

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM REPORT 12-9-08

December 9, 2008

<u>Watersheds</u>	<u>Contracts</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Average Dollars/Acre</u>	<u>Obligated State Funds</u>	<u>Estimated Federal Leverage</u>
Tippecanoe River	355	2564.55	\$166.88	\$427,975.00	\$7,478,227.80
Upper White River	207	1392.4	\$405.77	\$564,990.00	\$4,060,238.40
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	92	417.7	\$213.43	\$89,150.00	\$1,218,013.20
TOTAL	654	4374.65	\$247.36	\$1,082,115.00	\$12,756,479.40

November 12, 2008

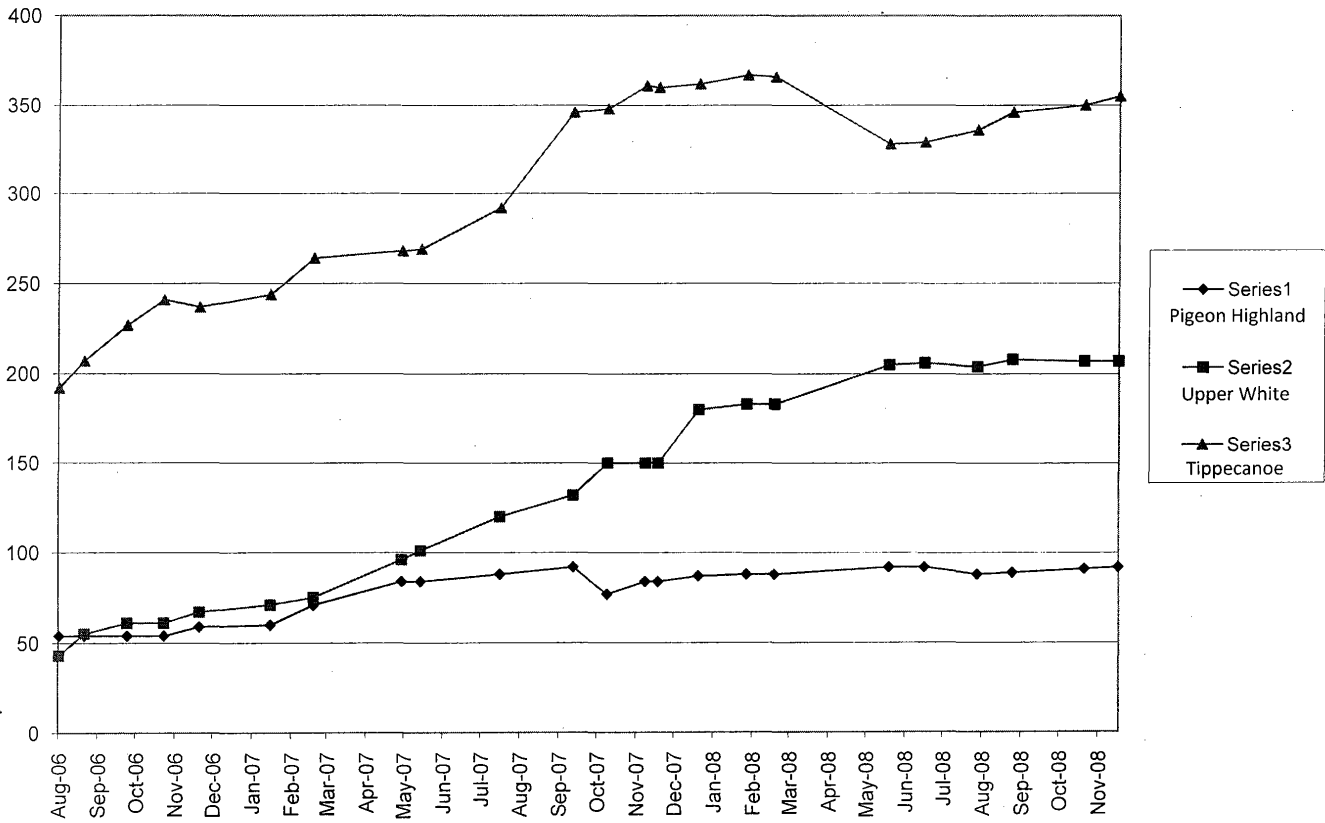
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Tippecanoe River	350	2498.2	\$169.30	\$422,935.00	\$7,284,751.20
Upper White River	207	1392.4	\$405.77	\$564,990.00	\$4,060,238.40
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	91	412.1	\$214.97	\$88,590.00	\$1,201,683.60
TOTAL	648	4302.7	\$250.20	\$1,076,515.00	\$12,546,673.20

