

AGENDA
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

September 21, 2021

Farm Bureau Building

225 S East St, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Conference call

- I. 9:30 am.: Call to Order**
- II. Approve Minutes of July 2021**
- III. Clean Water Indiana**
 - a. Clean Water Indiana 2022 Grants update- Tara Wesseler-Henry
 - b. Clean Water Indiana Grant Modifications
 - 1. Grant County SWCD- Tara Wesseler-Henry
- IV. State Soil Conservation Board Business**
 - a. Surety Bond- Trevor Laureys
 - b. Virtual Attendance Policy- Amy Burriss
- V. Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
 - a. Porter Co SWCD- Geneva Tyler
 - b. Union Co SWCD- Tara Wesseler-Henry
- IX. Public Comment**
- X. Training**
 - a. Purpose and Responsibilities of the SSCB- Laura Fribley
 - i. Roles of the Board
 - ii. Individual Responsibilities
 - b. Public Access Law- Geneva Tyler
 - c. Parliamentary Procedure- Nathan Stoelting
- XI. Next Meeting:**
2021 Meeting Date
 - October 26, TBD
- XII. Adjourn**

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AGENDA
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

July 20, 2021

SureTech Laboratories and Virtual
7501 Miles Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46231
MS Teams Virtual Option

Present:

Amy Burriss (Board Member)
Kenny Cain (Board Member)
Ray Chattin (Board Member)
Trevor Laureys
Jennifer Thum
Geneva Tyler
Claire Rekeweg
Leah Harmon

Present electronically (via MS Teams)

Bob Eddleman (Board Member)	Andrea Gogel	Jerry Raynor
Warren Baird (Board Member)	Greg Lake	Amanda Robbins
Tara Wesseler-Henry	Danielle Hall	Katie Secrest
Jordan Seger	Lisa Holscher	Sheryl Vaughn
Nathan Stoelting	Heath Hurst	Nathaniel Warenski
Joe Miller	Kerry Haver	Kayla Welter
Cress Hizer	Kristen Latzke	Joe Schmees
David Bradway	Jessica Rayburn	

- I. 9:37 am.: Call to Order by Chair Amy Burriss**
- II. Approve Minutes of April 2021** Motion made by Kenny Cain. 2nd by Ray Chattin. Motion passed.
- III. Clean Water Indiana**
 - a. Clean Water Indiana Grants Program- Please see attached report
 - b. Clean Water Indiana modifications
 1. Grant County SWCD- Modification was tabled until next meeting. More discussion was needed from the district to the DSSs.
 2. Lawrence County SWCD (2021)- Motion to approve by Kenny Cain. 2nd by Ray Chattin. Roll call vote: all approved.
 3. Montgomery County SWCD- Motion to approve by Ray Chattin 2nd by Bob Eddleman. Roll call vote: all approved.
 4. Scott County SWCD- Motion to approve by Kenny Cain. 2nd by Bob Eddleman. Roll call vote: all approved. Warren Baird on virtual and could not vote due to technical difficulties.
 5. Wayne County SWCD- Motion to approve by Kenny Cain. 2nd by Warren Baird. Roll call vote: all approved.
 - c. Discussion about CWI Grant modifications to allow District Support Specialists to approve grant modifications when the modification asks for funds to be transferred from one cost share

budgeted item to another cost share. Motion approved by Bob Eddlemen. 2nd by Ray Chattin. Roll call vote: all approved.

d. Clean Water Indiana Non-SWCD led Concept Paper

1. Maumee Watershed Alliance, Inc.-Greg Lake, Allen Co SWCD, talked about the Alliance and the proposal. Motion was made by Ray Chattin to allow the Maumee Watershed Alliance, Inc., to submit a CWI 2022 application to be ranked with SWCD CWI applications. 2nd by Kenny Cain. Roll call vote: approved by Kenny Cain, Ray Chattin, Warren Baird, and non approval by Bob Eddlemen.

IV. State Soil Conservation Board Business

- a. Budget - Trevor Laureys presented information on the budget. See attached. DSC able to roll over funds saved to get close to the previous year. Discussion by Ray Chattin about the recent announcement of extra state funds. Motion made by Ray Chattin to have him draft a letter to the Governor from the SSCB about concerns of extra funds not being used to fund departments and programs that were cut. 2nd by Kenny Cain. Roll call vote: all approved.

V. Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- a. Franklin County SWCD- Motion made by Bob Eddleman to approve the temporary appointment of Darren Bommer for Michael Schwab position. 2nd by Kenny Cain. Motion approved.
- b. Posey County SWCD- Motion made by Ray Chattin to approve the temporary appointment of Ryan Benton for Larry Burkhardt's position due to his passing. 2nd by Kenny Cain. Motion approved

IX. Public Comment

CCSI-Lisa Holscher highlighted the extension of the CCSI grants and shared what projects had been funded. She talked about working with the Purdue research farms to help them with soil health needs. CCSI is working with potential donors for cover crop seed.

IASWCD- Joe Schmees highlighted the River Farmer award ceremony at the State Fair and the District Showcase award visits. See submitted report.

NRCS-Jerry Raynor highlighted Urban ag grants, the Wetland program, RCCP, and other federal grant opportunities that districts might consider for funding needs.

CREP- See submitted report by Julie Harrold

X. Next Meeting:

2021 Meeting Date

- September 21, TBD
- October 26, TBD

- XI. Motion was made by Bob Eddleman to adjourn. 2nd by Kenny Cain. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.



**Clean Water Indiana
Grant Modification**

Grantee	Grant County SWCD
Project Contact	Belinda Hussong
Grant Administration	G-01071

Modification Information

<i>Activity to be Changed</i>
Grant deadline. We want to request that the grant closing deadline be moved from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022.
<i>Proposed Change</i>
EExtend the grant deadline from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022.
<i>Provide the justification for each change of activity requested. Clearly describe the new activity, how project beneficiaries will benefit as a result of the changes and the overall impact on the program.</i>
Due to Covid-19 pandemic safety measures and extreme reduction of SWCD hours due to budget issues, it has not been possible to execute this grant as planned. Covid-19 has created unprecedented times for the entirety of the nation by requiring physical distancing between persons of different households. This created the inability for the SWCD to meet and parties interested in utilizing this grant to organize and carry out a plan of action. While most of the nation used computers or smart phones, we must remember that the demographic in rural Indiana does not have access to reliable internet, or even technology that would enable virtual video conferencing. At times, there is still limited phone use. When COVID-19 required alternative meetings to the classic in-person meeting, it put a complete stop to the SWCD's operations and ability to effectively promote cost share programs and host educational events. The SWCD has run into funding issues during the nations ongoing pandemic as well. Many offices were shut, making it difficult to find available funding. This caused the SWCD to have no other option but to shut its doors for a large portion of time, and still the SWCD has limited hours due to limited funding. A grant extension will allow time

for the Grant County SWCD to acquire the funding needed to open its doors and resume operations and carrying out the goals and objectives of this grant.

By granting an extension of the grant deadline from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022, we have greater opportunity to ensure the SWCD has funds and availability to participate in the proposed projects. With the SWCD up and running, they will better be able to administer the Glendale Lake Dam Removal Feasibility Study.

This project has taken some extra time as the HOA has also had to slow down meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional time will allow them to recoup and continue working towards their goals of gathering match funding.

Proposed Timeline

Spring 2022 – Wetland Installation

Spring and Fall 2022, 2023, 2024 – Spray for invasives

Spring and Fall 2022, 2023, 2024 – Volunteer hand-pulling of invasives

Submission Date: September 13, 2021



State Soil Conservation Board

ISDA – DSC Director’s Report
September 20th, 2021

Budget (Mostly Recap)

As approved from last meeting:

Clean Water Indiana	FY21	Rollover(6/30)	FY22	Difference
General Fund	\$970,000	x	\$970,000	
Cigarette Tax	\$2,963,546	x	\$2,519,014	\$(444,532)
Total	\$3,933,546	\$466,408	\$3,489,014	\$(21,876)
 Soil Conservation				
Cigarette Tax	\$1,418,471	0	\$1,205,700	\$(212,771)

Division of Soil Conservation FY 22 & 23

- Maintain some vacancies, reduce discretionary spending, bring in additional funds through grant administration.
 - **Posting 3 positions, holding 3 positions indefinitely**
 - **Will continue to update as we move through FY22**

CWI FY22

- ISDA Proposes continuing the \$660,000 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) annual investment.
- Maintain the traditional dollar amount for CWI Competitive Grants (about \$1,000,000)
 - **For FY22 CWI I ask that we allocate \$950,000 towards CWI Competitive Grants**
 - Will continue to seek outside dollars for CREP, and continue to monitor demand

CWI FY23

- Rollover balance from our Soil Conservation dedicated fund will likely be significantly less
 - Take cut from CREP investment
 - **We continue to seek outside dollars, and will keep you updated**
- Maintain the traditional dollar amount for CWI Competitive Grants (about \$1,000,000)
- Continue to seek outside investments and monitor demand

Surety Bond

- A surety bond is a promise to be liable for the debt, default, or failure of another. It is a three-party contract by which one party (the surety) guarantees the performance or obligations of a second party (the principal) to a third party (the obligee).
- In the past we would have needed to have a conversation and approval for this bond, but we changed our policy, and it now runs continuously.

