



## Clean Water Indiana Grants Report September 2023

### 2024 CWI applications were due September 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Quick facts

- 49 applications
- \$4,570,938.18
- SWCD led applications cover 57 counties.
- 3 statewide applications (SICIM, IASWCD x2),
- Applications ranged from \$3,900 to \$520,000

Categories	Amount
Education	\$106,122.66
Cost Share	\$1,800,770.00
Grant Administration	\$69,188.00
Marketing	\$15,434.00
Staff	\$2,075,484.79
Equipment	\$224,018.33
Demo/Construction	\$236,170.40
Other	\$43,750.00

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#### SUCCESS STORY

##### Tippecanoe Co SWCD 2023 CWI Grant

The Tippecanoe SWCD 2023 Grant was for conservation tools to be loaned or rented. We have purchased the broadcast seeder, conservation tools and a shed for storage. We have also started a platform for the scheduling and payment of tools and equipment.

Funds awarded: \$24,000

Total purchases equal \$39,400.15.

#### Tools include:

- Broadcast Seeder fertilizer spreader & accessories
- Earthway seeder additional seed plates
- Rougue Hoe
- Pullerbear
- Tilter
- Backpack sprayer
- Kick Sod Cutter (manual)
- Cover crop seed giveaway bags
- Shovel
- 10 x 12 Shed
- 6 Loppers - heavy duty
- Buckets
- Earthway seeder
- 4 Loopers - standard
- Weed Bags
- Soil Knife
- Tool rack

The goal was to provide tools and equipment to people wanting to add conservation practices to the land. We now have additional equipment to loan and rent to landowners, farmers, and residents to help get conservation in the ground. We are in the early days of getting the program up and running. The SWCD has hosted or presented at events such as the Native PlantFest, Green Expo, RiverFest and Specialty Crop Tour where we have discussed the coming tool loan program with landowners. Visit our tool loan/rental site at [tippecanoeswcd.myturn.com](http://tippecanoeswcd.myturn.com).

The Tippecanoe SWCD sees a great potential in the outreach to landowners with the availability of equipment for projects. The added income from the broadcast seeder will also allow us to continue to offer our cost-share programs such as the cover crop and invasive removal programs. We appreciate to continued support of our projects!

