financial assistance.
4. Concentration will be on land restoration including but not limited to:
 - a. Cover crops
 - b. Stream bank erosion
 - c. Scour erosion
 - d. Sand and debris removal
 - e. WASCOB repair and cleaning
 - f. Damage to existing waterways
5. Landowners will be required to provide proof of damage through pictures, receipts, invoices, etc.
6. The SWCD Board will evaluate applications and documentation and distribute funds accordingly.

Total Amount Granted: \$ 83,005.30

Category:

Dollar Amount:

Administrative (max: 10%)

\$4000.00

Brief Description: The District staff will assist with developing and completing project applications. They will collect applications and verify damage through pictures, receipts, invoices and site visits if necessary. Staff will develop all mailings, advertisements and articles on application process and benefits of practices being promoted to repair flood damaged areas of Posey County.

Incentive/Cost Share

Brief Description:

Match

Brief Description:

Technical Assistance

Brief Description:

Education/Outreach (max: 5%)

\$1,000

Brief Description: The District staff will prepare all articles, mailing, etc., and provide information to customers. Expenses for outreach will include but not be limited to postage and supply costs.

Land Restoration

\$78,005.30

Brief Description: The District will focus, but not limit, repairs from June 2008 flooding events to areas within the flood plains of Posey County. A per landowner cap was not set, but will be evaluated after applications are received. Applications will be reviewed and prioritized before funds are distributed. Concentration will focus on land restoration and will include, but not be limited to:

1. Cover crops
2. Stream bank erosion
3. Scour erosion
4. Sand and debris removal
5. WASCOB repair and cleaning
6. Damage to existing waterways

Custom Hire/Application/Transportation

Brief Description:



PUTNAM COUNTY
soil and water conservation
DISTRICT

1007 Mill Pond Lane, Suite C
Greencastle, IN 46135
765-653-7454

email: laura.stearley@in.nacdnet.net
email: sue.crafton@in.nacdnet.net
webpage: <http://iaswcd.org/putnamswcd>



June 26, 2009

Nola Gentry
State Soil Conservation Board
Indiana State Dept. of Agriculture
101 West Ohio St., Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Nola,
Please be informed that Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District is requesting an extension on the ECAP funding contract. We have the money obligated but with the wet weather this spring many of the landowners/producers did not get the work completed before they put their crops in as best they could.

I have had people in asking for extensions beyond the September 1st deadline so that they might get their crops out then address the land restoration issues they all face.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sue

Sue Crafton, Executive Director
Putnam Co. SWCD



Emergency Conservation Assistance Program
Funding Notice



Executive Summary: Due to the unusual amount of rainfall and flooding in the state of Indiana, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) voted on August 19, 2008 to allot funding to Soil and Water Conservation Districts that sustained the most severe damage. In July of 2008 all the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) who serve the primary and contiguous federally declared disaster counties were able to turn in Emergency Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) forms as part of a county assessment. From those assessments as well as additional assessments from public and private entities, the SSCB was able to determine rehabilitation estimates and allocate disaster funding as made available through state or federal sources. This notice identifies the objectives for the funding, eligibility, suggested projects, and instructions on how to apply for the funding.

Purpose: The purpose of this additional ECAP form is to allow districts to make changes from the original ECAP that reflect the actual dollar amount that is allocated. ISDA realizes that limited funds may alter the original plans submitted by SWCDs.

Application Deadline and Address: Application forms can be found at the bottom of this funding notice. These forms must be e-mailed to Amy Eizinger, Grants Coordinator at AEizinger@isda.in.gov by 4 p.m. EST on Friday, September 19th, 2008. Only e-mailed forms will be accepted. SWCD's must submit a copy of their boards meeting minutes as to who attended the meeting and what was discussed regarding this project.

Eligible Applicants: Applications are accepted from the SWCD's who have been predetermined to have received the most flood damage, based on their need for rehabilitation. Selection of these counties included the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) Assessment form, assessments from Resource Specialists, local farmers, and District Support Specialists. Only one application is permitted per qualifying district.

Project Description: Eligible counties have a set amount of funding they will receive. Districts must document on the application form how they plan on utilizing these funds. The proposed projects must address damaged agricultural land and focus on how to get land restored to production use. The SSCB strongly encourages districts and SWCD supervisors to work with local county officials such as surveyors, commissioners, extension personnel, private consultants and their District Support Specialist to ensure all aspects of the county's needs are being met. Proposals may include incentives/cost-share to landowners/farmers.

Funds Available: Each qualifying district has been allotted a dollar amount based on the percent of funding needed to get their land rehabilitated (please see additional spreadsheet for funding allocation for your county).

Suggested Projects Include: Tree plantings, soil testing, incentive programs, cover crop plantings, temporary fencing, pasture restoration, custom application of manure, transportation cost, renting/leasing of equipment, technical assistance, constructed wetlands, education/outreach, and matching at the federal/state/local level.

The practices below are from the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide, this list does not encompass all of the possible solutions that may be needed to rehabilitate these lands and this program is not limited to NRCS standards. The practices and costs shown below may serve as a guide to be used by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts as proposals for this program are developed.

Practice Code	Practice Name	Estimated Cost	Unit
327	Conservation Cover	\$75	Acre
340	Cover Crops	\$25	Acre
342	Critical Area Planting	\$500	Acre
382	Temporary Fence	\$0.20	Feet
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	\$1000 - \$3000	Each
512	Pasture and Hay Planting	\$75	Acre
638	Water & Sediment Control Basin	\$1000	Each
614	Watering Facility(Plastic Tank)	\$150	Each
560	Access Road	\$7.25	Feet

Budget: All assessments should provide the amount of funds used on each project area. Projects can contain up to 10% for administrative cost. Those expenses can include temporary staff, office supplies, office equipment, and field equipment. Projects may also contain up to 5% in educational/outreach efforts.

Leveraging Funds: SWCD's are encouraged to look for areas in which they could leverage funds with federal, state and local partners but it is not mandatory.

Deadline: 4 pm EST on Friday, September 19th, 2008.

Acknowledge of Submission: Assessments received by the deadline will be acknowledged with an e-mail return receipt. If this e-mail receipt is not received, applicants **MUST** contact Amy Eizinger at 317-234-5263 to confirm timely receipt of your application. Applicants are solely responsible for providing proof of receipt via the return receipt. Failure to provide this proof of receipt may result in application not being funded.