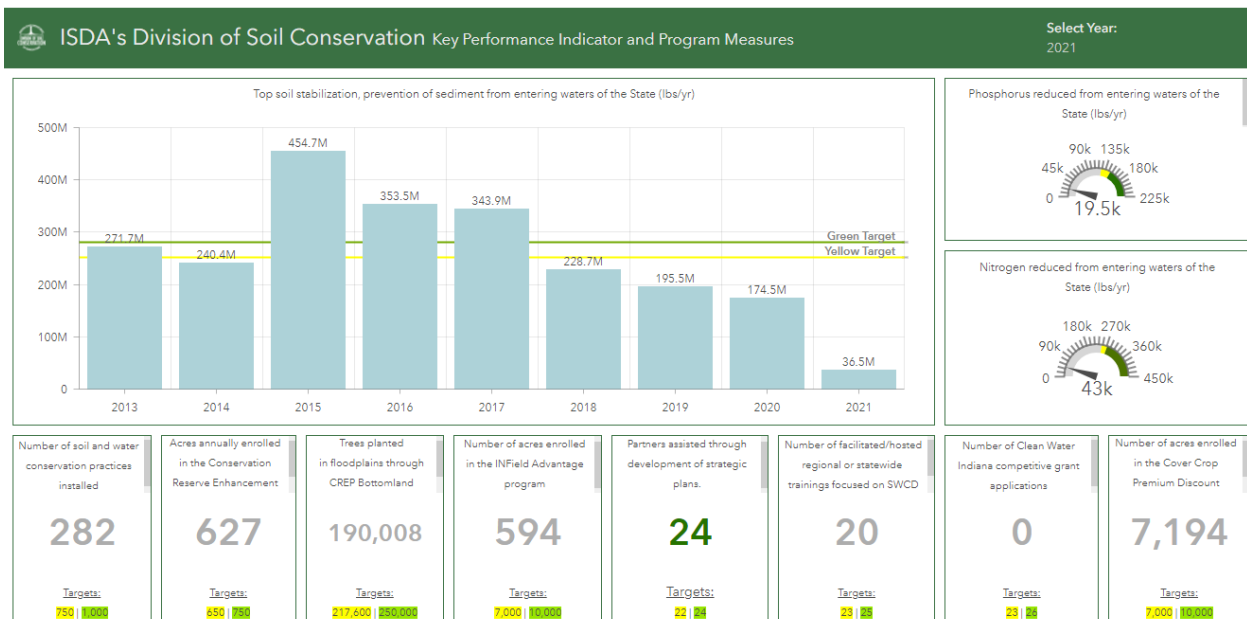
Item 2. Policy Period: from 12:01 a.m. on **January 1, 2021** to 12:01 a.m. on **Continuous**
(MONTH, DAY, YEAR) (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

- Expect to see an invoice come through towards the end of the calendar year. If the cost of the policy changes - I will present to board and ask for approval.

SSCB Member Terms

- Per IN Code 14-32-2-3 Qualifications of members
 - Sec. 3. (a) A majority of the seven (7) appointed members of the board must have experience as district supervisors. (b) In making appointments to the board, the governor may invite and consider the recommendations of the following:
 - (1) The Purdue University cooperative extension service.
 - (2) The Indiana state department of agriculture.
 - (3) The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation District
 - (c) All appointments to the board shall be made without regard to political affiliation.
 - (d) The members appointed to the board under section 2(1) and 2(2) of this chapter must be residents of at least four (4) different geographic regions of Indiana.

Division of Soil Conservation Key Performance Indicator & Program Measures



State Soil Conservation Board
Policy on Electronic Participation in SSCB Meetings

In accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-3.6, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) established under IC 14-32-, may allow board members to participate in SSCB meetings by electronic means. This policy, effective upon approval by the SSCB, establishes the requirements for participation in SSCB meetings by electronic means.

- 1 There must be at least four (4) SSCB voting members physically present at the place where the meeting is conducted.
- 2 Each board member is required to physically attend at least one (1) meeting of the SSCB annually.
- 3 A board member who is not physically present at an SSCB meeting may participate in the meeting by electronic communication only if the member uses a means of communication that permits simultaneous communication during the meeting between:
 - (A) the member;
 - (B) all other members participating in the meeting;
 - (C) all members of the public physically present at the place where the meeting is conducted; and
 - (D) all members of the public participating electronically in the meeting.
- 4 Remote participation may be accomplished by using an internet connection with audio and, if feasible, video or by a telephone connection.
- 5 Any voting member who participates in a meeting by electronic communication:
 - (A) is considered to be present at the meeting;
 - (B) shall be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum; and
 - (C) may vote at the meeting.
- 6 All votes of the SSCB during the electronic meeting must be taken by roll call vote.
- 7 Members of the public may attend an SSCB meeting at the place where the meeting is conducted and a minimum of four (4) voting board members is physically present, or they may attend remotely through the virtual meeting platform used by the SSCB to conduct board meetings.
- 8 Except under an Executive Order of the Governor, the SSCB may not conduct meetings using a means of electronic communication until the SSCB adopts this policy by a simple majority of a valid quorum at a meeting that meets the requirements of IC 5-14-1.5, also known as Indiana's "Open Door Law".
- 9 This policy must be adopted by the State Soil Conservation Board and posted on the ISDA web site at: <https://www.in.gov/isda/boards/state-soil-conservation-board>.



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September 21, 2021

Dear Governor Holcomb,

I am writing you on behalf of the Indiana State Soil Conservation Board to express our concerns regarding recent developments in state fiscal policy and their impact on the Division of Soil and Water Conservation, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts and our soil and water resources.

At our July 20 meeting, we were made aware of a newspaper article (Associated Press) reporting state revenue growth that had generated a budget surplus which will result in a \$545 million tax credit which will be applied to income tax bills next year.

As a matter of record, in 2005 when the Indiana State Department of Agriculture was created, the Division of Soil Conservation was moved from DNR to ISDA. Financial miscalculations necessitated the termination of 34 of 68 DSC positions which is where we remain to this day. Since 2005 the Division has received no budget increases, and been subjected regular budget reversions, hiring freezes and the steady erosion of inflation.

At issue now is the fact that due to a projected revenue shortfall, a 15% reversion was placed on all agency budgets only a few months ago. Thankfully, the shortfall did not materialize. The impact of the most recent reversion on the ability of the Division of Soil Conservation to carry out its mission has been substantial.

We are aware that DNR received a substantial and much need funding increase to their budgets and applaud this action. It is our hope that a portion of the current revenue surplus can be directed toward the Division of Soil Conservation and the Clean Water Indiana program to not only make our current budget whole again, but to increase Indiana's commitment to our soil and water resources.

Our advocacy for the dedicated men and women of the Division of Soil Conservation and local SWCDs and their commitment to the mission that unites us all makes it incumbent on us to bring this matter to your attention. Our conservation partners have earned our support and have worked tirelessly in what has become very demoralizing time.

Finally, we wish to stress that this action has been taken with the unanimous consent of the State Soil Conservation Board and that no one within the Division has had any influence upon our decision to send this letter. Their level of professionalism and conduct as state employees remains beyond reproach.



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Thank you for your attention to our request and we look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Amy Burris
Indiana State Soil Conservation Board Chair

Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)

From: Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate <microsoft@powerapps.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 9:52 AM
To: Harmon, Leah; Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)
Subject: Update: Porter Temp/Vacant Appt

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PorterSWCD has submitted a Recommendation for Temporary or Vacant Appointment. Please add it to the next SSCB agenda.