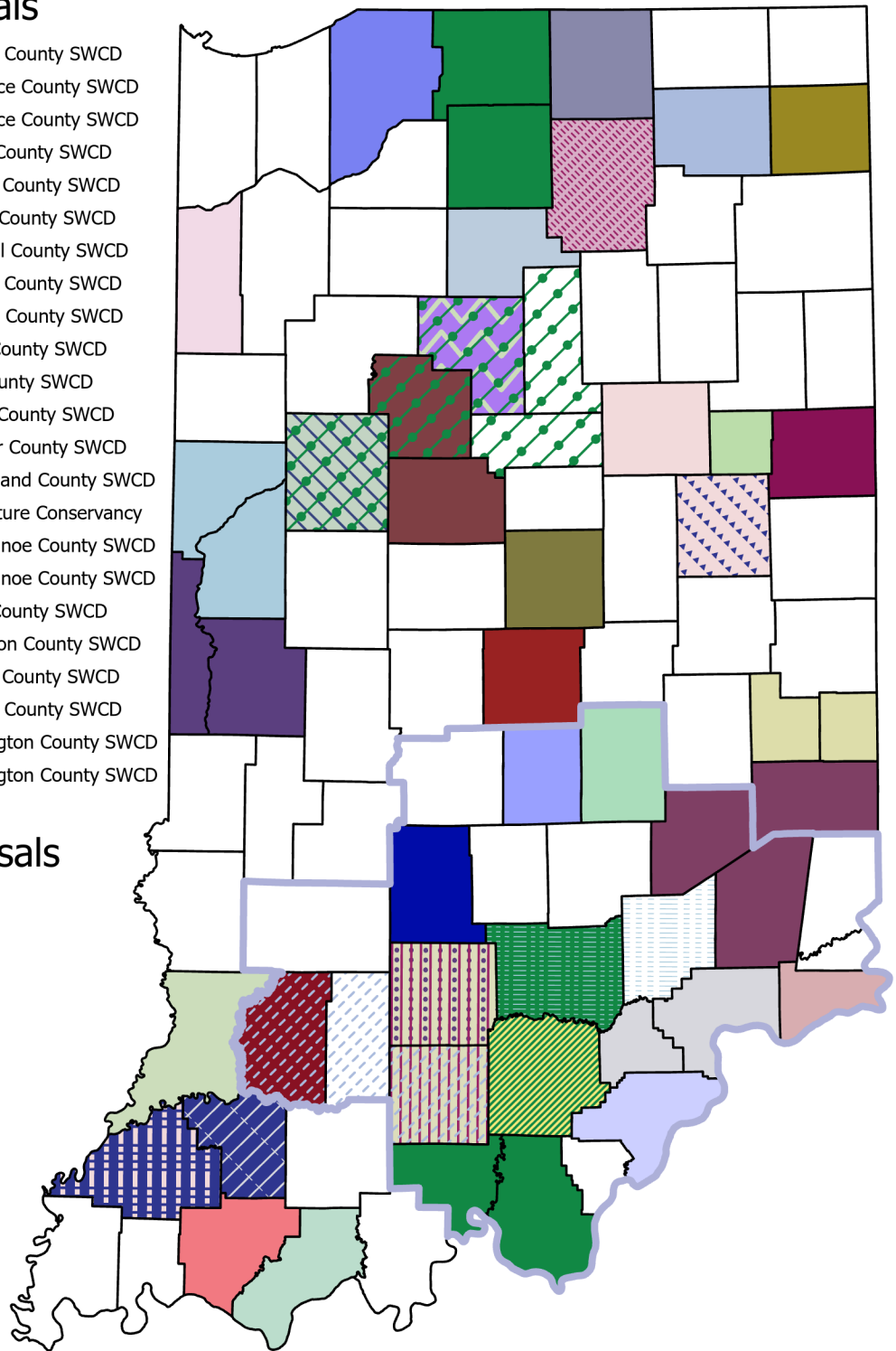
# Clean Water Indiana

## 2024 Competitive Grants



### Regional Project Proposals

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Blackford County SWCD | LaPorte County SWCD     |
| Carroll County SWCD   | Lawrence County SWCD    |
| Cass County SWCD      | Lawrence County SWCD    |
| Cass County SWCD      | Martin County SWCD      |
| Clark County SWCD     | Orange County SWCD      |
| Clinton County SWCD   | Marion County SWCD      |
| Daviess County SWCD   | Marshall County SWCD    |
| Decatur County SWCD   | Monroe County SWCD      |
| DeKalb County SWCD    | Newton County SWCD      |
| Delaware County SWCD  | Noble County SWCD       |
| Delaware County SWCD  | Pike County SWCD        |
| Elkhart County SWCD   | Shelby County SWCD      |
| Fulton County SWCD    | Spencer County SWCD     |
| Gibson County SWCD    | Switzerland County SWCD |
| Gibson County SWCD    | The Nature Conservancy  |
| Hamilton County SWCD  | Tippecanoe County SWCD  |
| Jay County SWCD       | Tippecanoe County SWCD  |
| Jennings County SWCD  | Union County SWCD       |
| Jefferson County SWCD | Vermillion County SWCD  |
| Johnson County SWCD   | Warren County SWCD      |
| Knox County SWCD      | Warrick County SWCD     |
| Kosciusko County SWCD | Washington County SWCD  |
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### Statewide Project Proposals

- IASWCD
- IASWCD
- SICIM

### Submitted Applications

Leah Harmon, ISDA Director of Information Systems  
September 13, 2023





## State Soil Conservation Board

ISDA – DSC Director’s Report  
September 19, 2023

### Budget & Staffing

#### 54310: Clean Water Indiana:

Recap of SSCB budget vote on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Item	FY2024	Update
Training Reimbursements	\$50,000	Deadline March 15 2024
District Match	\$1,840,000	Deadline March 30 2024
CWI Competitive Grants	\$2,375,600	~\$2,300,000
CREP	\$2,000,000	~\$1,875,000
CREP PEA	\$100,000	Estimated ~\$75,000 Roll cost into CREP
IRA – IASWCD Proposal	\$540,000	Moving Forward
IDEA Proposal	\$4,400	Complete
Agreements/Equipment	\$100,000	-Computers Purchased ~\$54,000 -Phil Andersen Summer Summit ~\$8,200 -ISDA surety Bond ~\$2,000 -iCover RCPP ~\$25,000

Source: [https://www.in.gov/isda/files/SSCB-Draft-minutes-051623\\_condensed.pdf](https://www.in.gov/isda/files/SSCB-Draft-minutes-051623_condensed.pdf)

Process:

Calendar Year 2023												Calendar Year 2024											
J	F	★	A	★	J	J	A	S	★	★		J	F	★	A	★	J	J	A	S	★	★	
a	e	a	p	a	u	u	u	e	c	o	e	a	e	a	p	a	u	u	u	e	c	o	e
n	b	r	r	y	n	l	g	p	t	v	c	n	b	r	r	y	n	l	g	p	t	v	c
State Fiscal Year 2023						State Fiscal Year 2024						State Fiscal Year 2025											

★ SSCB Budget Vote Ahead of Next Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year Runs July 1 – June 30

★ CWI Award Vote in October

★ CWI Contracts

★ Annual Financial Reports Due – Match Dollars Distributed upon receipt.

Monthly budget sheets provided by Business office Controller for each funding source:

- Clean Water Indiana 54310
- Soil Conservation 42134
- These budget sheets are the best estimate of expected expenditures at that time.

Just a reminder we were granted an exemption from 2% reserve across CWI & Soil Conservation.

### **CWI Competitive Grants 2024**

- Budgeted \$2,375,000. Today I'm requesting the CWI Grants Committee plan to award \$2,300,000. We've done this in the past.
  - Largely due to a swing in the staffing salary estimate. We voted off ~\$1,500,000, actual dollar figure as of Sept 2023 is ~\$1,650,000.
- CWI Contracts Typically in December.

### **CREP**

- CREP Environmental Assessment item will be absorbed into CREP General budget item.
- Staff investment supports CREP.

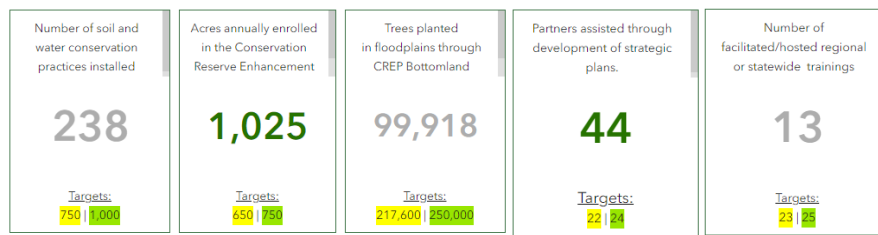
### **Staffing**

- Set a goal for FY2024 to be fully staffed for the first time since 2019 and we are there!
- Monica Pohlar started with ISDA on September 5<sup>th</sup>. She is housed in the SE at the Connersville USDA Service Center. This position will cover Fayette, Hancock, Henry, Wayne, and Union counties.
- See Org Chart & Map for Current Division of Soil Conservation structure and coverage.
- All positions hired this year were out of "Soil Conservation" budget, and not Clean Water Indiana.

