

**AGENDA**  
**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**

**May 17, 2022**

Indiana Corn and Soy

8425 Keystone Crossing #200, Indianapolis, IN 46240

MS Teams

- I. 9:30am: Call to Order**
- II. Approve Minutes of January 2022**
- III. Clean Water Indiana**
  - a. Clean Water Indiana Grants- Tara Wesseler-Henry
  - b. Clean Water Indiana Grant Committee Report- Brad Dawson
  - c. Clean Water Indiana Funding
    1. 2022 CWI Funds- Kenny Cain
    2. SICIM Legislative Update- Ray Chattin
- IV. State Soil Conservation Board Business**
  - a. IASWCD Resolution- Kenny Cain
  - b. Deadlines and Election Committee Policy- Kenny Cain
- V. Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
  - a. Temporary appointments
    - i. Jasper Co SWCD- Sandra Hoffarth
    - ii. Jay Co SWCD (2)- Tara Wesseler-Henry
    - iii. LaPorte Co SWCD- Sandra Hoffarth
    - iv. Vermillion Co SWCD- Nathan Stoelting
- VI. ICP Reports**
  - a. ISDA
  - b. IASWCD
  - c. CCSI
  - d. Purdue
  - e. NRCS
  - f. FSA
  - g. Other
- VII. Public Comment**
- VIII. 2022 Meeting Dates**
  - July 19
  - September 20
  - October 25
- IX. SSCB Training**
  - a. IC 14-32-8 Clean Water Indiana- Nathan Stoelting
  - b. Public Access Law- Geneva Tyler
- X. Adjourn**

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**MINUTES**  
**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**

**March 15, 2022**

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MS Teams

**Present**

Amy Burris (Member)  
Brad Dawson (Member)  
Ray Chattin (Member)  
Larry Clemens (Member)  
Joe Schmees  
Lisa Holscher

Stan Moore  
Trevor Laureys  
Geneva Tyler  
Julie Harrold  
Sandra Hoffarth  
Nathan Stoelting  
Joe Rorick

**Present (virtually)**

Leah Harmon  
Laura Fribley  
Tara Wesseler-Henry  
Walt Sell  
Nathan Warenski

- I.** 9:42am: Meeting was called to order by Ray Chattin
- II.** Approve Minutes of January 2022: motion by Larry, second by Amy, motion passed.
- III. Clean Water Indiana**
  - a.** Clean Water Indiana Grants- Tara Wesseler-Henry- see report
  - b.** Clean Water Indiana Training Dollars- Geneva Tyler shared a spreadsheet of applications that have been submitted and reminded the board that today is the final day for applications. Geneva also requested a board decision on reimbursements for annual conference for districts that were not able to attend. Larry asked Joe Schmees on the Association stance on reimbursements. Ray Chattin discussed that this year had unusual circumstances and that this year they should reimburse districts even though they did not attend. Larry agreed with Rays thoughts.

Larry made a motion to approve training reimbursements for this year only due to Covid and safety concerns up to the allotted \$30,000. Ray Chattin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Brad then discussed the motion further by asking to be reminded of the deadline and number of districts effected. Discussion then turned to how often these trainings were confirmed that districts did in fact attend. Joe was asked if the association could confirm attendance. Brad then said that since districts did lose money from operating budgets and could not attend because of health and safety concerns he is leaning towards a vote in favor. He then asked for discussion to be closed and for a vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

- c.** Clean Water Indiana Budget- Trevor Laureys Trevor recommended that the board table this discussion due to some board members not being able to attend today. Tara and Trevor had an update on the budget to provide the SSCB with the most current money available to fund additional grant request.

Lisa and Joe both then agreed to make presentations and request today even though action won't be taken by board until the May meeting.

Joe began with a request as a representative from the Pathway to Water Quality. Joe explained the current budget situation the Pathway to Water Quality Steering Committee is currently dealing with. He explained the committee has put request into 3 categories, high priority, medium priority, and low priority. Details were then given to the board.

Stan Moore then led the discussion for CCSI as a monetary request. Lisa Holscher also presented on what CCSI is doing for conservation in Indiana. A packet of materials were provided to all attendees on CCSI.

Geneva then made a request for funding as well to provide a speaker for a training on grant writing later this year.

Brad asked if there was any additional funding available to fund smaller projects at the boards discretion. Trevor gave a budget breakdown to the board that they were then able to review.

After some discussion Brad made a motion to approve the \$300 for a grant writing speaker. Amy seconded. Brad provided further discussion that he like the idea of investing in the districts to approve grant writing skills. Motion passed.

#### **IV. State Soil Conservation Board Business**

- a. IASWCD Resolution- Discussion was then held regarding term limits for the State Soil Conservation Board. Stan clarified that the intent of the resolution included term limits for both SSCB Members as well as district supervisors. Brad and Ray agreed to sit on a sub committee to look into this topic further. Topic generated a lot of discussion and questions. The resolution will be looked at further and discussed in more detail a later date.
- b. Plan of Work review & Election Committee Policy- Plan of work and election committee policy agenda items were tabled until more board members can join discussion.

#### **V. Soil and Water Conservation Districts**

- a. Temporary appointments  
Nathan Stoelting submitted request to the board for approval of temporary appointed supervisors. First, was Knox County.

Brad made a motion to approve Jennifer Holscher to replace Andy Like. Motion was seconded by Larry. Motion Passed.

Nathan then gave the request for Putnam County. Brad made a motion to approve Jim McGaughey to replace Scott McCormick. Motion was seconded by Larry. Motion Passed.

Finally, Nathan submitted information for Montgomery County. Marc Roberts needed to be temporarily appointed following missing the deadline for a normal appointment. Brad made a motion to approve that appointment. Seconded by Larry. Motion passed.

Sandra introduced herself and read the details on a temporary appointment in Marshall County. Motion was made to approve the appointment by Brad. Seconded by Larry. Motion passed.

- b. Laura then discussed Workplace and Sexual Harassment Training information to the board. Larry made a motion to approve this. Amy seconded. Motion passed.

## **VI. ICP Reports**

### **a. ISDA**

Trevor gave the directors report.

Julie then gave an update of CREP. Science Assessment was requested by the board. Julie provided a packet of slides of a presentation she had given earlier this year and asked for questions. The topic generated a lot of discussion and further questions.

Leah then provided an update on moving the Annual Financial Report to an online form. We are hoping this adjustment will result in a more efficient process of getting this information into the system and getting the funds to districts faster.

### **b. SICIM- Ray Chattin gave an update as director of SICIM**

### **c. IASWCD- Joe Schmees gave an update. See report.**

### **d. CCSI- Lisa Holscher gave an update. See report.**

### **e. Purdue- Walt Sell gave an update on Purdue Extension.**

### **f. Joe Roerick then introduced himself as a new staff person with Purdue.**

### **g. Some updates were provided on offices reopening to allow more capacity and returning to work in our USDA Service Centers.**

## **VII. Public Comment**

No public comment

## **VIII. 2022 Meeting Dates**

The board will look for an available time to meet ahead of the normal schedule.

Standing meeting dates are:

- May 17
- July 19
- September 20
- October 25

## **IX. SSCB Training**

SSCB Training for CWI was tabled.

Geneva provided an update with Public Access for SSCB Members with the public health emergency being lifted.

Meeting locations were discussed for future dates

## **X. Adjourn:** Brad made a motion to adjourn at 12:09. Larry seconded. Motion carried.



### Equipment Needs

- Meeting Owl (reserve from shared calendar)
  - If meeting is at Corn and Soy or and other AV capable room, Owl is not required.
  - Meeting Owl app (from Apps@Work store) is recommended but not required.
- Reliable wifi connection
  - A VPN connection is not preferred. It slows performance.

### Before the Meeting

- Reserve the owl.
  - If going offsite, use the Owl in the small file cabinet in Mary's office.
- Create a Teams meeting.
  - There is no need to invite anyone to the meeting. This sets up recording capabilities.

### Meeting Setup

- Plan to get to the meeting location approximately 15 minutes before the meeting for setup.
- Place Owl centrally in front of Board. The Owl's microphones have a range of 8'.
- For larger rooms, 2 Owls can be paired using the Meeting Owl app. (see Leah for assistance).
- If the room has a screen, position the Owl so that the screen is on both edges of the panoramic video.

### During the Meeting

- Join Teams meeting and ensure that Meeting Owl Pro is both the selected camera and microphone in the device settings menu in Teams.
- As the board meeting begins, click start recording.
- As the meeting ends, click stop recording.

### After the Meeting (within 48 hours of the meeting)

- Download the recording from MS Teams
- Save to board meetings folder on Ag shared drive (I:\ISDA Board Meetings)
- Notify Regan/Haley that recording is ready to be posted to YouTube and linked to website.
- If the meeting needs to be trimmed, Haley/Regan will do so in Microsoft Stream and download the result.
- Regan/Haley will post the video to the ISDA Board Meetings playlist on YouTube and link to the ISDA website within 48 hours of receipt.

Contact Leah with any questions.

## **CWI Grants Committee Recommendations**

Grants committee met virtually April 14, 2022

- Only one CWI guidance document for SWCD and non SWCD versus having two.
- Removed concept papers being submitted for non SWCD to apply.
- Removed prior approval from SSCB for non SWCD to submit a application. Non SWCD still must show they are partnering with a SWCD for their application. Non SWCD applicants must request GMS access to apply.
- No more than three attachments, with a total maximum of six pages, may be uploaded with the application.
- Added: The grant may ask for no more than 10% of the total grant funds for administrative support.
- Added: Grantees are expected to meet all deadlines. If reporting deadlines are not met on the due dates the lead and the partners will not be eligible for CWI grant funding a year after the grant is complete. If special circumstances prevent a grantee from meeting a deadline they may make an in-person request to the SSCB for a waiver.

### Purposed Timeline:

Approve Guidance and release on May 17<sup>th</sup> SSCB meeting  
May 24<sup>th</sup>- CWI Statewide Info and Networking Session  
Spring 2022- DSSs host regional staff meetings/networking sessions, questions are answered as they come up  
Applications Due September 8<sup>th</sup>  
Ready to score-September16<sup>th</sup>  
Applications ranked and comments due October 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grants Committee meeting to decide funding- October TBD  
Recommendation and approval by SSCB October meeting-October 25<sup>th</sup>  
Partial funded districts application adjustments due on GMS by November 23<sup>rd</sup>



## **Clean Water Indiana 2023 Competitive Grants Guidance**

### **Executive Summary**

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grant Program (IC 14-32-8-5) utilizes the Clean Water Indiana Fund to Support Indiana conservation groups (nonprofits or units or subdivisions of government), in cooperation with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, in efforts to address the priority concerns of the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) business plan. The SSCB is accepting competitive proposals for targeted projects up to three years in length. The Clean Water Indiana fund is administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) under the direction of the SSCB (IC 14-32-8-6).

### **Application Process**

Applications are submitted online through the Indiana Grant Management System (GMS). A request for a GMS account is required. Please contact [cleanwaterindiana@isda.in.gov](mailto:cleanwaterindiana@isda.in.gov) to request an account.

All applications will be scored and ranked for CWI funding consideration. The SSCB CWI grants committee's funding recommendations will be presented to the full SSCB at their October meeting.

Applicants who are not a local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) must have a SWCD as a partner.

Applicants should request the amount of funds that are needed for the project. It is not the goal of the SSCB CWI Grants Committee to fund partial applications. Partially funded applications will be made only in special situations.

No more than three attachments, with a total maximum of six pages, may be uploaded with the application.

### **Application Deadline: September 8, 2023**

Late applications will not be accepted.

By submitting the application, the lead applicant certifies that each partner has agreed to the terms outlined in the application. The designated signatory of the lead applicant must have prior approval from their boards, managers, et.

Upon submission of the application, if a pdf copy is needed please request a copy here:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/2a1a2557c61b4e688b028032c37697a4>

### **Eligible Applicants**

- Any SWCD in the State of Indiana.
- Applications can be submitted by natural resource related conservation groups in the State of Indiana.
- One application is permitted per project and must be submitted by a lead applicant. Applicants may be lead on only one application in the 2023 grant cycle.
- Lead applicants must be up to date on all CWI reporting and 66% of a prior grant must be complete.
- Projects relating to urban practices that will reduce sediment and nutrient are eligible.
- Conservation practices and lab analysis of soil and water that are components of research projects are eligible.

### **Funding Restrictions**

Proposals must fall within the funding context allowed under the Clean Water Indiana Law (IC 14-32-8).

- The law prohibits funds to be used for food, food related paper products, office equipment or district self-promotional materials (i.e. mugs, t-shirts, pens, etc.)
- CWI grant dollars shall not be utilized to pay directly for employee benefits, such as retirement, health insurance, paid time off, taxes, etc. If CWI competitive grant dollars are being utilized to fund a staff position, once the funds are disbursed to a staff person, they may utilize their stipend/wages as they see fit. This only pertains to CWI competitive grant dollars and not to the \$10,000 CWI statutory match.
- Cannot be used to fund research equipment.
- Cost-sharing is also not allowed on specific practices that an entity is required to install to comply with a state or local rule or ordinance. *Example: CWI funds cannot be used to meet MS4 requirements unless the proposed use of funds goes above and beyond the requirement outlined in the MS4 permit's Storm Water Quality Management Plan.*

### **Funding Staff**

CWI grant dollars shall not be utilized to pay directly for employee benefits, such as retirement, health insurance, paid time off, taxes, etc. If CWI competitive grant dollars are being utilized to fund a staff position, once the funds are disbursed to a staff person, they may utilize their stipend/wages as they see fit. This only pertains to CWI competitive grant dollars and not to the \$10,000 CWI statutory match.

The grant may ask for no more than 10% of the total grant funds for administrative support.

### **Proposal Logistics**

This grant opportunity is competitive. Proposals can be for any amount that would accomplish the project described. A lead district must be selected to serve as the grantee to receive and

administer the grant. **However, grant funds can be shared between districts through cooperative agreements locally.** The grant proposal must document how the grant funds will address at least two of the State priority resource concerns referenced in the State Soil Conservation Board's (SSCB's) Business Plan adopted in 2021. Proposals that outline how CWI funds will leverage additional funding from other sources as well as engage other partners are strongly encouraged. CWI project proposals that will be in tandem with ongoing projects are encouraged. *Example: CWI funds might be used to add technical assistance to help implement sediment and nutrient reduction practices cost-shared through a LARE or 319 project.*

### **Project Dates**

All 2023 Clean Water Indiana Grant projects shall take no longer than three full years to complete. Projects will start in 2023 after a fully executed contract between the lead applicant and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture is signed. Partners do not sign the contracts. All funds must be spent by December 31, 2025.

### **Partnerships**

Each application must state clearly what each partner and participating district will be contributing to the proposed project (i.e. outreach, professional assistance, estimated funds, etc.) Partnering districts and organizations must be identified with a point of contact for the project, their contact information, and an explanation of any anticipated cash or in kind match from the partner.

