

AGENDA
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
9:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 9, 2010
The Nature Conservancy
620 E Ohio Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

- I. 9:30 AM: Call to Order**
- II. Approve Minutes of September 2010**
- III. Clean Water Indiana**
 - a. 2010 and Prior Grants
 - i. 2009 updates and completed 2010-Paul Hoffman
 - ii. 2010 Amendments-Jim Lake
 - b. 2011 Grant Proposals - Grants Committee, Warren Baird
 - i. CWI Grants Committee Recommendations
 - c. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program - Sara Christensen
 - i. CREP Update and Report
 - ii. CREP Local Administration
 - d. CCSI-Hans Kok
 - e. CWI Budget- Jerod Chew
- IV. Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
 - a. 5 star Committee- Jennifer Boyle Warner
 - b. District Visits Committee -Jennifer Boyle Warner
 - c. Supervisor Temporary Appointment-Jennifer Pinkston
 - i. LaGrange County
 - ii. Ripley County
 - iii. White County
 - iv. Jackson County
 - d. Upcoming Dates
- V. SSCB Board Reports and Discussion**
 - a. SSCB Chairman's Report – Nola Gentry
 - b. Selection of SSCB internal committees and positions
 - c. Upcoming Conferences and Board Attendance
 - d. SWCD Annual Meeting Attendance
- VI. ISDA Reports**
 - a. Division of Soil Conservation Report
 - i. Technical Support Update – Jerod Chew
 - ii. District Support Update – Jim Lake
 - iii. Water Quality Update – Sara Christensen
 - 1. Gulf of Mexico, Nutrient Task Force
 - iv. Accountability and Technology Update – Deb Fairhurst
 - v. Agriculture Affairs Update – Roz Leeck
- VII. Conservation Partner Reports**
 - a. DNR Report
 - b. IDEM Report
 - c. Purdue Report
 - d. IASWCD President's Report
 - e. FSA Report
 - f. NRCS State Conservationist's Report
- VIII. Public Comment**
- IX. Next Meeting: TBA**
- X. Adjourn**

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

This agenda is in DRAFT FORM. Open Door Law does not prohibit the public agency from changing or adding to its agenda during the meeting.

**Update for the
State Soil Conservation Board
on the
Conservation Cropping System Initiative (CCSI)**

The Indiana Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI) promotes a systematic approach to production agriculture focusing on:

- Continuous no-till/strip-till
- Cover crops
- Precision farming
- Nutrient and pest management

This will result in improved soil quality, water quality and profitability on Indiana cropland.

The CCSI is a resource for the 92 Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts to carry out their conservation cropping systems goals and objectives.

The program was launched in September of 2009, and is executed by contractors Hans Kok and Dan Towery. In year one it accomplished or exceeded all of the goals it was given:

- 1) Provided technical assistance to 121 farmers. 79 farmers received assistance on-farm, or in farmer groups. In addition, 23 farmers received technical assistance at meetings and workshops, from CCSI personnel. On-phone assistance provided to 17 farmers.
- 2) Assisted with 51 District with the organization of events (field days, conferences, workshops, annual meetings, etc)
- 3) Organized and supports a speaker's bureau for CCSI.
- 4) Reviewed and disseminated technical information, documents, photos, pertinent research papers, tillage transect results and other technical information to all members of the conservation partnership by way of the website, media and other appropriate means.
- 5) Hans and Dan delivered 47 technical presentations to over 2798 people.
- 6) We are maintaining over 50 active relationships in support of CCSI with Industry, university and state, federal and county government representatives.
- 7) We identified at least 10 potential partners to pursue for funding of CCSI. Many of these partners financially supported events that CCSI was involved in. We are working with the Oversight Committee, to secure long-term funding for this project.
- 8) We delivered CCSI updates at ICP meetings, such as the October 2009 webinar.
- 9) We delivered reports to the Oversight Committee and ICP on Dec 15, April 1, and July 23, and September 15. We organized a Technical Advisory Committee, consisting of farmers, government and industry representatives.
- 10) The CCSI website www.CCSIN.org was launched and is actively managed.
- 11) We are working with ISDA to get a tracking system in place for landowner requests on the web, so it can be accessed by the CCSI Oversight Committee.

The Scope of Work for year 2 of the CCSI project is listed on the next page.