There were some adjustments in the Upper White. We lost a contract dropping down our acres and state funds totals. Also, a couple contracts lowered their acres.

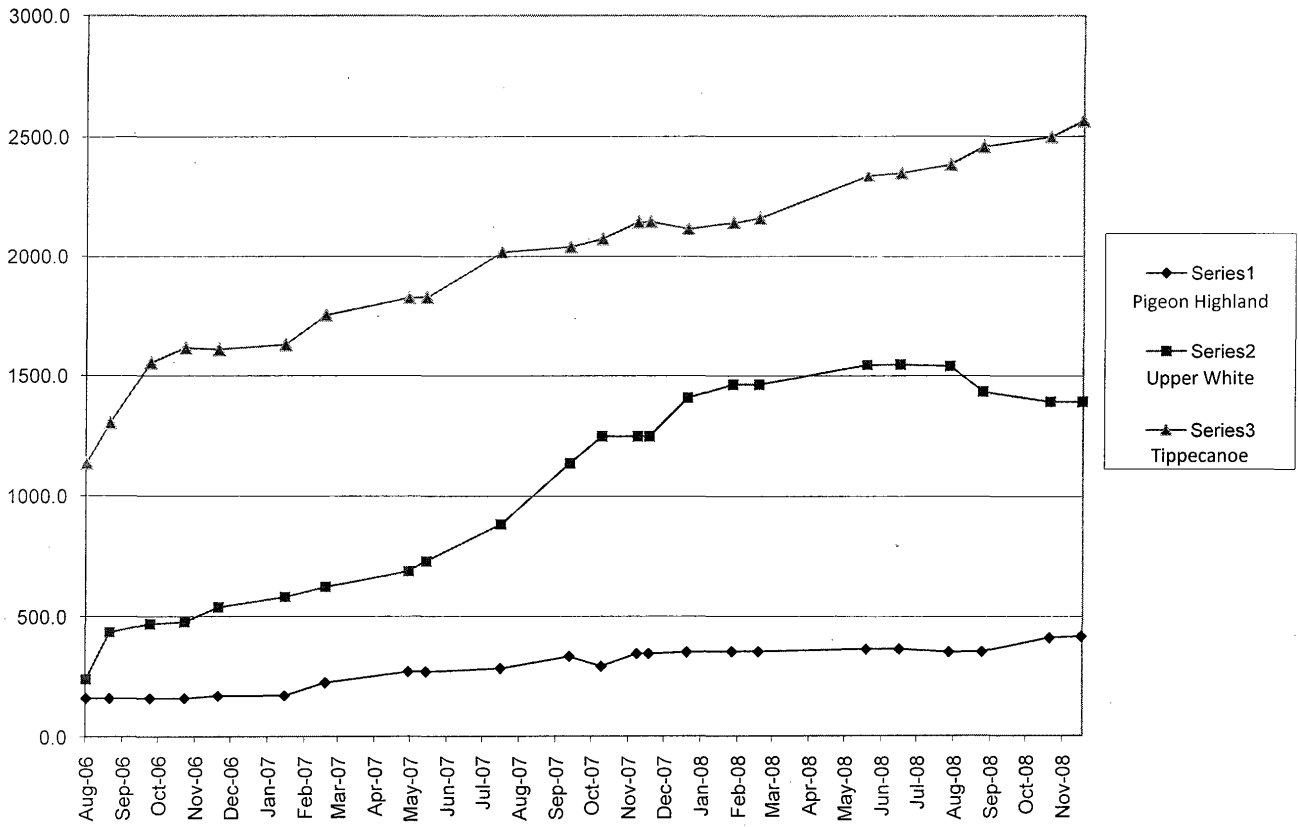
CREP Obligated vs. Paid Funds

<u>Watersheds</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Tippecanoe