



*Washington Co. Soil & Water Conservation District*

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May 10, 2010

Additional Clean Water Indiana- Disaster Fund Request- \$8,000

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If we are awarded additional funds, we will advertise on radio, coffee shop (TV), and local newspapers informing the public who would be eligible for disaster assistance.

Thanks again for considering the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation Districts request for additional ECAP funds.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Brown, SWCD Chairman

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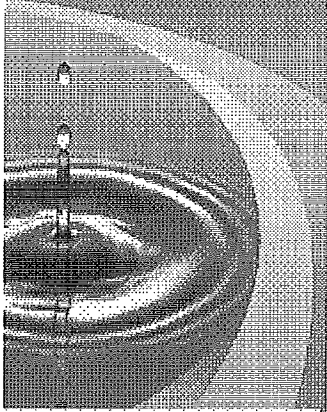
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We have borrowed it from our children”**

“EEO Employer”



Indiana Association of  
Soil and Water  
Conservation Districts

Protecting and enhancing Indiana's soil  
and water resources for all Hoosiers



April 6, 2010

To: Indiana State Soil Conservation Board

Re: Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI) contract extension

The IASWCD is requesting a contract extension for the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (EDS #A337-10-CWI-101) until August 31, 2010. The current contract is set to expire on June 30, 2010.

Our NRCS contract for the CCSI has an end date of August 31, 2010, so this extension request is simply to align the end dates.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Boyle Warner  
Executive Director

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*THE IASWCD MISSION is to represent SWCDs as one voice and assist the leadership of local Districts through coordination and education for the wise use and management of our natural resources.*

## **Dubois County Disaster Request Flooding: August 2009**

On August 18, 2009, an area in southeast Dubois County received in excess of 10 inches of rain in a 6 hour period, with 8 inches falling in a 2 hour time frame, on rolling farmland. The flash flooding in this area caused damage to streams and ditchbanks, excessive sedimentation in water courses, and damage to farm property, including the need to remove debris from fields.

Landowners in the affected area provided documentation of their damages, including photos and receipts for their repair costs. Documented repairs were required for: farm lanes and roads, fencing, water gates, stream banks, stream crossings, waterlines, ponds, tile, and erosion control structures, including rock chutes, retaining walls, WASCOBs, and pipe structures. The costs include the hiring of equipment, supplies and materials, and labor.

The repair costs submitted ranged from \$5,000 to \$8,000, totaling approximately \$50,000 to \$55,000. Repairs were done immediately, as the farms had to continue to operate. Some of the affected landowners contacted the office but did not submit invoices, so all damage totals have not been reported.

The Dubois County SWCD is requesting \$42,000.00 to be used as 75% cost share for the affected landowner's repair expense. Since all repairs are complete, these funds will be paid to the landowners based upon their invoices and incurred repair expenses.

**Potential Additional SWCD Disaster Projects in Fribley's Region**  
**Updated: 03.31.10**

**Laura's original email to SWCDs:** Good afternoon, Do any of you have potential SWCD disaster projects you could offer in your county? This would be similar to the ECAP programs offered in the past. It would need to focus on erosion control, stabilization, etc. (not wind damage). ECAP dollars were returned and there are some potential funds available. If you have program ideas and needs, please send me a brief sketch of what your county has in mind. Project/cost-share ideas, amount of money needed, disaster problems, etc. and I will pass this along. We are just gauging what is out there.

**Dubois Co:**

- Contact: Judi Brown
- Copy of email from Judi to Jerod:
  - Jerod: At the conference last week, I spoke to you about flood damage in Dubois County from a localized event. We've applied for aid through FSA, but we have not heard if they will be awarding any funds to assist these landowners. We had in excess of 10 inches of rain in a 6 hour period in August of 2009 on rolling farmland. The damage estimates have been submitted to our office, they are about \$45000 to \$50,000. These landowners have maintained contact with us; we'd like to be able to offer them some assistance. As ECAP or CWI funds are returned to the state, is there any possibility of setting up a program to assist these folks?