### **Other ISDA Updates:**

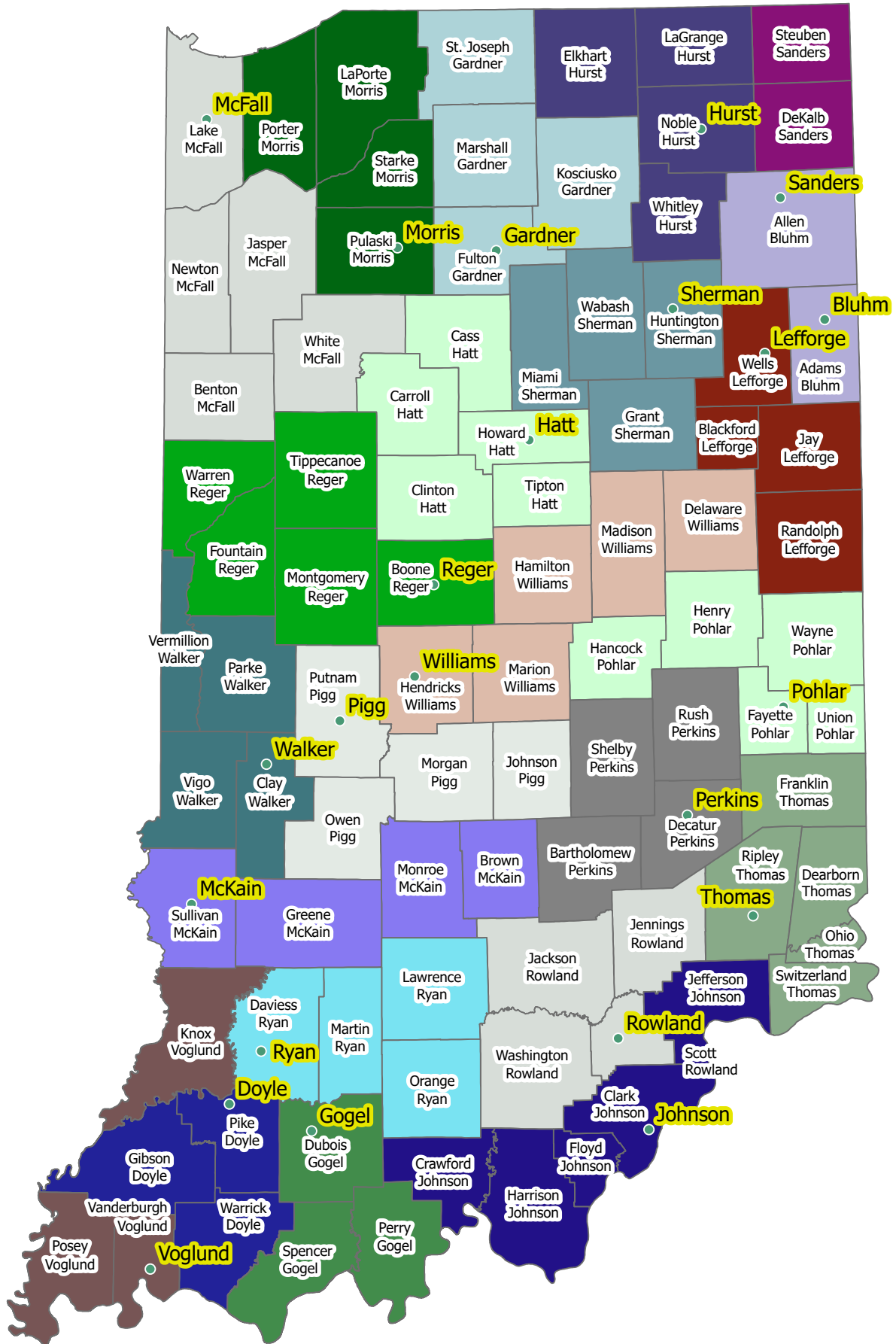
- ISDA Staff will provide updates on ISDA programs during ICP Reports section of SSCB Agenda