### **Conservation Practices**

- Conservation practices and structural measures shall follow NRCS Field Office Technical Guide where applicable. New technologies not currently in the technical guide may be implemented if reviewed and concurred in by a technical representative of the Conservation Implementation Teams (CIT) or their designee.
- Pollinator plantings must be free of species that are noxious, invasive, and/or all amaranth. To verify that seed mixes are free of these species, a district MUST request the seed lab card from the distributor.
- For all cost share programs, CWI funds may be used to pay up to a maximum of 75% of the total conservation final practice cost.
- For cover crop cost share programs, the maximum cost share is 75% of the total final cost of the practice, with 25% of the cost being the responsibility of the landowner, and a maximum dollar cap at \$20/ac.
- Any CWI funded applications that have cost share funds for livestock alternative watering systems, MUST fence out the existing watering sources that have a natural resource concern.
- If applying for cost share, please describe the process you will implement to select grant recipients. Priority will be given to projects who demonstrate a strategic process for managing cost share dollars and prioritizing first-time users.

### **Match Requirements**

A 50 percent cash and/or in-kind match is required. Match contributions can be federal, state, and/or local sources including such things as landowner costs, staff time, supervisor time, equipment use, purchase, rental, etc. Proposals that request funds for staffing require a 25% cash or in-kind match for the staffing component. *Example: District A submits a \$10,000 for solely a staff position. District A's proposal requires a match of \$2,500. District B submits a \$10,000 proposal that includes \$5,000 for staff and \$5,000 for cost share. Proposal B is required to have \$3,750 match.* The match is applicable only if directly related to the purpose of the proposed project. The grants committee may give preference to cash match rather than in kind during the scoring process. Grant proposals must use the match standards outlined below to develop their project budget. State employee time may not be used as match.

### **Match Standards** (all figures are per hour of project work)

ICP Staff/SWCD supervisors (including associates) \$25\*

Landowner Time: \$25

Professional Services: \$25

Student/Intern/Volunteer: \$10

\*ICP match rates were calculated from publicly available data in Gateway and public transparency portals.

Any landowner contribution toward the remaining portion of cost share practices should be counted as cash match.

In general, time spent working on the project should be considered in-kind match; whereas money would be considered cash match.

### **Leveraging Funds**

SWCDs are encouraged to partner with traditional and non-traditional organizations/agencies at the local, state, and federal level to leverage additional funds for their project/initiative. Projects which add to the percent cost-share/incentive rate offered through another program are prohibited. *Example: A project where CWI funds are used for cost share and 319 funds for technical assistance are acceptable. A project where CWI and 319 funds are both used to give producers a larger cost share amount is prohibited.*

### **CWI Promotion**

Any CWI funded projects will be required to have a CWI logo for equipment, handouts, and presentations.

### **Process of Payments**

All funded SWCDs are required to register as a bidder with the State of Indiana. Instructions for registration can be obtained from the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA). Once the proposal is approved by the SSCB, ISDA will issue an electronic contract to the grantee.

Grantees must return their electronically signed contract to ISDA within 30 days of receipt in order to receive their funds. Funds must be utilized in a timely manner. Up to 50 percent of grant funding may be disbursed at the beginning of the grant, if justified by the applicant in their proposal and approved by the SSCB. All other payments will be made as reimbursement 45 days in arrears upon receipt of an updated report and claim that is submitted on GMS.

*Please note that reimbursement claims may require updated financial reporting, a claim voucher and a financial report showing that requested funds have been paid by the lead entity.*

10% of the total grant funds will be withheld until the final report is completed.

All funds must be spent at the end of the grant. Applicants need to make sure all cost share or incentive payments are made to the landowner by the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

### **Reporting Requirements**

Financial and project status updates will be required for the duration of the grant and a cumulative final report will be due at the end of the grant. The grant updating form will be provided on GMS. This update must be completed semi-annually (every 6 months) and summarize the outcomes and achievements of the project. Tracking of conservation practice implementation (following FOTG standards) must be reported through Conservation Link: conservation project tracking system (CPT) spreadsheet shall be completed by the 1st Friday of the quarter.

The final report of the grant is a cumulative report; 10% of the total grant funds will be withheld in the state account before submitting the final report.

All in-kind must be reported in full for each grant update. In-kind cannot be accounted for at a later report. Any state employee's time may not be counted as in-kind match.

Grantees are expected to meet all deadlines. If reporting deadlines are not met on the due dates the lead and the partners will not be eligible for CWI grant funding a year after the grant is complete. If special circumstances prevent a grantee from meeting a deadline they may make an in-person request to the SSCB for a waiver.

### **Reporting Deadlines**

Grant updates due in GMS: January 31<sup>st</sup>, July 31<sup>st</sup>

Conservation Project Tracking in Conservation Link: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of January, April, July, and October

### **Grant Reviews**

ISDA routinely visits with its grantees to ensure projects and grants are proceeding as intended and offer guidance and support if needed. Each year, ISDA will strategically select grants to review. These reviews can include open grants and grants that have been completed in the last three years. Upon completion of a review, ISDA will send a summary of results to all districts involved in the project and their board(s). If found during formal review or routine reporting checks, failure to make progress on the project or report progress as specified in the grant agreement will be noted in a project's file and may jeopardize a district's ability to receive competitive grant funds in future cycles. Grant Reviews must take place or scheduled within 90 days of being contacted by ISDA, or lead applicant will be ineligible for future grants for two years. Exceptions may be made (e.g. FMLA).

### **Modifications**

Modifications should not be taken lightly. These grants were awarded based upon merit. Largely changing the program of a grant could be seen as favoring some applicants over others. Other applicants may have submitted similar applications to the proposed modification but were not funded. No modification requests will be accepted following the last SSCB meeting in the final year of the grant term. Please contact the DSS team before submitting a modification.

### **Questions**

For assistance please contact your District Support Specialist (DSS).

<i>North</i>	Sandra Hoffarth	<a href="mailto:shoffarth@isda.in.gov">shoffarth@isda.in.gov</a>	(317) 460--0428
<i>Central:</i>	Geneva Tyler	<a href="mailto:gtyler@isda.in.gov">gtyler@isda.in.gov</a>	(317) 518-4036
<i>South:</i>	Laura Fribley	<a href="mailto:lfribley@isda.in.gov">lfribley@isda.in.gov</a>	(812) 595-5641
<i>West:</i>	Nathan Stoelting	<a href="mailto:nstoelting@isda.in.gov">nstoelting@isda.in.gov</a>	(812) 320-9873
<i>East:</i>	Tara Wesseler-Henry	<a href="mailto:twesseler@isda.in.gov">twesseler@isda.in.gov</a>	(765) 745-0306



**Deadlines that SWCDs must meet or have met to be eligible to be lead on an application for CWI 2023**

- Election Committee Report: November 1, 2021
- Recommendation for Supervisor Appointment: November 1, 2021
- Nominee for Election: December 1, 2021
- Annual Meeting Held: March 31, 2022
- Election held at Annual Meeting: March 31, 2022
- Annual Financial Report and Audit Form/Page 2 of AFR: March 31, 2022
- Certification of Election of Supervisors: Submitted in timely manner

*The items are not specified in district law but are considered essential for district operations and will be considered for CWI 2023. These questions will appear as a self-assessment on the CWI application.*

- Updated SharePoint Directories: Within 30 days of changes
- The district has a current business plan.
- District Staff or supervisors participated in the county conservation transects.
- District has applied for a grant other than CWI in the last 3 years and how many.



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## Conservation Cropping Systems and Soil Testing Cost-Share Program - Scope of Services Modification

Future verbiage

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Grantee

Clinton County SWCD

Project Title

Conservation Cropping Systems and Soil Testing Cost-Share Program

Grant Amount

\$33,000.00

### PROJECT CONTACT

Name

Stephen Miller

Phone

Email

stephen.miller2@in.nacdnet.net

### MODIFICATION INFORMATION

**\* (required) Activity to be Changed**

The Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors is requesting a one-year extension for this grant with a new end date of 12/31/2023.

**\* (required) Proposed Change**

State Soil Conservation Board members:

The Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors recently evaluated the status and budget of the Clean Water Indiana grant (#A337-20-CWI-002) awarded to us and executed on January 1, 2020.

While every effort is being made to fulfill the obligations outlined in the agreement prior to the current expiration date of the agreement (12/31/2022) the Board of Supervisors would like to request a one-year extension.

**\* (required) Provide the justification for each change of activity requested. Clearly describe the new activity, how project beneficiaries will benefit as a result of the changes and the overall impact on the program.**

The past years have presented several challenges that the District is adapting to. The District has seen staff turnover in both the technical and administrative positions in 2022. Turnover, along with the earlier halting of in-person meetings due to Covid-19 has hindered District outreach since this grant was first executed. We continue to re-assess and adapt as we attempt to fully utilize the funds for their intended purpose – to provide technical, educational and financial resources for producers to build their soil health system of practices. Thanks for your consideration and please direct questions to District Administrator, Stephen Miller at 765-659-1223 extension 3 or [stephen.miller2@in.nacdn.net](mailto:stephen.miller2@in.nacdn.net).

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Submission Date

May 16, 2022 

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## Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District

860 S. Prairie Ave., Suite 1 • Frankfort, IN 46041 • (765) 659-1223 ext. 3 • [clinton-swcd@iaswcd.org](mailto:clinton-swcd@iaswcd.org)

May 13, 2022

State Soil Conservation Board  
c/o Geneva Tyler, District Support Specialist  
Indiana State Department of Agriculture  
One North Capitol Ave., Suite 600  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

State Soil Conservation Board members:

The Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors recently evaluated the status and budget of the Clean Water Indiana grant (#A337-20-CWI-002) awarded to us and executed on January 1, 2020.

While every effort is being made to fulfill the obligations outlined in the agreement prior to the current expiration date of the agreement (12/31/2022) the Board of Supervisors would like to request a one-year extension.

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Thanks for your consideration and please direct questions to District Administrator, Stephen Miller at 765-659-1223 extension 3 or [stephen.miller2@in.nacdnet.net](mailto:stephen.miller2@in.nacdnet.net).

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clint Orr".

Clint Orr, Chairperson  
Dustin, Johnson, V. Chairperson  
Jerry Batts, Supervisor  
Matt Kelley, Supervisor  
Ty Brown, Supervisor



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## State Soil Conservation Board

ISDA – DSC Director’s Report

May 17, 2022

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### Budget Update:

#### Current (budget breakdown from March meeting):

This is our last meeting before we enter FY23, and as such I wanted to recap this year’s budget. Below is what we approved **July 20, 2021**.

#### As approved from last meeting:

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

#### Division of Soil Conservation FY 22 & 23

- Maintain some vacancies, reduce discretionary spending, bring in additional funds through grant administration.
  - **Posting 3 positions, holding 3 positions indefinitely**

#### CWI FY22

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

#### CWI FY23

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

## FY24 – 25 Biennium

### Process:

- Department submits a “transmittal letter” to LG Office around July 22
  - This includes justifications of our current funding levels and any new asks
  - Our “new” asks don’t always get approval or move forward to the next step
- The LG’s office would submit documents forward to OMB (Office of Management & Budget)
- The Governor puts together his budget which is ultimately unveiled in January 2023 before the long session
- Legislature considers gov budget, debates and finalizes budget by end of the April 2023.

### ISDA Priorities

- Question begs – will this be considered “new” by the OMB, or would this just be considered “making us whole again”
  - Ultimately, goal is to get back to FY2020 funding levels.
- -15% cut to CWI, equating to ~\$444,000
  - Discretionary = we’ve had less money for competitive grants, programs
  - Have been seeking outside dollars for CREP as it is, have successfully raised millions over the years
- -15% cut to our Division of Soil Conservation Budget, equating ~\$212,000
  - Discretionary = no more room for cuts as of now, see Org Chart
- Total right now -\$656,000/year when compared to FY20-21 budget
  - That’s about -\$1,312,000 over a biennium

### CWI FY2023, To be discussed at our July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting:

Clean Water Indiana	FY22	FY23	Difference
General Fund	\$970,000	\$970,000	0
Cigarette Tax	\$2,519,014	\$2,519,014	0
Rollover	\$466,408	??	??
<b>Total:</b>	\$3,955,422	\$3,489,014	??
<b>Soil Conservation</b>			
Cigarette Tax	\$1,205,700	\$1,205,700	0

### DSC FY23

- Continue to hold vacancies, continued reduction in discretionary spending, additional funds brought in via RCPP supplemental agreements
- See org chart, we will continue to hold these 4 vacancies

## CWI FY23

- Rollover balance expected to be significantly less
  - Recap on \$130,000 see additional doc
- Seek traditional dollar amount for CWI Competitive Grants (about \$1,000,000)
- Will take whatever rollover does not cover out of CREP, if no rollover, it would be the entirety of the \$444,000 dollars.
  - Typical CREP investment has been \$660,000, so this would leave roughly \$220,000

## Infrastructure Dollars (For partner updates)

- H.R. 3684 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act
- \$1,000,000 each year for 5 years (starting FY23) to each member state
  - Administered by ISDA, but aim to use these dollars for partnership efforts
- First year plan of work focuses on three key areas:
  - Indiana Nutrient Research & Education Program
    - Continuation of our science assessment
  - Possible staffing addition to manage these funds
  - Expansion of Soil Sampling Program started in WLEB
    - Supports IANA goal of 100% farmers regularly soil sampling

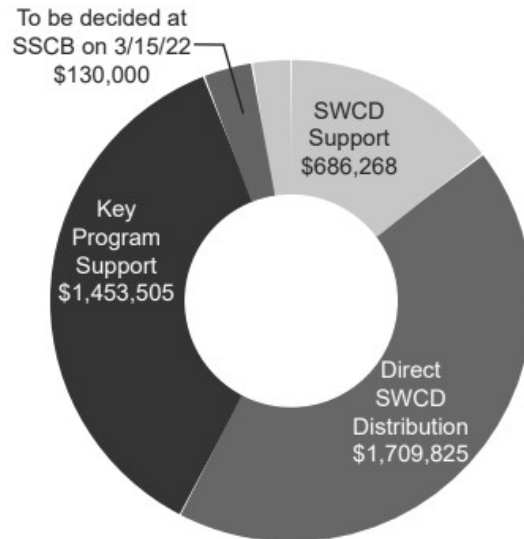
## Division of Soil Conservation Key Performance Indicator & Program Measures



- Typically, practices are entered as completed, but during CWI reporting times (1<sup>st</sup> Friday January, April, July, October) we see much larger numbers of entries.