Scope of work for CCSI September 2010-August 2011

1. Provide direct technical assistance to no fewer than 50 farmers and/or farmer networks at the request of local Conservation Partnership Representatives. Attention will be given to maximizing travel efficiencies when scheduling these responses.
2. Assist conservation partners with organizing and/or conducting no fewer than 40 workshops and training events.
3. Organize and support a speaker's bureau for CCSI. This will consist of farmers, crop consultants, agency personnel, university specialists, and agribusiness representatives. This speaker Bureau will be managed by Dan Towery, Hans Kok and Barry Fisher. Develop farmer speakers with the aid of Purdue by offering a class on effective presentations.
4. Review and disseminate technical information, documents, photos, pertinent research papers, tillage transect results and other technical information to all members of the conservation partnership by way of the website, media and other appropriate means.
5. Prepare and deliver no fewer than 30 technical presentations on conservation cropping system topics at field days, workshops, SWCD board meetings and other functions.
6. Establish and maintain working relationships with at least 20 university researchers, industry representatives, state and federal agencies and commodity organizations around the state.
7. Identify and provide information outreach to potential partners who share similar goals and objectives and facilitate contact with the Oversight Committee in order to identify and pursue additional funding opportunities.
8. Provide technical transfer at 4 technical and program development committee meetings of the Indiana Conservation Partnership related to Conservation Cropping Systems and facilitate the transfer of the latest technical science on these systems.
9. Provide written quarterly reports to the IASWCD Executive Director and the Oversight Committee and meet with the Oversight Committee at least biannually to provide updates and discuss strategic direction of the program. Schedule at least quarterly Technical Advisory Committee meetings for exchange of ideas on the technical direction of the initiative.
10. Maintain an active, up to date website with links to Conservation Partners and others. The IASWCD will be allowed administrative access if needed.
11. Maintain a tracking system and database for landowner requests, assistance provided, workshops, mail and email lists, and other pertinent data.
12. Assist in the set-up of an Indiana On-Farm research Network (OFN).
13. Assist NRCS in conducting at least 2 trainings for TSPs and CCAs under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

RECOMMENDATION FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

ELECTED SUPERVISOR; VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

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(1) the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position;

(2) at the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision(1), the board shall act upon the recommendation and appoint an individual to temporarily fill the vacancy; and

(3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.

(b) The individual appointed to temporarily fill a vacancy under subsection (a) shall serve until the district's next annual meeting.

(c) At the annual meeting immediately following the appointment of an individual to temporarily fill a vacant elected supervisor's position, the position shall be filled through the regular election procedure set forth in sections 6 through 9 of this chapter.

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

The Supervisors of the Lagrange County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that (Name) Robert Cart maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

ADDRESS: 1540 E 350 S

CITY, STATE AND ZIP: Lagrange, IN 46761

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

Resignation (enclose) of Jerry Yoder or

Death of or

No election held.

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor.

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

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS: (signatures)

Richard Yoder, Chairman

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 9/28/2010

Submit to:

Your District Support Specialist

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

<http://www.in.gov/isda/2352.htm>

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

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

(1) must be an occupier of a tract of land that is:

(A) more than ten (10) acres in area; and

(B) located within the district;

(2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and

(3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.

NAME: Robert Cart PHONE: (260) 463-4171 DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/YYYY): 7/17/1960

ADDRESS: 1540 E 350 S

CITY: LaGrange STATE: IN ZIP: 46761

EDUCATION: High School and Trade School

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Bus Mechanic, owns and farms 45 tillable acres

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: _____

AND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY

If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices you have installed or performed.

Has an AWEP and CSP contract

TEMPORARY APPOINTEE

Have you previously served as an SWCD supervisor? Yes No

If YES, answer the following two questions:

1. What was the date of last service? (M/d/yyyy):
2. What was the reason for termination of last service?
2. How many years did you serve as a supervisor?

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

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

Name of appointee: Robert Cart

Date (M/d/yyyy): 9/28/2010

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I will resign as Soil and Water supervisor.

Jerry Yoder
Jerry Yoder

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(3) the board shall notify the supervisor of the appointment made by the board.

(b) The individual appointed to fill a vacant appointed supervisor position under subsection (a) shall serve the unexpired term of the individual's predecessor.