River	\$427,975.00	\$276,360.00	\$151,615.00
Upper White River	\$564,990.00	\$353,830.00	\$211,160.00
Pigeon Highland Rivers	\$89,150.00	\$29,530.00	\$59,620.00

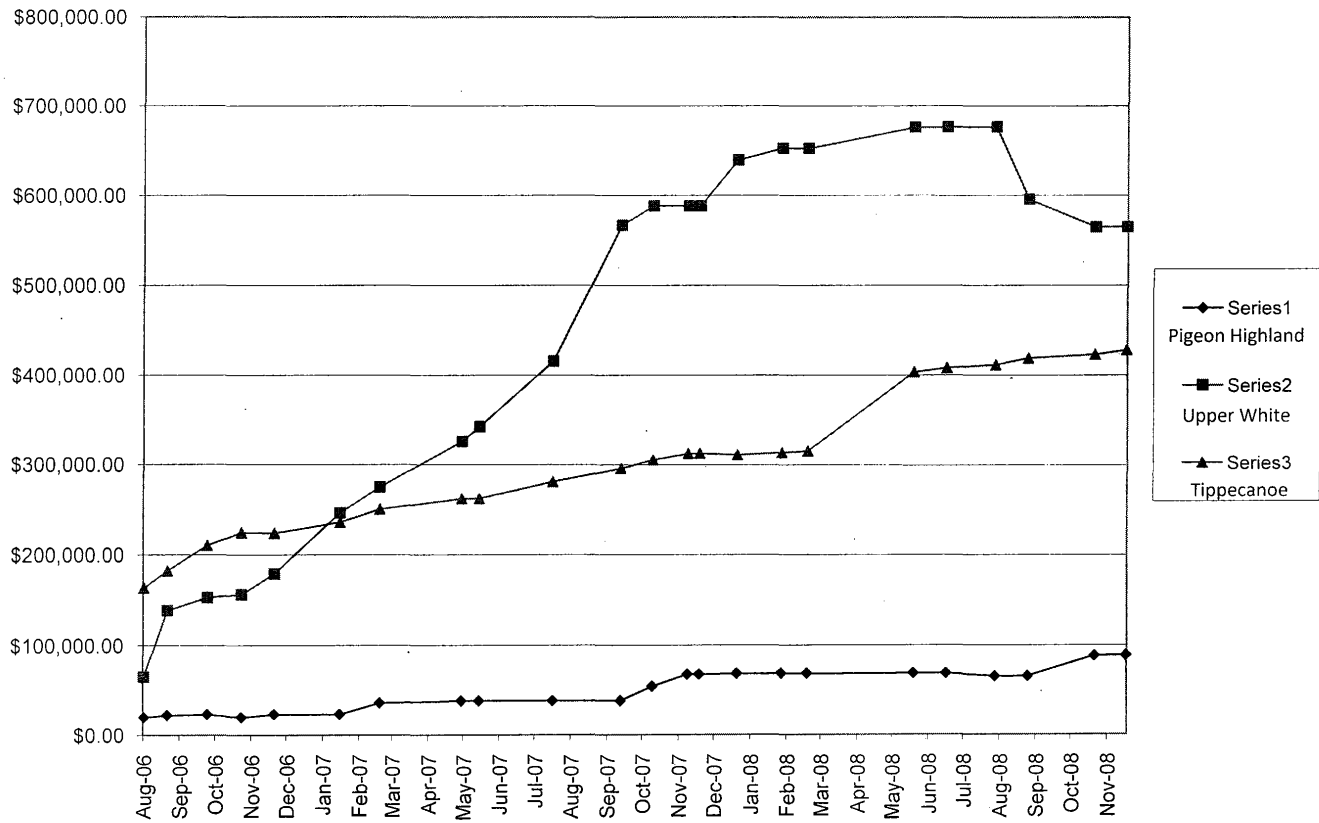
CREP Landowner Contracts August 2006 - December 2008



