



The Crawford County
Soil & Water Conservation District

306 Oak Hill Circle, PO Box 189

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December 9, 2008

Indiana State Soil Conservation Board
101 W Ohio Street
Indianapolis, In 46204

Re: Election Ballot

Dear State Soil Conservation Board,

The SWCD Board Of Supervisors nominated two candidates for our annual meeting election in February at our November board meeting. I was unable to get in contact with one of the candidates before the December 1st deadline to gather the required information to complete the form, nominees for supervisor election. As a result only one name was submitted to the State Soil Conservation Board for our election.

Our election committee had spoke to the candidate before the November meeting and he was very interested in serving on the Crawford County SWCD Board of Supervisors. I would like to submit the other candidates name if possible to be added to our election ballot.

Please find enclosed the minutes from the November meeting and also the nominees for supervisor election form. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Crecelius
District Office Manager



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November 18, 2008

The Crawford County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the Extension Office Conference Room in English.

The regular business meeting started at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman William Breeding.

Supervisors and Associate Supervisors present were Richard Langdon, William Breeding, Billy Joe Walker and Sam Mellett. Others present were Rhonda Crecelius, District Office Manager and Laura Fribley, ISDA. Charlotte Hacker was absent.

Billy Joe Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting, seconded by Richard Langdon and passed 4-0. No minutes to approve from the October meeting since there was no quorum.

Financial Claims presented for the October meeting

Mileage to assist NRCS	\$ 67.80
Maintenance on No-Till Drills	\$ 405.81
Advertising for Cattleman's Field Day	\$ 155.20
Postage	\$ 64.82
CWI Grant/ Cattlemen's Field Day	\$ 300.00
Total:	\$ 993.63

Richard Langdon made a motion to pay the claims, seconded by Billy Joe Walker and passed 4-0.

Financial Claims presented for the November meeting

Postage	\$ 252.00
Postage	\$ 4.80
Office Supplies	\$ 323.51
Maintenance on No-Till Drills	\$ 1,381.53
Mileage to assist NRCS	\$ 54.24
Total:	\$ 2,016.08

Billy Joe Walker made a motion to pay the claims, seconded by Sam Mellett and passed 4-0.

William Breeding informed the Board that he had received the report from the audit that the State Board of Accounts had conducted.

Treasurer's Report for the October meeting

Checking Account	\$ 44,217.69
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,000.00
Total of all Funds:	\$ 49,217.69

Billy Joe Walker made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Richard Langdon and passed 4-0.

Treasurer's Report for the November meeting

Checking Account	\$ 43,804.53
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 5,000.00
Total of all Funds:	\$ 48,804.53

Billy Joe Walker made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Sam Mellett and passed 4-0.

The annual meeting will be on February 7, 2009 at the high school and Barry Fisher, NRCS will be the guest speaker. Rhonda reminded everyone about getting donations for the meeting. She also inquired about buying coffee mugs to give away since this will be the 60th year for the SWCD. Billy Joe Walker made a motion to purchase the coffee mugs and have 60th year put on them, seconded by Sam Mellett and passed 4-0. She also handed out the information for the Annual Conference in January and a copy of the resolutions.

Sam Mellett made a motion for Billy Joe Walker to be the delegate and Richard Langdon to the alternate, seconded by Billy Joe Walker and passed 4-0.

Sam Mellett stated that the advertising for the coordinator position had been closed. The position should be filled soon. The 2009 annual plan of work was discussed. There is a deadline of January 15, 2009 for the RC&D to turn in a area plan to the NRCS state office.

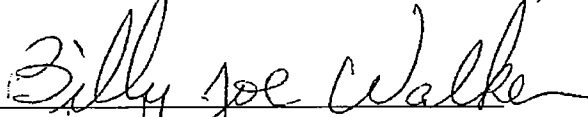
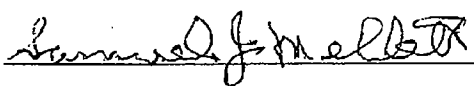
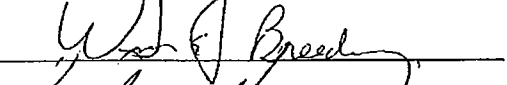

Laura handed out copies of District powers, SWCD success and also a handout describing what each supervisor brings to the SWCD and how to recruit new supervisors. She also stated that the SWCD business plan will need to be updated in 2009.

Billy Joe Walker made a motion to put Eric Anderson and Kenny Sturgeon on the ballot for the annual meeting, seconded by Richard Langdon and passed.

Billy Joe Walker made a motion to pay each supervisor \$30.00 per meeting that they attend, up to 10 meetings per year, not to exceed \$300.00 per supervisor, seconded by Sam Mellett and passed 4-0.

Billy Joe Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sam Mellett and passed 4-0..

MINUTES APPROVED ON DECEMBER 9, 2008

NOMINEES FOR SUPERVISOR ELECTION

ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS: IC 14 - 32 - 4 - 10

Sec. 8. (a) The election committee appointed under section 7 of this chapter shall do the following:

- (1) Select qualified individuals as prospective nominees to fill any vacancies that exist among the elected supervisors of the district.**
- (2) Contact and ascertain the willingness and ability of each individual to serve if elected.**
- (3) Submit the list of nominees with the qualifications for certification and printing of a ballot to the board by December 1.**
- (4) Place the names of the prospective nominees selected under subdivisions (1) and (2) in nomination at the meeting and provide an opportunity for additional nominations to be made from the floor.**
- (5) After nominations are closed, distribute a ballot to each land occupier present at the meeting.**
- (6) Collect and count the ballots after each land occupier present at the meeting has had an opportunity to vote.**
- (7) Report the results of the election to the chairman.**

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

IC 14 - 32 - 4 - 1

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

- (1) must be an occupier of a tract of land that is:
 - (A) more than ten (10) acres in area; and**
 - (B) located within the district;****
- (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and**
- (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this imposes on supervisors.**

Submit by December 1 to: Your District Support Specialist via e-mail

Please visit the following website to access contact information for your DSS:

http://www.in.gov/isda/files/DSS_tempassignments.pdf

NOTE: DISTRICTS FAILING TO SUBMIT THE NOMINEES FOR SUPERVISOR ELECTION FORM BY DECEMBER 1, WILL BE INELIGIBLE BY LAW, TO HOLD AN ELECTION AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING.

CRAWFORD SWCD

The Election Committee submits the following names to be placed in nomination for supervisor election at the 2009 annual meeting of the district.

(1) Name: Kenny Sturgeon Telephone: (812) 338-2510
Address: 6040 West Patoka School Road Date of birth (M/d/yyyy): 11/7/1964
City: Eckerty Zip: 471116
County of residence: Crawford Number of acres owned or leased: 38
Education: Perry Central & Crawford County High School, Penn State
Occupation or type of business: Construction
List conservation and other leadership experience:
If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices installed or performed: Occupation includes installing practices related to NRCS such as ponds, lakes, develop springs, wascobs and watering facilities

Have the duties and responsibilities of an SWCD supervisor been explained to him/her? Yes X No

If the nominee currently holds a public service position/office, has the Dual Office Holding Guide been reviewed with the nominee? Yes X No

RECOMMENDATION FOR VACANT APPOINTMENT POSITION

APPOINTED SUPERVISOR; VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

- Sec. 13. (a) *If a vacancy in the position of appointed supervisor occurs during a district's operating year:*
- (1) *the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position;*
 - (2) *at the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision(1), the board shall act upon the recommendation; and*
 - (3) *the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.*
- (b) *The individual appointed to fill a vacant appointed supervisor position under subsection (a) shall serve the unexpired term of the individual's predecessor.*

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

The Supervisors of the Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that
Name: Andrew Howell maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

ADDRESS 587 S Whiskey Run Ranch Road

CITY: Milltown STATE: IN ZIP: 47145

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation (enclose) of William Breeding or
- Death of

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

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS: (signatures)

Billy Joe Walker *Richard Lantz* *Samuel J. McCall*

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 12/9/2008

Submit to:
Your District Support Specialist
Via e-mail.