SWCD
Porter
Appointment Type
Temporary_Elected_Position
Who is the Candidate Replacing?
Nathan Ruge
Term Expiration
2023
Reason for Vacancy
Resignation
Supervisor Candidate Name
Mike Kreiger
Address
878 S. 250 W.
City, State, ZIP
Hebron, IN 46341
Qualifications
Partner in the management of family farm ground, which includes cropland, wildlife habitat, restored wetlands and more. Particularly dedicated to cover crops and buffers. Assisted with District events including field days and meetings. Also, regularly submits photos for use in District publications and social media.
Occupation

Construction equipment sales representative

Conservation Interests

Wildlife habitat, pollinator habitat, restored wetlands, cover crops

The candidate has been informed of the dual office holding policy and certifies that they do not hold a public office.

Yes

The candidate is of legal voting age.

Yes

The duties of the office of supervisor has been explained to the candidate.

Yes

Chairman Name

Bradley Hunter

Date of Submission

08/18/2021

Is a letter of resignation attached?

Yes

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July 26, 2021

To: Porter County Soil & Water Conservation District Board
From: Nate Ruge

This letter is to inform you that due to work and farm obligations I no longer have the time to dedicate to serving as a board supervisor and would like to resign my position effective as of this date.

Nate Ruge

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'NR', written in a cursive style.

Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)

From: Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate <microsoft@powerapps.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Harmon, Leah; Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)
Subject: Update: Union Temp/Vacant Appt

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UnionSWCD has submitted a Recommendation for Temporary or Vacant Appointment. Please add it to the next SSCB agenda.

SWCD
Union
Appointment Type
Vacant_Appointed_Position
Who is the Candidate Replacing?
Brad Logue
Term Expiration
2024
Reason for Vacancy
Resignation
Supervisor Candidate Name
Taylor Bryson
Address
1721 S Hubble Rd.
City, State, ZIP
Liberty, IN 47353
Qualifications
Parks and Rec board Secretary 2017, Current President since 2020 Various Programs with Soil and water through the Parks board
Occupation
Current preschool director and teacher, 10 years as a farm manager

Conservation Interests

Cover Crop benefits, pollinators, bee keeping, watershed runoff prevention, invasive control and native pollinators, reforestation, local grown product farm-table initiative, soil preservation - compost, crop rotation action and biodiversity

The candidate has been informed of the dual office holding policy and certifies that they do not hold a public office.

Yes

The candidate is of legal voting age.

Yes

The duties of the office of supervisor has been explained to the candidate.

Yes

Chairman Name

Dana Risch

Date of Submission

09/16/2021

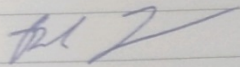
Is a letter of resignation attached?

No

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9-20-2021

I am officially resigning
from the Soil & Water board.





State Soil Conservation Board

September 21st, 2021

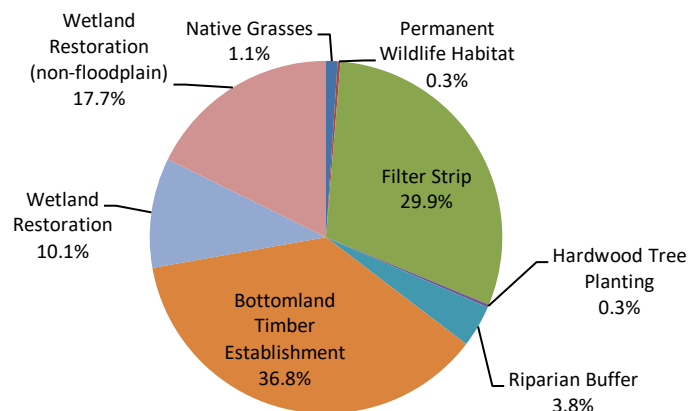
ISDA – CREP & Water Quality Initiatives, Julie Harrold



Program Updates

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

- Sign-up for this year has been slow and we are experiencing lower acreage numbers than the last few years due to a number of factors. As of Sept. 14th, we are at 755.4 acres signed-up for this year.
- Contract amendments with the SWCDs to add more dollars to the watersheds is currently happening.
- Attached to this report is the usual report showing the current status of acres and dollars in CREP, including total completed acres and total enrolled acres since the beginning of the program, and total dollars paid out through the CREP program.
- According to the states tracking system, we are currently at approximately 22,547 acres of enrollment, which is 85.9% of the enrollment goal.
- To date, the state has paid out more than \$9.5 million. For every state dollar that is spent, the federal match is approximately \$4-\$13 for every state dollar, which is currently between \$35 million and \$113 million of federal dollars depending on the practice.



IN State Nutrient Reduction Strategy (SNRS)

- The current strategy document can be found at <https://www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/indiana-state-nutrient-reduction-strategy/>.
- Comments on the SNRS can be sent to ISDANutrientReduction@isda.in.gov.
- Indiana Science Assessment – Component 1: **Determine historic and ongoing nutrient loads leaving the state, and also by watershed basins used in the SNRS.** We are working with The Nature Conservancy and Indiana University to do a comparison on the loading results before the report is released, but we are getting closer to a completed report showing results.
- Indiana Science Assessment – Component 2: **Improve method to quantify nutrient reductions from conservation practices, including dissolved nutrients, and determine efficiency of practices in reducing loads.** The Science Committee made up of researchers from universities, colleges and organizations began meeting in June to provide guidance to the systematic review process and toward decision making of practice and research criteria. Meetings with the Science Committee have continued bi-monthly to monthly and good progress is being made toward determining efficiency of the first ten practices in the first phase of the assessment and toward development of a tool to

determine more accurate nutrient load reductions. The Core Team has also developed a document showing conservation practice definitions for the first ten practices and has shared that with the WLEB Science and Solutions group. The Core Team is also in the process of re-hiring for the research position.

Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force (HTF)

- The HTF has a quarterly newsletter now and if interested in looking at the latest newsletter or receiving future ones, visit <https://www.epa.gov/ms-htf/hypoxia-task-force-newsletter-august-2021>.
- I serve as co-chair of the Research Needs Workgroup for the HTF, and a lot of work has happened with this workgroup over the last year. We are currently working with NOAA Librarians and EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD) to conduct a literature search of the top priority research needs of the HTF states that were identified by the workgroup. List of identified research needs can be found here, <https://www.epa.gov/ms-htf/research-needs-committee-letter-and-priorities>.
- The HTF and Coordinating Committee is working on the planning of the next bi-annual meeting to be late this fall. It will be a virtual meeting again this fall, and I will share details once they become available.
- Under the new federal Infrastructure package (HR 3684), there is an excerpt under USEPA's Environmental Programs and Management related to the Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan that includes authorization of appropriations to the HTF member states. This measure amounts to \$12 million per year over five years (from FY2022 to FY2026) to the states, meaning \$1 million to Indiana each year. There will be more details on this given through a conference call in October or November, so more to come on this.

SSCB Meeting - September 21st, 2021 - CREP Summary

	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Total		
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A		Goal	Percentage of Goal
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres		
Total Reported Completed on SharePoint as of 9/14/2021	231.58	52.20	6,174.82	51.63	805.96	8,046.54	1911.76	3,665.45	20,939.94	26,250.00	79.77%
Total CREP Enrollment	238.17	58.56	6,749.40	62.93	865.54	8,306.92	2271.62	3,994.69	22,547.83	26,250.00	85.90%
Total Acres in Extension				1.00	53.70	428.50	121.70	6.00	610.90		
									Difference =	1,607.89	

	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Practice Total	SWCD Administrative Fee	Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A			
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Total CREP Dollars	\$ 23,158.00	\$ 5,220.00	\$ 619,550.00	\$ 21,530.00	\$ 333,497.00	\$ 3,294,513.00	\$ 1,723,160.50	\$ 2,747,074.00	\$ 8,767,702.50	\$ 735,307.75	\$ 9,503,010.25

Federal Match of \$4-\$13 is between \$ 35,070,810.00
 \$ 113,980,132.50

	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Total CREP to CREP Re-enrollment Reported on SharePoint as of 9/14/2021	0.00	0.00	206.98	1.58	2.90	25.16	0.00	149.62	386.24

Note: These acres are not re-counted in the total above, however they do receive incentive payments.