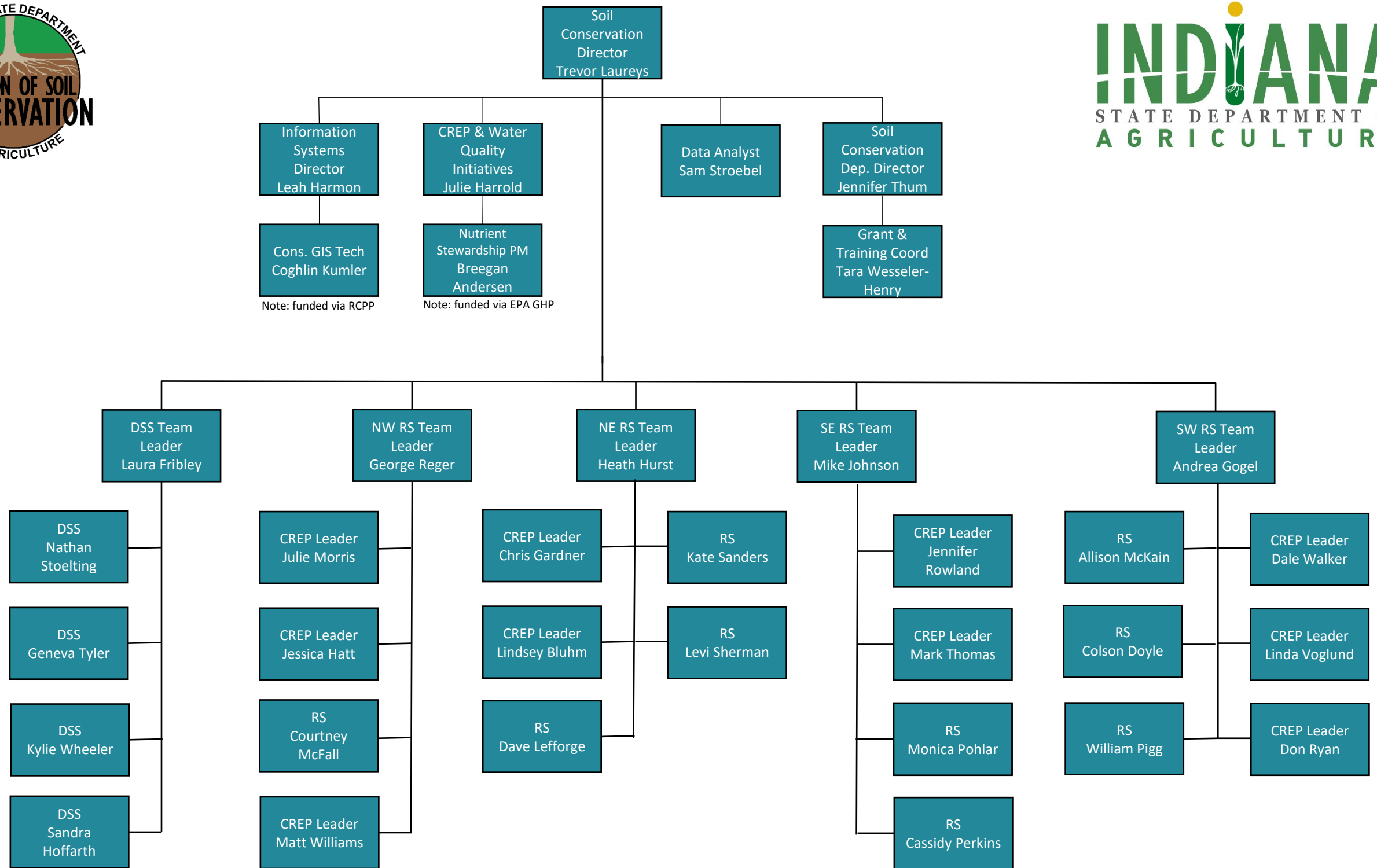
### **Key Performance Indicators:**





# Resource Specialist Regions







## Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)

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**From:** Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate <microsoft@powerapps.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2023 3:43 PM  
**To:** Harmon, Leah; Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)  
**Subject:** Update: Fayette Temp/Vacant Appt

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

<b>SWCD</b>
Fayette
<b>Appointment Type</b>
Vacant_Appointed_Position
<b>Who is the Candidate Replacing?</b>
David Caldwell
<b>Term Expiration</b>
2025
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
Resignation
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Bryan Sasser
<b>Address</b>
3609 N Henry Road
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Connersville , IN 47331
<b>Qualifications</b>
He is the current River Friendly Farmer 2023 for Fayette County and has worked closely with Soil and Water in recent years.
<b>Occupation</b>
Bryan owns and operates several rental properties as well as farms ground here in Fayette County. He is very active in community efforts and an active partner with Soil and Water.

**Conservation Interests**

Bryan is very active in conservation efforts both in the community and on his property. He has received grant funding through Clean Water Indiana for removal of invasive species. Bryan has a strong interest in the planting of cover crops and using no till on his farm. He has also completed work in re establishment of wildlife.

**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**

David Caldwell

**Date of Submission**

09/13/2023

**Is a letter of resignation attached?**

Yes

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## Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)

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**From:** Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate <microsoft@powerapps.com>  
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**Subject:** Update: Floyd Temp/Vacant Appt

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

<b>SWCD</b>
Floyd
<b>Appointment Type</b>
Temporary_Elected_Position
<b>Who is the Candidate Replacing?</b>
Alisa Perkins
<b>Term Expiration</b>
2023
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
Resignation
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Matthew Payne
<b>Address</b>
4264 Bethel Road
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Floyds Knobs, IN 47119
<b>Qualifications</b>
Matt's work with Farm Bureau as a regional manager puts him in a liaison position between local land owners/leaders and state officials. He has direct contact with agricultural producers and rural populations that allows him to learn their resource concerns. Matt has a family history of farming and was a member of Future Farmers of America in Floyd County.
<b>Occupation</b>

Regional Manager for Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. (Covering the counties of Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Jefferson, Scott, and Washington)

**Conservation Interests**

Preservation of agricultural lands

**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**

Tom King

**Date of Submission**

09/06/2023

**Is a letter of resignation attached?**

Yes

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## Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)

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**From:** Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate <microsoft@powerapps.com>  
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**To:** Harmon, Leah; Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)  
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NobleSWCD has submitted a Recommendation for Temporary or Vacant Appointment. Please add it to the next SSCB agenda.

<b>SWCD</b>
Noble
<b>Appointment Type</b>
Vacant_Appointed_Position
<b>Who is the Candidate Replacing?</b>
Kyle Bailey
<b>Term Expiration</b>
2025
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
Resignation
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Chris McPherson
<b>Address</b>
311 N Liberty Street
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Albion, IN 46701
<b>Qualifications</b>
Noble County Landowner and Noble County Farm Operator
<b>Occupation</b>
Crop and Hay Production Farmer

**Conservation Interests**

Promoting conservation practices to other constituents in Noble County. Learning more about practices and programs.

**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**

Tom Fortman

**Date of Submission**

09/11/2023

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## Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)

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**From:** Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate <microsoft@powerapps.com>  
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OhioSWCD has submitted a Recommendation for Temporary or Vacant Appointment. Please add it to the next SSCB agenda.

<b>SWCD</b>
Ohio
<b>Appointment Type</b>
Vacant_Appointed_Position
<b>Who is the Candidate Replacing?</b>
Amber Wolfzorn
<b>Term Expiration</b>
2025
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
Resignation
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Jim Wood
<b>Address</b>
3455 Bascom Corber Rd
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Rising Sun, IN 47040
<b>Qualifications</b>
Advsirory Committe for Purdue Extension, Previous Associate Member of Ohio County SWCD, Life Learn Learner
<b>Occupation</b>
Was a life science teacher, HS assistant principal, middle school principal, Cincinnati State college professor, program chair for business management and marketing.

**Conservation Interests**

Grew up on a 11 acre farm in Ohio with sheep, goats, beef, egg layers and pigs. Moved to Michigan on a 42 acre farm raising same animals, part owner of 62 cres in Bartholomew Co, did timber harvets, planted warm summer grasses. Like to hunt and fish. Has went to Soil and Water Events and 4-H events to learn more. Received grant for tree coverts, and then a grant for warm season grasses and forbes to bring back quail habitat. Interest in regentative agriculture.