**Gibson Co:**

- Contact: Ethel Osborn
- Copy of email from Ethel to Laura:
  - Someone had this question....could we go back and give the landusers (ECAP recipients) more money? We had several who spent a substantial amount out of their own pocket.

**Posey Co:**

- Contact: Jeri Ziliak
- Copy of email from Jeri to Laura
  - Laura ~ The potential for additional funding for disaster projects was discussed at our Board meeting on Tuesday. We would definitely be interested in additional funds. After discussion, the Board felt that we would 'request' \$35,000 in additional funds. We had more than \$41,000 in unpaid requests from our ECAP list. These were entities that had not received any funding from the original monies. We would keep with our original plan of using the funds for soil erosion and stabilization issues and entities would be capped at \$3,000

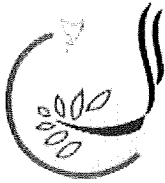
each. I hope this helps in your planning. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks for the possible opportunity of additional funding!

**Scott Co:**

- Contact: Lynda Phillips
- Copy of email from Lynda to Laura:
  - Scott County is ranked as one of the poorest counties in the entire state. Thirteen percent of residents rank below the poverty level. With the current economic crisis, conservation can get pushed aside as folks focus on more basic needs. We were considered a contiguous county during the ECAP program and were therefore not considered for emergency funds. However, the Muscatatuck river and its tributaries do run through our county. Much of the debris from northern counties like Jackson, Jennings and Bartholomew has ended up in Scott County in the form of logjams. This adds to the economic burden for our county. The SWCD has pledged to support and partner with the Drainage Board. At our recent Annual Dinner and Meeting, a questionnaire was distributed asking attendees what they felt were the greatest natural resource concerns in Scott County. The overwhelming answer related to drainage issues. Scott County is asking for up to \$10,000 to help address the drainage issues in our county.

**Washington Co:**

- Contact: Sandy Hortenberry
- Copy of email from Sandy to Laura
  - The Washington County SWCD would like to apply for more disaster funds. The funds will be applied to clean up debris, trash and restoring and reseed eroded farm land. Fund amount - CWI \$8,000. These funds will be utilized at a 50% cost share. Thanks for considering our request.



# Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

May 2010 CREP Report

## PURPOSE OF CREP:

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a federal-state natural resources conservation program that addresses agricultural-related environmental concerns at the state and national level. CREP participants receive financial incentives to voluntarily enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in contracts of 14 to 15 years. Participants remove cropland from agricultural production and convert the land to native grasses, trees and other vegetation.

The Indiana CREP is a partnership between USDA and the state of Indiana. The program currently targets the enrollment of 7,000 acres of land in the Pigeon-Highland, Tippecanoe, and Upper White River watersheds where sediments, nutrients, pesticides and herbicides run off from agricultural land.

The program will improve water quality by creating buffers and wetlands that will reduce agricultural runoff into the targeted watersheds. Installing buffer practices and wetlands will enhance habitat for wildlife, including State and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species. The program will also reduce nonpoint source nutrient losses.

### May 11, 2010

<u>Watersheds</u>	<u>Completed Contracts</u>	<u>Completed Acres</u>	<u>Completed State Funds</u>	<u>Estimated Federal Leverage (Completed CREP)</u>
Tippecanoe River	385	2754.1	\$451,455.00	\$4,514,550.00
Upper White River	184	1178.1	\$480,055.00	\$4,800,550.00
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	79	237.33	\$45,277.00	\$452,770.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>4169.53</b>	<b>\$976,787.00</b>	<b>\$9,767,870.00</b>

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Tippecanoe River	129	1193.7	\$303,180.00	\$3,031,800.00
Upper White River	67	481.7	\$192,085.00	\$1,920,850.00
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	45	196.63	\$47,457.00	\$474,570.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>1872.03</b>	<b>\$542,722.00</b>	<b>\$5,427,220.00</b>

**March 9, 2010**

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Tippecanoe River	374	2566.5	\$363,219.00	\$3,632,190.00
Upper White River	175	1145.2	\$471,430.00	\$4,714,300.00
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	78	233.63	\$44,907.00	\$449,070.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>3945.33</b>	<b>\$879,556.00</b>	<b>\$8,795,560.00</b>