CREP Obligated Acres August 2006 - December 2008



CREP Obligated Funds August 2006 - December 2008



Clean Water Indiana Grant Report for December 2008

CWI 2006

- There are 8 open grants. 6 of those are multi-year grants.
- \$508,877 has been paid out to date.

CWI 2007

- There are 10 open grants. 4 of those are multi-year grants.
- \$472,772.66 has been paid out to date.

CWI 2008

- There are 77 open CMIG grants. (5 have closed already.)
 - \$156,300 has been paid out in CWI funds.
- There are 22 open SNRG grants. (1 has closed)
 - \$200,225 has been paid out in CWI funds.

CWI 2009

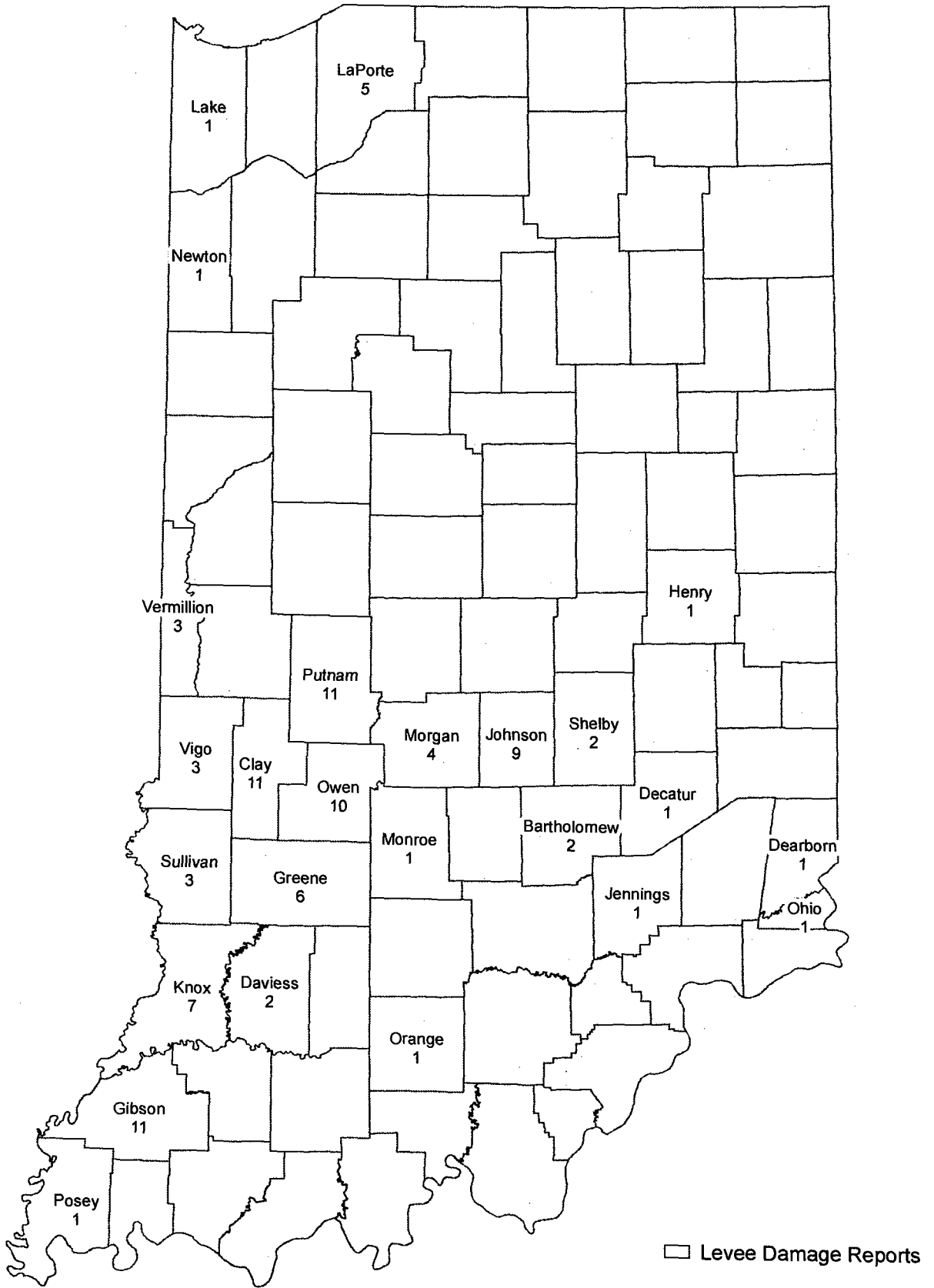
- There were 31 awarded SNRG grants.
 - Those districts will be receiving their initial 95% of funds by January 1st, 2009. That amounts to \$270,642.65