SSCB Meeting - September 21st, 2021 - CREP Acres (broken down by watershed)

Post-Expansion Acres

CREP Watershed	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Highland-Pigeon	0.00	0.00	11.98	0.00	3.10	134.60	0.00	0.00	149.68
Lower Wabash	0.00	0.00	11.88	0.00	0.00	644.70	0.00	0.00	656.58
Lower East Fork White	53.50	45.20	164.21	30.30	83.17	751.44	287.16	0.00	1414.98
Lower White	10.70	0.00	77.55	0.00	119.99	2,238.71	123.03	0.00	2,569.98
Middle Wabash-Busseron	2.00	0.00	6.42	0.00	13.50	1,550.69	672.62	66.51	2,311.74
Middle Wabash-Deer	6.60	0.00	108.63	0.00	0.00	73.10	37.17	59.42	284.92
Middle Wabash-Vermillion	4.50	0.00	142.62	6.97	61.80	791.79	514.19	177.70	1,699.57
Tippecanoe River	93.84	0.00	623.86	0.00	3.41	21.40	73.30	2,266.35	3,082.16
Upper East Fork White	0.00	0.00	394.65	0.00	36.50	201.92	0.00	0.00	633.07
Upper Wabash	21.25	7.00	892.83	2.56	60.99	275.85	82.59	84.29	1427.36
Upper White	35.09	0.00	195.69	0.00	282.80	304.44	0.00	71.18	889.20
Reported Completed as of 9/14/2021	227.48	52.20	2,630.32	39.83	665.26	6,988.64	1790.06	2,725.45	15,119.24
Enrolled as of 9/14/2021	234.07	58.56	3,204.90	51.13	724.84	7,249.02	2,149.92	3,054.69	16,727.13

Pre-Expansion Acres

CREP Watershed	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Highland-Pigeon	2.50	0.00	215.00	10.80	16.40	109.20	0.00	0.00	353.90
Tippecanoe River	0.00	0.00	2,916.80	0.00	7.80	20.40	121.70	924.00	3,990.70
Upper White	1.60	0.00	412.70	1.00	116.50	928.30	0.00	16.00	1476.10
Total Acres Prior to Expansion of CREP	4.10	0.00	3,544.50	11.80	140.70	1,057.90	121.70	940.00	5,820.70

	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	Total Extension Acres
Extension Acres -Tippecanoe			14.80	121.70		136.50
Extension Acres -Upper White	1.00	53.70	413.70		6.00	474.40
Total Extension Acres	1.00	53.70	428.50	121.70	6.00	610.90

CREP to CREP reenrollment

CREP Watershed	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	Total
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Highland Pigeon	0.0	0.0	19.83	1.58	2.90	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.31
Tippecanoe	0.0	0.0	156.80	0.00	0.00	14.1	0.0	132.42	303.28
Upper White	0.0	0.0	30.35	0.00	0.00	11.1	0.0	17.2	58.65
CREP to CREP Re-enrollment Reported on SharePoint as of 9/14/2021	0.0	0.0	206.98	1.58	2.90	25.2	0.0	149.62	386.24

SSCB Meeting - September 21st, 2021 - CREP Dollars (broken down by watershed)

Post-Expansion Dollars

CREP Watershed	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Practice Total	SWCD Administrative Fees	Total
	CP-2 Dollars	CP-4D Dollars	CP-21 Dollars	CP-3A Dollars	CP-22 Dollars	CP-31 Dollars	CP-23 Dollars	CP-23A Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Highland-Pigeon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,881.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 53,840.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,753.00	\$ 5,975.30	\$ 65,728.30
Lower Wabash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,188.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 257,880.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259,068.00	\$ 25,906.80	\$ 284,974.80
Lower East Fork White	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 4,520.00	\$ 14,789.00	\$ 12,120.00	\$ 33,268.00	\$ 287,140.00	\$ 272,802.00	\$ -	\$ 629,989.00	\$ 62,998.90	\$ 692,987.90
Lower White	\$ 1,070.00	\$ -	\$ 7,755.00	\$ -	\$ 47,996.00	\$ 895,484.00	\$ 98,107.00	\$ -	\$ 1,050,412.00	\$ 105,041.20	\$ 1,155,453.20
Middle Wabash-Busseron	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 642.00	\$ -	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 620,276.00	\$ 614,789.00	\$ 63,184.50	\$ 1,304,491.50	\$ 130,449.15	\$ 1,434,940.65
Middle Wabash-Deer	\$ 660.00	\$ -	\$ 10,863.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,240.00	\$ 21,781.50	\$ 18,073.00	\$ 80,617.50	\$ 8,061.75	\$ 88,679.25
Middle Wabash-Vermillion	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ 8,232.00	\$ 2,788.00	\$ 24,720.00	\$ 316,716.00	\$ 488,480.50	\$ 159,315.00	\$ 1,000,701.50	\$ 100,070.15	\$ 1,100,771.65
Tippecanoe River	\$ 9,384.00	\$ -	\$ 76,946.00	\$ -	\$ 1,364.00	\$ 14,184.00	\$ 69,635.00	\$ 1,999,270.50	\$ 2,170,783.50	\$ 217,078.35	\$ 2,387,861.85
Upper East Fork White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,465.00	\$ -	\$ 14,600.00	\$ 80,768.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 134,833.00	\$ 13,483.30	\$ 148,316.30
Upper Wabash	\$ 2,125.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 82,610.00	\$ 1,024.00	\$ 20,920.00	\$ 93,584.00	\$ 78,460.50	\$ 55,230.00	\$ 334,653.50	\$ 33,465.35	\$ 368,118.85
Upper White	\$ 3,509.00	\$ -	\$ 19,729.00	\$ -	\$ 113,120.00	\$ 115,116.00	\$ -	\$ 74,501.00	\$ 325,975.00	\$ 32,597.50	\$ 358,572.50
Upper White Extensions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 1,980.00
Reported Paid as of 9/14/2021	\$ 22,748.00	\$ 5,220.00	\$ 265,100.00	\$ 16,564.00	\$ 265,588.00	\$ 2,764,228.00	\$ 1,644,055.50	\$ 2,369,574.00	\$ 7,353,077.50	\$ 735,307.75	\$ 8,088,385.25