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Upper White River	70	465.3	\$167,780.00	\$1,677,800.00
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	43	200.33	\$47,827.00	\$478,270.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>1990.43</b>	<b>\$609,002.00</b>	<b>\$6,090,020.00</b>







MAY 2010  
CLEAN WATER INDIANA REPORT

**Executive Summary:**

Administered by the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB), the Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grants Program is funded through the CWI Initiative. The purpose of the CWI Grants Program is to provide financial assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to implement conservation practices to reduce non-point sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost share programs.



# 2010 CWI GRANT

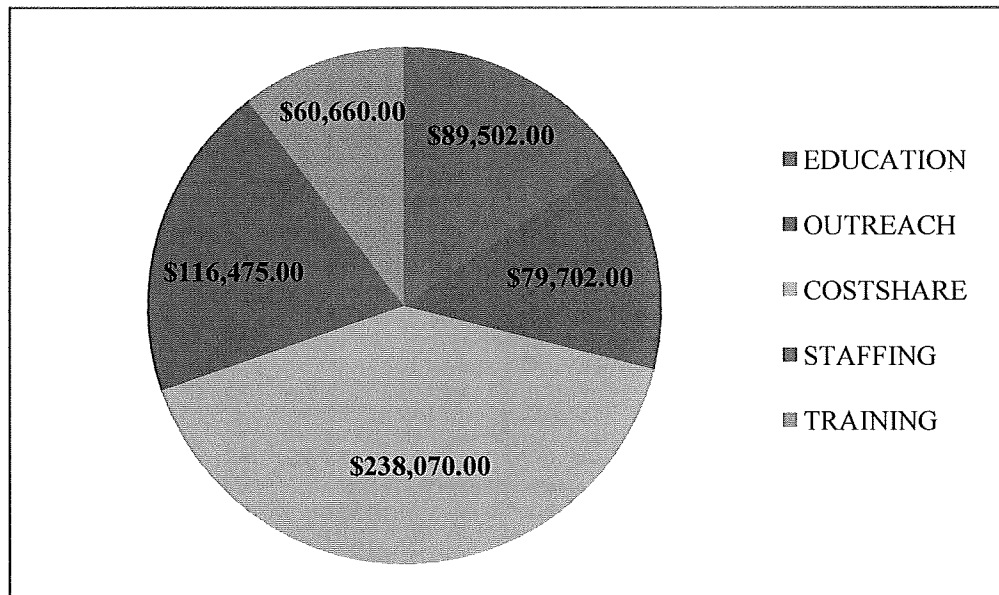
## PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2010, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$550,000 for this grant cycle, as well as provide more choices for the use of grant funds. Each Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) was given the opportunity to apply up to \$7,000. The focus for this round of grant funding includes:

- Adult Education
- Outreach/Marketing
- Cost Share Incentives
- Capacity Building
  - Staffing
  - Leadership Development Training

88 SWCDs applied for the 2010 CWI grant totaling \$584,409. The SSCB approved all grant applications and funded the total amount applied. All 2010 CWI grants have one year to complete their project, except for Leadership Development Training. Projects start January 1, 2010 and must be complete by December 31, 2010. Leadership Development Training reimbursement may include training from July 1, 2009 through

## BREAK DOWN OF 2010 CWI GRANT FUNDS:



## STATUS UPDATE:

- To date, all 88 contracts have been paid the initial 75% totaling \$392,811.75
- 2 Districts (Davie & Martin) have submitted a final report and final payment is being issued totaling \$3,500.

# 2009 SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT

## PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2009, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$550,000 to fund the Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant (SNRG). This was a competitive grant. Each Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) was given the opportunity to apply for \$3,000 to \$10,000. The purpose of the SNRG is to offer financial support to SWCDs throughout the state to help stimulate the adoption of sediment and nutrient reduction practices. SWCDs worked with ISDA to create the "We All Live Downstream" theme. This message is to be consistent information with resources shared throughout the state that focuses on a select group of conservation practices.