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The Supervisors of the Ripley
certify that:

Name Jeremy Dixon

Address 1729 N Co Rd 525 E

City Milan

State Indiana

Zip 47031

County Soil and Water Conservation District

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

Resignation of Ryan Busch

[Click here to attach a file](#)

(If supervisor has resigned, you **MUST** attach copy of resignation letter. See SharePoint Tutorial for instructions on attaching a file.)

Death of

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

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS SIGNATURES

Chairman

Brian Evans

(typed)

Date

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

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(2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district, and

(3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.

Name Jeremy Dixon

Phone Number 513-205-0527

Date of Birth 4/13/1982

Address 1729 N Co. Rd. 525 E.

City Milan

State IN

Zip Code 47031

Education

Graduated from Milan High School in 2000, attended Purdue and graduated from there in 2004

Occupation or Type of Business

Engineer and Farmer

List Conservation and Other Leadership Experiences

FFA & 4-H

Please check one of the following:

- New Appointment**
- Reappointment**

I currently hold a public service position/office

- Yes**
 - If yes, I have been informed about the "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide**
 - Yes**
 - No**
- No**

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

Date 10/29/2010

Jeremy Dixon
Signature of Appointee

Please keep a copy of this on file at the SWCD office and notify your District Support Specialist.

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Ripley County Soil and Water Conservation District
1981 South Industrial Park Rd., Suite 2 - Versailles, IN 47042 - Phone (812)689-6410, Ext. 3 - Fax (812) 689-3141

09/15/10

Dear State Soil Conservation Board:

This letter is written on behalf of the Ripley County SWCD Board Supervisors. On July 13, 2010 Ripley County SWCD Board Supervisor Ryan Busch called to inform the board he no longer had the adequate amount of time needed to be on the board. He asked that someone else be found if at all possible. The board proceeded with the search for a new board member. This was put into action at the July 13th board meeting and is present in the minutes. A new board member was found, Jeremy Dixon, and is willing to serve the remainder of Ryan's term. However Ryan will not return phone calls or emails regarding his letter of resignation. Ryan has only attended two out of eight meetings thus far in 2010. Therefore, we do not foresee Ryan coming back to the board but cannot put Jeremy on until Ryan is officially off. Please consider our situation and grant that we place Jeremy Dixon in the place of Ryan Busch so we can continue business with a complete board. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kim Jolly

District Coordinator

Ripley County SWCD

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
Ripley County Soil and Water Conservation District
Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Attendees:

Brian Evans
Brad Hicks
Jeff Meinders

Danny Geisler
Kim Jolly, District Coordinator
Steve Franklin, District Tech.

Absent:

Ryan Busch
Bob Mulford

Clay Nuhring
Tim Schwipps, NRCS

Board meeting was called to order at 7:00

Minutes

Following a Consent Agenda, minutes were approved as presented with a motion from Danny seconded by Brad motion carried.

Financial Report

No changes or revisions were made to the financial report that was mailed; financial report was approved with a motion by Brad, seconded by Danny.

New Business

- Salary Budget is due this month to the Court House, the County Council has requested no more than a 2% raise be given to each employee. The board discussed the current salaries and Danny motioned to raise the employees 2% in addition to giving the county the \$10,000 to split between the two positions once again for 2011. Brad seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Strategic Plan meeting will be August 19th from 3:00 – 9:00 at the USDA Service Center
- Conservation Farmer of the Year
 - Criteria for the selection of this award has varied in the past, the staff suggested to the board that they follow a set of guidelines during selection. The criteria for the River Friendly Farmer award was passed around as an example
 - This criteria was adopted by the board and the staff were asked to bring 3 nominees to the August meeting
- Annual Meeting date – Discussion on time of year took place; it was decided to hold the 61st Annual Meeting on February 24, 2011. Fred Whitford will be asked to speak at the event.
- IDEA Conference is October 12th – 13th, Steve and Kim would like to attend. The board agreed to send both employees for one night to the conference, motion by Brad, second by Jeff motion carried
- Cooperative Agreement with NRCS for the reduced rent was passed around. Jeff motioned to sign the agreement with a second from Danny, motion carried.

- A Natural Resources Enterprises Workshop will be held on Sept 8 in Rising Sun, brochures were passed around, deadline to register is Aug. 30th
- The board asked to have information presented to them on the No-Till Conference that will be in Cincinnati, OH this year by the next meeting. Kim will look into it and try to get the info out.
- Ryan Busch called today and apologized but needed to inform the board he no longer has the adequate amount of time needed to be on the board. He asked that someone else be found. He however will continue his term if a replacement cannot be found. The board will try to find someone to fill his vacancy.