Pre-Expansion Dollars

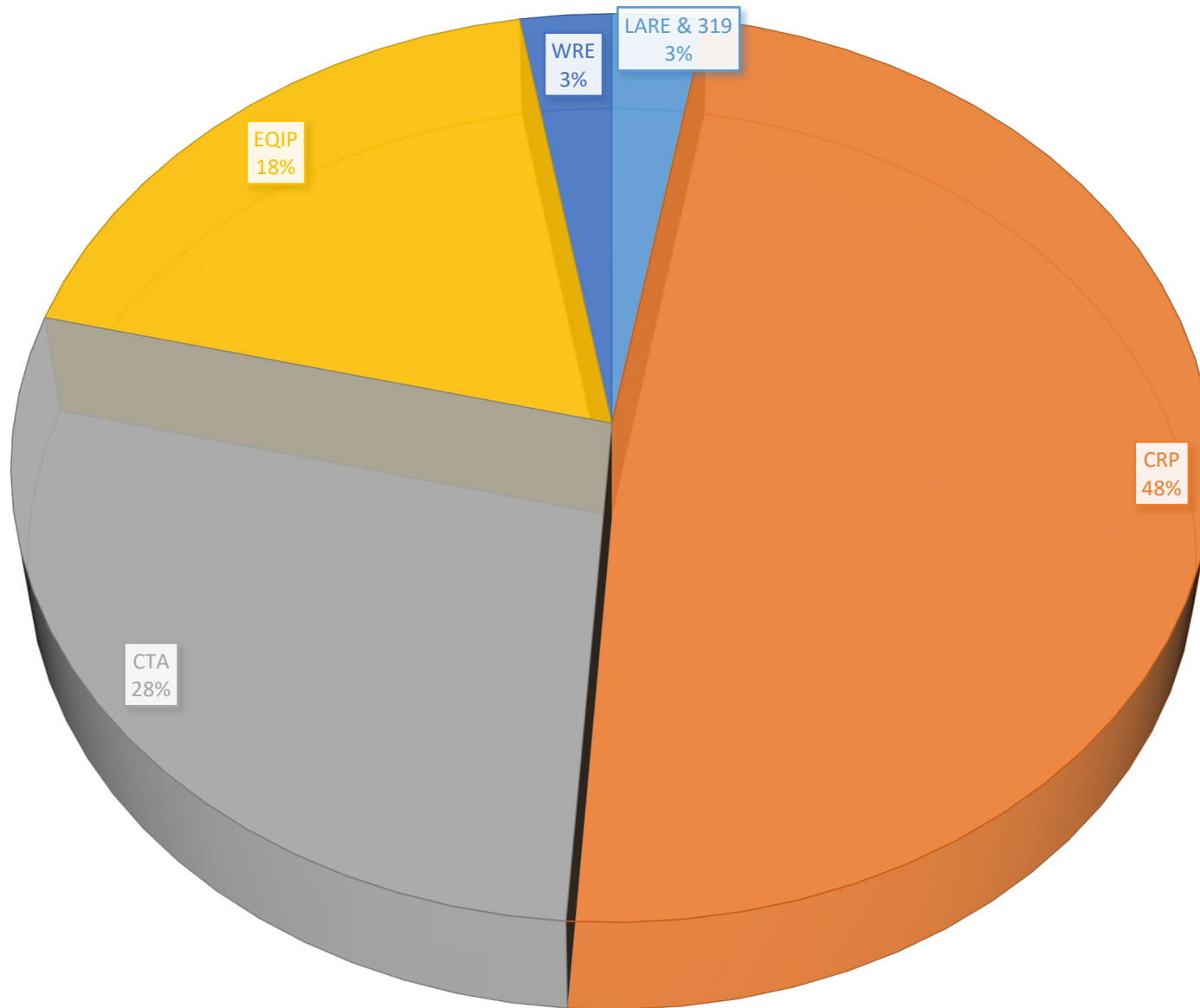
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	CP-2 Dollars	CP-4D Dollars	CP-21 Dollars	CP-3A Dollars	CP-22 Dollars	CP-31 Dollars	CP-23 Dollars	CP-23A Dollars	Dollars
Highland-Pigeon	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 4,316.00	\$ 6,564.00	\$ 43,680.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,310.00
Tippecanoe River	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 291,680.00	\$ -	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 8,160.00	\$ 48,680.00	\$ 369,600.00	\$ 721,240.00
Tippecanoe River Extensions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 30,425.00	\$ -	\$ 34,125.00
Upper White	\$ 160.00	\$ -	\$ 41,270.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 46,600.00	\$ 371,320.00	\$ -	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 466,150.00
Upper White Extensions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 11,625.00	\$ 103,425.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 116,800.00
Total Acres Prior to Expansion of CREP	\$ 410.00	\$ -	\$ 354,450.00	\$ 4,966.00	\$ 67,909.00	\$ 530,285.00	\$ 79,105.00	\$ 377,500.00	\$ 1,414,625.00

CREP to CREP reenrollment

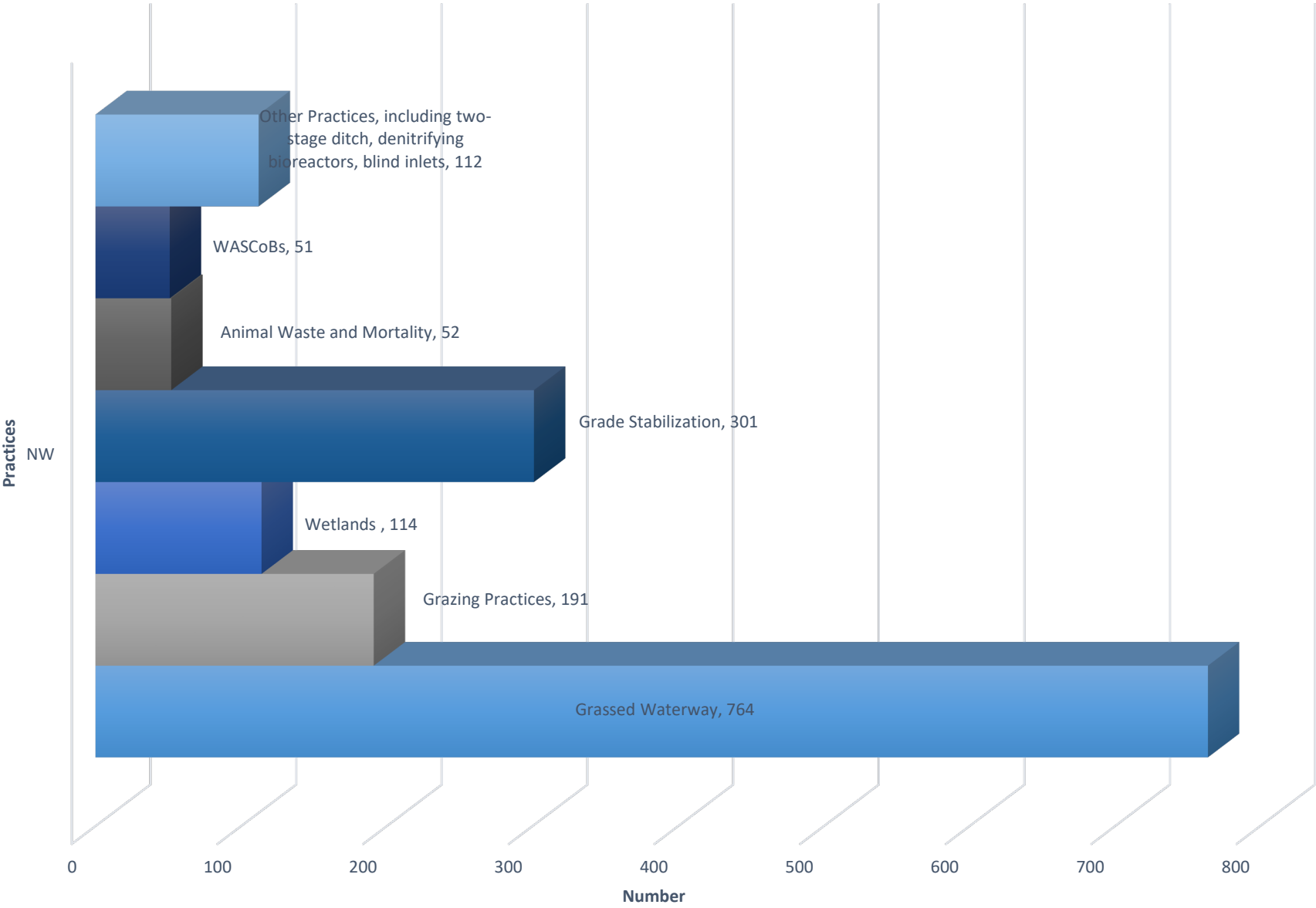
CREP Watershed	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Practice Total
	CP-2 Dollars	CP-4D Dollars	CP-21 Dollars	CP-3A Dollars	CP-22 Dollars	CP-31 Dollars	CP-23 Dollars	CP-23A Dollars	Total Dollars
Highland Pigeon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,683.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 1,160.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,475.00
Tippecanoe	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,560.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,624.00	\$ -	\$ 52,968.00	\$ 73,152.00
Upper White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CREP to CREP reenrollment reported paid as of 9/14/2021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,243.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 5,624.00	\$ -	\$ 52,968.00	\$ 76,627.00

Note: These incentive dollars are figured in the total above. This table shows the breakdown of what is paid for reenrolled CREP to CREP acres.