## Declined CWI Dollars:

### FY 2022 CWI Budget Overview



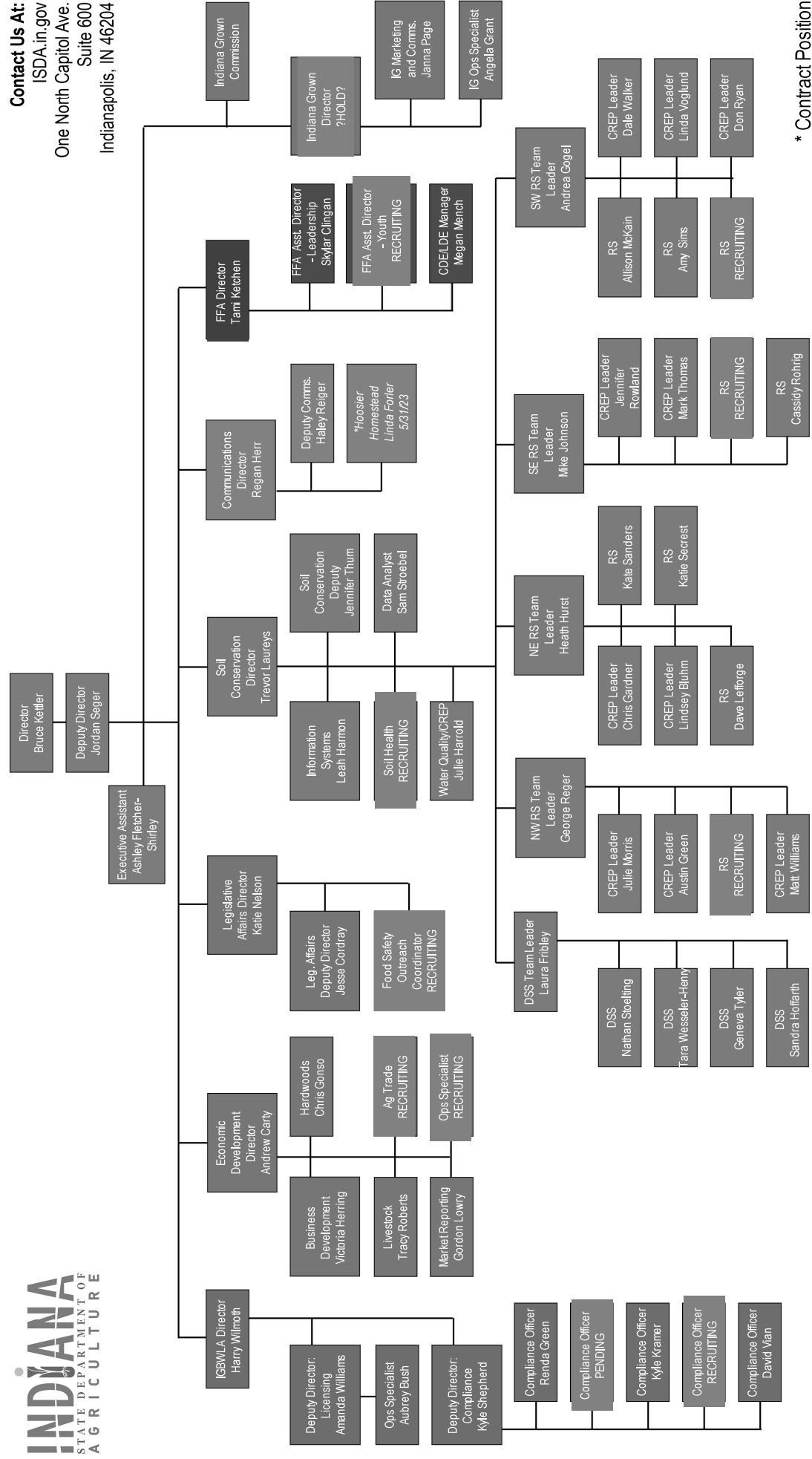
- Includes \$970,000 general fund appropriation  
Total: \$3,979,599
- The Clean Water Indiana dedicated fund received a 15% cut in FY22.
- This fund is non-reverting
- The Division of Soil Conservation has a separate budget.
- All funds are subject to a 2% reserve.
- A balance remains in the fund to be allocated by the SSCB at the end of the fiscal year.

- Presented above chart at January board meeting, and asked that we look to spend the remaining \$130,000 from a declined 2022 CWI grant
- Due to some unexpected events leading up to our March board meeting, we did not hold a vote on these dollars.
  - I.e. board absences, vote abstention in accordance with IC 4-2-6-9 (decisions and votes)
  - I've communicated with SSCB, CCSI Steering Committee, and PWQ Committee regarding delaying due to constraints on our business office, and the need to wait for the next FY for any new contracts.
- I provided a budget breakdown, which can be found in the March meeting attachments.
- We had some attendees approach the board with an ask of these dollars:
  - CCSI
    - Two scenario proposed salary for Program managers (provided)
  - PWQ
    - Tiered high, medium, and low priority repair/upgrades (provided)
  - DSS team requested dollars for grants speaker (\$300), which was approved





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**SICIM-IASWCD 2023 Legislative Proposal**

1. Increase direct grants to districts by \$50,000 annually. (Total AFR of \$60,000.) This increase to SWCDs will provide infrastructure, technical assistance, education, and administrative support. These funds will increase the overall capacity of districts to provide support for local CISMAs to implement the goals of the Indiana Invasives Initiative (III) and enhance district capacity to address ongoing soil and water conservation concerns and improve soil health.
2. Increase CWI funding by 4 million dollars annually. This increase recognizes the overwhelming demand for cost share and technical assistance statewide. It will sustain SICIM and the Indiana Invasives Initiative staff as they continue to implement the goals of the III. It will also build the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI) in its efforts to provide improved soil health by fostering improved management for private land owners.

Explanatory notes: NRCS, local SWCDs and the SSCB (CWI) have been vitally important partners with SICIM in the establishment and maintenance of the Indiana Invasives Initiative. SWCDs have a presence in all 92 counties and with proper support, can provide essential services to local CISMAs as key delivery system partners. CISMAs can also benefit from well established relationships between SWCDs and landowners. This proposal represents the most cost effective and practical approach to making Indiana a strong partner in addressing invasive species.

Certificates of Election 2022

County	Date of Annual Meeting	Candidate 1	Candidate 2	3 Year Term Name
Adams	03/03/2022	Greg Selking		Greg Selking
Allen	03/17/2022	Don Rekeweg	Jain Young	Jain Young
Bartholomew	02/10/2022	Chris McKinney		Chris McKinney
Benton	02/23/2022	Shane Gretencord		Shane Gretencord
Blackford	02/15/2022	Mike Miller		Mike Miller
Boone	02/16/2022	Chris Branaman		Chris Branaman
Brown	03/23/2022	Sara True		Sara True
Carroll	02/01/2022	Michael W Beale		Michael W Beale
Cass	02/15/2022	Adam Peppers		Adam Peppers
Clark	01/27/2022	Sam Hagest		Sam Hagest
Clay	03/10/2022	Cam Casassa		
Clinton	03/01/2022	Ty Brown		Ty Brown
Crawford	03/12/2022	Rollin Bach		Rollin Bach
Daviess	02/17/2022	Robert Sullender		Robert Sullender
Dearborn	03/08/2022	Pat Holland		Pat Holland
Decatur	02/07/2022	Roger Wenning		Roger Wenning
DeKalb	03/15/2022	Judy Strock		Judy Strock
Delaware	02/17/2022	Joseph Hamilton		Joseph Hamilton
Dubois	02/01/2022	Arlene Fleck	Tom Haase	Arlene Fleck
Elkhart	03/15/2022	Alex Wait		
Fayette	03/29/2022	SteveWollyung		Steve Wollyung
Floyd	02/21/2022	Alisa Perkins	Melanie Palaisa	Alisa Perkins
Fountain	01/17/2022	Luke Davenport		Luke Davenport
Fulton	02/07/2022	Arthur Gudas	Adam Luhnnow	Adam Luhnnow
Gibson	02/01/2022	Matt Michel		Matt Michel
Grant	03/01/2022	Duane Phipps		Duane Phipps
Greene	02/22/2022	Reece Booher		Reece Booher
Hamilton	02/15/2022	Dustin Forrer		Dustin Forrer
Hancock	03/30/2022	Tom Nigh		Tom Nigh
Harrison	02/10/2022	Michael Emily		Michael Emily
Hendricks	03/01/2022	Ethan Truax		Ethan Truax
Henry	02/17/2022	Tony Wright	Jamie Turpin	Tony Wright
Howard	02/15/2022	Roy Cooper		Roy Cooper
Huntington	03/01/2022	Joel Arnold		Joel Arnold
Jackson	03/03/2022	Ashley Shoemaker	Dale Pottschmidt	Dale Pottschmidt
Jasper	03/08/2022	Mark Jordan		Mark Jordan
Jefferson	02/23/2022	Casie Auxier	Jeremy Law	Casie Auxier
Jennings	03/10/2022	Matt Branham		Matt Branham
Johnson	02/24/2022	David Harrell		David Harrell
Knox	03/07/2022	Nathan Debord	Jennifer Holscher	Nathan Debord
Kosciusko	02/15/2022	Ryan Martin		Ryan Martin
LaGrange	03/10/2022	Roy Duane (RD) Wolheter	n/a	Roy Duane Wolheter
Lake	03/17/2022	Donna Molchan		Donna Molchan
LaPorte	03/13/2022	Mike Tuholski		Mike Tuholski
Lawrence	02/28/2022	Jamie Hooten		Jamie Hooten
Madison	03/03/2022	Chad Bouslog		Chad Bouslog

Marion	02/15/2022	Maggie Goeglein		Maggie Goeglein
Marshall	01/13/2022	Craig Hawley		Craig Hawley
Martin	02/07/2022	David Gregory		David Gregory
Miami	02/09/2022	Brad Clemons		Brad Clemons
Monroe	03/26/2022	Whitney Schlegel		Whitney Schlegel
Montgomery	03/08/2022	Jordan Gillenwater	Raoul Moore	Jordan Gillenwater
Morgan	02/09/2022	Patricia Clark		Patricia Clark
Newton	02/10/2022	Mike Schoonveld		Mike Schoonveld
Orange	02/10/2022	Danny Orr		Danny Orr
Owen	3/15/2022	Corbin Worland		Corbin Worland
Parke	02/22/2022	Marvin Rode		Marvin Rode
Perry	02/08/2022	Mark Harpenau		
Pike	01/18/2022	Tom Rudolph		Tom Rudolph
Porter	03/03/2022	Keith Gustafson	Mike Kreiger	Keith Gustafson
Posey	01/18/2022	Charles Ries		Charles Ries
Pulaski	02/15/2022	Steve Kasten		Steve Kasten
Putnam	01/27/2022	Chris Mann		Chris Mann
Randolph	02/24/2022	David Jennings		David Jennings
Ripley	02/24/2022	Bill Huffmeyer		Bill Huffmeyer
Rush	03/03/2022	Justin Orme		Justin Orme
Scott	02/24/2022	Jonathan Abbott		Jonathan Abbott
Shelby	02/09/2022	James K Douglas	Ben Odem	James K. Douglas
Spencer	01/31/2022	Mark Lubbehusen		Mark Lubbehusen
St_Joseph	02/11/2022	Marty Lappin		Martin Lappin
Starke	02/09/2022	Larry Jernas		Larry Jernas
Steuben	03/09/2022	David Perkins		David Perkins
Sullivan	02/21/2022	Ashley Abrams	Kyler Knotts	Ashley Abrams
Switzerland	03/10/2022	Shawna Andrew		Shawna Andrew
Tippecanoe	02/23/2022	Ben Douglas (Doug) Osborn		Doug Osborn
Tipton	03/05/2022	Mark Tolle		
Union	02/17/2022	Jimmy Gregory		Jimmy Gregory
Vanderburgh	02/15/2022	Joe Schalasky		
Vermillion	02/08/2022	LeeAnn Larrance		LeeAnn Larrance
Vigo	03/15/2022	Ethan Wyrick	Tim Marion	Ethan Wyrick
Wabash	03/03/2022	Frank Driscoll	Dillon Gable	
Warren	02/23/2022	Roger Sparenberg		Roger Sparenberg
Warrick	03/28/2022	Paula McGuire		Paula McGuire
Washington	02/07/2022	Todd Armstrong		Todd Armstrong
Wayne	01/31/2022	Travis Frame	Nathan Williamson	Travis Frame
Wells	02/17/2022	Eric Johnson		Eric Johnson
White	03/15/2022	Julia Hart	Steve Cosgray	Steve Cosgray
Whitley	03/15/2022	Cory Studebaker		Cory Studebaker

Unsubmitted Certificate of Election

Franklin

Jay

Ohio

Noble

## SWCD Deadlines Discussion With SSCB

**Topic:** SWCDs deadlines outlined in Indiana Code and Clean Water Indiana grant contracts

**Issue:** Annually, some SWCDs fail to meet these deadlines. This leads to:

- Legal or contractual responsibilities not being met by the SWCDs
- Additional work for the SWCDs, ISDA, and SSCB getting things in order, addressing late items, etc.
- Appearance of unprofessionalism

**Request:** Is any further action or development of a strategy needed? Is it a low, medium, or high priority to the SSCB that SWCDs meet these deadlines?

**Specific Deadlines and History: November 1, 2021 to present:**

Responsibility Summary	Status
<b>Election Committee:</b> submit the names of the committee members to the SSCB by November 1. (IC 14-32-4-7)	3 missed the deadline
<b>Appointed Supervisor:</b> not later than November 1, the district supervisors shall recommend to the SSCB in writing one or more individuals qualified to fill the position. (IC 14-32-4-10)	8 missed the deadline
<b>Nominees for Election:</b> submit the list of nominees with the qualifications for certification to the SSCB by December 1. (IC 14-32-4-8)	3 missed the deadline
<b>Certificate of Election:</b> the chairman shall announce the individuals who have been elected and report the election results to the SSCB. (IC 14-32-4-9) (Note: a deadline for this is not listed in law. ISDA requests this information within 7 days of the Annual Meeting.)	By law, Annual Meetings must be complete by March 31. As of 4/2/22, we've not received 2
<b>Annual Financial Report:</b> the Supervisors of the District shall provide a copy of each annual financial statement of the district to the SSCB not later than March 31. (IC 14-32-4-22)	2 missed deadline
<b>CWI Grant Update:</b> due in Grants Management system by January 31 and July 31 (as outlined in grant contracts)	4 missed the January 31 deadline

## Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)

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**From:** Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate <microsoft@powerapps.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 1, 2022 10:30 AM  
**To:** Harmon, Leah; Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)  
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JasperSWCD has submitted a Recommendation for Temporary or Vacant Appointment. Please add it to the next SSCB agenda.

<b>SWCD</b>
Jasper
<b>Appointment Type</b>
Vacant_Appointed_Position
<b>Who is the Candidate Replacing?</b>
Lana Zimmer
<b>Term Expiration</b>
3/2022
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
No_Election_Held
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Lana Zimmer
<b>Address</b>
8139 S 1000 W
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Rensselaer, IN 47978
<b>Qualifications</b>
As a lifelong resident of Jasper County, Lana resides with her husband Tom on the family farm in Jordan Township along with Iroquois River where they have restored more than 3 acres of tall grass prairie and are also growing and wholesaling produce and specialty crops. Lana is a retired professor from Saint Joseph's College where she taught in the Education Division specializing in science education. Her primary interests include sustainability education, sustainable agriculture, and place-based, experiential learning. Lana has broad knowledge and experience in many conservation practices, and hopes to continue to bring awareness to the community about the many ways individuals can help protect and preserve the quality of our soil and water while at the same time sustaining economic development.

**Occupation**

Retired College Professor. She now oversees her family garden and sells the produce at farmers markets and to restaurants.