Please visit the following website to
access contact information for your
DSS:
http://www.in.gov/isda/files/DSS_temp_assignments.pdf

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

(c) To hold the position of appointed supervisor, and individual:

- (1) must be of voting age;*
- (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and*
- (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.*

NAME: Andrew Howell PHONE: (812) 633-7674

DATE OF BIRTH (M/d/yyyy): 9/20/1977

ADDRESS: 587 S Whiskey Run Ranch Road

CITY: Milltown STATE: IN ZIP: 47145

EDUCATION: Hawkeye Community College, DMACC Des Moines Iowa, Iowa State, Purdue.
A.S. Degree in Animal Science and B.S. Agriculture Education

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: High School Teacher, Co-owner Howell Cattle Company

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: SWCD Assistant Supervisor, FFA Leader, 4-H Council Member, 4-H Livestock Superintendent, Vice President Southern Indiana Angus Association,

Please check one of the following:

NEW APPOINTMENT

REAPPOINTMENT

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

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

Date (M/d/yyyy) : 12/9/2008

Signature of appointee:

Andrew D. Howell

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The Supervisors of the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that
Name: Brian Neilson maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

ADDRESS 620 E. Epler Avenue

CITY: Indianapolis STATE: IN ZIP: 46227

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation (enclose) of Alan Retherford or
- Death of

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

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS: (signatures)

Mark Kautz, Chairman

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 12/16/2008

**Submit to:
Your District Support Specialist
Via e-mail.**

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assignments.pdf](http://www.in.gov/isda/files/DSS_temp_assignments.pdf)**

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

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- (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and*
- (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.*

NAME: Brian Neilson, Pe PHONE: (317) 782-9258

DATE OF BIRTH (M/d/yyyy): 7/27/1960

ADDRESS: 620 E. Epler Avenue

CITY: Indianapolis STATE: IN ZIP: 46227

EDUCATION: BS Environmental Resources Engineering, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA 1985

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Civil Engineer

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: Senior project manager: cost estimating, work plan development, personnel, budgets. Assists City of Indianapolis DPW, and serves on HHRC&D Committee.

Please check one of the following:

NEW APPOINTMENT

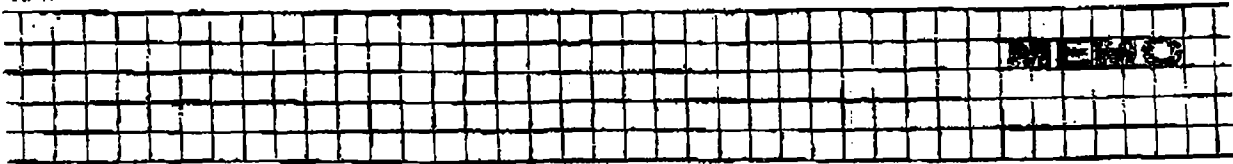
REAPPOINTMENT

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

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

Date (M/d/yyyy) : 12/16/2008

Signature of appointee: Brian Neilson



MARION CO. SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

FOR REASONS GIVEN AT THE LAST
MEETING THAT I ATTENDED I FIND
IT NECESSARY TO RESIGN FROM THIS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District

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

December 5, 2008

Nola Gentry, Chair
State Soil Conservation Board
c/o Indiana State Department of Agriculture
101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Nola,

The Dubois County SWCD has been overwhelmed with the response to our ECAP funding opportunity. We are requesting an additional \$23,000.00 in ECAP funds to meet our requests.

As you are aware, the decision to offer the funding to the landowners has been made with a quick turn around time. The funding announcement was made at an optimal time to allow the landowners time to repair the damage and sow cover crops prior to the coming winter weather.

The Dubois County Supervisors decided to offer the funding for flood damage repairs, and to date have received a total of \$47,003.38 in requests. Additionally, the funds were extended to landowners as an incentive to sow cover crops on their agriculture ground to prevent scour and gully erosion during the winter rain events. We currently have received requests for incentive payments for 4,285 acres, totaling \$85,700.00. This total of \$132,703.38 far exceeds the \$51,062.40 that was allocated to Dubois County. I have included our ECAP reports to clarify these numbers.

The SWCD Supervisors plan to pay 100% to the landowners who requested assistance for the flood damage sustained in June. These requests total \$10,528.70. For damage sustained during an earlier flood event, a total of \$36,474.68 was requested. We propose to pay 75% of these expenses, totaling \$27,356.01. Finally, we are proposing a 75 acre cap for the cover crops incentive payment, which would total \$35,880.00. With the caps and cost share in place, our proposal totals \$73,764.71. This amount still exceeds the amount allocated to Dubois County, so we are requesting an additional appropriation of \$23,000 to meet this shortfall.

We look forward to hearing from you on this issue, and welcome questions you may have on this request.

Regards,

Alan R. Weyer, Chair
Dubois County SWCD

CONSERVATION – DEVELOPMENT – SELF-GOVERNMENT



This report MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger aeizinger@isdain.gov

District Name: Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District

Contract #: A337-09-ECAP-006

Report Prepared By: Judi Brown

Total Amount Allotted:

\$51,062.40

Brief overview of ECAP activities to date:

Supervisors approved application for \$51,062.40 funding at meeting 9-4-08. 90% of the funds will be used for flood damage repair for landowners in the White River watershed, and 10% for administrative costs, as needed.

Funding availability announced through local media, with applications to be accepted until October 1, 2008.

Supervisors approved 100% funding for applicants in the White River Watershed at 10-2-08 meeting. As of October 2, 2008, \$9,768.70 in requests were received.

Supervisors approved contacting landowners who sustained damage from the February and March flood event at 10-2-08 meeting, as stated on the initial ECAP application. These landowners also sustained repeat damage in the June rain event. These requests total an estimate \$27,000.

Supervisors discussed benefits of utilizing remainder of funds for incentive payments for the planting of cover crops, to prevent scour erosion during the winter rain events. Due to the ECAP contract stating that 1/2 of the funds must be expended by December 31, 2008, the Supervisors decided to announce the cover crop initiative immediately, so as to allow the landowners ample time to sow their crops before the seeding dates required by NRCS specifications.

Funding availability announced through local media outlets. All applicants were to apply by November 1.

SWCD staff flooded with requests for the cover crops, with landowners requesting to sow 4,285 acres with cover crops. As of December 1, requests for \$47,003.38 in flood damage were received, and \$85,700 for the cover crop incentive, far exceeding the available funds. SWCD Supervisors to meet 12-11-08 to discuss best method to distribute available funds.

Names of landowners and number of acres assisted

See attached sheets.

ECAP Expenditures			
Expense Item	ECAP Funds	SWCD Contribution	Landowner Expense
Administrative (10% max)			
Promotion/accept applicatons/SWCD meeting discussions		\$1,225	
Education/Outreach (5% max)			
Incentive/Cost Share			
Technical Assistance			
Site Visits		\$60	
Land Restoration			
Flood repairs completed as of 12-5-08	\$21,791		
Cover Crops sown as of 11-1-08; \$20/acre; 4285 sown	\$85,700		
Custom Hire/Application/Transportation			
Match (Federal, state, local)			
Sub-total	\$107,491	\$1,285	
	Grand Total Funds Expended:		\$108,776

ECAP FUND REQUESTS
\$51,062.40

White River Floodplain:

Jackle Farms, Inc.	Driftwood removal, trees	760.00	Completed
Flat Creek Farm	Ditchwork; debris removal	2,527.00	
Daniel Sendelweck	Sand removal	1,270.00	Completed
Mike Bauer	Debris removal	965.00	
Brent Wening	Washout repair	600.00	
LADS Corp.	Sand removal	765.00	Completed
Mehne Farms	Debris removal	3,641.70	Completed, field checked FSA
Fuhrman Farms LLC		?	WASCOB repair
Total		\$10,528.70	

General Spring Flood Repairs:

Bauer Properties	Streambank stabilization	4,085.41	Completed, field checked AB
Oxley's Rolling Hills	Ditch repair	1,820.00	
Mill Creek Farms	Streambank repair	2,500.00	
Ponder Yonder, Inc.	Sediment removal; tile repair, Ditch straightening	8,970.73	Completed
Margaret Bonifer	WASCOB repair	800.00	
Norbert Dall	Structure repair	2,000.00	
Linus Neukam	Ditch stabilization	3,000.00	
Martha Hulsman	Ditch stabilization	2,298.54	Completed
Donovan Brunzman	Gully repair; fill low spots	<u>11,000.00</u>	
Total		\$36,474.68	
Total flooding		\$47,003.38	

December 10, 2008

Nola Gandy, SSC District Chair
State Soil Conservation Board
c/o Amy Fitzinger-Cox
ISDA Division of Soil Conservation
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Gandy:

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

Construction of the Library's parking lot has moved forward this fall, but its now stopped for winter. We believe all site prep for the rain garden and pervious concrete parking area will be completed by the April 30, 2009, grant deadline; however, we would like the extra 60 days to be able to plant the rain garden and hold the field day. We want to make sure all site prep will be completed in time for us to fulfill these requirements.

I thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jim Heston

Board Chairman
Elkhart County SWCD



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

May applicants submit materials and forms or submitted electronically to Amy F. Campbell, Amycamp@indstate.gov

Grantee Name	Elkhart County SWCD
Address	17746-B CR 34
City/State/Zip	Goshen IN 46528

Contact Name	Eric Kurtz
Title	Stormwater Coordinator
Address	17746-B CR 34
City/State/Zip	Goshen, IN 46528
County	Elkhart
Telephone	574-533-3630 ext. 3
E-mail	eric.kurtz@elcswcd.net

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rain gardens and pervious pavement work by capturing rainfall to reduce peak flows and runoff volumes and improve infiltration, and filter out pollutants. According to the EPA, rain gardens remove 90% of Total Suspended Solids (TSS), 77% of Phosphorus, and 74% of Nitrogen from stormwater runoff. Pervious pavement removal rates are 95% of TSS, 93% of Phosphorus, and 83% of Nitrogen.