59 SWCDs applied for the 2009 SNRG totaling \$543,887. The SSCB awarded 31 districts totaling \$284,887. All 2009 SNRGs have one year to complete their project. Projects start January 1, 2009 and must be complete by December 31, 2009. The SSCB decided to allocate the remaining \$265,113 to fund the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program.

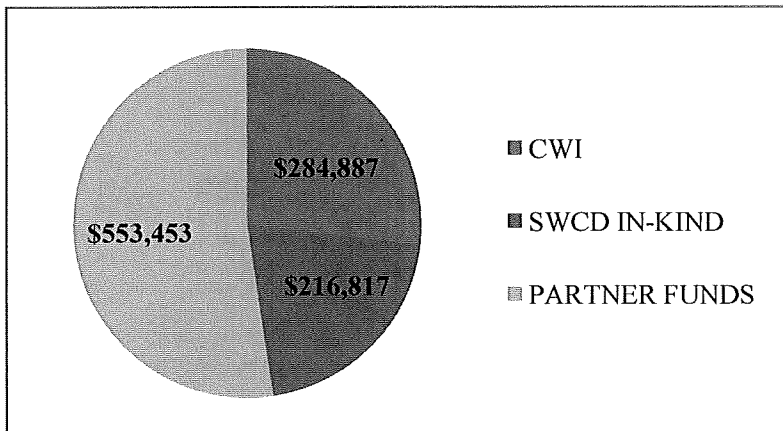
## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:



- **Adams County:** Nutrient Reduction Through New Technology
- **Clark County:** Nutrient Management and Buffers in the Urban Sector
- **Huntington County:** Wetlands-A Key Link in Watershed Management
- **Pulaski County:** Tippecanoe River and Tributaries Sediment and Nutrient Reduction
- **Shelby County:** 2009 Bringing Conservation to You Program
- **Wayne County:** Educating Our Amish Community on the Benefits of Soil Conservation

## BREAK DOWN OF PROJECT FUNDS:

\* (This information was pulled from the District proposals)



## STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$276,515.00
- Remaining balance: \$8,372.00
- 18 Districts have received their final payments
- 18 Districts have submitted their final report

## **2008 District Training**

### **PURPOSE OF GRANT:**

For 2008, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$138,000 to fund the District Training program (DT). This incentive program to Districts is to support Supervisor and Staff training. This program allows District reimbursement for continuing education and training for leadership development. District could apply up to \$1,500. \$750 would go strictly to Supervisors. The remaining \$750 could be used for either Supervisors or Staff.

Types of reimbursements include:

- Annual Conference registration
- Hotel fees
- Mileage, parking and per diem
- Leadership Institute fees
- Other training workshops

90 Districts applied for District Training totaling \$135,000.

### **STATUS UPDATE:**

- Amount paid to Districts: \$100,588.96
- 48 Districts received maximum of \$1,500
- 32 Districts received part of \$1,500
- 10 Districts did not submit reimbursement
- 2 Districts did not apply for District Training

## **2009 District Training**

For 2009, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside funds for the District Training program (DT) to cover the two month gap between regular grant programs. This incentive program to Districts is to support Supervisor and Staff training. This program allows District reimbursement for continuing education and training for leadership development. District could be reimbursed up to \$500 for Supervisors and Staff.

### **STATUS UPDATE:**

- 6 Districts have submitted reimbursement for a total of \$1,879.04.

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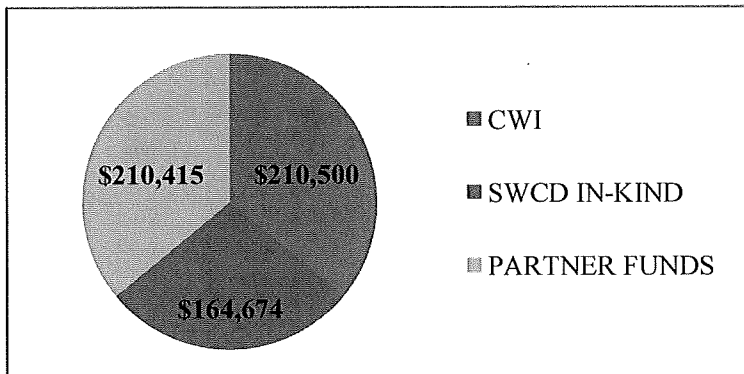
51 SWCDs applied for the 2008 SNRG totaling \$465,470. The SSCB awarded 23 districts totaling \$210,500. All 2008 SNRGs have one year to complete their project. Projects start May 1, 2008 and must be complete by April 30, 2009.

## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Carroll County:** Sediment Basin & Log Weir Structure for Camp Tecumseh Pond
- **Elkhart County:** Goshen Public Library Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Demonstration Site with
- **Jennings County:** Nutrient Management Soil Testing Project
- **Kosciusko County:** Nutrient Reduction through Nitrogen Management
- **Newton County:** Innovative Zone Sampling, Variable Rate Nutrient Application & Education Program
- **Scott County:** Multicounty Soil Testing with Clark and Jefferson Counties

## BREAK DOWN OF PROJECT FUNDS:

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## STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$209,000.00
- 3 Districts have a remaining balance totaling: \$1,500.00

# 2008 Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant

## PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2008, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside funds for the Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant (CMIG). Each Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) was given the opportunity to receive \$2,000 if requirements were met. The purpose of CMIG is to market the adoption of nutrient management practices in their district. SWCDs worked with ISDA to create the "We All Live Downstream" theme. This message is to be consistent throughout the state that focuses on a select group of conservation practices. SWCDs had to host an event to educate landowners on one or more of the following practices: Nutrient Management Plans, Cover Crops, Not-till/Strip, Buffers and Pasture/Livestock Management.



82 SWCDs applied for the 2008 CMIG . The SSCB awarded those districts totaling \$164,000. All 2008 CMIGs have one year to complete their project. Projects start May 1, 2008 and must be complete by April 30, 2009.

## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Adams County:** For a Cleaner Watershed - Sediment, "Just Stop It!"
- **Clinton County:** Conservation Tillage Field Day
- **Decatur County:** Cover Crop Comparisons/ No-till Cropping Systems
- **Floyd County:** Improving Your Pasture Lands: Cover Crops & Pasture/Livestock Management
- **Jasper County:** Nutrient Management Plan Workshops
- **Vigo County:** Managing Your Nutrients & Money for Improved Water Quality

## STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$163,100.00
- 7 Districts still have a balance totaling: \$900.00
- 6 Districts reallocated funds to flood relief totaling: \$600.00
- 2867 people have participated in CMIG events

## 2007 Clean Water Indiana Grant

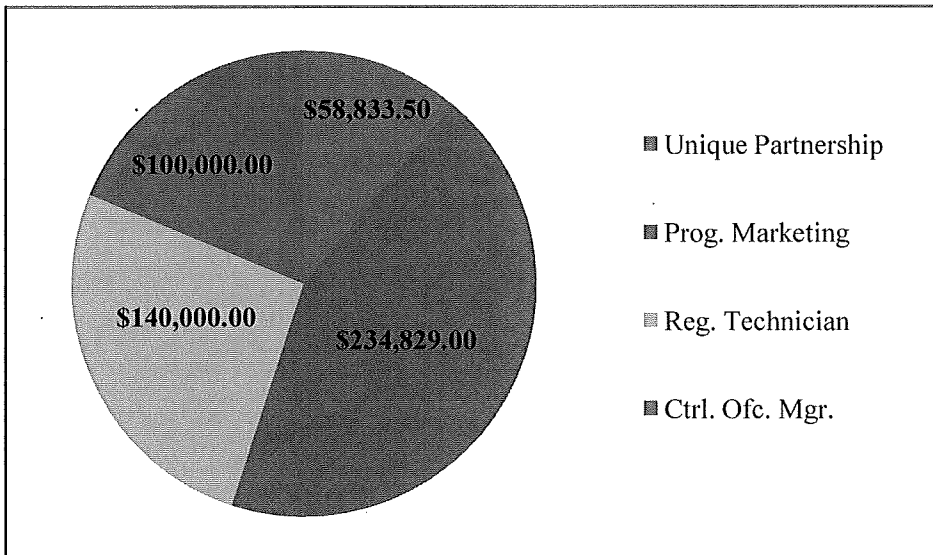
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- Unique Partnership Program
- Program Marketing Incentive
- Regional Technician Program
- Clearinghouse Coordinator Program
- Supervisor Training Program