**Conservation Interests**

**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**

Mark Jordan

**Date of Submission**

04/01/2022

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Jordan Wall has resigned his appointed supervisor position. Jay County SWCD Board of Supervisors has recommended that Chris Lutes fulfill his position.

Respectfully,

Taylor Suman

Jay County SWCD Coordinator/ Educator



## Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)

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

<b>SWCD</b>
Jay
<b>Appointment Type</b>
Temporary_Elected_Position
<b>Who is the Candidate Replacing?</b>
Jordan Wall
<b>Term Expiration</b>
2024
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
Resignation
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Chris Lutes
<b>Address</b>
2967 w 200 s
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Portland , IN 47371
<b>Qualifications</b>
Swine Production operator with nutrient management
<b>Occupation</b>
Swine Production operator

**Conservation Interests**

Forage/ Hay production Grazing Rotation

**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**

Barry Miller - Vice Chairman

**Date of Submission**

03/29/2022

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Yes

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## Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)

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

<b>SWCD</b>
Jay
<b>Appointment Type</b>
Temporary_Elected_Position
<b>Who is the Candidate Replacing?</b>
Kurt Theurer
<b>Term Expiration</b>
2022
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
No_Election_Held
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Kurt Theurer
<b>Address</b>
6285 E 700 S
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Portland, IN 47371
<b>Qualifications</b>
Passed SWCD supervisor, Passed SWCD Chairman, Practices Conservation Management
<b>Occupation</b>
Grain Farmer, Contract Swine producer

**Conservation Interests**

no-till, Cover crops, nutrient management and filter strips

**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**

Barry Miller- Vice Chariman

**Date of Submission**

03/29/2022

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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:** Tyler, Geneva (ISDA); Harmon, Leah  
**Subject:** LaPorte Recommendation for Temporary/Vacant Appointment

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

<b>SWCD</b>
LaPorte
<b>Appointment Type</b>
Vacant_Appointed_Position
<b>Who is the Candidate Replacing?</b>
Greg Thoman
<b>Term Expiration</b>
2025
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
Death
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Sacha Gee-Burns
<b>Address</b>
9777 W 250 S
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Westville, IN 46391
<b>Qualifications</b>
Prior chair of our board, had to resign due to scheduling conflicts. Strong knowledge of native plants and trees, and passion for the environment.
<b>Occupation</b>
Education Coordinator for the La Porte County Solid Waste District

**Conservation Interests**

pollinator plants, removal of invasive species.

**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**

Don Lode

**Date of Submission**

165211560000

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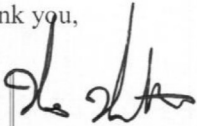
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02-10-2022

SWCD Board,

I regret that I do not have the time, that is needed, in fulfilling the duties of a SWCD board Supervisor. Please accept my resignation as of 02-10-2022.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "De Wits", written above a vertical line that extends down the page.

## Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)

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**From:** Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate <microsoft@powerapps.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 12, 2022 12:47 PM  
**To:** Harmon, Leah; Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)  
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MartinSWCD has submitted a Recommendation for Temporary or Vacant Appointment. Please add it to the next SSCB agenda.

<b>SWCD</b>
Martin
<b>Appointment Type</b>
Vacant_Appointed_Position
<b>Who is the Candidate Replacing?</b>
Wes Walton
<b>Term Expiration</b>
1-2024
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
Resignation
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Justin R. Clark
<b>Address</b>
317 Elm Street
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Loogootee, IN 47553
<b>Qualifications</b>
Martin County land owner, cattle farmer, practices rotational grazing,
<b>Occupation</b>
Employed at East Fork Water and also raises cattle and hay.



**Conservation Interests**

Rotational grazing, Erosion control. Interested in spreading the importance of agriculture and help give people a better idea about why soil & water is important for our everyday life.

**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 Gregory

**Date of Submission**

05/12/2022

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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: Noble Temp/Vacant Appt

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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 D Bailey
<b>Term Expiration</b>
2022
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
No_Election_Held
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Kyle D Bailey
<b>Address</b>
8335 N 450 E
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Kendallville , IN 46755
<b>Qualifications</b>
Past Supervisor SWCD Chairman
<b>Occupation</b>
Ag Operation

**Conservation Interests**

Livestock Conservation Practices Hay Ground Cover

**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**

Eric A Strater

**Date of Submission**

05/13/2022

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<b>SWCD</b>
Noble
<b>Appointment Type</b>
Temporary_Elected_Position
<b>Who is the Candidate Replacing?</b>
Ryan Carmien
<b>Term Expiration</b>
2022
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
No_Election_Held
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Ryan Carmien
<b>Address</b>
2005 N 225 E
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Albion , IN 46701
<b>Qualifications</b>
Past SWCD Supervisor
<b>Occupation</b>
Ag Operation

**Conservation Interests**

Cover Cropping Nutrient / Pest Management

**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**

Eric A Strater

**Date of Submission**

05/13/2022

**Is a letter of resignation attached?**

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To: Ohio County Soil and Water,

I would like to submit my resignation from the board. Due to some health issues, I feel that I am unable to fulfill my duties. Thank you for your consideration. I will gladly stay until you have a replacement for my position.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Earl Ketenbrink".

Earl Ketenbrink

## Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)

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**From:** Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate <microsoft@powerapps.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 11, 2022 8:38 PM  
**To:** Harmon, Leah; Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)  
**Subject:** Update: Ohio Temp/Vacant Appt

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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>
Earl Ketenbrink
<b>Term Expiration</b>
2025
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
Resignation
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Amber Wolfzorn
<b>Address</b>
2966 Bellview Lane
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Rising Sun, IN 47040
<b>Qualifications</b>
Amber and her husband Brian own a 10 acre farm where they are raising chickens, bees, and cows and are raising garden vegetables and selling those, along with homemade soaps, homemade honey and eggs at the local festivals in Ohio County and the Farmers Markets.
<b>Occupation</b>
Housewife, Farmer

**Conservation Interests**

Amber is interested in becoming a board member to gain access to more local information with Soil and Water She is interested in showcasing her talents through selling her vegetables and home made goods through local farmers markets and festivals, and is interested in supporting the OCSWCD with her leadership and talents.

**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**

Eric Siekman

**Date of Submission**

05/11/2022

**Is a letter of resignation attached?**

Yes

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February 12, 2022

Dear, Eric and Fellow Supervisors.

It is with much sadness, but with the best intentions, that I have decided to step down as Board Supervisor. At this moment in my life, I cannot give this role the commitment it deserves.

I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve the county in this capacity and will always support the wonderful things the Vermillion County Soil Water Conservation District accomplishes for our county.

Sincerely,

Angie Riggen

## Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)

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**From:** Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate <microsoft@powerapps.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2022 11:31 AM  
**To:** Harmon, Leah; Tyler, Geneva (ISDA)  
**Subject:** Update: Vermillion Temp/Vacant Appt

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

<b>SWCD</b>
Vermillion
<b>Appointment Type</b>
Vacant_Appointed_Position
<b>Who is the Candidate Replacing?</b>
Angie Rigger
<b>Term Expiration</b>
2022
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
Resignation
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Kelsi Lubovich
<b>Address</b>
15855 S Rangeline Rd
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Clinton, IN 47842
<b>Qualifications</b>
Bachelor of Science from Purdue University, family farms in Vermillion County, IN and Edgar Co., IL Huband owns excavating business in county Member of Marshall, IL Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
<b>Occupation</b>
Insurance Agency Owner

**Conservation Interests**

Invasive control, conservation education and urban/suburban conservation

**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**

Joshua Bishop

**Date of Submission**

04/13/2022

**Is a letter of resignation attached?**

Yes

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**State Soil Conservation Board**  
**May 17, 2022**  
**District Support Specialist (DSS) Report: 3/1/22 to 4/25/22**



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

- **New Supervisor Training:** offered on an ongoing basis. Please reach out to your ISDA DSS for more information. Training is available to seasoned supervisors as well!
- **May 24, 11:30AM EDT: CWI Networking and Information Virtual Session.** Tara Wesseler-Henry will lead this session for interested applicants. In-person sessions can be scheduled by contacting your DSS.
- **June 23: Grant Writing, with Amy Shankland**
- **July 12, Grants Management**
- **Summer District Meetings, 5PM EDT:** ISDA and IASWCD are hosting four meetings for SWCD Supervisors, Staff, and Partners. Key topics include: Strategies for Addressing Difficult Conversations, Farm Bill update, supper and networking. Locations:
  - August 23<sup>rd</sup> - White County
  - August 25th - Decatur County
  - August 29th - Daviess County
  - August 31st - Huntington County
- **Grant and Funding Opportunities for SWCDs:** NRCS, NACD, IDEM and IDNR were each featured on a Thursday lunch webinar (four total). The sessions were recorded and are available on Conservation Link for viewing.

**Clean Water Indiana:**

- 8 CWI Grants will undergo review this year with ISDA.
- DSSs assisted SWCDs with Annual Financial Reports. 90 SWCDs qualified for the \$10k; 2 other SWCDs got other amounts (\$7,553.60 and \$3,343.57). Payments have gone out to SWCDs in conjunction with the CWI training dollars, when applicable.
- CWI grant updates are due by July 31

**Supervisor Training Survey:**

194 responses representing 67 SWCDs were received. Thank you to everyone who responded and encouraged Supervisors to participate. ISDA and IASWCD reviewed results and are next looking at training priorities.

<b>DSS Activities Statewide For This Reporting Period</b>	<b>Total</b>
Input, Assistance & Attendance At SWCD Board Meetings	21
Visits With SWCD Supervisors/Staff For Training, Assistance, Guidance, CWI, etc.	57
Assistance With SWCD or Partner Strategic Planning	5
New Staff or New Supervisor Training	10
Attendance and Assistance At SWCD Annual Meetings	10

<b>High Priority Request Budget</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Replace bridge and deck**	\$23,000.00
Repair back shelter roof	\$150.00
Establish soil health expansion exhibits	\$6,005.00
Miscellaneous (additional materials)	\$885.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<i>** Based on 3 individual contractor quotes &amp; recommendations for replacement</i>	

<b>Medium Priority Request Budget</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
High priority request items	\$30,000.00
Septic display plexiglass & construction	\$300.00
Permanent/Artificial Soil Health Root Tubes	\$6,100.00
Gravel for Soil Health expansion path	\$600.00
PWQ T-shirt purchase	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous (additional materials)	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>

<b>Low Priority Request Budget</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
High & medium priority request items	\$40,000.00
ICP partner signs for expansion PWQ sign	\$2,025.00
Electric people counters for attendees	\$700.00
Red barn stabilization	\$180.00
Pervious pavement in Soil Health area expansion	\$22,095.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,000.00</b>

**SCENARIO 1 PROGRAM MANAGER NACD + CWI**

<b>CY 2022 - Scenario 1</b>				
		NACD	CWI	Other
<b>Program Managers</b>				
Salary	116,000	71,500	44,500	
Fringe	21,500	21,500		
Travel	12,000			12,000
Supplies and Equipment	1,200	-		1,200
	<b>150,700</b>	<b>93,000</b>	<b>44,500</b>	<b>13,200</b>

<b>CY 2023 - Scenario 1</b>				
		NACD	CWI	Other
<b>Program Managers</b>				
Salary	120,000	-	45,500	74,500
Fringe	22,000			22,500
Travel	12,000			12,000
Supplies and Equipment	1,200	-		1,200
	<b>155,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,500</b>	<b>110,200</b>

CWI Ask - \$90000 over 2 years

CWI Match -97% (NACD)

Salary and Fringe include COL increases for 2022 and 2023

**SCENARIO 2 PROGRAM MANAGER + CWI**

<b>CY 2022 - Scenario 2</b>				
		NACD	CWI	Other
<b>Program Managers</b>				
Salary	116,000	71,500	44,500	-
Fringe	21,500	21,500		
Travel	12,000		9,000	3,000
Supplies and Equipment	1,200	-	900	300
	<b>150,700</b>	<b>93,000</b>	<b>54,400</b>	<b>3,300</b>

<b>CY 2023 - Scenario 2</b>				
		NACD	CWI	Other
<b>Program Managers</b>				
Salary	120,000	97,600	22,400	-
Fringe	22,000	22,500		
Travel	12,000		12,000	-
Supplies and Equipment	1,200	-	1,200	-
	<b>155,200</b>	<b>120,100</b>	<b>35,600</b>	<b>-</b>

CWI Ask - \$90000 over 2 years

CWI Match 237% (NACD)

Salary and Fringe include COL increases for 2022 and 2023

Scenario 2 = 2nd round of NACD TA grants

Scenario 2 "Other" reflects costs incurred through March 2022

SSCB Meeting - May 17th, 2022 - CREP Summary

	Native Grasses		Permanent Wildlife Habitat		Filter Strip		Hardwood Tree Planting		Riparian Buffer		Bottomland Timber Establishment		Wetland Restoration		Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)		Total		
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	Acres	Dollars	CP-23	CP-23A	Acres	Dollars	CP-23	CP-23A	Acres	Dollars	Percentage of Goal
Total Reported Completed on SharePoint as of 5/13/2022	233.48	52.20	6,614.77	51.63	830.92	8,056.58	1,998.42	3,795.54										26,250.00	82.41%
Total CREP Enrollment	243.27	52.20	6,941.17	76.64	882.44	8,553.42	2,246.21	3,977.46										26,250.00	87.52%
Total Acres in Extension				1.00	53.70	428.50	121.70	6.00											
	Difference = 1,339.28																		

	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	Dollars	
Total CREP Dollars	\$ 23,348.00	\$ 5,220.00	\$ 672,879.00	\$ 21,530.00	\$ 345,397.00	\$ 3,329,921.00	\$ 1,797,787.50	\$ 2,927,546.00	\$ 9,123,628.50	\$ 770,900.35	\$ 9,894,528.85										

Federal Match of \$4-\$13 is between \$ 36,494,514.00  
 \$ 118,607,170.50

	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	Dollars	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	Acres	Dollars	CP-23	CP-23A	Acres	Dollars	
Total CREP to CREP Re-enrollment Reported on SharePoint as of 5/13/2022	0.00	0.00	358.09	1.58	2.90	34.56	0.00	211.02													608.15