**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**

Lori Turner

**Date of Submission**

08/15/2023

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Yes

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## SSCB Meeting - September 19, 2023 - CREP Summary

	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Total	Goal	Percentage of Goal
	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 Reported Completed on SharePoint as of 9/14/2023	235.08	52.20	7,067.53	74.14	889.73	8,345.46	2328.05	4,033.91	23,026.10	26,250.00	87.72%
Total CREP Enrollment	235.08	53.20	7,444.47	74.14	904.87	8,540.52	2442.92	4,385.60	24,080.80	26,250.00	91.74%
Total Acres in Extension				1.00	53.70	428.50	121.70	6.00	610.90		
									Difference =	1,054.70	
									22,885.17	26,250.00	87.18%

	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	\$ 23,508.00	\$ 5,220.00	\$ 753,250.00	\$ 31,534.00	\$ 384,997.00	\$ 3,532,261.00	\$ 2,110,936.00	\$ 3,037,482.50	\$ 9,879,188.50	\$ 846,456.35	\$ 10,725,644.85

Federal Match of \$4-\$13 is between \$ 39,516,754.00  
\$ 128,429,450.50

	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 9/14/2023	0.00	0.00	615.49	4.08	43.13	306.18	0.00	226.75	1,195.63

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

## SSCB Meeting - September 19, 2023 - 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	20.86	0.00	1.12	134.60	0.00	0.00	156.58
Lower Wabash	0.00	0.00	11.63	0.00	0.00	663.30	0.00	0.00	674.93
Lower East Fork White	53.50	45.20	164.61	41.60	85.91	734.85	287.16	0.00	1412.83
Lower White	10.70	0.00	198.28	8.43	129.29	2,349.07	286.19	0.00	2,981.96
Middle Wabash-Busseron	2.00	0.00	25.66	0.00	17.09	1,580.22	840.81	91.60	2,557.38
Middle Wabash-Deer	6.60	0.00	119.35	0.00	0.00	73.10	50.86	71.77	321.68
Middle Wabash-Vermillion	4.50	0.00	174.94	6.97	92.83	855.91	505.89	177.70	1,818.74
Tippecanoe River	93.84	0.00	896.82	0.00	3.41	21.40	87.30	2,579.16	3,681.93
Upper East Fork White	0.00	0.00	526.30	0.00	48.30	264.58	0.00	0.00	839.18
Upper Wabash	23.15	7.00	1095.17	5.34	73.98	282.43	148.14	89.10	1724.31
Upper White	36.69	0.00	289.41	0.00	297.10	328.10	0.00	84.58	1035.88
<b>Reported Completed as of 9/14/2023</b>	<b>230.98</b>	<b>52.20</b>	<b>3,523.03</b>	<b>62.34</b>	<b>749.03</b>	<b>7,287.56</b>	<b>2206.35</b>	<b>3,093.91</b>	<b>17,205.40</b>
<b>Enrolled as of 9/14/2023</b>	<b>230.98</b>	<b>53.20</b>	<b>3,899.97</b>	<b>62.34</b>	<b>764.17</b>	<b>7,482.62</b>	<b>2,321.22</b>	<b>3,445.60</b>	<b>18,260.10</b>

### 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
<b>Total Acres Prior to Expansion of CREP</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,544.50</b>	<b>11.80</b>	<b>140.70</b>	<b>1,057.90</b>	<b>121.70</b>	<b>940.00</b>	<b>5,820.70</b>

Extension Acres	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
<b>Total Extension Acres</b>		<b>1.00</b>	<b>53.70</b>	<b>428.50</b>	<b>121.70</b>	<b>610.90</b>

### 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	
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Highland Pigeon	0.0	0.0	31.95	4.08	2.90	26.6	0.0	0.0	65.50
Tippecanoe	0.0	0.0	440.51	0.00	0.00	14.1	0.0	209.55	664.12
Upper White	0.0	0.0	143.03	0.00	40.23	265.6	0.0	17.2	466.01
<b>CREP to CREP Re-enrollment Reported on SharePoint as of 9/14/2023</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>615.49</b>	<b>4.08</b>	<b>43.13</b>	<b>306.18</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>226.75</b>	<b>1,195.63</b>

## SSCB Meeting - September 19, 2023 - 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	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
Highland-Pigeon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,033.00	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 1,272.00	\$ 64,468.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,405.00	\$ 7,140.50	\$ 78,545.50
Lower Wabash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,163.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 265,320.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 266,483.00	\$ 26,648.30	\$ 293,131.30
Lower East Fork White	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 4,520.00	\$ 16,461.00	\$ 16,640.00	\$ 34,364.00	\$ 293,940.00	\$ 272,802.00	\$ -	\$ 644,077.00	\$ 64,407.70	\$ 708,484.70
Lower White	\$ 1,070.00	\$ -	\$ 19,828.00	\$ 3,372.00	\$ 51,716.00	\$ 939,628.00	\$ 253,109.00	\$ -	\$ 1,268,723.00	\$ 126,872.30	\$ 1,395,595.30
Middle Wabash-Busseron	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 2,566.00	\$ -	\$ 7,880.00	\$ 629,032.00	\$ 774,569.50	\$ 87,020.00	\$ 1,501,267.50	\$ 150,126.75	\$ 1,651,394.25
Middle Wabash-Deer	\$ 660.00	\$ -	\$ 11,935.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,240.00	\$ 34,787.00	\$ 38,745.50	\$ 115,367.50	\$ 11,536.75	\$ 126,904.25
Middle Wabash-Vermillion	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ 11,264.00	\$ 2,788.00	\$ 34,848.00	\$ 309,900.00	\$ 480,595.50	\$ 163,315.00	\$ 1,003,160.50	\$ 100,316.05	\$ 1,103,476.55
Tippecanoe River	\$ 9,384.00	\$ -	\$ 126,499.00	\$ -	\$ 1,364.00	\$ 14,184.00	\$ 75,235.00	\$ 2,223,871.50	\$ 2,450,537.50	\$ 245,053.75	\$ 2,695,591.25
Upper East Fork White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,443.00	\$ -	\$ 19,320.00	\$ 105,832.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177,595.00	\$ 17,759.50	\$ 195,354.50
Upper Wabash	\$ 2,315.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 109,364.00	\$ 2,136.00	\$ 29,592.00	\$ 112,972.00	\$ 140,733.00	\$ 59,799.50	\$ 457,611.50	\$ 45,761.15	\$ 503,372.65
Upper White	\$ 3,669.00	\$ -	\$ 43,244.00	\$ -	\$ 134,932.00	\$ 237,460.00	\$ -	\$ 87,231.00	\$ 506,536.00	\$ 50,653.60	\$ 557,189.60
Upper White Extensions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 1,980.00
<b>Reported Paid as of 9/14/2023</b>	<b>\$ 23,098.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,220.00</b>	<b>\$ 398,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,568.00</b>	<b>\$ 317,088.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,001,976.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,031,831.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,659,982.50</b>	<b>\$ 8,464,563.50</b>	<b>\$ 846,456.35</b>	<b>\$ 9,311,019.85</b>