98 applications were received from 64 Districts totaling over \$1.3 million. The SSCB awarded 45 applications totaling \$533,662.50. All 2007 CWI grants began January 1, 2007.

### BREAK DOWN OF PROJECT



### EXAMPLES OF

- **Vanderburgh County:** Howell Wetlands Restoration (Partnership)
- **Gibson County:** Gibson County SWCD Buffer Blitz (Marketing)
- **DeKalb County:** DeKalb SWCD and Partnership Regional Technician (Technician)
- **Marion County:** SWCD Large and Small Landowner Conservation (Ctrl. Ofc. Mgr.)

### STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$513,928.42
- Total remaining balance: \$13,750.00
- Recommitted \$5,984.00
- 3 Districts still have a balance

# 2006 Clean Water Indiana Grant

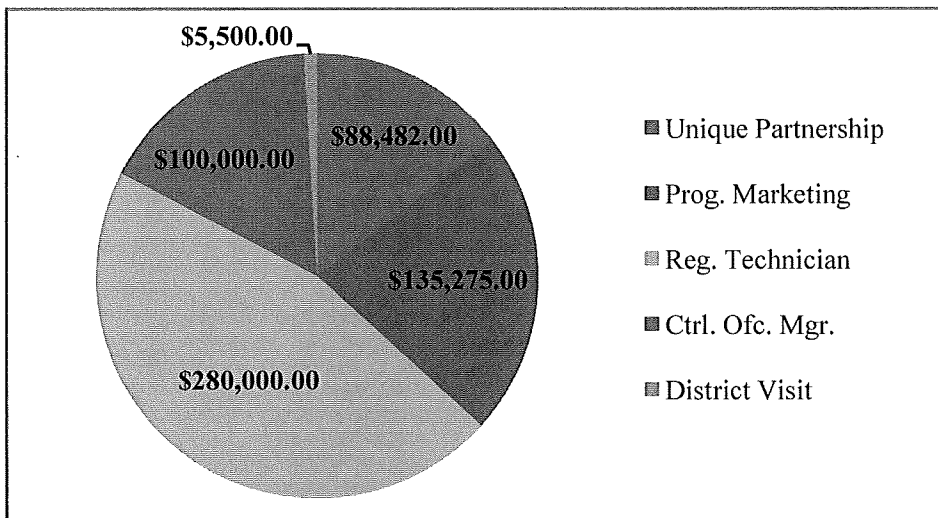
## PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2006, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside funds for the CWI Grant Program. The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to implement conservation practices to reduce non-point sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost share programs. SWCDs could apply for one or more of the following projects:

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- Supervisor Training Program

110 applications were received from 56 Districts totaling over \$1.8 million. The SSCB awarded 42 applications totaling \$609,257. This includes funding one District Training with the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. All 2006 CWI grants begin December 1, 2005.

## BREAK DOWN OF PROJECT FUNDS:



## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Dubois County:** Incentive Partnership for Upland Habitat Buffers (Partnership)
- **Marion County:** Central Indiana Forestry Assistance Coordination Project (Marketing)
- **Decatur County:** Implementation of Agriculture Best Management Practices, From Grassroots
- **Bartholomew County:** The One Stop Shop for Conservation (Ctrl. Ofc. Mgr.)

## STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$552,352.00
- Remaining balance: \$52,500.00
- Recommitted \$4,405
- 2 Districts still have a balance



May 7, 2010

Nola Gentry  
c/o Kelly L. Gentry  
Division of Soil Conservation  
Indiana State Department of Agriculture  
101 West Ohio St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Gentry:

On behalf of the Posey County Soil & Water Conservation District, we would like to submit our request for additional ECAP funding.