Process of Payments: Once the application has been received by ISDA, a contract will be issued to the SWCD. SWCD's are encouraged to get their signed contract into ISDA as soon as possible in order to receive 50% of their funds as their initial payment. Once those funds have been expended they must contact ISDA with a written report and budget as to how those funds were spent. At that time the remaining 50% will be released to them.

Funds must be utilized in a timely manner. **If a district has not requested the final 50% of funding by January 1, 2009, those funds will be returned to ISDA.** Funds may then be dispersed to a district that has additional projects to complete. If a district does not request the final 50% of funding they will have until September 1, 2009 to spend the initial 50%.

Please note that funds can be spent on projects completed before the funding is received as long as work done was directly related to the disaster, and proof of receipt can be provided. In some cases photographs will be accepted in lieu of receipts, if needed, to show any before and after work done.

Reporting Requirements: An initial report will be due after the first half of the funds have been spent. A final report will be due at the end of the grant summarizing the outcomes and achievements of the project.



**Emergency Conservation Assistance Program
Application Form**



This application **MUST** be typed and submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger at:
Aeizinger@isda.in.gov

Please be sure to submit a copy of your board's meeting minutes along with this form.
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Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: 1007 Mill Pond Lane, Ste. C
City: Greencastle State: IN. Zip: 46135
Phone: 765-653-5716 x135
Contact Name: Sue Crafton
Contact E-Mail: sue.crafton@in.nacdnet.net
Federal ID Number: 35-1128108/0

Brief overview of SWCD's plans:

The Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District met on September 2, 2008 to discuss how best to utilize the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program funds distributed to this county. After lengthy discussion it was determined landowners know best what their individual needs are therefore, a news release will be published in the local paper as to the funding award, landowner eligibility criteria needed, and sign-up deadline. Funds will be dispersed to landowners on a first come, first serve basis at a rate of \$10/acre with a limit of 100 acres being reclaimed or total award of \$1,000 per farming operation. These funds will have the stipulation that they are to be used only for projects not funded through NRCS – EWP or FSA - ECP. The Board of Supervisors will meet to prioritize applications only if the need exceeds available funding.

Total Amount Granted: \$31,394.46

Category:

Dollar Amount:

X Administrative (max: 10%)

\$ **3,140.00**

Brief Description: Funding used for administration of the grant oversight: payments, reports, media releases

X Land Restoration

\$ **28,254.46**

Brief Description: As our recent board minutes reflect, landowners will be approved upon application for debris removal or cover crops to rehabilitate lands damaged from flooding and excessive rainfall in June of 2008.

*Vigo County Soil and Water Conservation District
3241 South Third Place
Terre Haute, IN 47802*

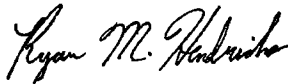
*812-232-0193 ext. 3
Fax: 812-234-9629*

Dear State Soil Conservation Board,

We would like to thank you again on granting us permission of transferring our remaining funds of the CMIG into our ECAP fund. We have allocated all the money at this time.

We are asking for an extension to spend the money due to the weather we have been experiencing. The land owners are ready to get to work as soon as conditions improve enough to get in to the fields.

Sincerely,



Ryan M. Hendricks
District Director/Resource Conservationist

Kelly spoke to Ryan
on 10/4/09. They have
one project left, but
can't finish due to wet
conditions. They would
like to extend the date
to Dec. 31, 2009.



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Vigo County Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: 3241 S. 3rd Pl.

City: Terre Haute State: IN. Zip: 47802

Phone: 812-232-0193

Contact Name: Ryan M. Hendricks

Contact E-Mail: ryan.hendricks@in.nacdnet.net

Federal ID Number: 35-1125663

Brief overview of SWCD's plans:

Damage that occurred in Vigo County due to the flooding of 2008 was as follows:

- Debris in creeks and fields
- Conservation structures damaged
- Damaged dams
- Log jams
- Broken levees
- Washed roads and farm lanes
- Flooded fields
- Gully erosion in fields
- Loss of crops and equipment due to flooding
- Flooded homes and cars
- Grain Bin Damage and loss of grain

The District will be accepting applications from September 29th through November 1st. Applications will be available at the District office for pickup. The Board will review the applications and it will be a 50/50 cost share.

Total Amount Granted: \$39,411.82

Category:

Dollar Amount:

Administrative (max: 10%)

Brief Description:

Incentive/Cost Share

\$39,411.82

Brief Description: The District will be accepting applications from September 29th through October 10th. Applications will be available at the District office for pickup. The Board will review the applications and it will be a 50/50 cost share.

Match

Brief Description:

Technical Assistance

Brief Description:

Education/Outreach (max: 5%)

Brief Description:

Land Restoration

Brief Description:

Custom Hire/Application/Transportation

Brief Description:



Washington Co. Soil & Water Conservation District

801 Anson Street Salem, Indiana 47167-9731

Phone: 812 883-3704, Fax: 812 883-1682

July 3, 2009

State Soil Conservation Board

ATT: Paul Hoffman

ATT: Kelley Gentry

To whom it may concern:

The Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District would like to request an extension for the ECAP applications that are pending completion. Weather conditions control the completion of these projects and farmers are already dealing with wet fields which has delayed planting and putting up hay. Therefore we feel an extension is needed. Our goal is to complete by September 1st but an extension might be needed.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

David Hoar, SWCD Chairman

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Soil & Water Conservation Supervisors;

David Hoar, chairman – Jim Brown, V. chair -Sherry White, Treas/secretary

Mike Ponsford, member – Steve Kelley, member

“We have not inherited the land from our fathers; we have borrowed it from our children”

“EEO Employer”

**Clean Water Indiana-ECAP
Emergency Conservation Assistance Program**

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Aeizinger@isda.in.gov

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WASHINGTON County Soil and Water Conservation District

Address: 801 Anson Street

City: Salem, State: IN. Zip:47167

Phone:812 883-3704

Contact Name:Sandy Hortenberry

Contact E-Mail:sandy.hortenberry@in.nacdnet.net

Federal ID Number:35-1265394/0

Over view of SWCD's plans:

The Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District previously received ECAP funds (\$28,314.28) for cover crop, debris removal, restoring farm land, and log removal. The first ECAP Grant did not include any damages received from the winds of Hurrican Ike.

Washington County is ranked as one of the largest in the state for cattle/beef livestock. The aftermath of the wind storm left a lot of livestock fences down and in need of repair plus needing to remove trees/limbs and debris from the fence area.