### Pre-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
	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
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
<b>Total Acres Prior to Expansion of CREP</b>	<b>\$ 410.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 354,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,966.00</b>	<b>\$ 67,909.00</b>	<b>\$ 530,285.00</b>	<b>\$ 79,105.00</b>	<b>\$ 377,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,414,625.00</b>

### 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	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	Total
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Highland Pigeon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,835.00	\$ 1,632.00	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 10,628.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,255.00
Tippecanoe	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,205.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,624.00	\$ -	\$ 83,820.00	\$ 129,649.00
Upper White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,303.00	\$ -	\$ 16,092.00	\$ 106,220.00	\$ -	\$ 6,880.00	\$ 143,495.00
<b>CREP to CREP reenrollment reported paid as of 9/14/2023</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 57,343.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,632.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,252.00</b>	<b>\$ 122,472.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 90,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 289,399.00</b>

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



# State Soil Conservation Board

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

ISDA – CREP & Water Quality Initiatives, Julie Harrold



## Program Updates

### **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program**

- Work on the expansion of the CREP program is continuing:
  - These last two months I have been working to try and get a company lined up to complete the required Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA). There has been a delay on this.
  - We still have not heard back from the national FSA office on the review of our proposed draft amendment/contract between ISDA and FSA. We may not hear anything until after the start of the new federal fiscal year.
  - ISDA's goal for the program expansion to start is in the first quarter of the calendar year 2024, but it will all depend on the completion of the required PEA and also on the approval of our contract with the FSA.
  - A letter was sent to all of the SWCD offices in early August to gauge the interest of the SWCDs in being a CREP Administrating District for the new CREP watersheds. A Q&A session was held on September 7<sup>th</sup> with the SWCDs regarding the SWCD CREP Administration. There was a lot of interest from the districts in this session. Internal discussions will take place over the next couple of months, and then the final selection of the Administrating SWCDs will be made at the discretion of the SSCB at the January Board meeting.
- Approximate acres signed up so far this calendar year are 1,228 acres.
- 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.
- To date, the state has paid out more than \$10.7 million. For every state dollar that is spent, the federal match is approximately \$4-\$13 for every state dollar, which is currently between \$39.5 million and \$128.4 million of federal dollars depending on the practice.

### **IN State Nutrient Reduction Strategy (SNRS)**

- Component 1 – ISDA is working on the development of a web tool that will display the results of the water quality trends report and to make the results more accessible to conservation partners and the public. This web tool is planned to be available later in 2023. The information within the water quality trends report will be used to draw comparisons of the basins in the state to determine the watersheds with the highest trends in nutrient loads and concentrations.
- Component 2 - Work on the Science Assessment is continuing. Work on the first 10 practices is almost complete. Fact sheets showing the results of each individual practice will be available soon. The current grant that has been used to carry out the 2<sup>nd</sup> Component is almost expired, and work on getting INREP up and running is happening so that the work of the Science Assessment can continue without interruption. More details to come on this.
- Science Assessment website: <https://www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/indiana-state-nutrient-reduction-strategy/indiana-science-assessment/>
- Work on the next revision of the SNRS to be completed in calendar year 2025 will begin in 2024. I have met with IDEM to begin this discussion and determine next steps and a timeline.

Heath Hurst

ISDA NE Report for September 19, 2023 SSCB meeting

-Chris Gardner: Fulton, St. Joe, Marshall, and Kosciusko

Soil Judging Demonstration on family farm for staff and partners

Helps with CREP/CRP checks

Large CREP workload in the Tippecanoe Watershed

Assists counties with grazing and cover crop technical assistance

-Dave Lefforge: Wells, Blackford, Jay, and Randolph

Assists with Red Gold Stewardship award

Helps Federal partners with CRP workload

UWIN

Soils expert for the region. Borings and investigations for practice implementation

-Kate Sanders: DeKalb and Steuben

Experienced in regional native prairie restorations

Indiana Invasive Species Council

Supports federal partners with Farm Bill Programs and CRP workload

WLEB Advisory Group and Science Panel-Michigan

-Levi Sherman: Huntington, Wabash, Grant, and Miami

UWIN

Helps Federal Partners with Farm Bill Programs and CRP/CREP workload

Took lead for Kosciusko on-site WRP/WRE monitoring

Helped Wabash Co. with wildlife checks while Pheasants Forever had a void

-Lindsey Bluhm: Allen and Adams

Assists with Red Gold Stewardship award

Took lead for Kosciusko off-site WRP/WRE monitoring

Helped with facilitating mock manure spill field day

Helped with facilitating legislative tour of conservation efforts in WLEB

-Heath Hurst: Noble, Whitley, LaGrange, and Elkhart

CREP workload in Upper Wabash Watershed

Assist districts with educational programs

Conducted Hoosier Riverwatch Basic Training for Aqua Indiana





**State Soil Conservation Board**  
**September 19, 2023 District Support Specialist (DSS) Report:**  
**7/4/23 to 8/28/23**



**Statewide or Regional Trainings for SWCD Supervisors and Staff**

- **Completed since last report:**
  - **SWCD Summer Summits:** evening meetings were completed in Petersburg, Corydon, Muncie, and Greencastle (Thorntown was cancelled due to minimal registrations). Evaluations are very positive feedback. 70% of respondents ranked the Phil Anderson session as “very helpful”. 60% ranked the sticky wall brainstorming session as “very helpful”.
- **Upcoming events:**
  - **Summer Summits**
    - August 29: Greensburg IN
    - August 31: Rensselaer, IN
    - September 7: LaGrange IN
  - **SWCD Financial Training:** December 7 with State Board of Accounts at the Farm Bureau Building, Indianapolis. Training on how to complete the CWI Capacity Report form will also be covered.
- **New Supervisor Training:** available year-round via your ISDA DSS in both in-person and virtual options as well as a recorded link.
- **IDEA Region Staff Meetings:** DSSs attended various IDEA Region Meetings and provided updates, answered questions, etc.