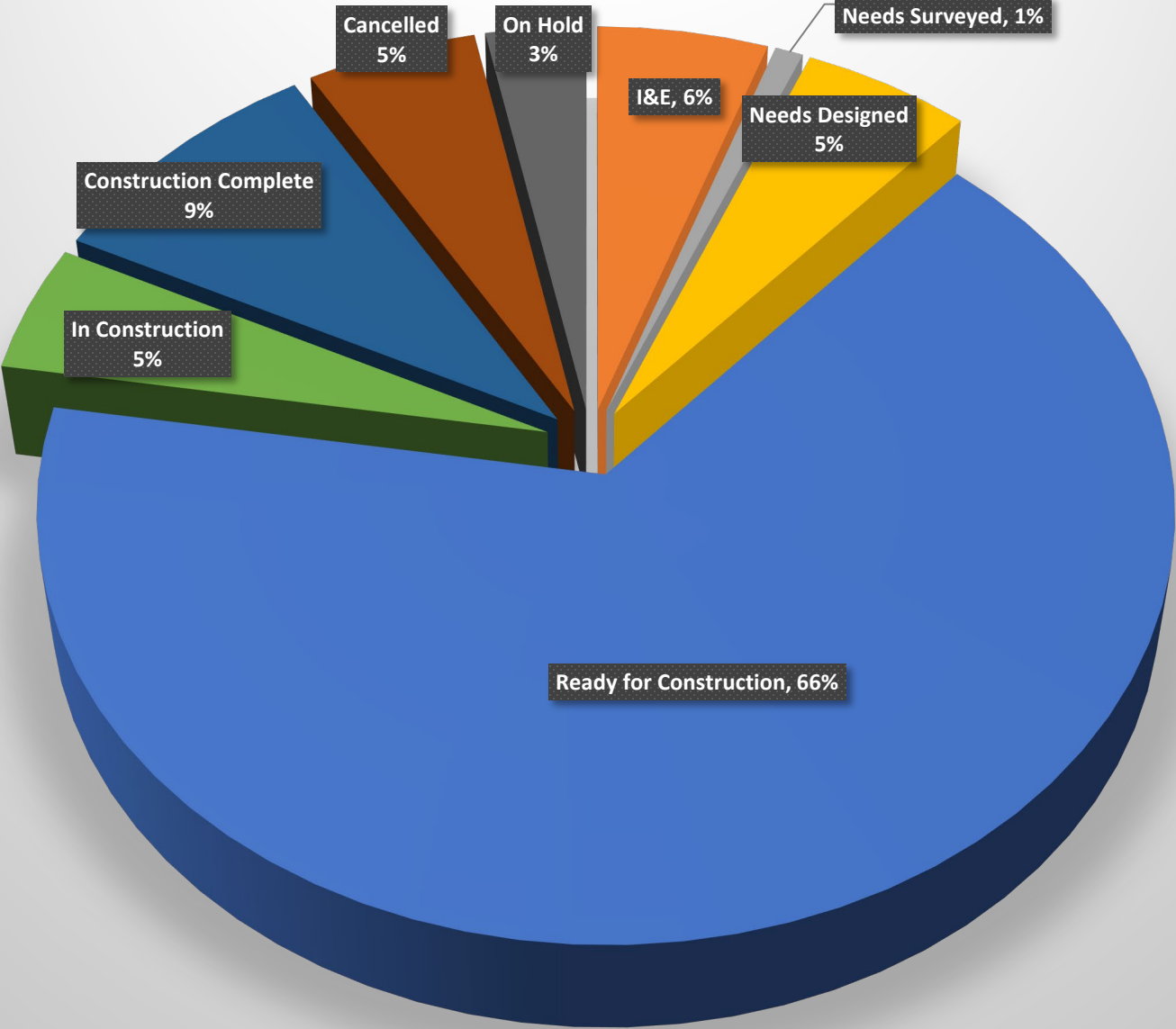
PROGRAM ASSISTANCE IN THE NORTHWEST



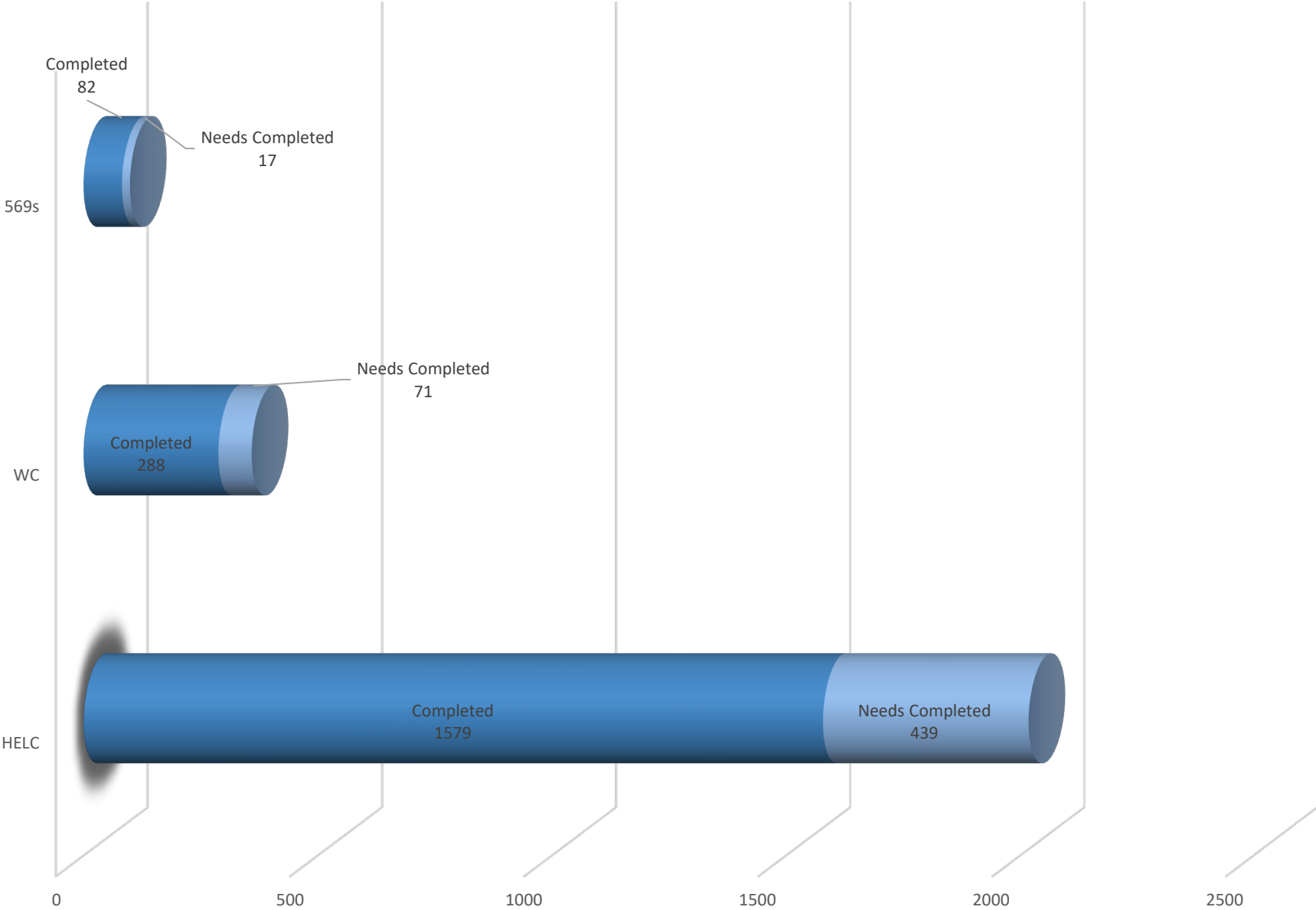
Conservation Practices in Northwest



NORTHWEST PROJECT STATUS



Northwest HEL and Wetland Compliance





State Soil Conservation Board
September 21, 2021
District Support Specialist (DSS) Report: 7/6/21 to 8/30/21



DSS Coverage in the Northeast

ISDA Resource Specialists in the region have agreed to step up and assist with district support and capacity for their respective coverage areas. Our DSS team has agreed to support our folks in the field during while this temporary measure is in effect. Thank you to Katie Secrest for covering the northeast region as further decisions were made on coverage.

- For your Resource Specialist’s contact information please visit the following link:
<https://www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/technical-assistance/>
- To contact the DSS team, please visit the following link:
<https://www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/district-support/>

Trainings for SWCD Supervisors and Staff

- **VirTuesday Trainings:**
 - District Insurance Needs and Liability. View the recording here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RA3b0KXSTrE>
 - Human Resources Management 101: Contract Employee vs. District Employee. View the recording here: <https://youtu.be/9xBn6Wnh8z8>
 - September 21: Record Retention- register here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rcuipqjwuHtyMgDsypoe2MFKqJ46_eQp7
 - October 19: Turning Data into Action: register here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsc-mqqTgvH9CrzY7hK6C8GAwHgNeubr_9
 - BONUS TRAINING: October 27, we'll offer a lunch webinar on electronic records management. This will complement the September 21 record retention training. More information coming.
- **Leveraging Spreadsheet Training:** view the recording here: <https://youtu.be/cGuHST0x6NU>

New Supervisor Training with DSSs

- DSSs presented and recorded the “New Supervisor and Staff Training”. Supervisors and staff may request the link from their DSS. In-person or virtual trainings are still available as well.