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

SSCB Meeting - May 17th, 2022 - 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 Acres
	CP-2 Acres	CP-4D Acres	CP-21 Acres	CP-3A Acres	CP-22 Acres	CP-31 Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23A Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23A Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23A Acres		
Highland-Pigeon	0.00	0.00	11.98	0.00	3.10	134.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	149.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	149.68		
Lower Wabash	0.00	0.00	11.63	0.00	0.00	644.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	656.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	656.33		
Lower East Fork White	53.50	45.20	168.71	30.30	83.17	751.44	287.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	1419.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	1419.48		
Lower White	10.70	0.00	189.97	0.00	129.29	2,255.91	123.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,708.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,708.90		
Middle Wabash-Busseron	2.00	0.00	9.02	0.00	17.40	1,550.69	753.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,424.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,424.29		
Middle Wabash-Deer	6.60	0.00	108.63	0.00	73.10	37.17	59.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	284.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	284.92		
Middle Wabash-Vermillion	4.50	0.00	165.34	6.97	64.11	754.39	505.89	177.70	0.00	0.00	1,678.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,678.90		
Tippecanoe River	93.84	0.00	749.92	0.00	3.41	21.40	87.30	2,366.54	0.00	0.00	3,322.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,322.41		
Upper East Fork White	0.00	0.00	427.13	0.00	38.40	201.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	667.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	667.45		
Upper Wabash	23.15	7.00	1011.50	2.56	64.19	282.43	82.59	89.10	0.00	0.00	1562.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	1562.52		
Upper White	35.09	0.00	216.44	0.00	287.15	328.10	0.00	71.18	0.00	0.00	937.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	937.96		
<b>Reported Completed as of 5/13/2022</b>	<b>229.38</b>	<b>52.20</b>	<b>3,070.27</b>	<b>39.83</b>	<b>690.22</b>	<b>6,998.68</b>	<b>1876.72</b>	<b>2,855.54</b>	<b>1876.72</b>	<b>2,124.51</b>	<b>17,152.11</b>	<b>3,037.46</b>	<b>2,855.54</b>	<b>3,037.46</b>	<b>17,152.11</b>		
<b>Enrolled as of 5/13/2022</b>	<b>239.17</b>	<b>52.20</b>	<b>3,396.67</b>	<b>64.84</b>	<b>741.74</b>	<b>7,495.52</b>	<b>2,124.51</b>	<b>3,037.46</b>	<b>2,124.51</b>	<b>3,037.46</b>	<b>17,152.11</b>	<b>3,037.46</b>	<b>3,037.46</b>	<b>3,037.46</b>	<b>17,152.11</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 Acres
	CP-2 Acres	CP-4D Acres	CP-21 Acres	CP-3A Acres	CP-22 Acres	CP-31 Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23A Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23A Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23A Acres		
Highland-Pigeon	2.50	0.00	215.00	10.80	16.40	109.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	353.90	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	3,990.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,990.70		
Upper White	1.60	0.00	412.70	1.00	116.50	928.30	0.00	16.00	0.00	0.00	1476.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	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>121.70</b>	<b>121.70</b>	<b>5,820.70</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>940.00</b>	<b>121.70</b>	<b>5,820.70</b>		

**Total Extension Acres**

	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	Total Extension Acres
Extension Acres - Tippecanoe	1.00	53.70	413.70	121.70	6.00	136.50
Extension Acres - Upper White	1.00	53.70	428.50	121.70	6.00	474.40
<b>Total Extension Acres</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>107.40</b>	<b>842.20</b>	<b>243.40</b>	<b>12.00</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 Acres
	CP-2 Acres	CP-4D Acres	CP-21 Acres	CP-3A Acres	CP-22 Acres	CP-31 Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23A Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23A Acres	CP-23 Acres	CP-23A Acres		
Highland Pigeon	0.0	0.0	25.53	1.58	2.90	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.01	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.01		
Tippecanoe	0.0	0.0	292.65	0.00	0.00	14.1	193.82	0.00	0.0	0.0	500.53	0.0	0.0	0.0	500.53		
Upper White	0.0	0.0	39.91	0.00	0.00	20.5	17.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	77.61	0.0	0.0	0.0	77.61		
<b>CREP to CREP Re-enrollment Reported on SharePoint as of 5/13/2022</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>358.09</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>2.90</b>	<b>34.56</b>	<b>211.02</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>608.15</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>608.15</b>		



SSCB Meeting - May 17th, 2022 - 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		
	Dollars	CP-2	Dollars	CP-4D	Dollars	CP-21	Dollars	CP-3A	Dollars	CP-22	Dollars	CP-31	Dollars	CP-23	Dollars	CP-23A	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Highland-Pigeon	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 2,881.00		\$ 632.00		\$ 2,400.00		\$ 53,840.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 59,753.00		\$ 5,975.30		\$ 65,728.30		
Lower Wabash	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 200.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 257,880.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 258,080.00		\$ 25,808.00		\$ 283,888.00		
Lower East Fork White	\$ 5,350.00		\$ 4,520.00		\$ 16,871.00		\$ 12,120.00		\$ 33,268.00		\$ 300,576.00		\$ 272,802.00		\$ -		\$ 645,507.00		\$ 64,550.70		\$ 710,057.70		
Lower White	\$ 1,070.00		\$ -		\$ 8,275.00		\$ -		\$ 51,716.00		\$ 899,804.00		\$ 98,107.00		\$ -		\$ 1,058,972.00		\$ 105,897.20		\$ 1,164,869.20		
Middle Wabash-Busseron	\$ 200.00		\$ -		\$ 642.00		\$ -		\$ 5,400.00		\$ 620,276.00		\$ 691,701.00		\$ -		\$ 1,405,239.00		\$ 140,523.90		\$ 1,545,762.90		
Middle Wabash-Deer	\$ 660.00		\$ -		\$ 10,863.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 29,240.00		\$ 21,781.50		\$ -		\$ 18,073.00		\$ 80,617.50		\$ 88,679.25		
Middle Wabash-Vermillion	\$ 450.00		\$ -		\$ 10,304.00		\$ 2,788.00		\$ 25,644.00		\$ 301,756.00		\$ 480,595.50		\$ -		\$ 163,315.00		\$ 984,852.50		\$ 98,485.25		
Tippecanoe River	\$ 9,384.00		\$ -		\$ 102,811.00		\$ -		\$ 1,364.00		\$ 14,184.00		\$ 75,235.00		\$ -		\$ 2,147,337.50		\$ 235,031.55		\$ 2,585,347.05		
Upper East Fork White	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 41,965.00		\$ -		\$ 15,360.00		\$ 80,768.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 138,093.00		\$ 13,809.30		\$ 151,902.30		
Upper Wabash	\$ 2,315.00		\$ 700.00		\$ 99,597.00		\$ 1,024.00		\$ 25,676.00		\$ 112,972.00		\$ 78,460.50		\$ -		\$ 59,799.50		\$ 380,544.00		\$ 38,054.40		
Upper White	\$ 3,509.00		\$ -		\$ 24,020.00		\$ -		\$ 114,860.00		\$ 128,340.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 74,501.00		\$ 345,230.00		\$ 34,523.00		
Upper White Extensions	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 1,800.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 1,800.00		\$ 180.00		\$ 1,980.00		
Reported Paid as of 5/13/2022	\$ 22,938.00		\$ 5,220.00		\$ 318,429.00		\$ 16,564.00		\$ 277,488.00		\$ 2,799,636.00		\$ 1,718,682.50		\$ 2,550,046.00		\$ 7,709,003.50		\$ 770,900.35		\$ 8,479,903.85		

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

**CREP to CREP reenrollment**

CREP Watershed	Native Grasses		Permanent Wildlife Habitat		Filter Strip		Hardwood Tree Planting		Riparian Buffer		Bottomland Timber Establishment		Wetland Restoration		Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)		Practice Total	
	Dollars	CP-2	Dollars	CP-4D	Dollars	CP-21	Dollars	CP-3A	Dollars	CP-22	Dollars	CP-31	Dollars	CP-23	Dollars	CP-23A	Dollars	Dollars
Highland Pigeon	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 1,683.00		\$ 632.00		\$ 1,160.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 3,475.00	
Tippecanoe	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 28,145.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 5,624.00		\$ -		\$ 77,528.00		\$ 111,297.00	
Upper White	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 3,966.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ 8,200.00		\$ -		\$ 6,880.00		\$ 19,046.00	
CREP to CREP reenrollment reported paid as of 5/13/2022	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 33,794.00		\$ 632.00		\$ 1,160.00		\$ 13,824.00		\$ -		\$ 84,408.00		\$ 133,818.00	

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

May 17, 2022

ISDA – CREP & Water Quality Initiatives, Julie Harrold



## Program Updates

### **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program**

- Attached to this report is the usual report showing the current status of acres and dollars in CREP, including total completed acres and total enrolled acres since the beginning of the program, and total dollars paid out through the CREP program.
- According to the states tracking system, we are currently at approximately 22,972.8 acres of enrollment, which is 87% of the enrollment goal.
- To date, the state has paid out more than \$9.89 million. For every state dollar that is spent, the federal match is approximately \$4-\$13 for every state dollar, which is currently between \$36 million and \$118 million of federal dollars depending on the practice.

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

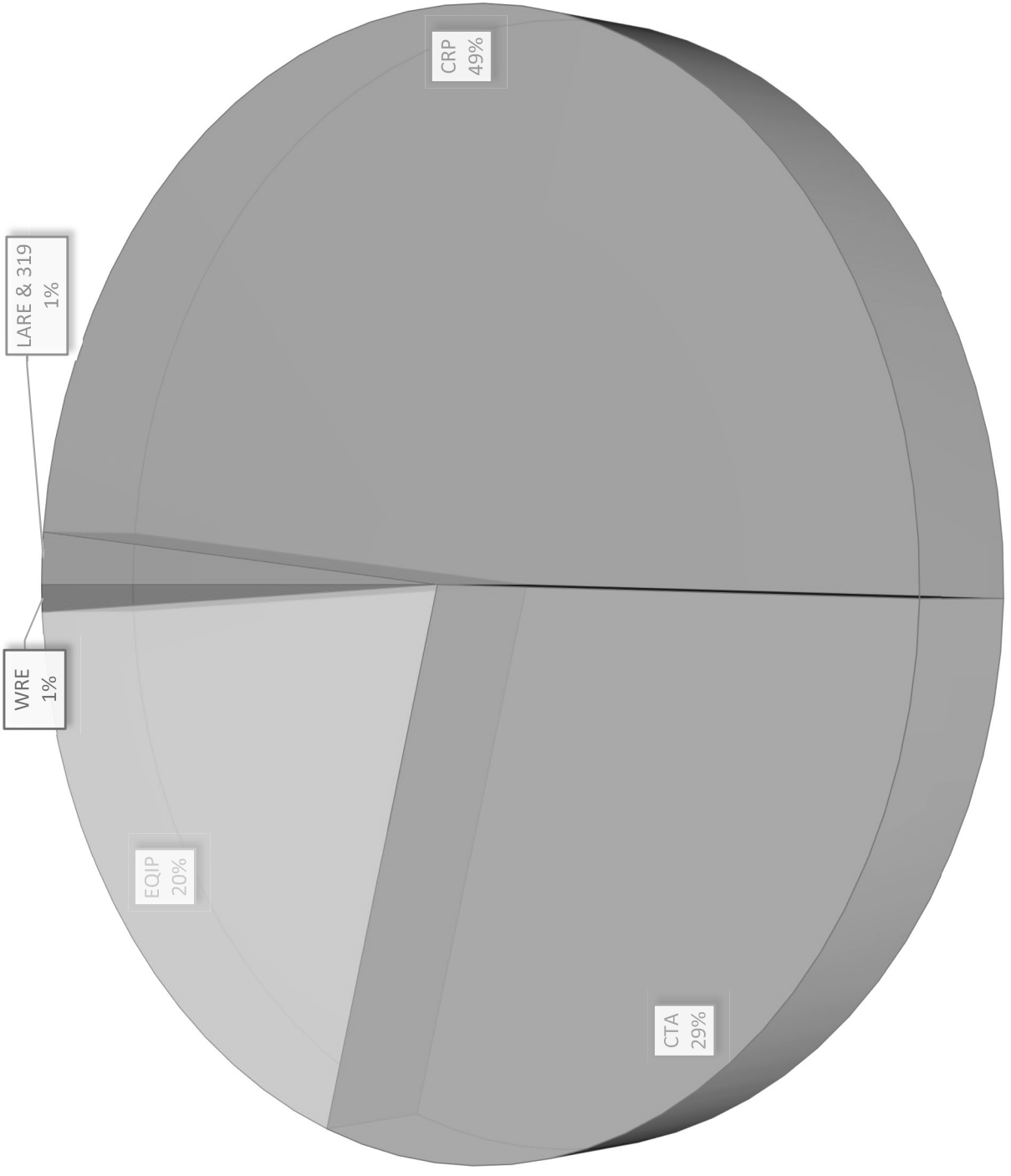
- The current strategy document can be found at <https://www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/indiana-state-nutrient-reduction-strategy/>.
- Comments on the SNRS can be sent to [ISDANutrientReduction@isda.in.gov](mailto:ISDANutrientReduction@isda.in.gov).
- Indiana Science Assessment – Final draft of report for Component 1 showing results of water quality trends in Indiana is almost completed.
- Indiana Science Assessment – Component 2: Current progress includes continued analysis of research and data for the first set of 10 practices, and decision of what the next set of practices will be included in the Assessment.
- The Science Committee continues to meet regularly and have been very Active, resulting in key decisions and consensus achieved on strategies.
- The Core Team is working on a draft proposal concept for an Indiana Nutrient Research and Education Center, which will be focused on continuing the work of the Science Assessment beyond the current work plan, and focusing education efforts on results of the Science Assessment.



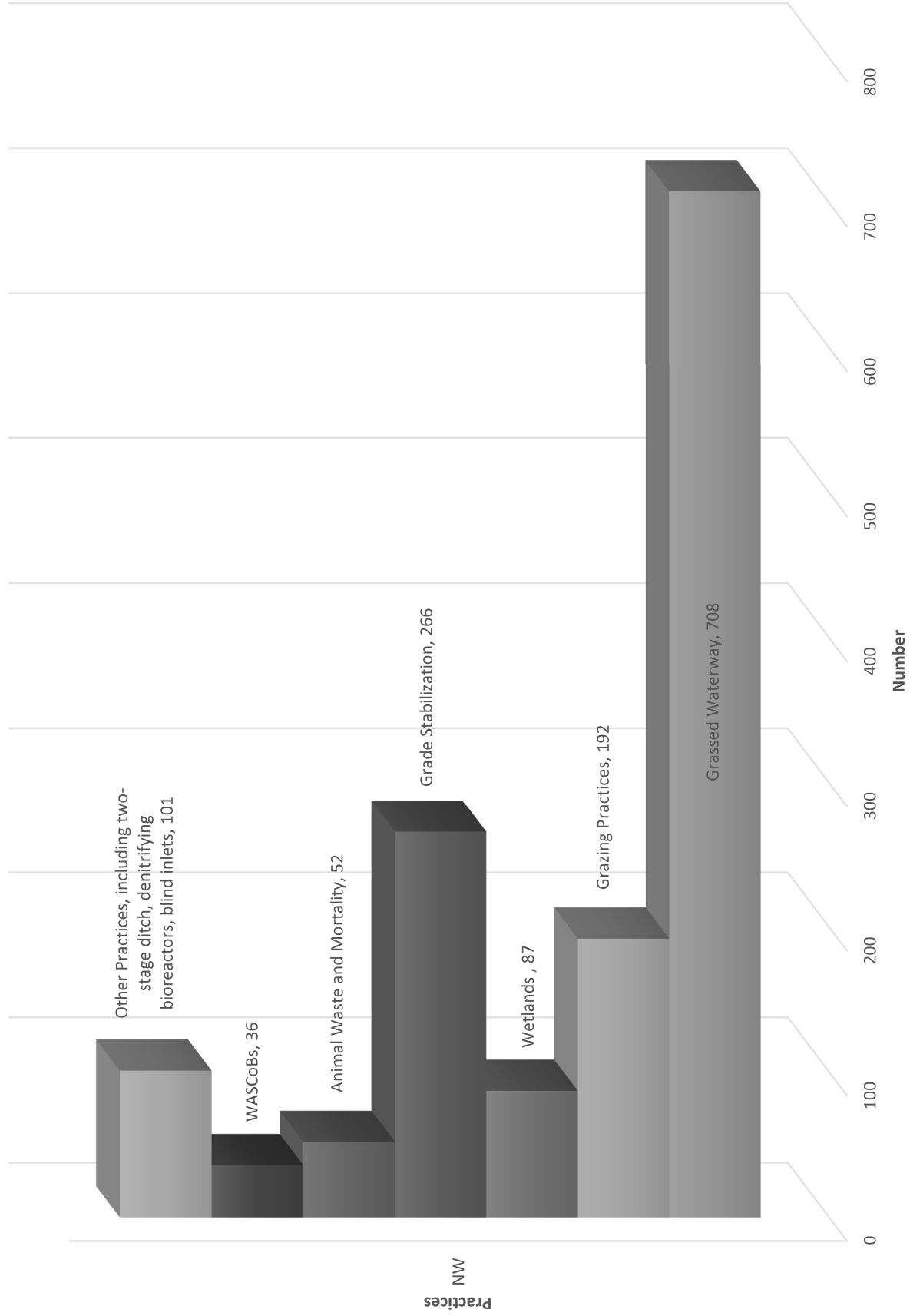
### **Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force (HTF)**