The USDA Service Center is continually receiving reports of storm related damages. The SWCD board has been working with County Commissioners and County Highway Dept. to target the most damaged areas and what is needed to correct the problems. Assistance from Purdue Extension, NRCS, ISDA, and Cattlemen's Association by providing information to the livestock owner/operator.

The Washington County SWCD board discussed during their monthly meeting that financial support is needed to go towards restoring and cleaning up fence damage resulting from the wind storm. The board voted to submit an application to request additional ECAP funds that will be offered as cost-share to the livestock owners/operators who are in the process of cleaning up and restoring or reimburse those who has been pro-active and completed the repairs/clean up to keep their livestock safely contained.

Unused funds will be distributed at the descretion of the Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District - ECAP Committee in accordance with ECAP intentions and ISDA, Amy Eizinger will be notified (email) of these funds and their disribution. Example: un-used funds will be shuffled between categories as needed.

The district has and is advertising to get information distributed; news articles, Purdue Extension newsletter and meetings, Farmers Club meetings, SWCD Annual Meeting, phone, office contacts office visits and one on one conservations with the farmer.

Total Amount Granted: \$12,800.00

\$12,800 Incentive/Cost Share

Brief Description:

Fence repair and clearing fence area= 50% cost-share

Livestock/landowners

(Sullivan, Ponsford, Jones, Day, Lee, Hackman, Kaiser, Rosenbaum)

CWI Grants Committee Report

July 2, 2009

At this time, the committee recommends ending the current Conservation Consulting Initiative (CCI) program. The committee and administrators feels that the program has merit, but feels the CCI program needs to be further evaluated before reinstating. Some areas of the state seem to be more receptive of the program than others.

The committee suggests and recommends that any unused funds from the CCI program should be re-directed to the Indiana Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative position that is slated to be jointly funded by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

**Warren Baird,
CWI Grants Committee reporter**

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Indiana State Department of Agriculture
Strategic Update



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"Agriculture is a central piece of Indiana's heritage and an important part of our present economy. However, most importantly, Governor Daniels and I believe that agriculture is a critical piece of Indiana's future. As one of our natural strengths, agriculture has the possibility to play an even larger role in the Hoosier economy of tomorrow. From cellulosic biofuel production to food processing to hardwood furniture, agriculture is an industry that touches each and every Hoosier each and every day. With that impact, the possibilities for Indiana agriculture are endless-- and, with those possibilities comes progress in the form of jobs, capital investment, and wealth for our small cities and towns across rural Indiana."

Betsy Hillman

2005-2008 accomplishments

Since creation of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) in April 2005, the Daniels Administration has worked tirelessly to ensure that agriculture remains a central part of the Hoosier economy and, importantly, that Indiana is well-positioned to become a global leader in food and agricultural innovation and commercialization.

Major accomplishments over the past four years include:

Partners in significant economic growth in food and agriculture. *Indiana has seen over \$4 billion in investment and the creation of over 4,000 jobs from food and agriculture projects. ISDA has been a key partner to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, a sister agency, in these efforts.*

Revitalization of Indiana's livestock industry. *After years of decline, Indiana has seen growth in nearly all sectors of its livestock industry.*

Development of a \$30 million food and agriculture venture fund. *Partnering with the Indiana Finance Authority, ISDA supported the creation of the MidPoint Food & Ag Fund, a new venture capital fund designed to assist food and agriculture interests.*

Leadership in global trade. *Governor Daniels and Lt. Governor Skillman led eight trade missions, all of which were partially or totally focused on agriculture.*

Development of land use planning tools. *Working with the Indiana Land Resources Council, ISDA developed model zoning ordinances to assist local decisionmakers integrate agriculture into local economic development efforts. To date, at least 13 counties have adopted pieces of these ordinances.*

National leadership in biofuels production and distribution. *Indiana has gone from one ethanol plant and zero public E85 pumps in 2005 to 11 ethanol and five biodiesel plants as well as 129 E-85 pumps, ranking the state third in the country for public availability of ethanol.*

Diversification of marketing opportunities. *Partnering with stakeholders, ISDA assisted Indiana farmers in diversifying their marketing opportunities through a variety of tools including MarketMaker, an on-line database linking consumers to niche producers, a directory of agri-tourism destinations, and distribution of federal grant dollars for farmers' markets and specialty crops.*

Increased soil and water conservation on the land. *ISDA's Division of Soil Conservation staff put new conservation on the land by establishing a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program agreement for Indiana. To date, nearly 450 farmers have contracted more than 4,900 acres in 29 counties for this program bringing over \$14.4 million in federal funding to Indiana.*

STAKEHOLDER feedback

Over the past year, ISDA has sought feedback through several means including a stakeholder survey, an industry round table discussion, informal discussions with industry leaders, and written evaluations.

Evaluation of the Department's performance and value was generally positive. For example, results of the stakeholder survey indicated:

- 91% of respondents were aware that a new department was created.
- 64% of respondents believed that attention from state government has increased.
- 61% of respondents believed opportunities for agricultural growth have increased.
- 49% of respondents believed that general public now places a greater importance on agriculture

Beyond evaluation of its performance, ISDA sought feedback from stakeholders regarding issues of importance to Indiana agriculture. Specifically, the Department asked what issues are important, how it can improve current efforts in present areas of focus, and where to concentrate future resources.

Issues of significant interest that surfaced include the need to:

- Enhance the public understanding of agriculture
- Address land use and zoning policies
- Enhance soil and water conservation
- Stimulate innovation, technology and economic development

Our stakeholders have been instrumental in communicating with the various sectors of agriculture in the state. Continue to do this. We believe ISDA should continue to focus on being the "one-stop" for farmers and new farm agriculture while and pursue marketing and other opportunities for the various ag sectors and non-ag sectors to succeed and work together locally.

—Indiana Farm Bureau Association

AGRICULTURE

outlook

At the request of ISDA, Purdue University compiled a series of white papers addressing crucial areas of opportunity and challenge for Indiana agriculture. Insight from these materials, as well as stakeholder feedback on the current state of the industry, is summarized below.