Clean Water Indiana

DSSs have been working with groups applying for 2022, as well as those with active grants. We appreciate everyone’s hard work that makes these grants possible!

DSS Activities Statewide For This Reporting Period	Total
Input, Assistance & Attendance At SWCD Board Meetings	13
Visits With SWCD Supervisors/Staff For Training, Assistance, Guidance, CWI, etc.	62

Here is the Purdue Extension report for the upcoming SSCB meeting.

The 2021-2026 Purdue College of Agriculture Strategic Plan is found at the link below

https://ag.purdue.edu/strategic_plan/Pages/setting_the_stage.aspx

Also below is the link to the webinar recording on Carbon Markets that Purdue conducted this summer along with a link for the companion article.

Thanks

Here is the YouTube link to the webinar:

<https://youtu.be/NkqazQr6EeY>

Here is the article

<https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/home/resource/2021/06/opportunities-and-challenges-associated-with-carbon-farming-for-u-s-row-crop-producers/>

Thank you

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Indiana NRCS State Conservationist Report

September 2021 State Soil Conservation Board Meeting

LOCAL WORK GROUPS

Local Work Groups focus on identifying agricultural and natural resource issues existing in their communities and provide information and feedback to direct NRCS farm bill programs, such as EQIP and CSP. Participants can be farmers; private woodland owners; representatives of agricultural and environmental organizations; and agencies carrying out environmental, agricultural, or conservation programs and activities. The LWG is a subcommittee of the State Technical Committee that meets annually to discuss their local natural resource issues and provide recommendations on their top priority concerns to the STC. Local Work Group meetings should be held by October 15.

NEW COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY

NRCS investing up to \$50 million nationally in cooperative agreements to support historically underserved farmers with climate-smart agriculture and forestry. The Racial Justice and Equity Conservation Cooperative Agreements are available to entities and individuals for two-year projects that expand the delivery of conservation assistance to farmers who are beginning, limited resource, socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers.

The projects should help historically underserved farmers in implementing natural resources conservation practices that:

- Improve soil health.
- Improve water quality.
- Provide habitat for local wildlife species of concern.
- Improve the environmental and economic performance of working agricultural lands.
- Build and strengthen local food projects that provide healthy food and economic opportunities.

Entities who provide outreach assistance to historically underserved groups are eligible, including Native American tribal governments and organizations, nonprofit organizations and private and public institutions of higher education.

Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on October 25. See the [grants.gov announcement](#) for details and application instructions. A webinar for potential applicants will be scheduled for late September. When available, instructions regarding how to access the webinar will be posted in the opportunity on Grants.gov in the Synopsis tab. Funding can be requested for between \$100,000 and \$1 million. There is no cost-share or match required for this opportunity.

NRCS HIRING UPDATE

Indiana NRCS has made great strides in increasing its workforce strength. Our current onboard strength has reached a new level and is now at 37% higher than we were in 2018 at 254 employees. By the end of the FY21, we anticipate we will reach 270 employees – a 47% increase from 2018. Our focus continues to be on retention to reduce attrition and on increasing external hires as allowed by current budget affordability levels to sustain an adequate level of growth.

NEW CONSERVATION AT WORK VIDEO

The NRCS Conservation at Work videos are a great series that help explain conservation practices in a meaningful, accessible way. Learn about the benefits of conservation practices directly from the farmers

and forestland owners applying them with NRCS' new 90-second video series. You can explore the conservation practice videos here: [Conservation at Work Video Series | Farmers.gov](#)

MARK SMITH APPOINTED AS NRCS WESTERN LAKE ERIE BASIN COORDINATOR

NRCS has appointed Mark Smith as the agency's Western Lake Erie Basin Coordinator. In this position, he will work with regional partners to leverage resources to provide landowners and communities with the tools that they need to apply innovative, climate-smart solutions to improve water quality and soil health in the basin. During his 34 years with NRCS, Smith has held numerous technical and leadership positions, and previously served as the state resource conservationist for Ohio.



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To: State Soil Conservation Board
From: Bobby Hettmansperger, President, IASWCD
Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI)

- The next CCSI Oversight Committee meeting is September 28. Refer to the separate CCSI report for more details.

Urban Soil Health Program (USHP)

- Staff have collaborated on field days and tours, including in LaPorte, Wayne, and Jasper County, among others. They have attended various district board meetings and provided virtual training and presentations. They have begun to loosely establish a handful of local working groups, and will continue to strengthen those partnerships and work to develop more.

Pathway to Water Quality

- All went well...thanks again to everyone for their hard work and dedication. Using the new Boy Scout area was successful and expanded the exhibit. A survey went out to volunteers to get feedback on improvements for the committee to incorporate next year in 2022.

Policy Issues

- IASWCD represented districts at several legislative meetings, including the Kankakee River Tour, Rural Caucus at the State Fair, a Farm Bill listening session with Congressman Baird at the State Fair, and visit in Northern Indiana at the Shatto Ditch with Congresswoman Walorski.
- IASWCD gearing up for the 2022 legislative session, which is a short session. We are hoping to be able to get districts back in-person at the Statehouse to visit with legislators.
- The IASWCD board met with State Representative Aylesworth to discuss his proposed Watershed Development Commissions legislation.
- IASWCD is still awaiting formal Governor's appointments to start work on the Wetlands Taskforce established in the 2021 session.
- The IASWCD resolution due date was last Friday, September 17.

Other

- IASWCD and ISDA are continuing our virtual training for districts with a presentation on September 21 (Records Retention), and October 19 (Turning data into Action), October 27 (Electronic Records Retention). These webinar trainings will be recorded. Registration is available on the IASWCD website.
- River Friendly Farmer awards ceremony held Aug. 18 with great attendance and participation by ICP partners.
- District Showcase Awards have been submitted and reviewed, and winners announced soon. We will work to hold the October SSCB meeting in conjunction with a district showcase visit.
- 2021 Conservation Awards nominations have been submitted, and will be under committee review soon and will be awarded at the 2022 Annual Conference of Indiana SWCDs in January.

THE IASWCD MISSION *is to enable the conservation of natural resources of Indiana.*

Highlights

Use of Expiring Funds

- Worked with Cover Crop Seed and Equipment suppliers to extend additional discounts for research and demonstration project at Purdue Ag Centers.
- Approved approximately 40.7K of Locally Led Partnership applications

AGree Ag Data Pilot

Part of AGree Ag Data Pilot Advisory Committee (D)

See their FAQ for more information <https://ccsin.info/39dOZFi>

The project includes analysis of USDA data and other available datasets from six states: Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, and South Dakota. Analysis is led by University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign to better understand how use of cover crops and no-till affected corn and spring planting date in 2019 – impacts on prevent plant and yields. Results should be available by early 2022.

The Root Project – John Deere Furrow

The Fall 2021 John Deere Furrow magazine included an article featuring “The Root Project” – Current North American circulation is over 500,000 in print copies.

G1. Farmer Engagement and Involvement

• Innovative and Visionary Farmers

Quarterly Target: 1 ride-a-long, shop visit, or other (Each - A, NPM, SPM)

Listening sessions with Innovative and Visionary Farmers. Use to help identify needed field day and training topics.

- July 20 - Top Farmer Roundtable, 26 attendees (D, A, NPM, SPM)
- August 30 – Mike Shuter (D)
- September 3 – David Brandt (D)
- September 15 – Don Villwock (D)

• Conservative and Pragmatic Farmers

Meetings and other opportunities for listening sessions to gain perspective on adoption issues/concerns of soil health practices. Use to help develop outreach topics and tactics.

Quarterly Targets: 1 ride-a-long, shop visit, or other (Each - A, NPM, SPM)

- July 8 – Denny Simpson shop meeting (D w/ Purdue Corn Specialist)
- August 31 – Daniel and David Robinson, Orange Co (SPM)

• Farmer Influencers

Quarterly Targets: 1 LLP per region adding an influencer to their outreach planning team or board.

(Each - NPM, SPM)

Continued work with W4tL, IANA, and other influencer groups.