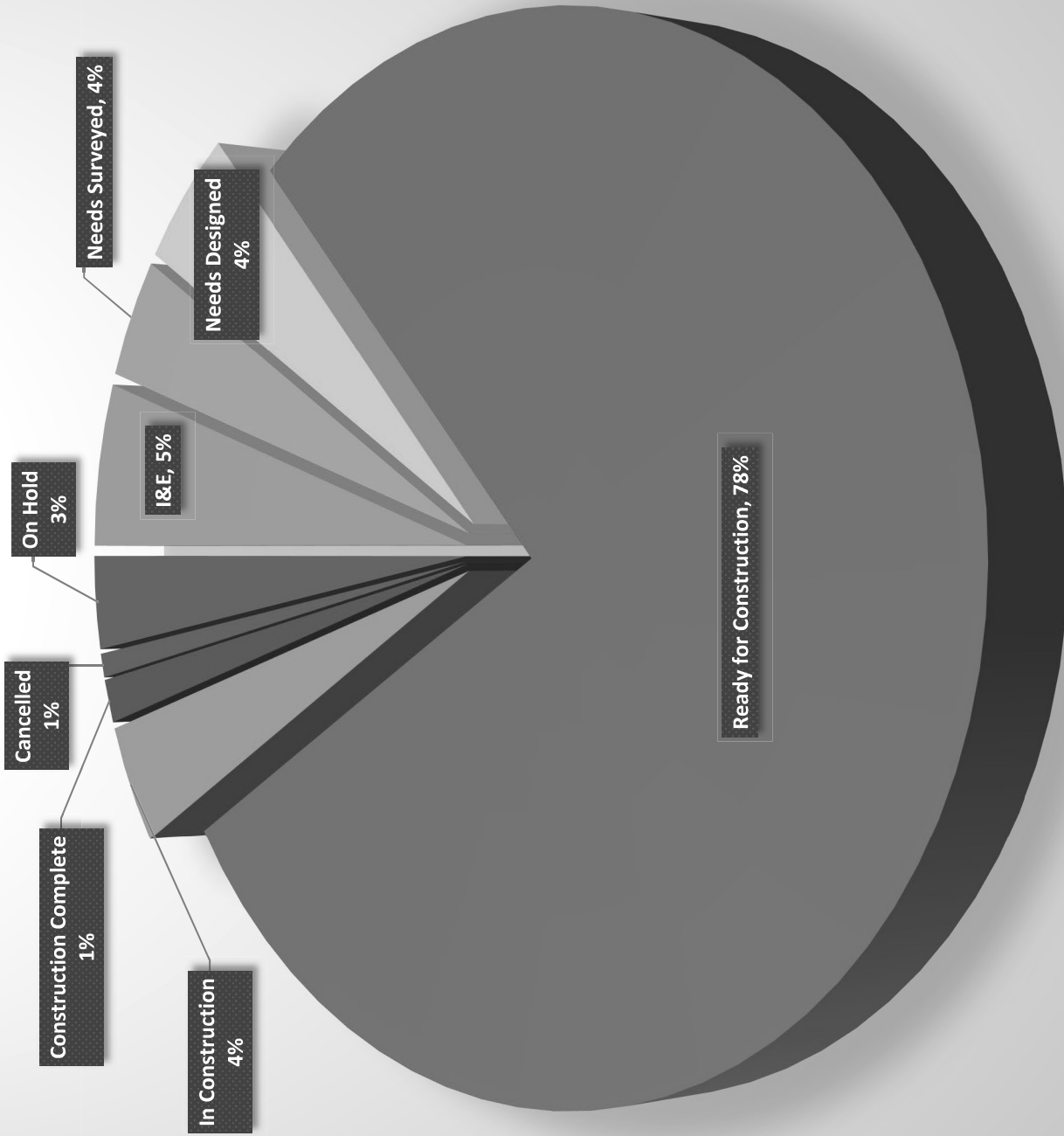
- Reminder that the state has \$1,000,000 that will be made available each year for the next 5 federal fiscal years (2022 through 2026). The funds will support efforts related to the Indiana State Nutrient Reduction Strategy and must be focused in the Mississippi River Basin area. Funds are administered by ISDA but will be used for partnership efforts in the state. We are planning to focus the 1<sup>st</sup> year funds in three areas: 1) on staff capacity in ISDA, 2) expanding the soil sampling program statewide, and 3) on the creation of an Indiana Nutrient Research and Education Center. Guidance on Work plan development has not yet been released by EPA.

# PROGRAM ASSISTANCE IN THE NORTHWEST



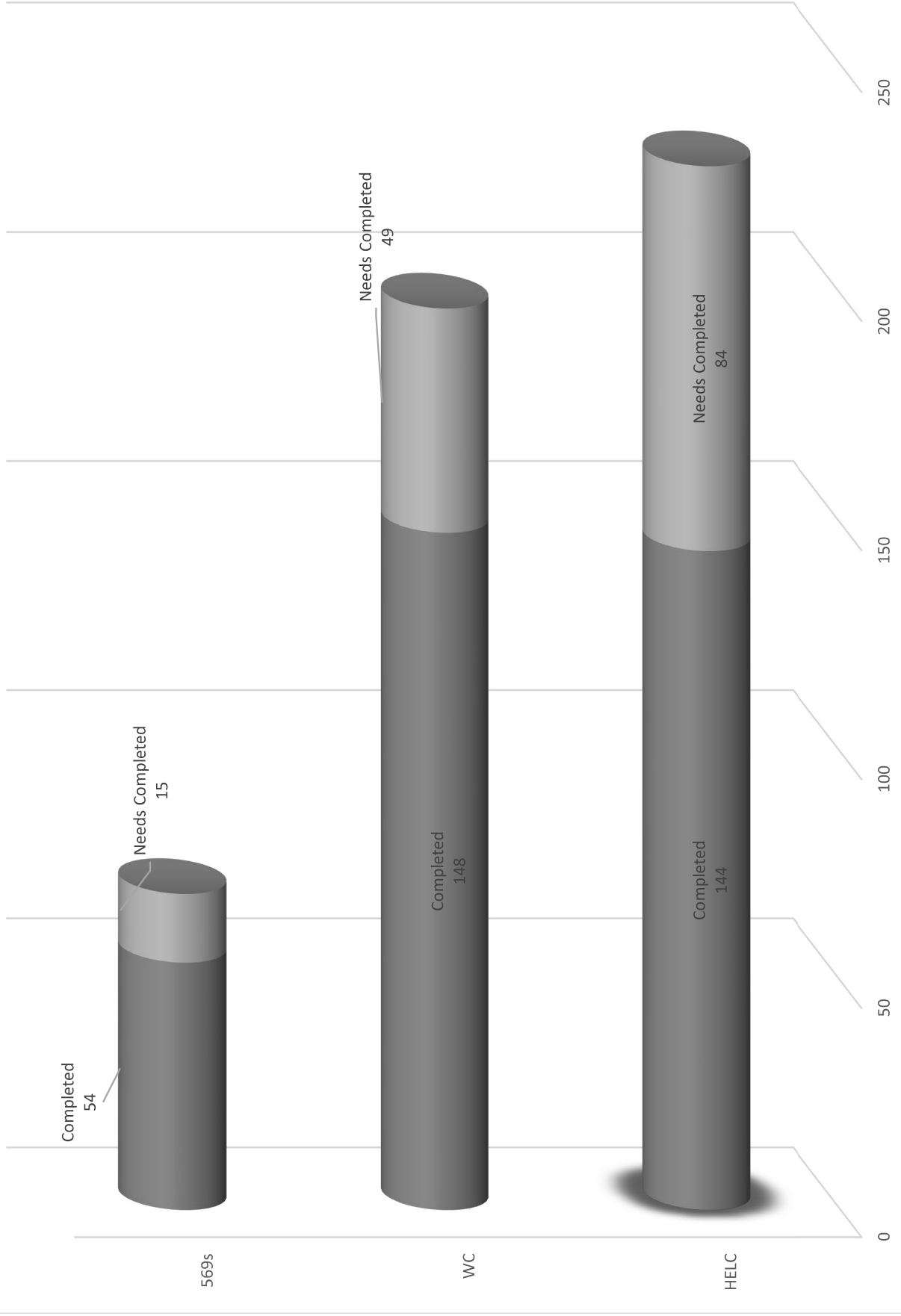
# Conservation Practices in Northwest





## NORTHWEST PROJECT STATUS

# Northwest HEL and Wetland Compliance





## **Indiana District Employee Association – May 2022 Update**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Martha Miller, IDEA President/Monroe Co SWCD District Manager**

It is an exciting time to be a member of the IDEA and I am humbled and honored to be a part of the leadership team of this outstanding organization.

I want to start this update off by acknowledging those individuals that make this organization what it is, the individual employees of each Soil & Water Conservation District in the State of Indiana.

It takes all members of the ICP to accomplish getting conservation on the ground and educating the general public about the importance and need for conservation in their lives, yet somehow when you get down to the roots of the matter the SWCD employees are always there doing whatever they can to accomplish the project or goal with whatever resources they have on hand.

Then there is the Indiana District Employee Association's Board of Directors. This outstanding group of unique individuals have come together with a unified focus to empower and encourage every single Soil & Water Conservation District Employee throughout the State of Indiana to be the best employee possible. Each member of this Board has agreed to give of their time, talents and energy for a 4 year term. During that term the Director and Assistant Director will work together to lead their local region in networking, cross training, education and partnership guidance based on the needs of their respective areas within the state. They will also attend at a minimum 6 Board of Directors meetings a year to guide the IDEA projects and programs at a State level.

If you are not aware of who these folks are here is the list:

## The 2022 IDEA Board of Directors and Board Officers

NNW Director: Chris Haven, LaPort County SWCD

SNW Director: Lori Jordan, Fountain County SWCD

SNW Asst. Director: Kristin Latzke, Montgomery County SWCD

NSW Director: Martha Miller, Monroe Co. SWCD (IDEA President)

NSW Asst. Director: Eric Shidler, Vermillion Co. SWCD

SSW Director: Tracey Johnson, Knox Co. SWCD (IDEA Secretary)

SSW Asst. Director: Tabitha Anthis, Gibson Co. SWCD

NNE Director: Julie Knudson, DeKalbCo. SWCD

NNE Asst. Director: Martin Franke, LaGrange Co. SWCD

SNE Director: Brandi Frazier, Madson Co. SWCD (IDEA Vice President)

SNE Asst. Director: Stacy White, Randolph Co. SWCD

NSE Director: Cindy Newkirk, Hancock Co. SWCD (IDEA Treasurer)

NSE Asst. Director: Jenny Whiteside, Bartholomew Co. SWCD

SSE Director: Kelly Kent, Jennings Co. SWCD

SSE Asst. Director: Jill Roll, Washington Co. SWCD

In 2021 as the IDEA Board of Directors began to look into the future of IDEA it was clear that in addition to the Region Meetings, Fall Conference for Employees, State Poster Contest, Silent Auction at Annual Conference they needed to develop a program for newer employees.

This led to the development of the IDEA SWCD Career Development Program with a mission to **Provide Indiana Soil & Water Conservation District Employees with professional growth opportunities.**



The IDEA Board of Directors has established 5 major areas of focus and will be meeting in June for a 2 day planning session. Once the content is established we will be able to provide more details and the IDEA Board of Directors is hopeful for ICP support on this program.

We are also excited to share that IDEA membership has had a steady increase over the past 4 years as we strive each year to have 100% participation by all counties. There are a few county's that just simply do not see the benefit to having their employees connected to IDEA.

The 2022 Fall Conference is shaping up nicely as the NSE Region is in the role as the Host region setting the conference schedule, confirming sessions and presenters, making plans for networking, securing the location, gathering sponsorships and doing all the things it takes to plan a conference of this size. We will be in Brown County in late October and hope you will support all employees to attend.

IDEA Membership Data 2019 – 2022

IDEA Total Membership by Year		IDEA Changes in County Participation by Regions			
2022	159*	YEAR	NNW	YEAR	NNE
2021	158	2022	10	2022	10
2020	152	2021	11	2021	9
2019	146	2020	10	2020	9
*This could increase by a few more with new employees coming on board.		2019	10	2019	9
		YEAR	SNW	YEAR	SNE
		2022	9	2022	11
		2021	7	2021	11
		2020	6	2020	11
		2019	5	2019	11
		YEAR	NSW	YEAR	NSE
		2022	11	2022	9
		2021	11	2021	10
		2020	11	2020	11
		2019	11	2019	10
		YEAR	SSW	YEAR	SSE
		2022	11	2022	11
		2021	11	2021	10
		2020	10	2020	10
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## Highlights

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### Working Groups

- As of 5/11/22 – 14 Working Groups across the state. 11 are new through Statewide agreement.
  - Northwest
    - Lake
    - Tippecanoe
    - Montgomery
    - Hendricks
  - Northeast
    - Kosciusko – Urban Healthy Soils
    - Allen
  - Southwest
    - Grow City
    - PUSH-IT (Promoting Urban Soil Health – In Towns)
    - PHISH (People Helping Improve Soil Health)
    - Monroe – Growing Underground
  - Southeast
    - Hancock – GRASS (Gathering Roots and Strengthening Soil Health)
    - Lawrence
    - Rush
    - Wayne

### Outreach

- As of 5/11/22 – Over 600 people reached through our team’s educational and outreach activities.