**Clean Water Indiana**

- **Competitive grants:**
  - Current grants: DSSs are assisting grantees with questions, modifications, reporting and project management. They also reviewed Grant Updates, claims, and supporting documents that were due July 31. January 31 is the next deadline for Grant Updates.
  - 2024 competitive grants are due September 8, 2023 by 12PM EST. DSSs have been assisting applicants with questions, GMS, and providing feedback on the applications.
- **Capacity Report form:** a memo about the process and form, as well as a how-to guide, are in process of being developed.
- **Grant Reviews completed:**
  - Orange 2023
  - Wabash 2021
  - Knox
- Nathan served as a speaker for the CWI Program at the Water Trading Summit.

**Committee Work:** DSSs participated in work, discussions, etc. tying to the following statewide or regional initiatives-

- All Employees Meeting
- Board Certification Program

- Clean Water Indiana
- Indiana Conservation Partnership Training and Certification Program (ICP TCP), and ICP TCP Pollinator training committee
- Pathway to Water Quality
- State Soil Conservation Board
- Summer Summits
- Transect
- Women4TheLand
- DSSs also staffed State Fair shifts such as at the Pathway to Water Quality and Indiana Grown

**Board Certification Program**

On August 23, ISDA and IASWCD met to further discuss the program, provide updates ongoing project work, and made decisions related to the rollout. The first phase of rollout will be at the IASWCD Annual Conference in January 2024. There is no certification tied to the program at this time.

Phil Anderson will develop a recorded training tying to the Summer Summits that could be utilized for this initiative too. Discussions are also underway about possibly utilizing Phil for some sort of recorded additional video since one of the Summer Summits was cancelled.

**Elections, Appointments and Annual Meetings**

Supervisor appointments, elections, and annual meeting planning is underway for SWCDs. DSSs are assisting with questions tying to these responsibilities and deadlines. A memo tying to supervisor recruitment was sent to SWCDs.

<b>DSS Activities Statewide For This Reporting Period</b>	<b>Total</b>
Input, Assistance & Attendance At SWCD Board Meetings	16
Assistance with SWCD or Partner Strategic Planning	11
Other Visits with SWCD Supervisors/Staff For Training, Assistance, Guidance, CWI, etc.	81



### **Pilot National Soil Health education event**

- 45 attendees. States represented included: Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Texas – and Indiana. The NRCS National Soil Health Division was also represented
- Based upon initial survey results, most attendees indicated a desire to host a similar event in their region. These results meet an event goal of ‘kick-starting’ on-farm soil health trainings for NRCS, Extension, SWCDs, and other conservation staff traveling in from multiple states

### **Ecdysis 1000 Farms Initiative**

- Helped coordinate 25 farm sites to sample from Vanderburgh to Tippecanoe Counties over a 1-week period Note that due to extreme heat, not all sites were sampled.
- Agronomists accompanied team on sampling runs
- Parameters included standard soil tests, “soil health tests”, bird counts, insect counts, % of ground cover, leaf and tissue analysis.
- Results will be provided to participating farmers. A group meeting with farmer participants is planned for 2024

### **Aaron Krueger / ACAM Event**

- Guest speakers included Jimmy Emmons and Cameron Mills
- 78 attendees, many of whom are ‘newer’ faces to soil health events were in attendance – *and engaged*

### **2024 National No-Till Conference**

With approval from the CCSI Oversight Committee, CCSI will be a sponsor of the 2024 National No-Till Conference. Typically, over 1000 farmers attend the conference when held in Indianapolis. Included in the package:

- A trade show booth to conduct soil health demonstrations. Amanda Kautz, NRCS State Soil Health Specialist is coordinating efforts with the various Soil Health Teams
- A sponsored break out session with speaker/topic of CCSI’s choice – to be vetted/approved by NNTC staff
- Registration discounts for Indiana Conservation Staff and Supervisors – both full event and single day discounts.
  - Final registration discounts will be calculated by the number of ICP staff attending – the more in attendance, the better the discount
  - Most expensive discount is less expensive than the ‘early-bird’ discount that ended on 08/31
  - Single day discounts have never been offered.

## **AGree Farmer-Led Mentoring Round Table**

- Hosted and facilitated by Jim Moseley and AGree, the goal of this round table was to gauge interest of well-practiced soil health farmers in developing a mentoring program for farmers and landowners new(er) to soil health practices.
- Interest is strong in moving forward with this project. Note – the intent is for the program to be farmer-designed and farmer-led.