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

Key steps and time markers: 1) Finalization of plans by Library Board and request for bids (Spring 2008); 2) Installation of the practices and educational signage (by December 2008); 3) Field day (April 2009)

Desired outcomes: 1) The demonstration site will show use and maintenance of practices that can easily be replicated in other urban development and redevelopment projects. 2) The practices will reduce stormwater runoff containing nutrients, sediment, and other pollutants that would otherwise enter the combined sewer system and local waterways. 3) Signage and a field day will help educate developers, city officials, and the public and increase acceptance of these practices.

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.			
Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
Goshen Public Library (Perk Placement)	27500	Master Gardener (5 vol hours)	75
GPL (Rain Garden)	15000	Master Naturalist (5 vol hours)	75
Goshen Parks (plant consulting)	200		
Elkhart River Alliance (5 vol hours)	75		
			Total
			42925

County	Elkhart	
CIT Region	NE	
14-digit HUC Code(s)	04050001210010 (Elkhart River - Goshen)	
Grant Amount Requested	\$10,000.00	
Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel (SWCD staff for field day)	800	0
Fringe Benefits	0	0
Travel	0	0
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Perkous Permeant and sub-grade material	0	5000
Rain Garden growing medium and sub-grade material	0	2000
Rain Garden plants	0	1000
Educational signage (2 signs)	0	2000
Other (Itemize Below)		
Field Day Brochure, Publicity, and Promotion	500	0
Total CWI Funds Requested	10000	
Total SWCD In-Kind Match	1300	
Total Partner Funds Contributed (J:65)	42925	
Total Project Cost	54225	

Kosciusko County Soil and Water Conservation District

217 E. Bell Drive
Warsaw, IN 46582
574-267-7445, ext. 3

December 15, 2008

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

Dear Chairwoman Gentry,

The Kosciusko County Soil and Water Conservation District is requesting a time extension on Clean Water Indiana Grant A377-8-CWI-018. This grant is a sediment and nutrient reduction grant, designed to offer cost-share assistance to farmers to conduct pre-sidedress nitrogen tests and fall stalk nitrate tests. There are several factors that prevented timely implementation of this program.

- Heavy spring rains caused late planting dates. The timeframe for sidedressing became too narrow to allow for opportune pre-sidedress testing.
 - Less than optimum planting conditions created uneven crop stands, resulting in the inability to collect representative field samples and thus giving inaccurate pre-sidedress test readings.
- Due to uneven stands and dry summer conditions, a representative field sample of corn at 80% black layer needed for fall stalk nitrate testing was impossible to achieve.

SWCD consulted with two different labs that run both of these tests. Both labs indicated that the 2008 crop year was off the ten year average for "normal" field conditions and recommended not relying on these tests for accurate information. SWCD concluded that it would not be prudent to spend grant dollars on inaccurate testing.

Kosciusko County SWCD respectfully requests a time extension to October 30, 2009 to complete the obligations of this grant. The district feels that this program could be a starting point for many farmers to include nitrogen testing as a regular management practice. This should result in more efficient fertilizer application and less chance for nitrogen entering our water systems.

Sincerely,

Jamie Scott, chairman
Kosciusko County Soil & Water Conservation District



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

The application MUST be word and PDF file submitted electronically to: amanager@state.in.gov

Grantee Name	Kosciusko County Soil and Water Conservation District
Address	217 E. Bell Drive
City/State/Zip	Warsaw, IN 46582

Contact Name	Darci Zoiman
Title	Program Administrator
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County	Kosciusko
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Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Jamie Scott, Chair
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Federal ID Number	35-1172663
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Project Title	Nitrogen Management
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Sediment or Nutrient Reduction Practice	Nutrient Reduction Through Nitrogen Management
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County	Kosciusko
CIT Region	NE
14-digit HUC Code(s)	Entire county: HUC05120106, 05120104, 07120001, 04050001

Grant Amount Requested	\$10,000.00
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List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.			
Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
Ag Plus (on-farm promotion)	500		
Andersons	500		
Crop Faculty Specialists	500		
Clonette Elevator	500		
Forsell Services	500		
Total			2500

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

Due to the abundance of water in Kosciusko County, a principal goal of the SWCD (as referenced in the Business Plan) is the reduction of nutrient loading. A management plan that includes monitoring nitrogen levels can result in more appropriate and efficient application of this nutrient. This proposal will assist farmers by providing cost share for providing for a nitrate testing and/or late season soil nitrate testing, and providing a chlorophyll meter for loan. Key steps will include:

- develop incentive parameters and protocol (75% cost of tests with \$500 cap proposed)
- develop marketing materials
- coordinate promotional efforts with local fertilizer dealers
- purchase chlorophyll meter and establish loan system
- develop a participant survey to document outcomes and publish results

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested

Personnel	3500	
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Chlorophyll Meter		1500
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Brochures and Survey	200	
Postage	100	
Other (Itemize Below)		
Incentive/Cost Share payments		8400

Total CWI Funds Requested	10000
Total SWCD In-Kind Match	3800
Total Partner Funds Contributed (J:44)	2500
Total Project Cost	16300

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM REPORT 1-12-09

January 12, 2009

Watersheds	Contracts	Acres	Average Dollars/Acre	Obligated State Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Tippecanoe River	368	2653.3	\$166.70	\$442,315.00	\$7,737,022.80
Upper White River	199	1330.8	\$411.65	\$547,830.00	\$3,880,612.80
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	108	411.82	\$217.67	\$89,640.00	\$1,200,867.12
TOTAL	675	4395.92	\$245.63	\$1,079,785.00	\$12,818,502.72

We had several contract in the Upper White River Watershed cancel due to loss of interest. This caused the contract number, acres and obligated state funds to decrease this month. There was also a change in the Pigeon Highland Watershed acres.

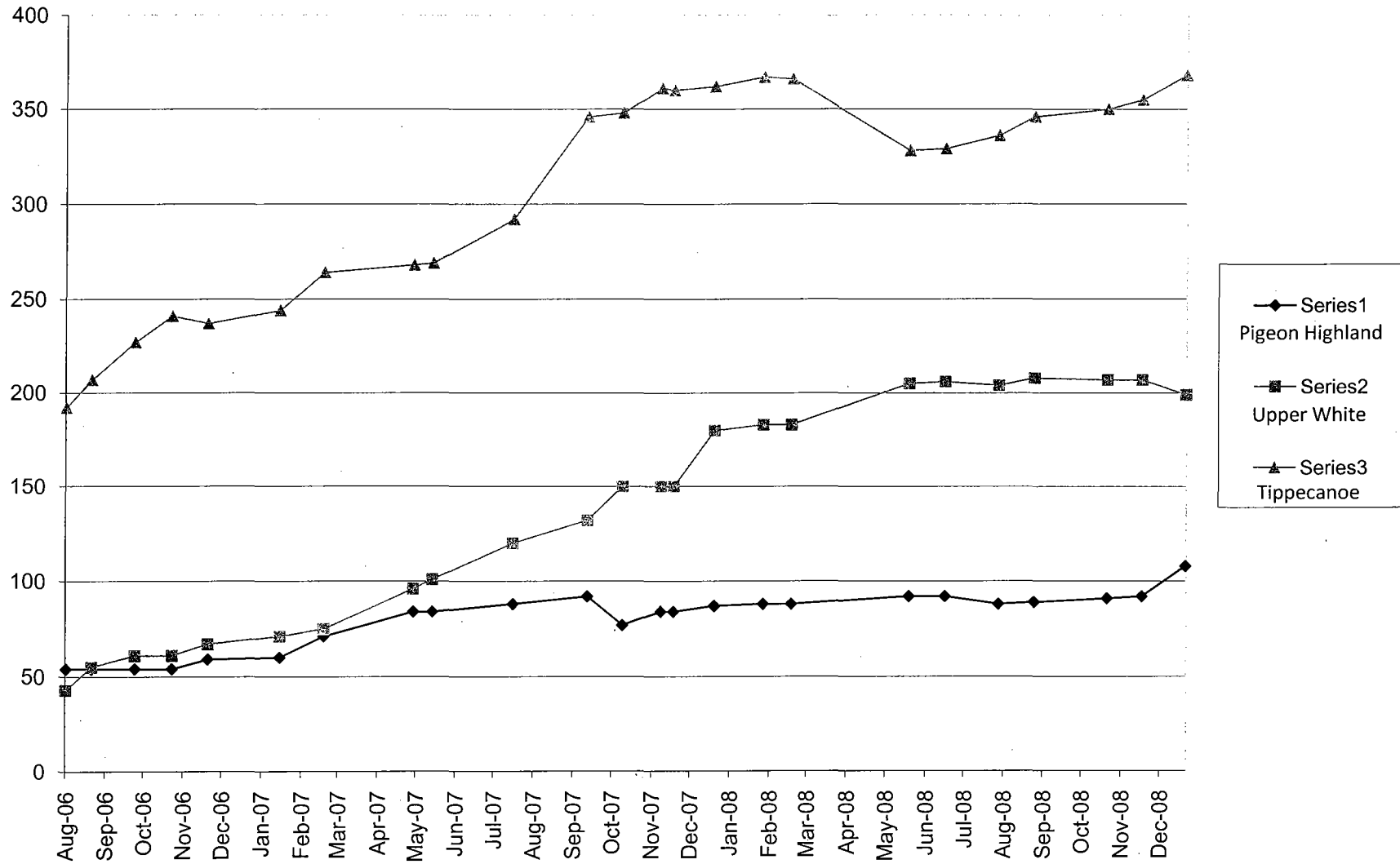
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Watersheds	Contracts	Acres	Average Dollars/Acre	Obligated State Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Tippecanoe River	355	2564.55	\$166.88	\$427,975.00	\$7,478,227.80
Upper White River	207	1392.4	\$405.77	\$564,990.00	\$4,060,238.40
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	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