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Watershed	Funds Obligated
Wabash	68,415.60
Parke	2,839.80
Sullivan	1,151.10
Carroll	1,636.65
Posey	0.00
Total:	74,043.15

These dollars have brought conservation practices to 49,362 acres.

Levee Damage Reports

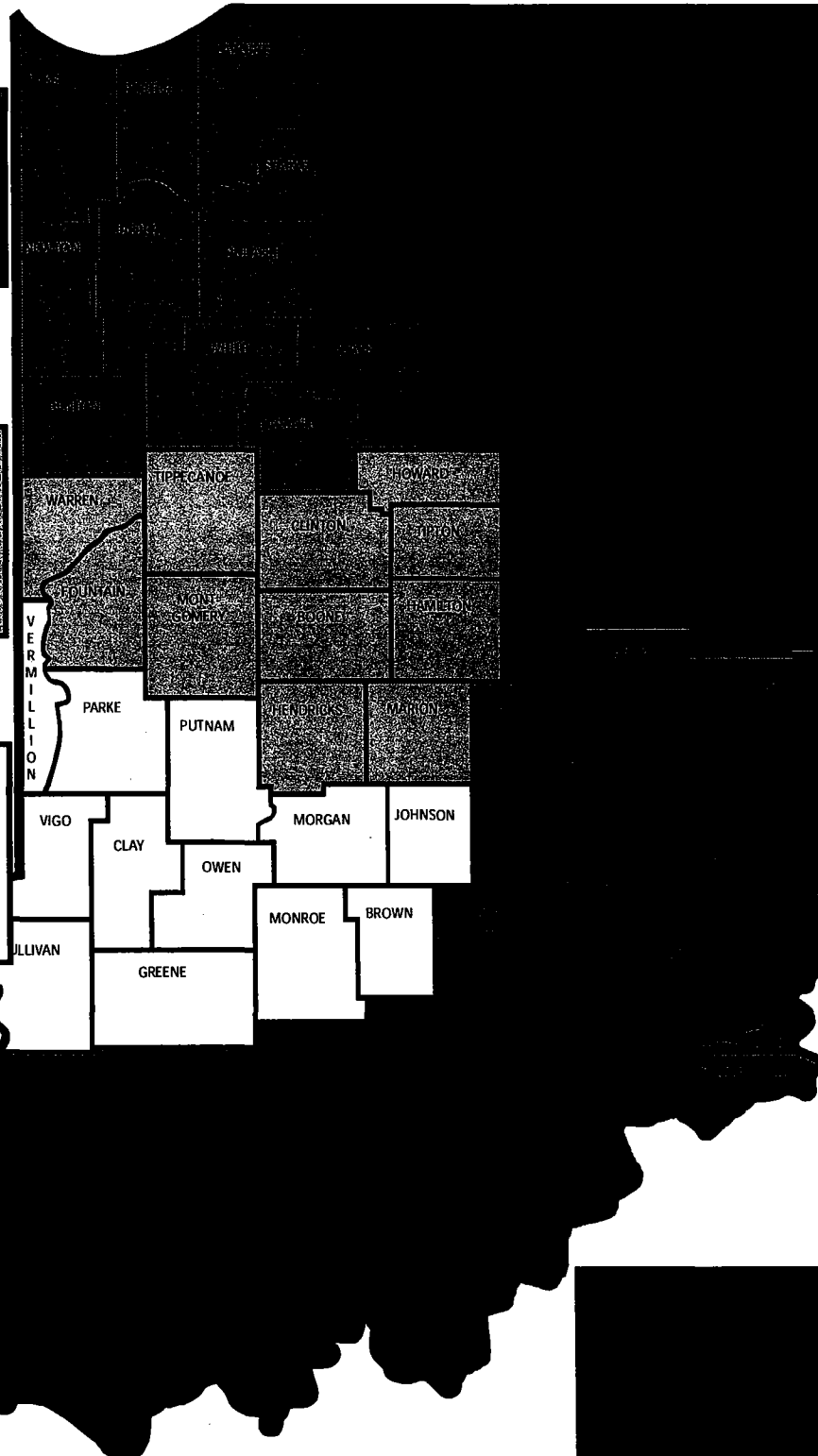


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CWI Sub-Committee Proposal:

In keeping with the State Soil Conservation Boards agenda for assisting local SWCD's with accountability and flood relief efforts the CWI Sub Committee would like to propose utilizing remaining funds for additional Emergency Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) initiatives. Firstly, we propose granting a portion of the funds to those SWCD's that did not received any prior ECAP funds yet still experienced destruction caused by the floods or aftermath of Hurricane Ike. Districts will be allowed to fill out an ECAP application and awards will be made based on the needs in their area. Secondly, the Sub-Committee would like to propose utilizing the other portion of funds for Levee and Dam Repair as the Division of Soil Conservation Staff would work closely with DNR and local landowners to ensure a smooth repair.

Lastly, the Sub-Committee would like to use any swept ECAP funds from the first round to address flood relief efforts in those counties who have allocated all of their ECAP funds and/or any districts who did not receive ECAP funding the first time, yet still experienced a significant amount of damage.

The CWI Sub-Committee would also welcome the idea of allowing DSC-Central Office staff to help in selecting where the greatest need still is in our state for flood assistance based on the reports they have from field staff. We would also like to appoint a SSCB member to represent the board in assisting with those decisions in an order to expedite getting the funds out to districts.