CHALLENGES

Public understanding of agriculture: *There is a growing disconnect between consumers and modern agriculture production.*

Stewardship of natural resources: *As increased demand for agriculture products brings new opportunity, there is a heightened need for stewardship of Indiana's natural resources. Stewardship of the environment is key to the continued viability of agriculture.*

Infrastructure: *New opportunities in agriculture create additional needs in infrastructure. As grain yields and livestock production increase, so does the need for transportation of additional product. Similarly, development of cellulosic ethanol will create a need for new handling and storage systems.*

Risk management: *With higher input costs and volatile commodity markets, agriculture producers face increased risk in their business.*

OPPORTUNITIES

Bioenergy: *With its current and future cellulosic resources, Indiana could have the capability to produce 400 million gallons of ethanol per year. As conversion process yields increase, this capacity could rise to 600 million gallons. Beyond this resource base, Indiana also has a unique advantage in its transportation and transmission infrastructure which enables marketing to states that have a renewable energy mandate but limited opportunity for renewable energy generation.*

Grain: *Indiana's grain production sector is in a period of dramatic adjustment to major world drivers of change such as rapid growth in income in developing countries, increased demand for animal protein, and a growing demand for biofuels. These drivers will create substantial new market opportunities.*

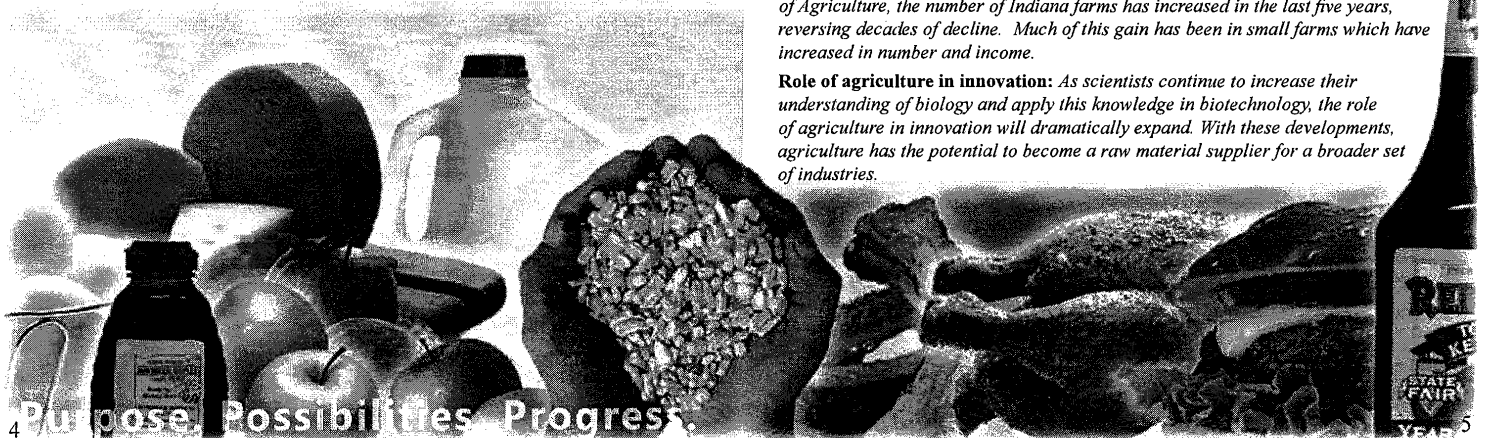
Hardwoods: *Indiana has developed a global reputation for excellence in hardwood tree production and product manufacturing. The product quality and craftsmanship in this valuable industry make it well-positioned to rebound with a renewed economy.*

Livestock: *As the global middle class continues to expand, consumers, particularly in China and Asia, are changing their diets from vegetable to animal protein creating new markets for Indiana livestock producers of all species.*

Rural renewal: *There is new opportunity for growth in rural communities as a result of higher incomes in grain production, greater interest in returning to the farm, and the availability of additional jobs in grain, animal processing and bioenergy facilities.*

Entrepreneurship on small farms: *Agriculture is undergoing a transition both in the crops produced and the people who are farming. According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, the number of Indiana farms has increased in the last five years, reversing decades of decline. Much of this gain has been in small farms which have increased in number and income.*

Role of agriculture in innovation: *As scientists continue to increase their understanding of biology and apply this knowledge in biotechnology, the role of agriculture in innovation will dramatically expand. With these developments, agriculture has the potential to become a raw material supplier for a broader set of industries.*



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MOVING forward

Under the leadership of Governor Daniels and Lt. Governor Skillman, agriculture has been an important economic driver for Indiana since ISDA was created four years ago. Moving forward, ISDA's vision is that Indiana's food, fuel and fiber sectors will continue to advance-- feeding, fueling and furnishing Hoosiers for decades to come. From advocacy to economic opportunity to environmental stewardship, the future holds great promise as well as great challenge. In both dynamics, however, there is a tremendous opportunity for Indiana to lead.

VISION

Indiana agriculture will be a global leader in innovation and commercialization for food, fuel and fiber production.

MISSION

ISDA will support growth in Indiana agriculture by serving as an advocate at the local, state and federal level; defining and nurturing economic opportunity in the food, fuel and fiber sectors; and enhancing the stewardship of natural resources on agricultural land.

STRATEGIES

To accomplish its mission, ISDA resources are devoted to nine initiatives under three strategies.

ADVOCACY

Serve as an advocate for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Enhance the stewardship of natural resources on agricultural land in a manner that creates value-added opportunity for producers and assists agriculture stakeholders with current and future regulatory challenges.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Define and nurture economic opportunity, including technology development, in the food, fuel and fiber sectors.



ADVOCACY

outreach

Communicate, including promotion and education, to mainstream audiences about agriculture.

ADVOCACY

regulatory coordination

Advocate for regulatory standards, including land use provisions, that are based in science and will not impede economic development in agriculture.

WHY this initiative?

Agriculture plays a role in the life of each Hoosier every day. Yet, there is a growing disconnect between consumers and the many farm families responsible for producing the food on their table. And, at the same time this lack of understanding continues to grow so do the challenges facing Indiana agriculture—the very industry that feeds, fuels, and furnishes our state. From food safety concerns to environmental regulation to animal welfare issues and sustainability, the number of critical issues for agriculture to navigate is growing exponentially at the local, state and federal level.

WHY this initiative?

Indiana is unique in its decentralized structure of agriculture regulation. Regulation of agriculture at the state level is carried out by 13 agencies, organizations and other government-related entities.

In addition to state regulation, Indiana agriculture is further subject to regulation by local and federal agencies. Moreover, as a local control state, units of local government have specific responsibilities with regard to agriculture regulation. In developing these rules, many local units of government have sought input from ISDA to help them ensure the long term viability of agriculture in their community.

As regulatory policy is developed in each of these settings, it is critical for agriculture to have an advocate to address industry concerns such as overlapping regulations, inconsistency in agency policies, and the cumulative economic impact of proposed regulatory changes.