Originally, Posey County received \$83,005.30 in funding and requests in excess of \$127,000. The Board decided to limit reimbursement of acceptable repairs to \$3,000 per entity to be paid on a first-come, first-served basis. We were able to help 38 different people.

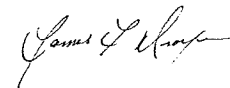
Unfortunately, we were unable to help 11 people on our list for a requested total of \$37,170.

The District would like to request \$30,000 from the remaining ECAP funds. This would allow us to keep with our original plan of a \$3,000 maximum per entity for allowable repairs. Our focus will remain on, but not be limited to, land restoration including stream bank erosion, scour erosion, sand and debris removal, WASCOB repair and cleaning and waterway damage.

We know that most, if not all, on our remaining list have had their repairs completed on their own, but did not receive cost share because the funds had been spent.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jim Droege  
Chairman

## Scott County SWCD Disaster Drainage Projects

This year at our SWCD Annual Dinner and Meeting a survey was distributed asking landowners their opinions on the Natural Resource Concerns in Scott County. There were three questions. The first asked, *'If the SWCD has unlimited money for any project, what would you recommend?'* The overwhelming response was **drainage** and keeping waterways clear. The second question asked, *'What do you feel is the most Critical Natural Resource Issue in Scott County?'* The number one response was again **drainage** to include flooding and erosion control. The final question we asked, *'What do you feel is the most Critical Natural Resource Area in Scott County?'* The responses included the Muscatatuck river and along all creeks and rivers.

The District recognizes this need and as a result we have included drainage issues in our business plan. Indeed, our number one critical resource issue as identified in our long-range business plan is **drainage**. In addition to this, we have pledged to support our local Drainage Board in any way that we can. The Scott County Drainage Board is not set up to receive any designated taxes for funding. This issue is so important to the District and the need is so great, that this spring we remunerated 20% of our total annual County Appropriations to help alleviate the cost of a log jam on the Muscatatuck river.

The cost of that Muscatatuck log jam removal was \$3,500. There are other issues as well. Stucker Ditch drains into the Muscatatuck. The current state of the waterway is so bad that it frequently floods farm land and roads. In fact there was a death just this past winter attributed to the flooding of that waterway. There have been a total of four deaths in our county due to the heavy flooding. Other important waterways that are in need of maintenance include Ox Creek and Honey Run, both of which eventually end up in the Muscatatuck.

This has a direct impact on farm land erosion and sediment control. When these waterways are impeded, the resultant flooding costs money to an all ready stressed economy. Most farmers in Scott County work another job besides farming. The County government is stretched with the recent reductions in property tax income. The SWCD funding is very limited. Scott County SWCD has applied for funding during both rounds of the previous ECAP requests. Both times we were denied due to our label as a contiguous county and not a disaster county. However, we are surrounded by counties that were officially declared disaster counties. Rain and water do not stop at the county lines. The Muscatatuck river and its tributaries do flow through our county. We do have a real need for funding to address drainage issues in Scott County.

It is important to note that all permits are current and in place to do the necessary work. Work could begin immediately upon receipt of the money. The money from the ECAP funds would greatly help to alleviate this critical natural resource issue. In a world of unlimited funds, the real amount of money that could be used for this would be \$75,000. However, Scott County is asking for at least \$10,000 to address the more immediate concerns. We would be honored to accept any amount the State Soil Conservation Board would allocate to us. We have always been good stewards of the money that the SSCB has given to us through Clean Water Indiana and we promise to continue this dedication.



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Thanks again for considering the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation Districts request for additional ECAP funds.

Sincerely yours,

James L. Brown, SWCD Chairman

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James R. Brown, Chairman – Mike Ponsford, V. chair -Sherry White, Treas/secretary  
Jenny Rowland, member – Steve Kelley, member

**“We have not inherited the land from our fathers;  
We have borrowed it from our children”**

“EEO Employer”