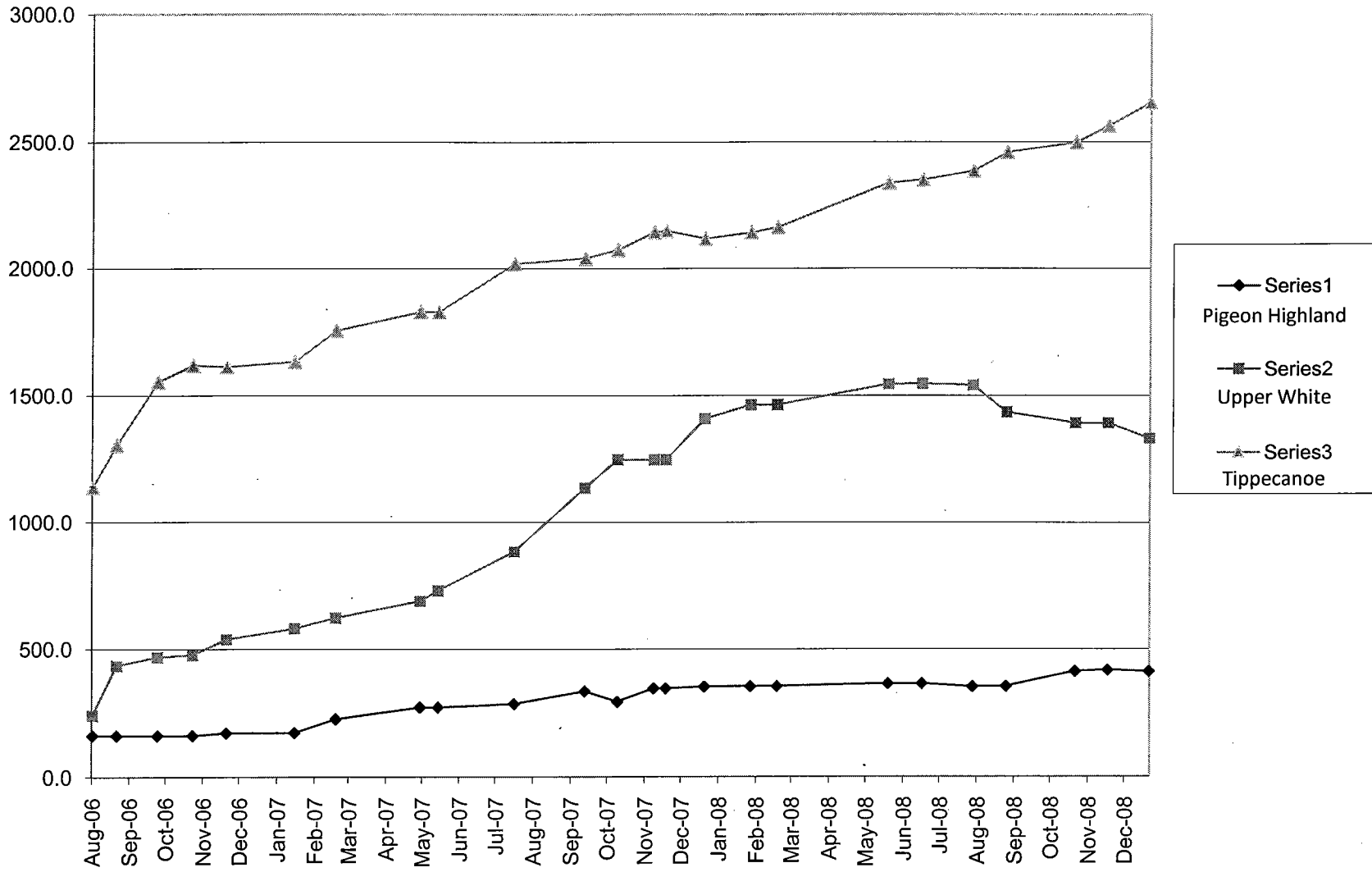
CREP Obligated vs. Paid Funds

Watersheds	Obligated	Paid	Difference
Tippecanoe River	\$442,315.00	\$278,960.00	\$163,355.00
Upper White River	\$547,830.00	\$365,675.00	\$182,155.00
Pigeon Highland Rivers	\$89,640.00	\$31,330.00	\$58,310.00

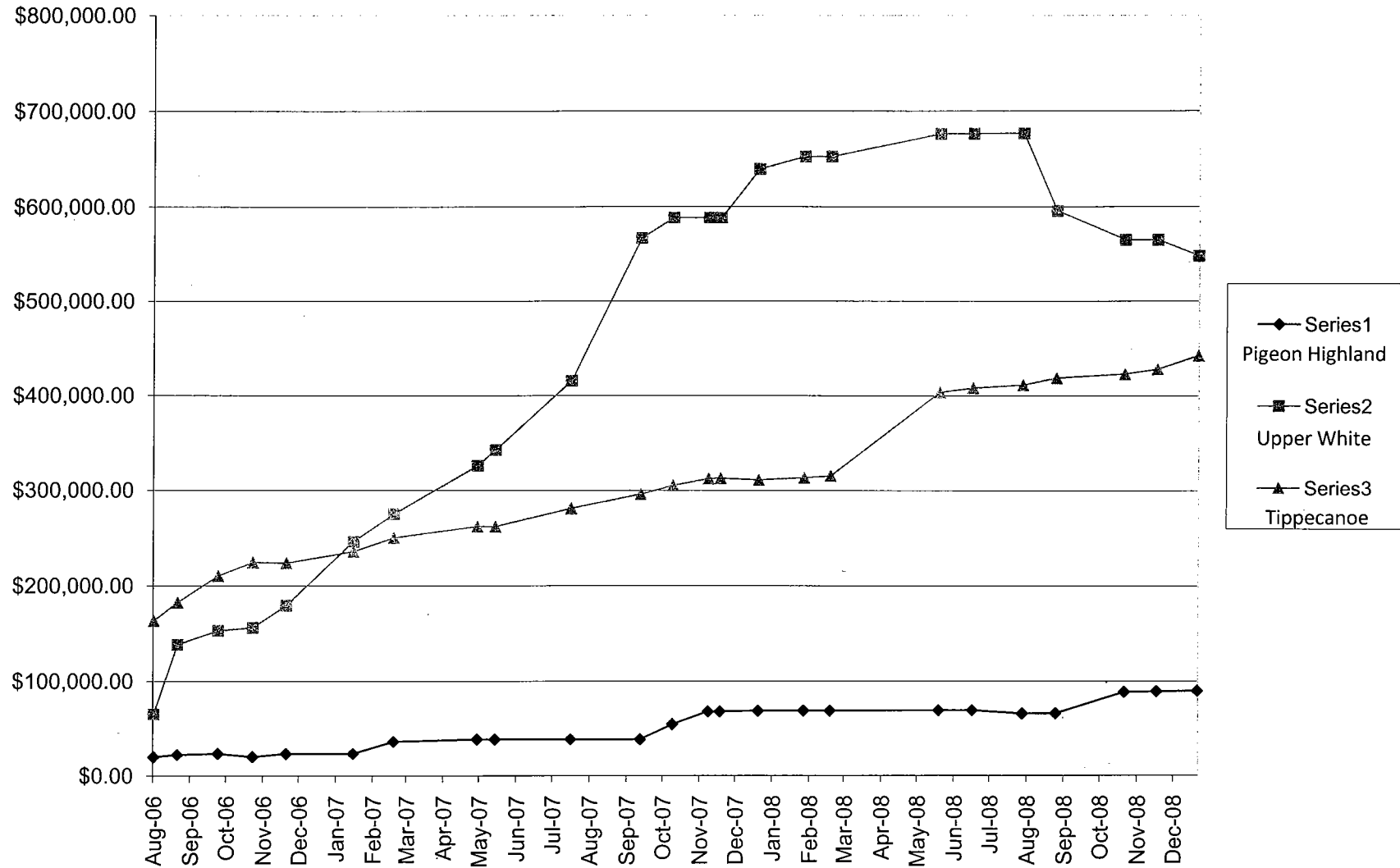
CREP Landowner Contracts August 2006 - January 2009