### Projects

- Demo gardens - Warren County (NW), Bedford Garden Park (SE), Rose Avenue Farm (NE) PWQ – Urban elements
- NRCS collaboration – Technical Documents and training
- Purdue Extension collaboration - ANR and Signature Programs (Beginning Farmer, Urban Farming) support and overlap. Beginning Farmer SARE PDP resources

### Education

- ICP training series – soil health in high tunnels
  - 1/14, 2/18, 3/18, 4/1 (virtual)
  - 4/18 – Greene County farm (SW, in-person, regional)
  - 4/20 - Joseph Decuis Farm (NE, in-person, regional)
  - 4/22 – Porter Farm (NW, in-person, regional)
  - 4/26 – Bedford Garden Park (SE, in-person, regional)
- Black Loam Conference planning & support
  - 2/19 - Evansville
  - 2/26 – Fort Wayne
  - 3/12 - Gary
  - 3/19 – Bloomington
  - 5/14 – *150 people registered*
- ICP conference – urban and small farm soil health – Get The Dirt – June 2<sup>nd</sup> (6/2)



*NOTE: below activities are from early February through March, 2022, and do not capture activities March to May.*

## **ICP & Local Partnership Support, Outreach**

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- SWCDs
  - Board meetings
    - 2/8 - IASWCD Board meeting
  - Annual meetings
    - 2/7 – Decatur County (virtual)
    - 2/23 - Tippecanoe County (Virtual)
    - 2/28 – Lawrence County (virtual)
    - 3/1 - Hendricks County
    - 3/8 - Jasper County
  - 2/1- Wells County SWCD- Program meeting
  - 2/18 -Allen County SWCD- Urban Farming Steering Committee
  - 2/18 -Madison County SWCD- Urban Soil Health 101 strategy meeting
- NRCS
  - 3/8 - FY22 EQIP Applications in Urban/Small Farm Settings Guidance Meeting
- Purdue / Purdue Extension
  - 2/11- Nathan Shoaf-Urban Agriculture Quarterly Meeting
  - 2/17 – Beginning Farmer SARE PDP – Farm tours planning
  - 2/24 - Meeting with Dr. Liz Maynard
  - 2/25 - Meeting with Dr. Lori Hoagland about planning soil health conference
  - 3/2 - Meeting with Dr. Liz Maynard
- Women 4 Land
  - 2/23 - Meeting with Heather Bacher to plan future workshops
- Other
  - 2/22 - meet and greet with the SICIM team
  - 3/11 - Hispanic Outreach meeting with Xerces Society and Victor Hernandez (NRCS)
  - 3/17 – SARE Advisory Committee Meeting
  - Monthly – Purdue Extension Beginning Farmer – SARE PDP calls
  - Bi-weekly – NRCS Tech - contamination
  - Weekly – NRCS Tech – 2022 guidance – Mulching & other urban practices
  - Legacy Taste of the Garden / Black Loam Conference
    - Biweekly + Numerous additional planning calls and deliverables

### *Upcoming*

- 3/31- Unity Gardens outreach visit



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## Working Groups

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### Montgomery County Working Group

- 2/22 - Site Visit Training

### Tippecanoe County Working Group

- 3/24 - Cover crop field day (upcoming)

### Hendricks County Working Group

- 3/10 - Meeting to plan high tunnel workshop
- Created a working group handout

### Hancock County Working Group (GRASS)

- 3/3 - press release for GRASS group local newspaper- published at the end of March
- 3/19 - Upcoming Green Thumb event, keynote speaker with Lais McCartney
- 4/27 - How to do a site visit hands on- April 27

### Wayne County Working Group

- 2/23 - Wayne County demo garden next steps meeting
- 3/10 - present Urban Soil Health 101 to working groups, slump assessment

### Lawrence County Working Group

- 2/15 office visit/ discuss working group next steps

### Monroe County Working Group

- 2/16 - office visit/ discuss working group next steps
- 3/1 – financials and structure

### Other

- 2/24 - NW Working Groups - Discussion and Strategizing
- 3/3 – SE Working Groups – Next steps

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## Urban Soil Health Program – Outreach / Communication

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### Marketing / Program Messaging

- 2/10- Article written for Noble County Extension Office

### Outreach

- 2/8 - Urban Updates monthly call
- 3/8 - Urban Updates monthly call
- 2/19 - Michiana Seed Swap exhibitor booth
- PWQ – urban elements proposal – 2/25,

### In-Progress

- Newsletter articles: How to Prepare Your Soil for Gardening, Turning Your Lawn to Garden



- Presentations upcoming: From Lawn to Garden, Growing Your Garden from the Ground Up, Cover Crops for Your Garden

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### **Demonstration Garden Sites**

- Allen Co – Rose Avenue Farm/ Allen County SWCD- Display Garden Meeting – 2/22
- Warren Co - demo garden planning – 2/18
- Lawrence Co – Bedford Garden Park

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### **Trainings / Workshops provided**

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  - 4/20 - Joseph Decuis Farm (NE, in-person, regional)
  - 4/22 – Porter Farm (NW, in-person, regional)
  - 4/26 – Bedford Garden Park (SE, in-person, regional)
- Indiana Black Loam Conferences
  - 2/19 - Evansville
  - 2/26 – Fort Wayne
  - 3/12 – Gary
  - 3/19 – Bloomington
- 2/10 – Purdue Ext Signature Urban Farming Series Soil Presentation
- 2/14 – Ivy Tech Grant County Soil Presentation
- 2/26 – Black Loam Conference – Fort Wayne
- 2/25- Indiana Tech Soil Seminar Presentation
- 2/28 - Urban Annie's
- 3/10 – University of St Francis Soil Presentation

#### **SW Working Groups – soil health trainings provided**

- 2/15 - PHISH
- 2/16 – Grow City

#### ***In Progress / Upcoming***

- 3/31- Community of Churches (Seed to Feed Program) Soil Training
- 4/9- Soil Health Training Steuben County SWCD
- 5/24 - Growing your Garden from the Ground up/Grass to Garden
- 6/2 and 6/3 – Annual statewide ICP training – Beck's center – Partnership with Purdue

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### **Program Administration**

#### **Training / Learning Opportunities**

- Latino Farmer Conference
- Indiana Hort Conference
- Purdue Small Farms Conference
- Virtual MOSES



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**To:** State Soil Conservation Board

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**Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI)**

- Several soil health trainings are already scheduled for this year; refer to the CCSI report provided.
- The Oversight Committee and staff continue to discuss future funding for CCSI program and positions.

**Urban Soil Health Program**

- Staff continue to meet with districts and assist with local working group development and capacity.
- Completed a soil health in high tunnel training series with virtual and in-person events.
- Coordinating with Purdue to hold urban soil health event in Lafayette on June 2.

**Pathway to Water Quality**

- The Pathway will be in its 29<sup>th</sup> year this summer during the Indiana State Fair. Committee has been coordinating workdays along with meetings and prepping the site. Sign up for volunteers will go live June 1.

**Legislative Issues**

- SEA 85 created a Drainage Taskforce, and one of the members of that group has been designated as an SWCD supervisor. The taskforce must complete work by the end of 2023. IASWCD will be recommending Jeff Healy, Supervisor in Hendricks County. Jeff already represents IN SWCDs on the Indiana Land Resources Council.
- IASWCD is coordinating with SICIM and other partners on a possible CWI increase request for the next biennium budget to be decided in the 2023 session. We are trying to work ahead of the state budget cycle.

**Other**

- IASWCD held a weekly series for districts through the month of April, and all of those recordings are now available online at [IASWCD.org](http://IASWCD.org).
- ISDA and IASWCD are continuing work together on a new structured training program for supervisors. We just met again on 5/16 to continue formulating the structure and trainings within the program.
- The NACD TA grant process has been held up some this year by the federal budget cycle. Information will be going out to districts soon.
- IASWCD and ISDA DSC are coordinating to hold Summer District Meetings at the end of August (8/23 White County, 8/25 Decatur County, 8/29 Daviess County, and 8/31 Huntington County). From 5-8:30 PM EDT, we will have dinner, a speaker covering conflict resolution, and a 2023 Farm Bill session.
- River Friendly Farmer applications are due June 8 and District Showcase Award applications are due July 29.

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

## Highlights

### Black Loam Conference - Indy

The 2022 Black Loam Conference capstone event will be held on May 13-14 at the Madam Walker Legacy Center in Indianapolis. Reception and Networking the evening of May 13 and Conference on May 14. Indiana NRCS State Conservationist Jerry Raynor will lead off Saturday's event and USDA-NRCS Chief Terry Cosby will give the keynote address. This event is designed for BIPOC farmers and underserved communities, especially urban ag.

### CCSI-SARE Core Soil Health Systems Trainings

Dates set: April 5, 19, and 26 (virtual) plus an optional in-person day on April 12. As with 2020 and 2021, attendance was strong – 66 registrants and 50+/- live attendees.

## G1. Farmer Engagement and Involvement

### 1. Innovative and Visionary Farmers

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

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

- 03/15 Aaron Krueger Farmer Learning Community (SPM, A)
- 04/08 David Brandt Field Day (D)
- 04/21 Nick Wenning (D)
- 04/19 – Tom Smith, Farm Manager, Indian Mound Farms. Frank Bender, innovative farmer, is the farmer for the operation. (A)

### Conservative and Pragmatic Farmers

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

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

- 03/15 Aaron Krueger Farmer Learning Community (SPM, A)
- 03/21 Dale Loughmiller, retired farmer and host of Clay County Field Day. (SPM)

### 1. Farmer Influencers

Quarterly Targets: 1 LLP per region adding an influencer to their outreach planning team or board. (Each - NPM, SPM)

- 03/07-8 Indiana Climate Smart Ag / Solutions from the Land (D)
- 04/13-14 Byron Seeds Dealer Training (with Barry Fisher) (D, NPM)

### 2. Presentations

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

- 03/03-2 CCSI-SARE Continuing Education: BMPs for Herbicide Application and Cover Crop Termination “Farmer / NCRS Scenarios” (A); 119-127 live attendees
- 03/08 Indiana Red Cross “Climate Change Presentation” (A)



- 04/11 CCSI and Indiana Conservation Partners – Minnesota group (D, Stephanie McLain)
- 04/26 – CCSI Core Training, Virtual, “Interpreting Seed Tags” (A)

## **G2. Local Level Partnership Support**

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

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

#### Workshops Completed

- 03/12 IN Black Loam Conference, Gary; 50 attendees
- 03/15 Aaron Krueger Farmer Learning Community, Owensville; 25 attendees
- 03/17 Going Green for Ag, Ft. Wayne; 70 attendees
- 03/19 IN Black Loam Conference, Bloomington; 45 attendees
- 03/23 Howard/Tipton SWCD Workshop, Kokomo; 70 attendees
- 03/23 “Healthy Farms, Healthy Communities” (Ashley Hammac)m, Crawfordsville
- 03/24 WREC Workshop, Lafayette
- 04/14 Byron Seeds Spring Field Day, Rockville; 75 attendees

#### Workshops in Progress:

- 07/07 Parke-Vermillion Field Day
- 08/04 Newton County Event
- 08/16 Soil Health Expo, Princeton
- 08/17 Roger Wenning Field Day, Decatur
- 08/23 Indiana field day with Ward Labs at Rulons
- August 2022 Adams County
- 09/01 Clay County Event
- 09/07 Roemke Field Day
- September 2022 – Porter County
- Lawrence County Soil Health event (before 2025)
- DeKalb County SWCD Workshop – Date TBD
- March – Miami County Winter PARP meeting
- 2021 – 23 – Kankakee Basin and WLEB series of events to support existing RCPP (WLEB) and proposed RCPP (Kankakee) (NPM)

### **2. Consistent Soil Health Messaging**

*Annual Target: Outlined in fall with training team.*

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

#### Completed Trainings

- April 5, 12 (optional), 19, 26 – Core Cover Crops and Soil Health Systems; 50+ attendees
- April 13-14 Byron Seeds Dealer Training Series (with Barry Fisher); 40 attendees

#### Trainings in Progress:

- June 21-23 Soil Health and Sustainability for Midwestern Field Staff (3 Day Soil Health Training)
- July 26-27 Byron Seeds Dealer Training (with Barry Fisher)
- TNC/NRCS/CCSI Soil Health Lab Manual
- Purdue Extension Soil Health Signature Program Development

### 3. Professional Development Opportunities

*Annual Target: Outlined in fall with training team.*

*Advanced Soil Health Trainings / Applied Soil Health Knowledge and Skills*

Completed Trainings:

Trainings in Progress

- 2022 SARE PDP – Cover Crop in Vegetable Production – PAC Demonstrations
- Date TBD - 2022: Pilot Social Science Training
- Purdue Extension Soil Health Signature Program

### 4. Messaging to/from Local Level Partnerships

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

- 03/15 – SSCB Meeting (D)
- 03/17 – Southfork Wildcat Steering Committee Meeting (NPM)
- 03/17 Laura Stearly (Clay Co SWCD/Otter Creek Watershed) (SPM)
- 03/17 Lawrence Co SWCD, NRCS, and Purdue Extension (SPM)
- 03/18 – IASWCD Board of Directors (D)
- 04/21 Clay County SWCD and partners (SPM)
- 4/22 – Newton County SWCD MnG, Bri Styck (NPM)
- 4/22 – Jasper County SWCD/NRCS MnG, Shelby Keys and Kevin Shide (NPM)
- 4/25 – SE/SW CCSI Regional Teleconferences (All)
- 4/26 – Kosciusko County MnG, Melinda Miller and Tashina Lahr-Manifold (NPM)
- 4/27 – NE CCSI Regional Teleconference (All)
- SWCD Leveraging Sheet updated (D)

## G3. General CCSI Outreach / Communication

### 1. Marketing

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

*Annual Target: 1-2 New External Partners*

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

- March 15 – Events Newsletter; 625 delivered, 328 opened, 105 follow through

### 2. Soil Health Messaging

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

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

Completed Materials:

- Podcasts
  - (Upcoming) – Barry Fisher + Stephanie McLain
  - (Upcoming) Hans Schmitz + Joe Rorick
  - (Upcoming) Mike Bredeson, Ecdysis – Positive effects of soil health systems on beneficial insects and upland gamebirds
- Social Media