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ADVOCACY

policy development

Be an advocate for agriculture in the legislative process at the local, state and federal level.

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WHY this initiative?

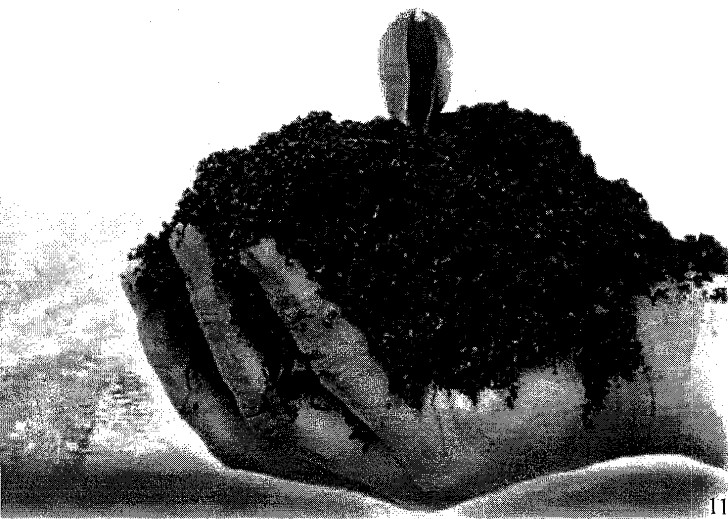
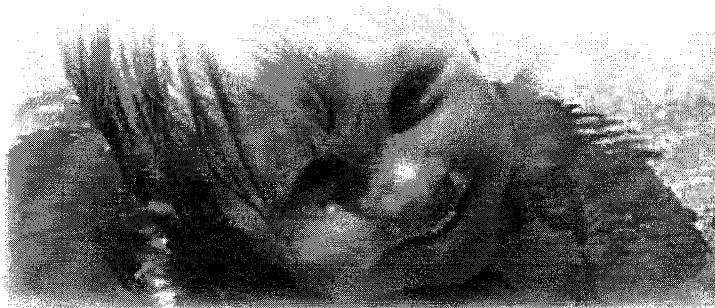
From farm programs to the environment and energy, Indiana agriculture is directly affected by legislative policy enacted at the local, state and federal level on a wide range of issues. Matters of immediate concern include trade, labor, food safety, infrastructure development and climate change policy.

ISDA has a critical role in working with stakeholders to educate elected officials about industry needs so as to foster the development of policy that will enable agriculture to prosper.

WHY this initiative?

Stewardship of the environment is key to the continued viability of agriculture for generations to come. In addition, Indiana agriculture provides a number of important environmental benefits for Hoosiers-- including clean air, water and wildlife habitat.

A focus on environmental stewardship on agricultural land is warranted for two reasons. First, there is an increased interest from consumers in products grown in a green or otherwise sustainable manner. Second, from climate change to hypoxia to air quality, there are a number of significant regulatory challenges facing agriculture that create a critical need for technical assistance to producers.



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

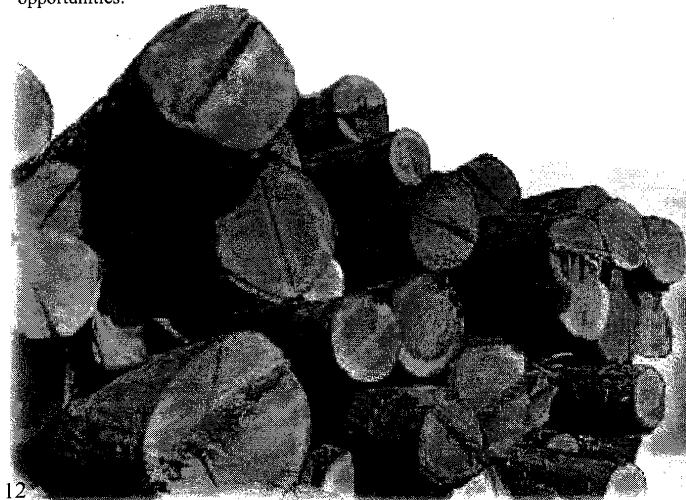
hardwoods

Nurture economic opportunity for Indiana hardwoods through marketing and technology support.

WHY this initiative?

Over 80 percent of the forests in Indiana are privately-owned and 95 percent of the tree species are hardwoods. The industry stemming from this resource is quite valuable. Forestry and wood product manufacturing is a \$7.5 billion industry that employs over 54,000 Hoosiers.

Indiana has developed a global reputation for excellence in hardwood tree production and product manufacturing. However, growing competition from wood product manufacturers in Asia, Latin America and elsewhere threatens the viability of Indiana's hardwood industry. With that threat, it is critical that ISDA assist this sector in finding ways to not only maintain its competitiveness but, more importantly, create new growth opportunities.



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ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

entrepreneurship

Nurture entrepreneurial development in the food, fuel and fiber sectors.

WHY this initiative?

Although corn, soybeans and livestock continue to dominate the landscape of rural Indiana, opportunities beyond these traditional segments abound. From 2002 to 2007, the number of Indiana farms increased from 2,128,982 to 2,204,792 with the majority of this increase coming from operations of less than 10 acres. Farmers' markets have grown to a billion dollar U.S. industry, and the consumption of locally-produced foods continues to lead consumer food trends.

Further examples of entrepreneurship in agriculture include wineries and direct marketing venues such as agri-tourism destinations. Wineries contribute over \$33 million in tourism to the state each year. In addition, Indiana is home to over 500 agri-tourism, farmers' market and u-pick destinations.

Entrepreneurial development in agriculture can be further nurtured through strategic partnerships, grant and marketing opportunities, spotlight events, and a commitment to excellence in this innovative and evolving sector.



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ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

livestock

Support a continued resurgence of Indiana's livestock industry in an environmentally and economically-sustainable manner at a rate of 3 percent per year.

WHY this initiative?

Each year, livestock agriculture contributes over \$2.5 billion in cash receipts and \$420 million in export sales to the Indiana economy. Beyond direct sales of animal products, however, this sector also creates jobs in processing facilities and captures additional value for our grain.

In 2005, ISDA set a bold goal of doubling pork production in Indiana. Today, in part through initiatives to better integrate livestock agriculture, including pork production, into local economic development planning, Indiana has seen growth in nearly all livestock species. With this growth, Indiana has reversed decades of decline in production. But, despite these increases, the total number of hogs, beef and dairy cattle in 2008 was only 62 percent of the highest number of animals in 1962.