CREP Obligated Acres August 2006 - January 2009



CREP Obligated Funds August 2006 - January 2009



CREP Report - By County
1/12/2009

PIGEON HIGHLAND WATERSHED

	Obligated Acres	Obligated Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Gibson	57.5	\$5,750.00	\$167,670.00
Posey	49.3	\$10,540.00	\$143,758.80
Vanderburgh	219.87	\$62,810.00	\$641,140.92
Warrick	85.15	\$10,540.00	\$248,297.40
TOTAL	411.82	\$89,640.00	\$1,200,867.12

TIPPECANOE WATERSHED

	Obligated Acres	Obligated Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Benton	2.6	\$260.00	\$7,581.60
Cass	47	\$17,600.00	\$137,052.00
Fulton	369.1	\$48,980.00	\$1,076,295.60
Jasper	103.8	\$20,490.00	\$302,680.80
Kosciusko	216.4	\$97,735.00	\$631,022.40
Marshall	44.8	\$4,480.00	\$130,636.80
Noble	7.7	\$770.00	\$22,453.20
Pulaski	1298.8	\$166,590.00	\$3,787,300.80
Starke	290.8	\$39,310.00	\$847,972.80
White	256.8	\$44,400.00	\$748,828.80
Whitley	15.5	\$1,700.00	\$45,198.00
TOTAL	2653.3	\$442,315.00	\$7,737,022.80

UPPER WHITE WATERSHED

	Obligated Acres	Obligated Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Boone	15.4	\$2,410.00	\$44,906.40
Delaware	253.6	\$73,790.00	\$739,497.60
Hamilton	201.1	\$97,005.00	\$586,407.60
Hendricks	47.1	\$12,420.00	\$137,343.60
Henry	11.1	\$4,440.00	\$32,367.60
Madison	538.5	\$297,650.00	\$1,570,266.00
Randolph	170.4	\$45,780.00	\$496,886.40
Tipton	93.6		\$272,937.60
TOTAL	1330.8	\$533,495.00	\$3,880,612.80

Clean Water Indiana Grant Report for January 2009

CWI 2006

- There are 36 closed grants (out of the 42 awarded) which total \$184,977. in CWI funds. Those 36 grants resulted in:
 - At the least 11,342.4 acres were put into conservation practices.
 - At the least 335 farmers attended 11 conservation events.
 - 2 warm season grass drills were purchased
 - 3 incentive/cost share programs were funded
- There are 8 grants open (6 of those are multi-year grants.)

CWI 2007

- There are 35 closed grants (out of the 44 awarded) which total \$262,555.41 in CWI funds. Those 35 grants resulted in:
 - At the least 15,077.9 acres were put into conservation practices as a result of CWI funds.
 - At the least 1,567 farmers attended 18 conservation events.
 - 2 drills and 1 seeder were purchased
- There are 9 open grants (4 of those are multi-year grants.)

CWI 2008

- There are 67 open CMIG grants. (15 have closed already.)
 - To date we have reports of 1,259 farmers attending 28 different CMIG events.
- There are 22 open SNRG grants (1 has closed)
 - \$200,225 has been paid out in CWI funds.

CWI 2009

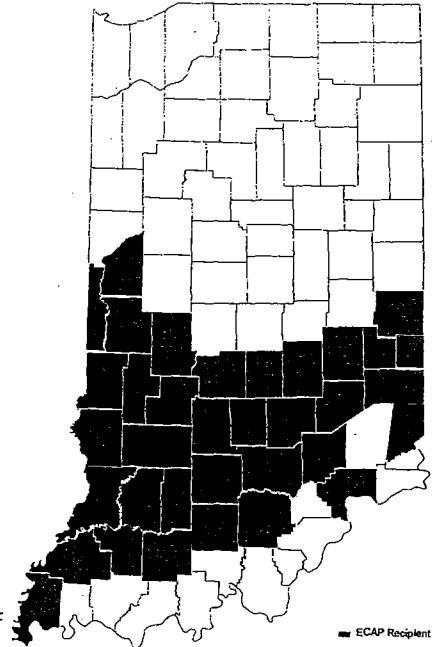
- There were 31 awarded SNRG grants.
 - Those districts will be receiving their initial 95% of funds that amounts to \$270,642.65



Emergency Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) Accomplishments

ECAP Recipients

- \$1.19 million in Emergency Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) funds were awarded to 35 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) who were the most severely affected by the unusual amount of rainfall and flooding the state of Indiana received this past year.
- ECAP funds allowed SWCD's the flexibility to address their needs locally, and provided opportunities to work with local elected officials such as surveyors, commissioners, county highway departments and extension service personnel to ensure all damage to agricultural land was addressed. The Indiana State Department of Agriculture Staff worked closely with SWCD's and local landowners in addressing the types of conservation practices that effectively get land back into production.
- ECAP districts have obligated and/or expended over 80% of the \$1.19 million in awarded funds in the past 4 months.
- 469 landowners in the 35 ECAP districts were assisted.
- Over 30,000 acres have been touched with ECAP Funds.
- Of those 30,000 acres, 13,421.6 acres have been planted to cover crops.
- Of those same 30,000 acres, 2,425 acres have had sediment and debris removed.
- 6 WASCOS (Water and Sediment Control Basins) have been repaired.
- 3 Gully's have been repaired.
- And various other conservation practices have been paid for, when local landowners may not have received assistance otherwise.



ECAP Decisions made by the SSCB "CWI Grant Sub Committee"

The Clean Water Indiana Grant Sub Committee would like to report on the successes of the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program (ECAP) and would like to recognize the 35 Soil and Water Conservation Districts that received ECAP funding. These districts should be commended for the job they have done working with local elected officials, state and federal agencies as well as landowners to address the flooding damage to agricultural land in their area. We are very pleased that in about 4 month's time these districts were able to obligate and expend over 80% of the \$1.19 million that the State Soil Conservation Board allocated to them. In the handout that was made available for today's meeting you can see where we have reports of 469 landowners receiving financial assistance that they might not have received without the funding from this program. A couple of other items we would like to note is that over 30,000 acres have been touched by ECAP funds and of that 30,000 over 13,000 acres have been planted to cover crops.

The Clean Water Indiana Grant Sub-Committee was given authority by the full State Soil Conservation Board to make decisions regarding the current ECAP funds and the next round of ECAP funding. The Sub Committee did meet and decided to sweep funds from 3 districts that were not able to utilize the initial 50% of their allotted funds. Those districts will be able to keep their first 50% and continue to obligate funds, but their final 50% will be swept. These swept funds total \$48,329.48 and will become available to districts that are still in need of additional funding.

As you will recall at the last State Soil Conservation Board Meeting the board voted to use Clean Water Indiana funds to initiate a 2nd round of ECAP funding. 41 SWCD's have sent letters of intent that they are interested in additional ECAP funding totaling over \$3.4 million. This amount of interest shows the board that there is still need for disaster assistance throughout the state. While full applications for this program are due at the end of January, there are 3 proposed projects that the sub committee agreed needing to fund immediately. These three projects total \$33,000 and are from Elkhart, Porter, and LaPorte Counties. These proposed projects meet the criteria of what the SSCB is trying to accomplish with ECAP funds, they did not received ECAP funds from the first round and they address an issue that affects their local county. Because of the limited amount of CWI dollars to award to districts through the CWI-ECAP grant, the CWI Sub Committee is asking those 38 remaining districts who are applying for CWI-ECAP funds to assess the need in their county and only ask for what is pertinent at this time. Once full applications have been received the CWI Grant Sub-Committee will review the applications and make the final funding decisions and report back to the full board at the next scheduled meeting.

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2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