Indiana State Soil Conservation Board Meeting
NRCS State Conservationist Report
December 2008

Farm Bill Update

NRCS is in the final stages of developing rules for the 2008 Farm Bill programs. Applications are currently being accepted for EQIP, WHIP and WRP, but can not be ranked and selected for funding until final rules are in place. Conservation planning work for all interested customers can continue as we await final rules.

Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)

Indiana is assisting flooded farmers through 23 exigency projects, totaling around \$2.3 million in EWP funds. Twenty of these projects are complete, with the final two projects anticipating completion by December 19th. There are 56 non-exigent projects, totaling approximately \$3.2 million in cost estimates (EWP will provide 75% of this total, at \$2.46 million). Four of these non-exigent projects are complete, nine have agreements in place for construction, and the remaining projects are finalizing agreements.

LincPass

All partners with an eAuthentication account will need to complete the "Two-Factor Authentication for End Users" Aglearn training by March 31, 2009. In order to access the USDA network and landowner files, conservation district employees must participate in the same training and certification as NRCS and FSA employees. After the training is completed, LincPass cards will be rolled out to partners.

NRCS Audit

As shared in a letter to partners, NRCS staff are working on audit activities through the end of the month. Most other NRCS activities have been cancelled or postponed for the month of December. I appreciate our partners' support through the end of the calendar year as we complete these activities.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes for a great year of conservation in 2008!