- July 19 - Field Visit with Liz Maynard, Purdue (A)
- July 19 – W4tL Zoom assistance (NPM)
- July 21 – AGree virtual meeting (D)
- July 27 – W4tL Zoom assistance (NPM)
- July 30 – Legacy Taste of the Garden / John Jamerson (D)
- August 10 – ACI Annual Meeting (A)
- August 17 – Assisted Corn/Soy with Aerial Applicators (D)

- **Presentations**

Quarterly Targets: Average of 3 soil health presentations or demonstrations. (A)

- July 15 - Vanderburg Veteran Farmer Workshop. “Soils and Soil Health” 10 farmers (A)
- July 21-22 Advanced Soil Health Training for Ag Retailers ~20 Rainfall Simulator, Infield Soil Health Indicators (A)
- July 27 - Pence Group/Wea Orchard Field Day and Indiana Hort Society Summer Field Day “Cover Crops and Infield Soil Diagnostics” 44 Farmers (A)
- July 29 Small Farm Education Field Day “Infield Soil Diagnostics” ~40 Farmers and Advisers (A)
- August 6 – Small Farms Webinar “Soils and Soil Health” (A)
- August 10 – Pinney Purdue Specialty Crop Training – “In Field Soil Health Diagnostics” (A)
- August 24 – Montgomery County PARP
- August 25 – Central Indiana Field Day “In Field Soil Health Diagnostics” (A)
- August 30 – September 1 – Soil Health and Sustainability for Midwestern Field Staff (A)
- September 8 – Pinney PAC Diagnostics Workshop (A)
- September 13 – 15 Soil Health Nexus Regional In-Service Soil Health Training (held in MI) (A)

G2. Local Level Partnership Support

1. Facilitate and Support Local Level Partnership’s Outreach and Education

Quarterly Target: CCSI as a group materially participate in / support average of 15 LLP Outreach Efforts groups (CCSI Team Goal)

Workshops Completed

- July 15 - Conservation Cookout—Vanderburg Co Fairgrounds. Approx 100 registered.
- July 27 - Warrick County Cover Crop Field Day. Approx 40 in attendance.
- July 28 – DeKalb County Agronomy Day
- July 29 – Posey/Gibson County Round Table. 25 farmers and 5 staff in attendance
- July 29 – FFA Students – 50 students from 41 states
- August 12 – Fayette County Cover Crop Walk and Talk
- August 17 – Roger Wenning Round Table, approximately 20 attendees
- August 18 – Decatur Co Field Day (Roger Wenning) – Approx 65 attendees
- August 24 – Washington Co Fall Conservation Field Day
- August 24 - Park / Vermillion SWCD Field Day, approx. 60 attendees
- August 24 – Miami County Cover Crop Workshop
- August 25 – Perkins Good Earth Urban Farming workshop, 12 attendees
- September 8 – Adams/Wells/Huntington County Workshop
- September 8 – Roemke Field Day

Workshops in Progress:

- POSTPONED July 8 – Hoosier Chapter SWCS
- November 6 – Regional Ag Forum; Posey County.
- November 16 – Spencer/Perry Workshop with Rick Clark and Wayne Fredericks
- Daviess Co – Soil Health Field Day, TBD 2021
- December 10, 2021 Howard-Tipton County SWCD with Dr. Kris Nichols
- Late Fall / Early Winter 2021-22 – Legacy Taste of the Garden events
- 2021 Clay Co Soil Health Field Day (tentative)
- December 10, 2021 Howard-Tipton County SWCD with Dr. Kris Nichols

2. Consistent Soil Health Messaging

Annual Target: Outlined in fall with training team.

Foundational Soil Health Trainings / Awareness, Knowledge and Understanding of Soil Health

Completed Trainings

- July 21-22 – TNC Advanced Soil Health Training, approx. 20 attendees
- August 31-Sept 2 – “3-Day Soil Health Training”
- September 13-15 2021 Soil Health Nexus In-Service (A)

Trainings in Progress:

- ICP “Bucket Training” / In-field Soil Health Diagnostics
- Soil Health Nexus website development and review (A)
- TNC/NRCS/CCSI Soil Health Lab Manual (A)
- Purdue Extension Soil Health Signature Program Development (A)

3. Professional Development Opportunities

Annual Target: Outlined in fall with training team.

Advanced Soil Health Trainings / Applied Soil Health Knowledge and Skills

Trainings in Progress:

- 2021 Soil Health Training Curriculum / Adaptation Planning
- 2021 SARE PDP – Cover Crop in Vegetable Production – PAC Demonstrations
- Date / Topic TBD: Advanced CCSI-SARE Trainings
- Date TBD: Pilot Social Science Training
- Date(s) TBD: CCSI-SARE Livestock Integration Trainings (A)
- Small Diversified Farm Extension Soil Health Pilot Program (A)
- Specialty Crop Field Demos (A)
- Purdue Extension Soil Health Signature Program (A)

4. Messaging to/from Local Level Partnerships

Monthly Targets: 2-3 LLP visits. 1 Teleconference / Region (Each - NPM, SPM)

- July 22 - Gibson County SWCD (SPM)
- July 23 – ISDA SHD Asst Director (D)
- July 27 – NW NRCS Area Meeting, virtual (NPM)
- July regional teleconferences cancelled due to event schedules.
- August 4 – Orange Co SWCD Board Meeting (SPM)
- August 11 – Kankakee, WLEB ‘brainstorming (D, NPM)
- August 13 – NNE IDEA meeting (NPM)

- August 23 – Purdue Agronomy Extension Group (A)
- August 25 – Northeast CCSI Regional Teleconference (D, SPM, NPM)
- August 25 – Northwest CCSI Regional Teleconference (D, SPM, NPM)
- August 30 – Southeast CCSI Regional Teleconference (D, SPM, NPM)
- August 25 – Northwest CCSI Regional Teleconference (D, SPM, NPM)

G3. General CCSI Outreach / Communication

1. Marketing

Quarterly Targets: 3-4 “formal” CCSI Updates (CCSI Team Goal)

Annual Target: 1-2 New External Partners

Ensure LLPs understand CCSI resources available to them; Ensure external partners are aware of CCSI strengths, tools, and opportunities.

- July 6 – Events Newsletter; 956 delivered, 533 opened, 119 follow through
- July 13 – Virtual Farm Visit; 940 delivered, 483 opened, 90 follow through
- August 4 – Events Newsletter; 948 delivered, 475 opened, 99 follow through
- August 18 – Events Newsletter; 879 delivered, 454 opened, 58 follow through

2. Soil Health Messaging

Quarterly Targets: 3 Podcasts; 3-6 Blog Posts; 6 Newsletters;

Use social networks and other media tools to deliver soil health messaging and information.

Completed Materials:

- Podcasts:
 - Dan Quinn, Purdue Extension Corn Specialist and Susan Brocksmith, Vincennes University Dean of Business Division – Soil Health in Indiana Corn Production
 - Pat Bittner, River Friendly Farmer – IT Professional by Day, Regenerative Farmer by Night
- Social Media
 - Twitter:
 - July - 88 Tweets, 39.8K impressions, 27 mentions, 1,505 profile visits, 5 new followers.
 - August - 76 Tweets, 23.1K impressions, 15 mentions, 1,283 profile visits, 5 new followers
 - Facebook:
 - July - 15,152 reach, 19,340 impressions, 658 engaged users
 - August - 4,778 reach, 6,131 impressions, 346 engaged users
- Website
 - July 639 Users / 752 sessions
 - August 315 Users / 391 sessions

Materials in Progress:

- Soil Compaction Video with Purdue Extension
- Adaptation of graphics to yard signs for download
- Adaptation of The Root Project to PowerPoint slides for download
- Urban Soil Health Program – Small Scale Nutrient Management

- Soil Health Nexus – Soil Health Matrix

G4. Research

Quarterly Targets: None

CCSI no longer leads research projects; CCSI provides connectivity between researchers and cooperators; potential research needs.

- Support - Indiana University SARE - Participatory Farmer Monitoring on Nitrate Loss (Yoder)
- Support – Purdue University SARE - Precision Winter Hardy Cover Cropping for Improving Farm Profitability and Environmental Stewardship (Armstrong)
- Support – No-till Pumpkin and Sweet Corn in Cover Crops (Maynard)
- Support – 2021-22 Purdue Agricultural Centers Demo and Research Plots

- Grassland Oregon and Purdue Agronomy research coordination.

OTHER

- Purdue Extension Organic Specialist Search Committee (A)
- Arranged July 7-9 Farmer and Agronomist Meetings for Dan Quinn, Purdue Corn Specialist
- Connected Fred Whitford, Purdue Extension to NRCS state office re. ACPF
- Women in Ag Workshop (NPM)

- NWF Conservation Champions awardee notification