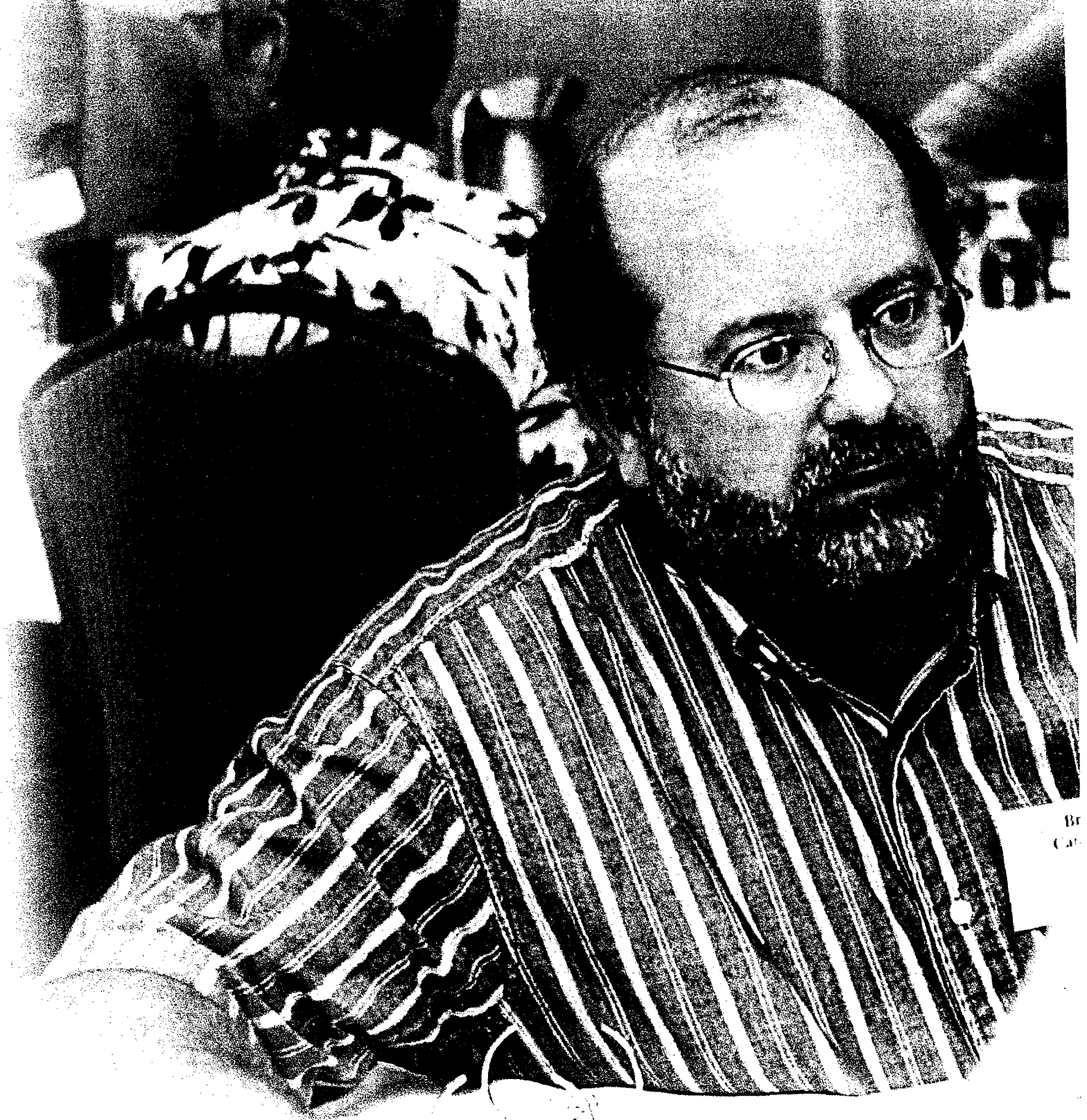
The Indiana Conservation Partnership's (ICP) Leadership Institute State Committee formalized the Leadership Institute in 2008. The institute was the result of a two year pilot leadership development program developed by Dr. Janet Ayres of Purdue University and the state committee. In the fall of 2007, the State Soil Conservation Board increased the District Training Incentive and dedicated funds to the development of a statewide training program for Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and their key staff members in an effort to support this initiative. At the same time, the Division of Soil Conservation dedicated staff resources (1 statewide coordinator and 8 local organizers) to the formalization of the statewide program.

During the fall of 2007, staff worked closely with the state committee and Dr. Ayres to develop a name, logo/brand, Web site, promotional and educational materials, develop local steering committees, choose dates and locations, as well as develop systems to handle both state and local logistics. Staff also developed a partnership with the Indiana League of Resource Conservation and Development Councils to assist in the registration of participants.

What is Leadership?



Dealing with change



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Cornerstones of Leadership

The newly formalized Leadership Institute (LI) launched its premiere program, Cornerstones of Leadership, in January of 2008 at the 2008 IASWCD Annual Conference. Cornerstones is a four-part leadership Development series specifically tailored to Indiana Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors and their key staff. The Cornerstones of Leadership curriculum is as follows:

Cornerstone: Leadership in Change (Prerequisite)

- What is Leadership as it Relates to SWCDs and Change
- Dealing with Change in Your SWCD
- Understanding Yourself & Others through the Myers Briggs Personality Type Indicator
- Matching your Skills & Abilities with Your Position and Responsibilities
- How You Can Best Serve Your Organization

Cornerstone: Communication

- Building Relationships with Others
- Listening to Understand Others
- Speaking Your Message Clearly
- Influencing Others

Cornerstone: Board Development

- Understanding Group Dynamics
- Serving on SWCD Boards and Committees
- Understanding Group Problem Solving and Decision-making
- Better Meeting Management
- Understanding Roles and Responsibilities with SWCD and Partners
- Supervisor Recruitment and Retention

Cornerstone: Impacting Community


- Strategic Planning
- Community Partnership Building
- Securing Resources
- Managing a Community Level Project

How can I best

LI held four Cornerstones workshops during 2008. During this first year of workshops, LI focused on the first two Cornerstones: Leadership in Change and Communication. The first official LI Leadership in Change workshop was held in West Lafayette on June 27-28, 2008. It was followed by another Change workshop in Clarksville on August 1-2, 2008. A third Change workshop was scheduled in August, but had to be postponed until 2009 due to scheduling conflicts. The Change workshops were followed by two Communication workshops: Ft. Wayne on September 5-6, 2008 and New Harmony on November 21-22, 2009.

Local Committees of SWCD and other partner representatives promoted and hosted each workshop in their area. Registration was handled through the Indiana League of Resource Conservation and Development Councils. Online registration and credit card payment features were added to the registration process.

A two-day workshop retreat format was followed for each event. Participants arrived on Friday afternoon and enjoyed planned evening social activities. Workshop activities resumed the next morning and concluded by Saturday afternoon.





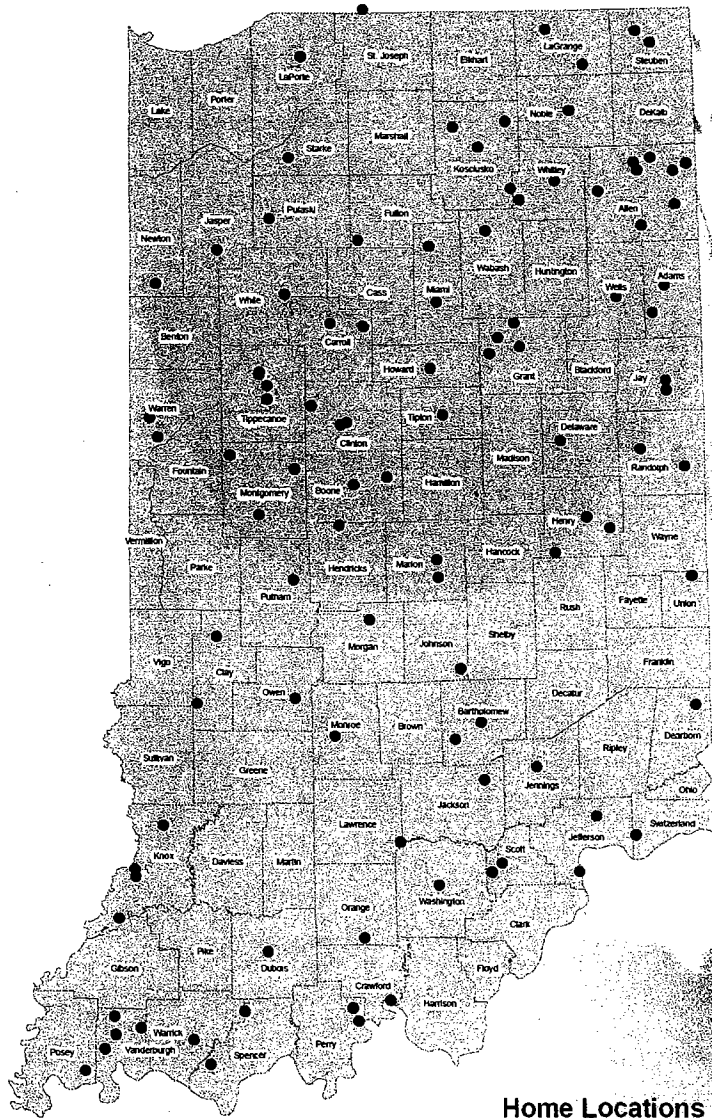
serve my District?

Participation

The formalization of LI enabled staff to offer the Cornerstones program to participants statewide. The following map shows the program participants of 08.

The target audience of the Cornerstones series was Supervisors and their key staff members. Spouses were welcome to join the full program or if they chose, only participate in the extra-curricular activities. Additionally some ICP members participated in the full program as well.