Looking ahead, the Department is optimistic about the opportunity for continued growth. As consumers in developing economies experience growing real incomes, they are changing their diets from vegetable to animal protein thereby creating new opportunities for Indiana livestock products, processing and jobs.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

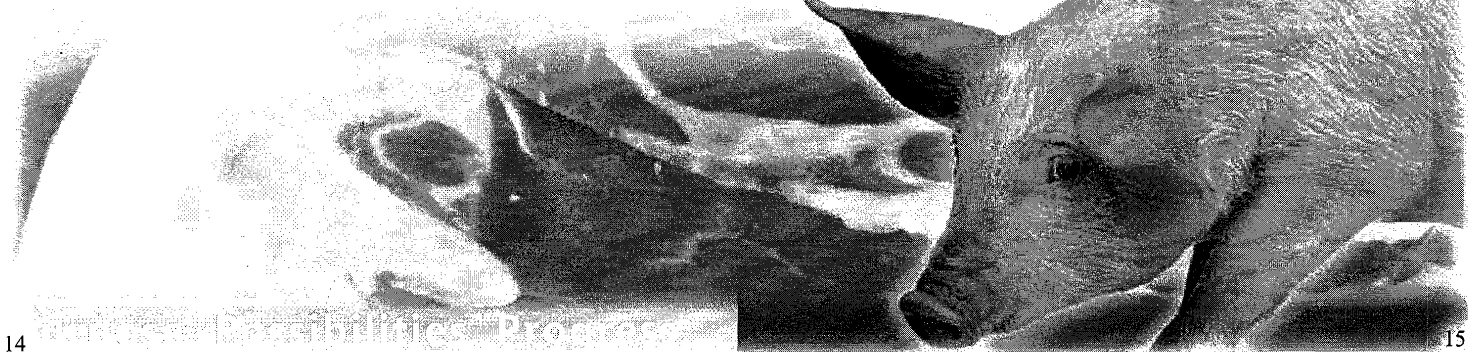
international trade

Nurture international relationships so as to increase sales from Indiana agriculture into global markets.

WHY this initiative?

Since 2005, ISDA has conducted or taken part in trade missions to 13 countries which have helped build global markets for Indiana corn, soybeans, pork, wine, dried distillers grains, feed products, tomatoes, and hardwoods. In addition, the Department has played a key role in coordinating agreements between various international and Indiana educational institutions as well as promoting goodwill with international trade partners.

These efforts are important because Indiana is a major exporter of food and agriculture products. According to USDA, the U.S. exported over \$115 billion in food and agriculture products in 2008. Indiana exported \$2.4 billion in food and agriculture products in 2007 and is consistently the tenth leading agriculture exporting state in the nation. Further, USDA estimates the value of one in three production acres in Indiana is exported to international customers.



ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

bioenergy

Maximize the production and encourage the use of energy in Indiana derived from agriculture resources, including wind.

WHY this initiative?

Bioenergy is making a significant contribution to the Hoosier economy. In 2009, Indiana corn ethanol plants are expected to produce approximately 600 million gallons and 1.7 million tons of dried distillers grains, a byproduct sold as livestock feed. At current prices, this production is worth approximately \$1.3 billion.

Looking ahead, bioenergy holds great promise in Indiana. Federal policy may create new opportunity for energy derived from cellulosic, wind and other agriculture resources. Notwithstanding legislative or regulatory policy, however, Indiana has a distinct advantage in bioenergy production and distribution due to its feedstock availability, transportation infrastructure and proximity to consumers.



OTHER responsibilities

In addition to fulfilling the mission of the state, ISDA also has an also devoted to a set of other responsibilities. Such duties may be mandated by statute or arise as a result of the state's obligations to the achievement of the department's strategic focus. Although these responsibilities may be strategic in nature, they have come to be perceived as a matter and the focus of a new goal.

Examples of other responsibilities include:

- Regulating the grain buyers under the Indiana Grain Buyers Licensing and Warehousing Agency and compensating farmers in the event of a grain elevator failure under the Indiana Grain Indemnity Fund.
- Assisting agriculture interests with identification and procurement of grant resources
- Coordinating international trade missions and hosting international delegations.
- Administering the Clean Water Indiana program with the State Soil Conservation Board.
- Serving as an ombudsman for agriculture in local, state and federal government on regulatory matters and other resource needs.
- Facilitating conservation through assistance to agriculture landowners and operators and support to Soil and Water Conservation Districts and other conservation partners.
- Conducting annual elections for the Indiana State Fair Board

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Commitment and innovation are essential to the success of the state's future. Our goal is to ensure that the state's resources are used in the most effective and efficient manner possible to achieve the state's goals.

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June 2009

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ADVOCACY

Outreach: Communicate, including promotion and education, to mainstream audiences about agriculture.

- Assist in the coordination of advocacy efforts by industry stakeholders including development of a unified message and implementation framework.
- Organize a statewide network of grassroots advocates to promote the industry to consumers, decision makers and other opinion leaders.
- Procure and maintain comprehensive data regarding the economic impact in Indiana of major agriculture industry segments.
- Host a series of workshops around the state to introduce community and business leaders to the economic value of and opportunity in agriculture.

Regulatory Coordination: Advocate for regulatory standards, including land use provisions that are based in science and will not impede economic development in agriculture.

- Facilitate a workgroup to bring industry partners together to discuss and coordinate action steps addressing regulatory issues in agriculture.
- Expand and promote the availability of tools to assist local decision makers in community planning, including tools to analyze both the projected cost of community services as well as the fiscal impact of decisions made.
- Partner with industry to address any changes needed to modernize the grain licensure and oversight system to reflect present day business dealings and market conditions.

Policy Development: Be an advocate for agriculture in the legislative process at the local, state and federal level.

- Partner with industry to organize farm and agriculture business tours for elected officials and staff in key districts around the state.
- Cultivate relationships with federal decision makers by coordinating regular visits to Washington D.C. by a cross section of industry leaders.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Environmental Stewardship: Balance the stewardship of natural resources on agricultural land in a manner that creates value-added opportunity for producers and assists agriculture stakeholders with current and future regulatory challenges.

- Advance a voluntary Crop Stewardship Certification Program that will showcase producers who have adopted an exceptional level of resource management and efficiency.
- Identify key regulatory challenges and list of potential private sector partners to work with in addressing each of these issues. Partner with private sector to address at least one issue through increased adoption of new technology or resource management practices.
- Create a steering committee for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program comprised of local, state and federal partners to maximize efficiency and effectiveness in program implementation, facilitate development of training programs, and coordinate promotion efforts.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Bioenergy: Maximize the production and encourage the use of energy in Indiana derived from agriculture resources, including wind.