## **Outreach**

- Root Banners used at 3 County Fairs
- 3 Webinars hosted by Southern Agronomist; 210 attendees
- 16 other events – estimated 500-600 attendees (numbers are not all in)
- 11 2023 outreach events in progress

## **Soil Health Trainings**

- **11/14/23 – Midwest Cover Crops Council: Cover Crops Fall Field Training**

This one-day in-person cover crop training is aimed towards ag retail/industry, along with conservation partners. Topics include:

- Benefits and selection of cover crops
- Termination of cover crops and herbicide carryover considerations
- Nutrient management/cropping system adaptations

CEU and CCH credits available

<https://bit.ly/2023CCFFT>

- **11/29/23 – CCSI-SARE Continuing Soil Health Education – Economics of Soil Health Systems**

To be held at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. Speakers and panelists include:

- Alan Weber, Co-Author of SARE Cover Crop Economics
- Pat Karst, Vice-president Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management
- Brenda Sermersheim, Vice-president of Agricultural Banking – German American Bank
- Ken Rulon, Rulon Enterprises
- Aaron Clark, Cloverleaf Farm

*Registration coming soon!*

Full CCSI Reports may be downloaded at <https://www.ccsin.org/reports>

# Indiana NRCS State Conservationist Report

September 2023 State Soil Conservation Board Meeting

## CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS (CIG)

CIG is a competitive grants program. Through creative problem solving and innovation, CIG partners work to address water quality, water quantity, air quality, soil health and wildlife habitat challenges, all while improving agricultural operations. Two separate CIG funding opportunities are now available on grants.gov: \$50 million through [CIG On-Farm Trials](#) and \$15 million is available through [CIG Classic](#).

For CIG On-Farm Trials, this year's funding priorities are:

- Irrigation water management technologies
- Nutrient management
- Feeding management and enteric methane reduction
- Grazing lands
- Soil health demonstration trials

For CIG Classic, this year's funding priorities are:

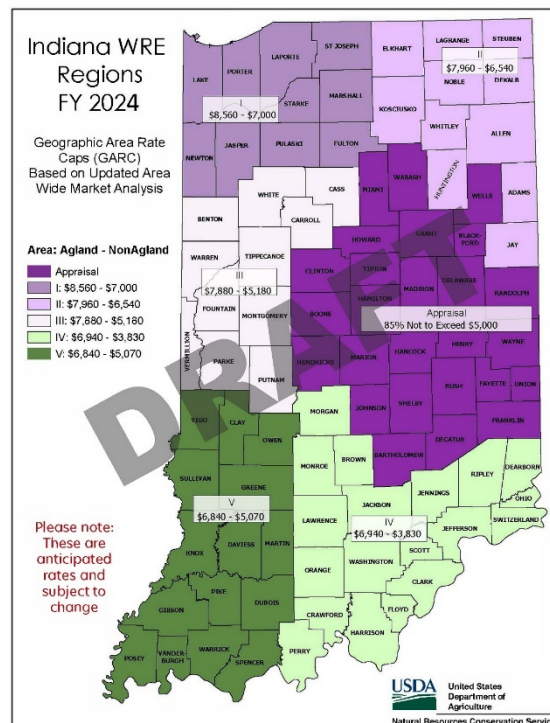
- Forestry
- Habitat conservation and restoration for wildlife and invertebrates
- Managing agricultural lands to improve local water quality
- Energy conservation
- Economics
- Strengthening conservation through indigenous knowledge

This opportunity is open to all domestic non-federal entities and individuals based in the United States. Strong consideration will be given to proposals that include Historically Underserved entities and individuals. Applications are being accepted now through October 30, 2023.

## ACEP – WETLAND RESERVE EASEMENT (WRE)

The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Wetland Reserve Easements (ACEP-WRE) land value offers are expected to remain the same for FY2024. The appraisal analysis for this year indicates only slight increases in land values and requires NRCS to keep the FY23 Geographic Area Rate Caps (GARCS). These are the easement payments to the selected applications per acres of easement area offered.

The application due date for ACEP-WRE FY24 is anticipated to be mid-November timeframe.



## FARM BILL PROGRAM FUNDING UPDATE

Program	Allocation	\$ Obligated	% Obligated	Note
EQIP-Classic	\$ 34,070,780	\$ 32,910,781	96.6 %	*Includes GLRI, OTI, and CIC
EQIP-IRA	\$ 3,726,446	\$ 3,721,051	99.9 %	*Currently 94.7%, includes preapprovals 9/6
CSP-Renewals	\$ 3,917,990	\$ 3,917,990	100 %	
CSP-Classic	\$ 12,782,010	\$ 11,919,831	93.3 %	*Remaining CSP-Renewal funds rolled into CSP-Classic
CSP-IRA	\$ 4,300,053	\$ 4,101,689	95.4 %	

## LOCAL WORKING GROUPS TO CONVENE

Local Working Groups in each county are an important part of implementing the FY23 Farm Bill programs. In each state, NRCS has established a State Technical Committee to assist in making recommendations regarding implementation of technical aspects of natural resource conservation activities and programs. This is an advisory committee that may be utilized by any USDA agency with conservation obligations. The Farm Bill designates the Local Working Groups as a subcommittee of the State Technical Committee.

The Local Working Group's role is to provide similar recommendations and advice as the State Technical Committee, with a focus on the resource priorities of the local community. These priority resource concerns will be used to prioritize the rankings for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP.) The Local Working Groups should consist of representatives who are able to provide input on the wide range of natural resource and agricultural concerns for their county. The Local Working Groups provide recommendations on local natural resource priorities and criteria for conservation activities and programs, within the scope of state outlined resource priorities.

## NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY DATA COLLECTION

NRI is the National Resources Inventory, a statistical survey of land use and natural resource conditions and trends on U.S. non-Federal lands. Information collected includes the status, condition, and trends of land, soil, water, and related resources on the non-federal lands. The sampling units are areas of land called "segments", within which detailed data on soil properties and land use are collected at a random sample of points. Indiana's NRI data collection will begin on September 1, 2023, and run through until the end of January 2024. The soils staff at the state office will collect the data. Field office staff and FSA may be contacted to provide producer-specific information, such as, tillage practices, conservation plans, cropping history, etc.

During the summer, a Pasture NRI study is also done. The main difference between the pasture NRI and the regular NRI is points are only on active grazing land and a lot more detailed information is collected at each point. Producers are usually interested in the statistics of forages and plants found on their site.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact John Allen, State Soil Scientist at [john.allen@usda.gov](mailto:john.allen@usda.gov).

## INDIANA NRCS STAFFING UPDATE

We currently have 245 employees with an additional 80 vacancies. There is no national update as to when a permanent state conservationist will be announced for Indiana.