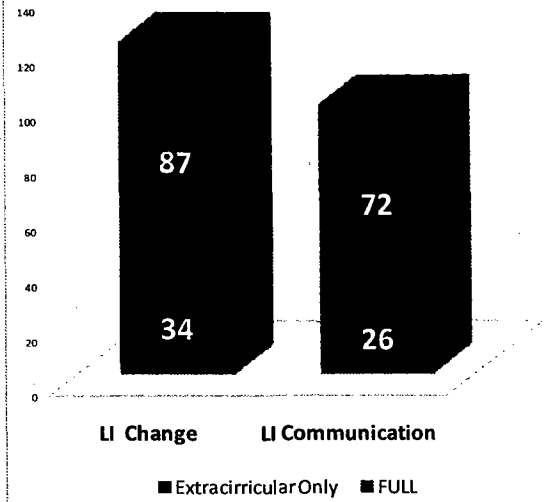
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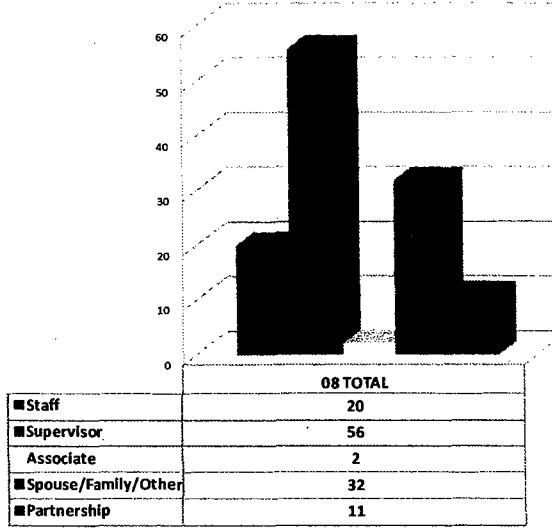
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- Leadership Institute Attendees

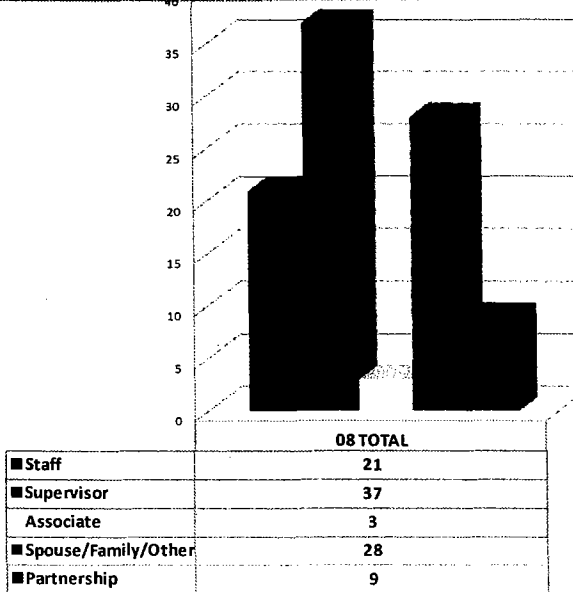
2008 LI PARTICIPATION



2008 LI LEADERSHIP IN CHANGE PARTICIPANTS



2008 LI COMMUNICATION PARTICIPANTS



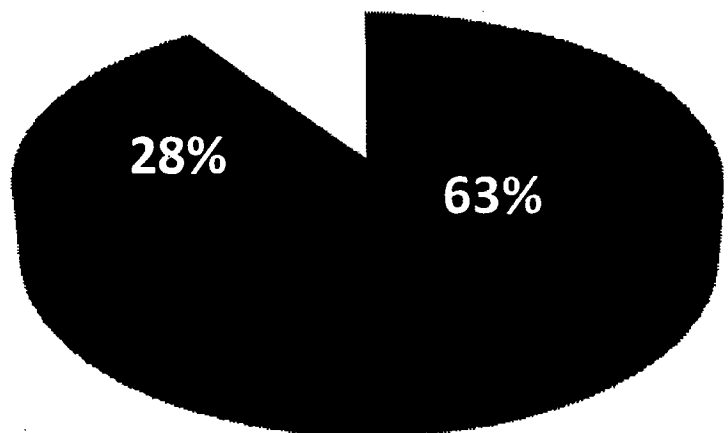
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At the completion of the 2008, the LI program has trained 160 total participants. A total of 63% of those participants have completed one of four Cornerstones workshops. Nearly one-third of the participants (27%) are half way through the Cornerstones series. A small group of participants (9%) are just one workshop away from completing the Cornerstones series due to their participation in the previous pilot workshops.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT COMPLETION LEVELS

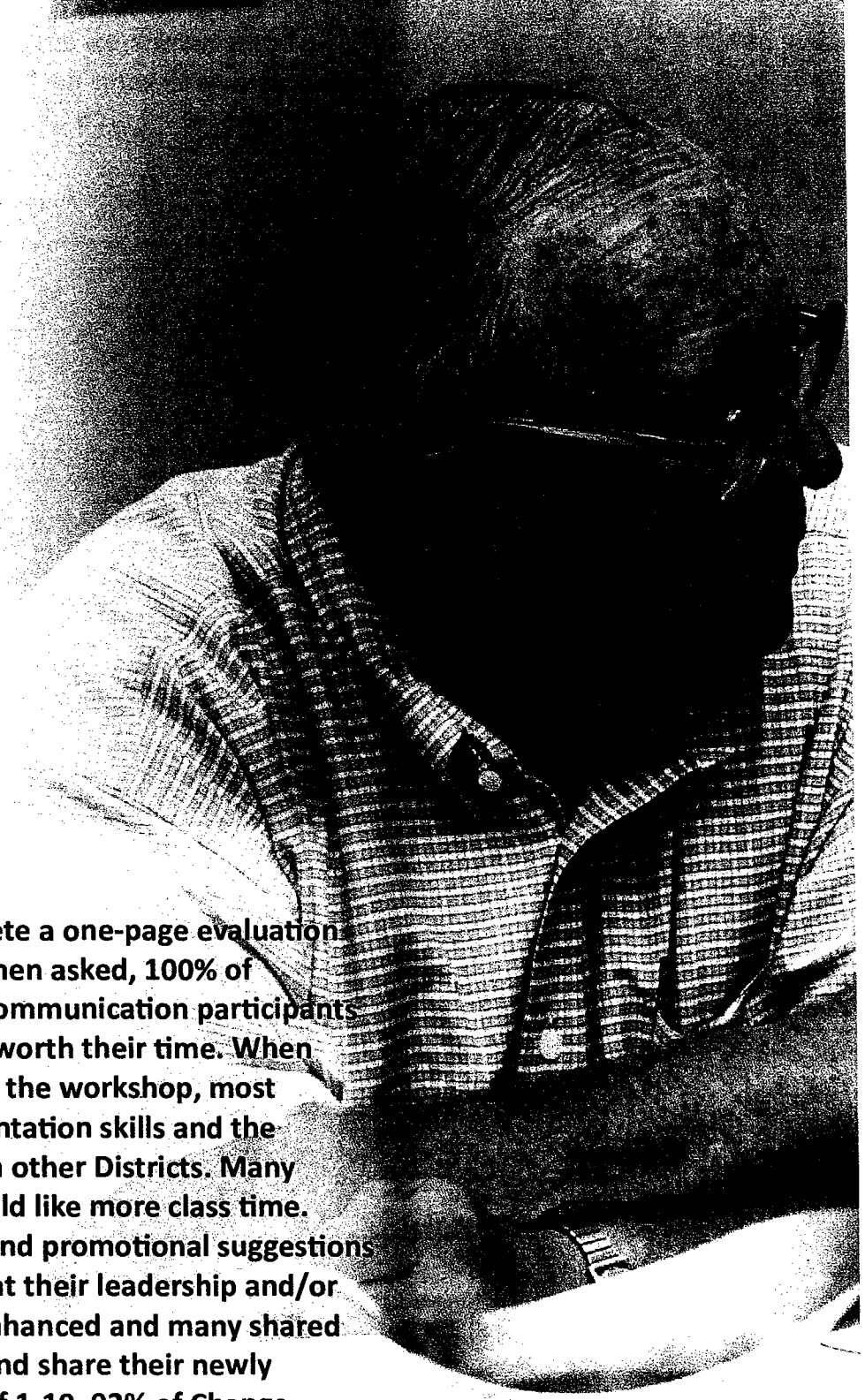
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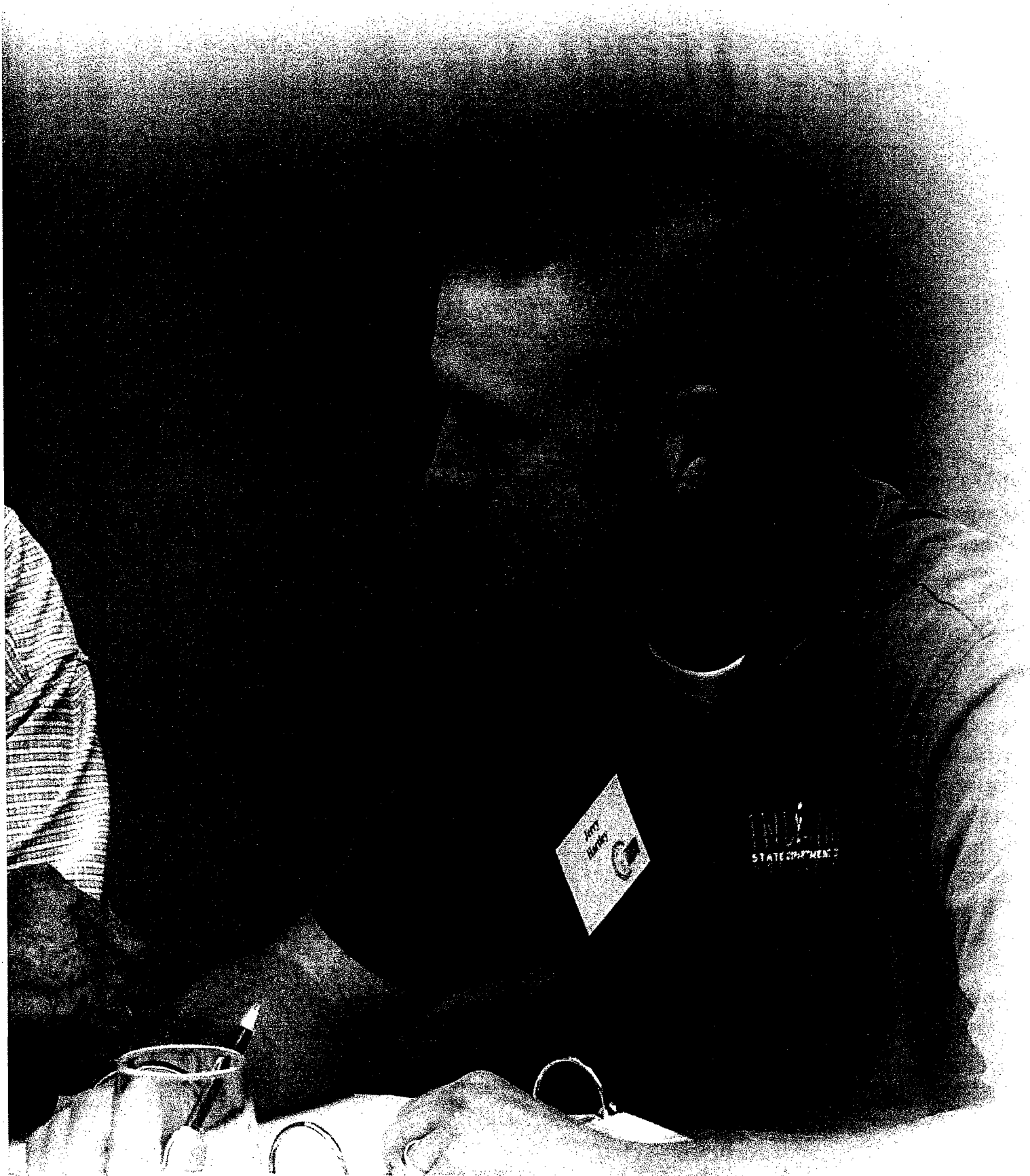