- Position Indiana to attract a cellulosic biofuels production facility.
- Develop and disseminate a blueprint for communities to model in becoming energy independent, including a menu of technologies to create energy from agriculture resources, and partner with related interests to educate community leaders about plan implementation.

Hardwoods: Nurture economic opportunity for Indiana hardwoods through marketing and technology support.

- Support a feasibility study to evaluate development of an overseas warehouse to market Indiana hardwood into niche global markets.
- Seek additional opportunities for promotion and support of Indiana's secondary hardwood industry.

Livestock: Support a continued resurgence of Indiana's livestock industry in an environmentally and economically-sustainable manner at a rate of 3 percent per year.

- Expand participation in the Certified Livestock Producer Program by recruiting at least one livestock integrator to participate in the program, and partnering with a processor to feature the program certification on their label.
- Partner with the Indiana State Fair and industry to construct a livestock classroom at the Fairgrounds for year-round education opportunities.
- Facilitate and support the creation of an industry committee to raise funding and award grants for youth livestock events and facilities, including county fairgrounds.

Entrepreneurship: Nurture entrepreneurial development in the food, fuel and fiber sectors.

- Expand and promote the availability of resources for agriculture entrepreneurs including: an on-line clearinghouse of entrepreneurial development information, resources and tools, an on-line agri-tourism guide, and an entrepreneur networking initiative.
- Double producer participation in the "Market Maker" program, an on-line directory of state and regional food producers and buyers.
- Facilitate development and implementation of a branding initiative to build awareness of and appreciation for Indiana agriculture.

International trade: Nurture international relationships so as to increase sales from Indiana agriculture into global markets.

- Facilitate the creation of an on-line marketing tool to connect agriculture exporters to global consumers.



IDEM REPORT, WATERSHED PLANNING BRANCH
SSCB Meeting, 7/07/09
Submitted by Marylou Renshaw

2009 – Second Quarter Activities (April - June)

STORM WATER PROGRAM

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

- Indiana MS4 Annual Meeting – Presentations by several IDEM staff, EPA, and MS4s.
- Draft agenda & handouts for MOU webinar completed. Proposed dates: August, before or after the State Fair, either the first or last week in August (2 week lead time required for our Media group). There is an ICP webinar w/SWCDs on July 23rd.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND INITIATIVES:

- **Final testing of the new database and online submittal of Notice of Intent**s has been a priority and Rule 5 applications are planned to be enabled in the next month. Rule 6 development and testing is planned following completion of Rule 5. Many of the items identified in Rule 5 will also be applied to the functionality of the Rule 6 database and online services.

MS4 PROGRAM UPDATE:

- Staff continues to conduct audits of the MS4 entities. To date, 46 audits (includes MS4 and those that are co-permitted) have been completed for the Public Education, Public Involvement, and Good Housekeeping Minimum Control Measures. The Storm Water Specialists have completed 49 audits of the Construction Run-Off Minimum Control Measure. There are 189 MS4 entities and 143 permits to account for those MS4s that are co-permitted.
- Three compliance assistance sessions were conducted for MS4s in the Lake, Porter, and St. Joseph regions. MS4s are provided information related to compliance with their permit and preparation for the MS4 audit.
- The MS4 Coordinator participated, as a presenter, in a national webcast related to the Good Housekeeping Minimum Control Measure.

RULE 6 PROGRAM UPDATE:

- Currently there are 3,231 permits associated with Industrial Operations exposed to storm water.
- An informational brochure is complete and available for distribution. The brochure was developed in coordination with our Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance. The brochure is currently under review by staff.
- Compliance:
 - Inspections: 25
 - Violation Letters: 3
 - Enforcement Referrals: 0

RULE 5 PROGRAM UPDATE:

- Compliance:
 - Inspections: 122
 - Violation Letters: 13
 - Enforcement Referrals: 0

NPS §319(H)

2009 319 Project Summaries

THE FOLLOWING EIGHT PROJECTS ARE IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS:

- 1. PIGEON CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION, PHASE 2**
The Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District proposes to begin Phase Two Implementation activities focused on reducing nutrients and sediment in the Pigeon Creek Watershed. This will be accomplished by developing and implementing a cost share program for urban and

agricultural BMPs in critical areas, by providing education on septic systems and other water quality issues, and by monitoring water quality. This project is using \$145,800 in 319 funds.

2. BEAN BLOSSOM WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT - Conservation in Action

The Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District proposes to implement the Beanblossom Watershed Management plan. This will be accomplished by developing and implementing a cost share program for urban and agricultural BMPs in critical areas, by providing education on urban best management practices and other water quality issues, and by monitoring water quality. This project is using \$401,345 in 319 funds.

3. CENTRAL MUSCATATUCK WATERSHED PROJECT

The Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D proposes to implement the Central Muscatatuck Watershed Management Plan. This will be accomplished by developing and implementing a cost-share program focused primarily on agricultural BMPs in critical areas. Additional funding sources will be sought from federal monies including EQIP and state programs such as LARE. Also, an educational program for the residents of the watershed community will be developed and implemented, focused on septics, BMPs, and general nonpoint source water pollution topics. This project is using \$507,656 in 319 funds.

4. WABASH RIVER BASIN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION (OUABACHE PROJECT)

The Upper Wabash River Basin Commission (UWRBC) proposes to implement the Upper Wabash River Watershed Management Plan (UWR WMP). Project goals include demonstrating an increase in awareness of water quality issues among project area residents, and achieving a quantifiable reduction in sediment, phosphorous, nitrogen, and *E. coli* loads resulting from nonpoint source pollution through implementation of BMPs within the project area. This will be accomplished by developing and implementing a cost share program for agricultural BMPs in critical areas, by providing education on septics, best management practices, and other water quality issues, and by monitoring water quality. This project is using \$198,500 in 319 funds.

5. BIG WALNUT/DEER CREEKS WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

The Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District proposes to implement the Big Walnut/Deer Creeks Watershed Management plan. This will be accomplished by developing and implementing a cost share program for urban and agricultural BMPs in critical areas, by providing education on urban best management practices and other water quality issues, and by monitoring water quality. This project is using \$261,900 in 319 funds.

6. WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN THE UPPER TIPPECANOE RIVER-GRASSY CREEK WATERSHED

The Tippecanoe Watershed Foundation proposes to implement the Upper Tippecanoe River Watershed Management Plan, focusing on the following goals from the Plan - 1) reduce phosphorus, nitrogen, sediment, and *E. coli* loading to the Tippecanoe River and Grassy Creek, 2) document existing biological, water quality, and habitat conditions in each subwatershed; 3) foster communication among watershed stakeholders; 4) fund watershed improvement projects; 5) retain a watershed coordinator; and 6) address development issues such as zoning and "funneling." The project approach includes cost-share for BMP implementation, education/public involvement, as well as water quality monitoring. This project is using \$380,611 in 319 funds.

7. REDUCING NON-POINT POLLUTION IN THE ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED - PHASE II IMPLEMENTATION

The Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District proposes to implement the St. Mary's River Watershed Management Plan. This will be accomplished by developing and implementing a cost share program for agricultural BMPs in critical areas, by providing education on BMPs and other water quality issues, and by monitoring water quality. This project is using \$396,072 in 319 funds.

8. EAGLE CREEK WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

The IUPUI /Center for Earth and Environmental Science proposes to implement the Eagle Creek Watershed Management Plan. This will be accomplished by installing BMPs through the cost share program in critical areas. In addition, the project will develop and deliver a targeted education program and social marketing materials. This project is using \$393,225 in 319 funds.

2009 205(j) Project Summaries

THE FOLLOWING PROJECT WAS SUBMITTED TO U.S.EPA, FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 205(J) GRANT PROGRAM.
THIS IS A PLANNING PROJECT:

9. SOUTH FORK WILDCAT CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Clinton County SWCD proposes to complete a watershed management plan for the South Fork of Wildcat Creek. The plan will meet the 2003 IDEM Watershed Plan Checklist. The SWCD plans to conduct one year of water quality monitoring and biological sampling to support the watershed management planning efforts. Education and outreach is also planned to bring about behavioral changes to reduce nonpoint source pollution in the watershed. This project is using \$166,000 in 205(j) funds.

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Agenda

Memorandum of Understanding for Rule 5 Implementation

- Introduction of Panel Participants:
 - _____, State Soil Conservation Board

Handout: Short Bio for each panel member

- Opening Remarks (Brief Statements):
 - SSCB Representative - _____
 - IDEM Representative – Marylou Renshaw, Branch Chief
 - IASWCD Representative – Jennifer Boyle, Executive Director
 - ISDA Representative – Jared Chew, Director Division of Soil Conservation

- Storm Water Program Basics – Presentation (Power Point)
 - _____, IDEM

Handout: Rule 5 Fact Sheet

Handout: MS4 Fact Sheet

Handout: MS4 Designations (Numbers within Indiana by category)

Handout: MS4 List by County

*Handout: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) in Relation to Handout:
Implementation of 327 IAC 15-5 (Rule 5)*

- MOU Information and Details – Presentation (Power Point)
 - _____, IDEM

Handout: Copy of the MOU

- Review MOU Process
(Describe Process – working with Board, Completing the MOU, Mailing copy etc.)
 - _____ Agency?

Handout: Completing the MOU (Official Board Meeting, Mailing, etc.)

- Introduction of Storm Water Staff
 - _____, IDEM

Handout: Storm Water Staff

- Questions and Answers
 - Panel Members

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Update

In the first round of EQIP selections, a little over \$5 million of conservation practices has been approved for producers. A total of \$10.2 million is available for fiscal year 2009 EQIP practices, and contracts with producers must be finalized by August 15.

Indiana has received requests for \$525,000 in EQIP organic funding to date, and expects to be able to utilize the full \$862,000 available for organic producers or producers transitioning to organic production in Indiana.

Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)

GRP offers landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance grassland including pastureland, shrubland and certain other lands on their property. Indiana had \$514,500 available for GRP in fiscal year 2009, and is able to fully fund the 13 applications received for rental agreements totaling \$232,458. Demand for easement agreements totaled \$1.9 million, and one project will be funded at \$262,000.

Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)

Indiana NRCS has approved four CCPI projects, including:

- 1) DNR, Division of Fish & Wildlife: Will make \$31,780 in FY 09 WHIP funds available to landowners located in IDNR Division of Fish and Wildlife's 14 Quail and Pheasant Habitat Priority Areas Geographic Areas for woody cover practices. DNR will provide additional financial incentives
- 2) DNR, Division of Fish & Wildlife: Will make \$12,710 in FY 09 WHIP funds available in 8 Southern Counties (Morgan, Monroe, Brown, Lawrence, Jackson, Martin, Washington and Orange) for regeneration opening practices. DNR will provide additional financial incentives
- 3) The Nature Conservancy: Will provide \$200,000 in FY 09 and FY10 EQIP funds to targeted Northern Indiana counties (see attached map) to install the two-stage ditch best management practice.
- 4) DNR, Division of Forestry: Will provide \$300,000 a year in EQIP funds for four years for to landowners enrolled in DNR's Classified Forest & Wildlands program to implement specific forestry practices such as invasive species control, pest management, stabilizing forest trails and landings, and forest stand improvement.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

USDA has almost completed work rules for the 2008 Farm Bill's new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). USDA hopes signup of 12.7 million acres for fiscal '09 will begin in August or September, with field verification in September and contracts offered in October. The Conservation Stewardship Program is a brand new program, sharing nothing but its CSP initials with the discontinued Conservation Security Program. Because this CSP is new, producers won't know at signup what reimbursement rates will be. Sign up will be nationwide, and producers have to meet one resource of concern on their entire operation, such as meeting soil erosion on the entire farm, for example. In addition, producers will need to be willing to meet one additional priority resource of concern within the five-year contract. As laid out in the new Farm Bill, the new CSP can enroll 12.7 million acres each year from 2009 to 2012 at a national average of \$18 per acre.

State Fair: Pathway to Water Quality

Currently 120 volunteer time slots have been filled by Indiana Conservation Partnership members, and 113 slots remain vacant. The biggest need is for people to sign up for the 4-7 pm time slots on any day, especially during the first and last weekends of the fair. All Pathway volunteers receive a ticket to the State Fair for each day they sign up, and they will also receive a free shirt. Sign up is available on-line at the IASWCD home page at <http://www.iaswcd.org/>, click 'volunteer for a shift at Pathway to Water Quality'.

Administrative Issues

A letter will be sent soon to all SWCDs concerning the SWCD rent process, and contribution agreement opportunities. Please also mark your calendars for the July 23 webinar, providing training to Indiana Conservation Partnership staff on Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and conservation programs.

TNC CCPI Target Counties