- Twitter
  - March: 54 Tweets, 12.8K impressions, 18 mentions, 1,182 profile visits, 14 new followers.
  - April: 73 Tweets, 18.6K impressions; 24 mentions, 1892 profile visits, 15 new followers.
- Facebook (Specific Posts):
  - 03/12 – Gary Black Loam post (990 reach, 8 shares)
  - 03/12 – 2nd Gary Black Loam post (151 reach)
  - 03/15 – NCAT virtual training, David Montgomery post (79 reach)
  - 03/15 – Share Geosmin Ag post for 3/23 Crawfordsville event (68 reach)
  - 03/15 – Share CCSI newsletter to FB (46 reach)
  - 03/20 – Share People’s Market post about Bloomington Black Loam (81 reach)
  - 03/10 Eileen Award 126 people reach
  - 03/21 – Eileen award post (422 reach, 1 share)
  - 03/22 – W4tL Learning Circle post (59 reach)
  - 03/22 INFA Webinar 69 people reach
  - 03/23 – Tippecanoe Co SWCD self-guided tour post (29 reach)
  - 03/23 – Howard/Tipton workshop post (113 reach, 1 share)
  - 03/24 Orange Co Cover Crop pic 197 people reach
  - 4/4 SIPAC Goat prescribed grazing post, 182 ppl reached.
  - 4/1 – Share CCSI newsletter to FB (88 reach)
  - 4/8 – Podcast at Dave Brandt’s photo/post (2,332 reach)
  - 4/12 – IASWCD Annual Conference planning photo/post (206 reach)
  - 4/13 – Barry Fisher demo at Byron Seeds event (424 reach)
  - 4/13 – Audience pic from Byron Seeds event (296 reach)
  - 4/13 – Root Posters pic from Byron Seeds event (630 reach)
  - 4/14 – NRCS Rainfall simulator post from Byron Seeds event (392 reach)
  - 4/14 – NRCS pulling soil cores at Byron (117 reach)
  - 4/14 – Ray McCormick at Byron (359 reach)
  - 4/22 – Earth Day post (90 reach)
  - 4/25 – Share Urban Soil Health’s Black Loam Indy post (101 reach)
  - 4/27 – Jasper Co MnG photo/post (212 reach)
  - 4/26 Core Training post, 82 ppl reached
  - 4/28 Eileen Podcast link, 37 ppl reached
  - 4/29 CWI Grants Post, 74 ppl reached
- Website
  - March 848 users / 1.2K sessions
  - April 905 users/ 1.2K sessions

Materials in Progress:

- NRCS Ag Tech Note / Entry Level Phase Management
- NRCS Ag Tech Note/ Basics of No-Till Success
- Adaptation of The Root Project to PowerPoint slides for download

#### **G4. Research**

Quarterly Targets: None

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

- Support - Indiana University SARE - Participatory Farmer Monitoring on Nitrate Loss (Yoder)
- Support – Purdue University SARE - Precision Winter Hardy Cover Cropping for Improving Farm Profitability and Environmental Stewardship (Armstrong)
- Notre Dame – Indiana University – Purdue University collaboration

#### **OTHER**

- Director *finally* received shipment of replacement laptop
- 03/15 & 03/16 – NCAT Soil Health Innovations Conference (NPM, SPM; D – recordings)
- 03/28 – NWF virtual meeting (NPM)
- Climate Smart Commodities Grant Team Meetings (A)
- Indiana Ag Leadership Program interviews (A)
- Indiana Extension Educators Assn Executive Committee meetings (A)
- Led IEEA Spring Conference as association President (A)
- Certificated in Navigating Difference, a basic-level DEI training(A)
- Met USDA NIFA staff at Public Issues Leadership Development, notably Eric Norland. (A)
- Coerced into participating in marathon Farm Green (Rick Clark) + Field Work podcast before David Brandt field day.

# Indiana NRCS State Conservationist Report

## May 2022 State Soil Conservation Board Meeting

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### CEAP VIDEO AVAILABLE FOR WESTERN LAKE ERIE BASIN

A new USDA video provides a closer look at the collaborative partnerships driving innovative water quality assessment and conservation in the Western Lake Erie Basin. The video, [Science-Based Solutions: Leveraging Partnerships to Protect the Western Lake Erie Basin](#), shows how USDA's Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) watershed studies in the Western Lake Erie Basin bring researchers, farmers, government agencies and nonprofit organizations together to develop science-based solutions and strategically place them where they can deliver the greatest conservation benefits.

Under CEAP, a network of researchers, from government agencies to universities, work together to monitor the impact of conservation practices on the landscape. These studies directly inform USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, practices and planning and ensure that the agency provides technical and financial assistance to landowners to develop and implement impactful conservation plans.

### AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE

On Feb. 9, a confirmed case of H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) was identified in a single commercial turkey flock in Dubois County. This was the first report of HPAI in commercial poultry in the United States since 2020 and the first in Indiana since 2016. Since this discovery, five additional sites (six total) have been identified in southwest Indiana. Approximately 125,800 turkeys have been depopulated. Final activities to close the cases continue including compost disposal, virus elimination, environmental sampling for presence of the virus, and a fallow period.

On April 7, a commercial duck flock in northeastern Indiana has tested presumptive-positive for the H5N1 avian influenza virus. Since then, two additional sites have been identified. Approximately 17,600 ducks have been depopulated.

On April 25, a non-poultry flock in Johnson County has tested presumptive-positive for the H5N1 avian influenza virus. This finding is notable as this is the first flock in Johnson County. The hobby flock is comprised of approximately 41 chickens, ducks and peafowl. The site is quarantined and will be depopulated.

### INDIANA SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

The Indiana Science Assessment has completed a year one progress report, available at <https://www.in.gov/isda/files/Indiana-Science-Assessment-Year-1-Progress-Report.pdf>. The Indiana Science Assessment is determining water quality loads and trends within each basin of the state and improving the Indiana Conservation Partnership's method of quantifying nutrient and sediment reductions from conservation practices.

### RETURN TO WORK UPDATE

USDA has now transitioned all employees back to the office and ended the Max Telework operation status that was implemented in March 2020. Office staffing levels have now returned to 100% possible capacity. FPAC monitors the CDC community transmission rates weekly and sets office staffing capacity limits and masking requirements, by office, each week. Based on the CDC transmission rates all Indiana offices are operating at 100% and masking is optional.

## ICP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The [Indiana Conservation Partnership](#) (ICP) announced its 2021 soil health and water quality accomplishments. In 2021, landowners supported by the ICP installed more than 31,500 new conservation practices. The Indiana Conservation Partnership report showed that over the last year landowners helped prevent nearly one million tons of sediment, over 1.9 million pounds of nitrogen and 991,446 pounds of phosphorus from entering Indiana waterways. Cover crops and no-till practices implemented with ICP's assistance sequestered an estimated 42,000 tons of soil organic carbon, which is the equivalent to the carbon emissions of more than 30,000 cars.

Over the last decade, data shows Hoosier farmers and landowners strive to improve their conservation of soil and increase water quality year over year. The table below shows Indiana's living cover acres and best management practices installed since 2016.

Year	Living Cover Acres	Best Management Practices Installed
2016	1,180,000	17,970
2017	1,020,000	19,295
2018	1,080,000	22,338
2019	950,000	26,436
2020	1,590,000*	32,229
2021	Data is currently being collected and will be released in summer 2022	31,505

\*As conservation work has changed over time, the conservation survey has been modified to better measure current conservation goals. At its inception the transect was designed to measure tillage and residue cover. In 2011 the survey efforts were expanded to include collecting data on cover crops. In 2014, a second fall survey was started as a specific effort to measure cover crops. In 2020, the timing and collection categories were adjusted to further fit the effort to measure cover crops. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## Clean Water Indiana Indiana Code 14-32-8

### **IC 14-32-8-4 Program established**

Sec. 4. The clean water Indiana program is established. The division of soil conservation established within the department of agriculture by [IC 15-11-4-1](#) shall administer the program subject to the direction of the board.

### **IC 14-32-8-5 Purpose of program**

Sec. 5. The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to:

- (1) soil and water conservation districts;
- (2) land occupiers; and
- (3) conservation groups;

to implement conservation practices to reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

### **IC 14-32-8-6 Clean water Indiana fund**

Sec. 6. (a) The clean water Indiana fund is established to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The fund shall be administered by the division of soil conservation subject to the direction of the board.

(b) The fund consists of:

- (1) amounts deposited in the fund under [IC 6-7-1-29.3](#);
- (2) amounts appropriated by the general assembly; and
- (3) donations, grants, and money received from any other source.

(c) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund or any other fund but remains in the fund to be used for the purposes of the fund.

### **IC 14-32-8-7 Expenditures from fund**

Sec. 7. Money in the fund may be spent in the following ways:

- (1) To increase district technical assistance in local conservation efforts.
- (2) To develop an environmental stewardship program to assist land occupiers in complying with environmental regulations voluntarily.
- (3) To qualify for federal matching funds.
- (4) To provide for the following cost sharing programs:
  - (A) A program to encourage land occupiers to implement conservation practices to reduce nutrient, pesticide, and sediment runoff.
  - (B) Programs that encourage land occupiers to implement nutrient management programs by sharing the cost of any of the following:
    - (i) Fencing for intensive grazing systems.
    - (ii) Purchasing nutrient management equipment.
    - (iii) Voluntary environmental audits.
    - (iv) Other similar expenditures related to nutrient management.
- (5) To provide matching grants to districts for the following:
  - (A) Professional watershed coordinators to facilitate and administer local watershed protection projects.
  - (B) District managers to administer district conservation policies and programs.
- (6) To increase state technical and capacity building assistance to districts and local conservation efforts by providing for the following:
  - (A) Capacity building specialists to train district personnel in grant writing, grant administration, and leadership development.
  - (B) Conservation education specialists to help implement district conservation education efforts.
  - (C) Urban storm water specialists to provide technical assistance to developers to contain soil erosion on construction sites.
- (7) To make distributions as provided under section 8 of this chapter.
- (8) Implementation of geographic information systems (GIS) or similar technology.

**IC 14-32-8-8 Matching funds from division of soil conservation**

Sec. 8. (a) In addition to funds provided to a district under section 7 of this chapter or from any other source, the division of soil conservation shall pay to the district one dollar (\$1) for every one dollar (\$1) the district receives:

(1) from a political subdivision; or

(2) if a district receives no funding from a political subdivision, from any other funding source. The board shall consider funds received from a source referred to in subdivision (2) as qualifying for matching payments under this subsection.

(b) Except as provided in section 8.2 of this chapter, the state is not obligated to match more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) under this section.

(c) In order to receive funding under this section each year, a district must certify to the division of soil conservation the amount of money the district received from all sources described in subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) during the one (1) year period beginning January 1 of the previous year. The information prepared under this subsection must be part of the annual financial statement prepared and provided to the board under IC 14-32-4-22. The division of soil conservation shall make distributions under this section not later than July 15 of each year.

(d) Before making distributions under this section, the division of soil conservation shall determine the total amount of money that has been certified by all districts as having been provided by sources described in subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2). If the cumulative amount to be distributed to all districts exceeds the amount appropriated to the fund, the division of soil conservation shall reduce the distribution to each district proportionately.

(e) A district must spend money received under this section for the purposes of the district.

**IC 14-32-8-8.2 Limit on matching funds from division if district territory is larger than one county**

Sec. 8.2. (a) This section applies to a district if, as the result of:

(1) the merger of two (2) or more districts; or

(2) the changing of the boundaries of one (1) or more districts under IC 14-32-6.5;

the territory of the district is larger than the entire area of one (1) county.

(b) The limit in section 8(b) of this chapter on the funds from political subdivisions that the state may be obligated to match shall be adjusted under this section in the case of a district described in subsection (a).

(c) If the territory of a district includes the entire area of two (2) or more counties, the limit on the funds from political subdivisions that the state may be obligated to match is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) multiplied by a whole number equal to the number of counties whose entire area is included in the territory of the district.

(d) If the territory of a district includes some of but less than the entire area of a particular county, the limit on the funds from political subdivisions that the state may be obligated to match is the sum of:

(1) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) multiplied by a percentage equal to the percentage of the particular county's entire area that is included in the territory of the district; plus

(2) either:

(A) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), if the territory of the district also includes all the area of one (1) other county; or

(B) the figure calculated under subsection (c), if the territory of the district also includes all the area of two (2) or more counties.

**IC 14-32-8-8.3 Limit on matching funds from division if district territory is smaller than one county**

Sec. 8.3. (a) This section applies to a district if, as the result of:

(1) the merger of two (2) or more districts; or

(2) the changing of the boundaries of one (1) or more districts under IC 14-32-6.5;

the territory of the district is smaller than the entire area of one (1) county.

(b) The limit in section 8(b) of this chapter on the funds from political subdivisions that the state may be obligated to match shall be adjusted under this section in the case of a district described in subsection (a).

(c) If the territory of a district contains less than the entire area of one (1) county, the limit on the funds from political subdivisions that the state may be obligated to match is the product of:

(1) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); multiplied by

(2) a percentage equal to the percentage of the county's entire area that is included in the territory of the district.



# Indiana Code Summary: 5-14-1.5

## Public Access Law (Open Door Law)

Following is a summary of Indiana Code [5-14-1.5](#), and is not all-inclusive. To view the full code, please visit:

<https://www.in.gov/pac/files/PAC-Handbook-2017.pdf>

### Public Meetings vs Executive Meetings

- Generally, all meetings of the governing bodies of public agencies must be open at all times so members of the public may observe and record them.
- Executive sessions: the ODL permits governing bodies to meet privately only under certain circumstances. The allowable reason for the executive session must be posted with the notice for the session. However, any final action (i.e. a vote) must be taken at a meeting open to the public.

### Notification to Public

- Public notice of the date, time, and place of any meetings, executive sessions, or of any rescheduled or reconvened meeting, shall be given at least 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) before the meeting.
- A public agency must
  - post a notice of meetings at the principal office of the agency, and if no such office exists, at the place where the meeting is to be held.
  - provide electronic access to meeting notices on the Internet.
- A governing body of a public agency is not required to use an agenda, but if it chooses to utilize one, the governing body must post a copy of the agenda at the entrance to the location of the meeting prior to the meeting.
- The ODL does not require a public agency to formally adjourn its meetings. This does not relieve the public agency its requirement to post notice of its meetings 48 hours in advance as prescribed by I.C. § 5-14-1.5-5(a).

### Memoranda

- Memoranda are to be available within a reasonable period of time after the meeting. The minutes, if any, are to be open for public inspection and copying.
- Memoranda should include:
  - date, time, and place of the meeting;
  - the members of the governing body recorded as either present or absent;
  - the general substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided;
  - and a record of all votes taken, by individual members, if there is a roll call.

### Virtual Meetings

- At least 50% (4) board members must be present, otherwise meeting must be canceled or postponed. Offsite participants must be able to be seen and heard by the public in order to vote.

- Should the remote board member not have access to technology allowing them to be seen, they can still participate in discussion but cannot be considered to be present or participate in any final action.
- A policy setting parameters around virtual meetings is mandatory for electronic participation.
- All votes must be taken by roll call.
- An individual member cannot participate remotely by electronic means in more than half of the governing body's meetings annually unless the member's physical absence is due to military service, illness or medical conditions, death of a relative, or an emergency threatening life or limb.
- While a member is limited to participating electronically in two consecutive meetings only, they may extend consecutive meetings if their physical presence is precluded by military service, illness or medical conditions, death of a relative, or an emergency threatening life or limb.
- Among other subject matter, adopting a budget must only be taken in person.

**Under public health emergency, the entirety of a governing body may participate remotely with the following requirements:**

- The public must simultaneously observe the meetings. All of the practical requirements noted above remain in place as to reasonable technological fidelity.
- Memoranda must identify the platforms used and the members who participated electronically.
- All votes are to be taken by roll call.
- Based on local and state health orders and caps on gathering size, whether to allow a physical audience is at the discretion of the governing body. As with any meeting, the public must be notified of the date, time, and location of the meeting 48 hours in advance.

The Public Access Handbook addresses many of the key issues of interest to SWCDs. To learn more, visit: <https://www.in.gov/pac/>. The newly adopted virtual meeting guidance may be found at <https://www.in.gov/pac/files/1437-guidance-final.pdf>.