Understanding

Evaluation

Participants were asked to complete a one-page evaluation at the end of every workshop. When asked, 100% of Change participants and 98% of Communication participants indicated that the workshop was worth their time. When asked what they liked most about the workshop, most participants listed Dr. Ayres presentation skills and the opportunities for networking with other Districts. Many participants shared that they would like more class time. Participants also made logistical and promotional suggestions for the future. Most indicated that their leadership and/or communication skills had been enhanced and many shared plans to go back to their boards and share their newly acquired knowledge. On a scale of 1-10, 92% of Change participants and 95% of Communication participants ranked the workshop at a level 8 or higher.





yourself and others

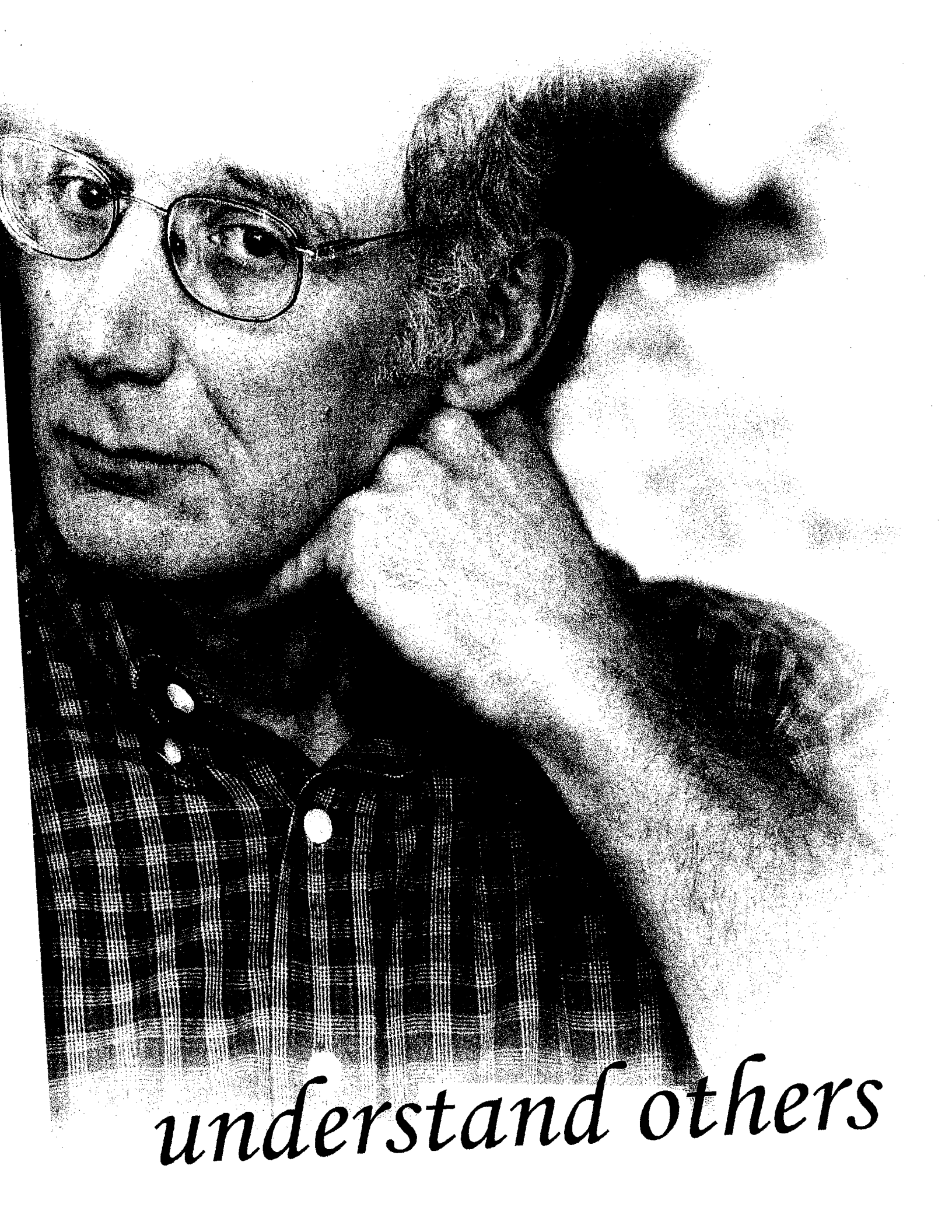
Listening to



The local drivers of the program, District Support Specialists (DSSs), were also asked to provide their input regarding the program's strengths and weaknesses at this time. DSSs indicated that the major strengths of the program were the District networking and sharing opportunities, Dr. Ayres skill and knowledge, as well as the value of the workshop curriculum.

The DSSs noted that the 2-day format presents time commitment issue for some program participants. Concerns regarding having the appropriate amount of class time to fully explore the content were also shared. Main concerns focused on the need for additional qualified trainers in the absence of Dr. Ayres and preparing for a smooth transition once Dr. Ayres' commitment to the program comes to an end. DSSs also pointed out that full board member participation is essential to effecting and improving District Capacity through this program. There is a fear that there is a portion of our target audience unwilling to participate in this type of program.

The DSSs envision many opportunities for the future of the program. Development of "spin-off" or "teaser" trainings at a regional or e local level has been suggested to maintain and promote interest. The continued development of training opportunities beyond the Cornerstones series and the creation of an LI newsletter were other suggestions made by the DSSs.



understand others



Next Steps

Staff is currently promoting the Cornerstones series for 2009 through promotional flyers, brochures, Web site and slideshows. LI will host 7 workshops in 2009. A preliminary schedule is as follows:

Leadership in Change
March 13-14, 2009
Indianapolis, IN

Communication
June 12-13, 2009
August 7-8, 2009
November 20-21, 2009*
Monticello, IN
Columbus, IN
Indianapolis, IN

Board Development
September 18-19, 2009
September 11-12, 2009
Central southwest
location TBA
Portland, IN

Impacting Community
December 4-5, 2009
Wabash, IN

*Evening of the 20th group activity only. One all day training Saturday 21st.

The LI Committee will meet in February 2009 to begin plans for an expansion of the program's trainer base and discuss potential adjustments to the program in the future.

Building relationships



This report was prepared by Cris Goode, LI State Coordinator.
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Tom Held

December 19, 2008

Nola Gentry
Indiana State Soil Board

Dear Ms. Gentry:

The Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District wishes to express its support for the Indiana Sustainable Cropping Systems (SCS) project as proposed by the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. We also are in favor of using Clean Water Indiana funds to support the SCS project, provided that the CWI funds used do not come at the expense of current levels of support to SWCDs in the form of State Grants for District Operations and competitive CWI grants.

Sincerely,

Mike Brocksmith
Terry Perkins
Jim Utt
Rex Marchino
Ray McCormick

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