Old Business

- Ripley County 4-H Fair
 - Sign Up Sheet was Passed around, everyone signed in and was given an overview of the display

Updates & Approval of Plans

- Equipment Update & Staff Reports
 - Steve reported on the acreages for the entire year thus far
 - Great Plains had a hydraulic hose replaced
 - Litebar fee was discussed – Motion by Jeff to change the rental rate to \$10 per day and \$50 per week was made, second by Brad, motion approved
 - Also it was asked that the Litebar be taken to the Fair
- Staff Reports
 - Staff reports were discussed. Rule 5 on-sights, trainings, HELS & Wetlands, Equipment, RC&D work, and everyday work were discussed. As well as vacation time that would be taken from each employee and Tim.
- Approval of Rule 5 Plans
 - None were presented
- Other
 - Educational plot – Staff will begin redoing the plot in late July/August

Adjourn

Motion made by Danny to adjourn, seconded by Brad motion carried

The next meeting will be held on **Monday August 9th, 2010** at 7:00 pm at the USDA Service Center in Versailles.

Kim Jolly
Secretary

Approved:

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The Supervisors of the White
certify that:

County Soil and Water Conservation District

Name Ryan Howard

Address 3828 E. Monon Rd.

City Monticello

State Indiana

Zip 47960

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

Resignation of Donald Purkhiser

[Click here to attach a file](#)

(If supervisor has resigned, you **MUST** attach copy of resignation letter. See SharePoint Tutorial for instructions on attaching a file.)

Death of

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

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Chairman		Date
Ralph Zarse	(typed)	

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Name Ryan Howard
 Phone Number 574-870-0670
 Date of Birth 8/19/1978
 Address 3828 E Monon Rd
 City Monticello
 State IN Zip Code 47960

Education

 North White High School

Occupation or Type of Business

 Ag Sales for Howard and Sons John Deere/Farmer

List Conservation and Other Leadership Experiences

Please check one of the following:

- New Appointment**
- Reappointment**

I currently hold a public service position/office

- Yes**
 - If yes, I have been informed about the "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide**
 - Yes**
 - No**
- No**

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Date 11/2/2010

Ryan Howard
Signature of Appointee

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certify that:

Name Charles Fox

Address 11570 E 1040 N

City Seymour

State Indiana

Zip 47274

County Soil and Water Conservation District

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

Resignation of David Abner

(If supervisor has resigned, you **MUST** attach copy of resignation letter. See SharePoint Tutorial for instructions on attaching a file.)

Death of

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Chairman		Date
Tim Hoevener	(typed)	

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Name Charles Fox
Phone Number (812) 521-9034
Date of Birth
Address 11570 E 1040 N
City Seymour
State IN Zip Code 47274
Education

Occupation or Type of Business

List Conservation and Other Leadership Experiences

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- Reappointment**

I currently hold a public service position/office

- Yes**
 - If yes, I have been informed about the "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide**
 - Yes**
 - No**
- No**

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Date 8/1/2010

Charles Fox
Signature of Appointee

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November 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

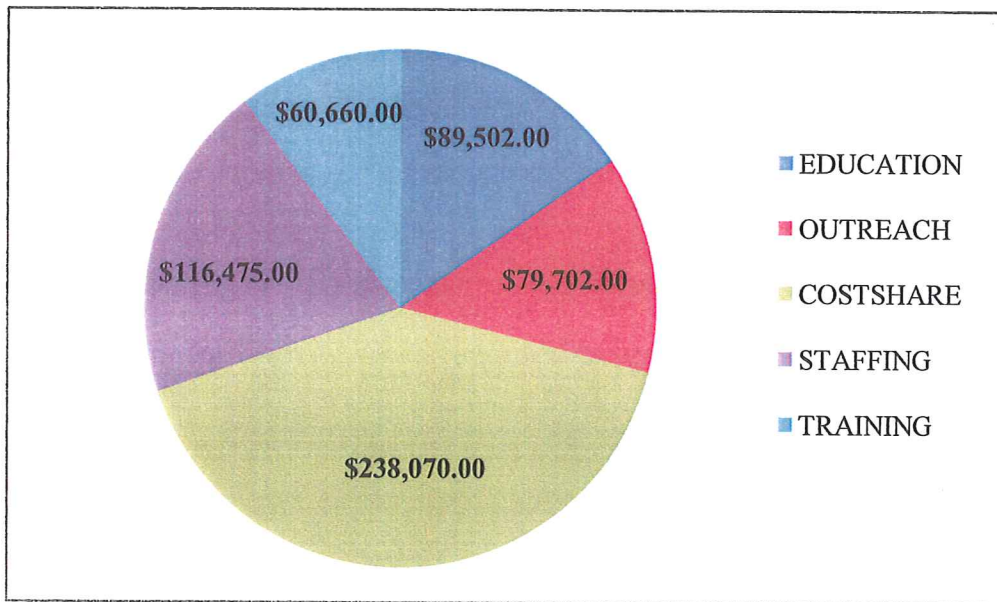
PURPOSE OF GRANT:

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 December 31, 2010.

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 (Davies & Martin) have submitted a final report and final payment is being issued for an additional \$3,500.
- Based on sharepoint, there are 9 more districts that have submitted their final reports.
- An extension amendment has been produced for all Districts. DSS will send the amendment to those District that need additional time to complete project.
- 32 Districts have submitted request for Supervisor Training Reimbursements for a total of \$28,822.59

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.

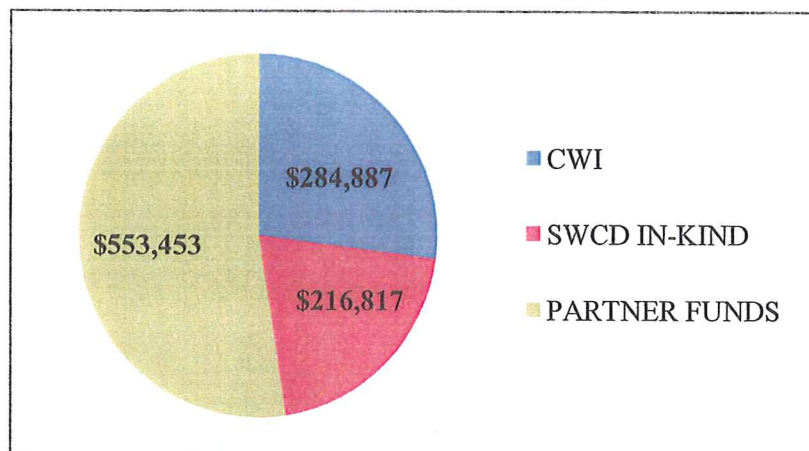
EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **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: \$282,244.00
- Remaining balance: \$1500.00 Return unspent funds \$1143.
- 28 Districts have submitted their final report
- 3 District have extended their grant to 12/31/10

**State Soil Conservation Board Meeting
State Conservationist Report
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
November 2010**

NRCS ABC

As if there weren't enough acronyms, NRCS staff have been tied up with ABC, or Activity Based Costing. NRCS is directed to complete a workload analysis every third year. ABC is designed to give NRCS a comprehensive look at workload and provide documentation to support more credible budget formulas in the future. The data will be used to support workforce planning, cost accounting, budget formulation and execution, and performance planning. ABC work should be completed by November 19.

ICP Priorities

The Indiana Conservation Partnership Leaders continue to meet regularly and work together on conservation issues, projects and needs. The ICP Leaders have four priorities on their joint workplan for the coming year, including:

- Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (promoting systems approach, training)
- Watershed Initiatives (inventory existing projects, coordinating approaches)
- CREP (a federal-state CRP)
- State Nutrient Management Strategy (coordinated approach to an IN plan, ISDA taking lead)

ICP Training and Certification Program

The Indiana Conservation Partnership has been developing a comprehensive training and certification program for local technicians and agency personnel. The program is being finalized and will be rolled out in the coming months.

WREP

The Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program targets Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) Farm Bill dollars to a specific geographic area, focused on specific goals. Funding is used to purchase permanent or 30-year easements on eligible lands. The WREP program provides funds directly to participating landowners, and does not provide any funding to partners sponsoring a proposal. Partners are required to provide a match in in-kind contributions or cash match toward restoration costs. Partners interested in submitting proposals for a project starting in FY2011 should contact Jill Reinhart, Assistant State Conservationist for Special Projects. Proposals will be developed in partnership with NRCS, and must be submitted to NRCS National Headquarters by the end of December.

SWCD Rent Reimbursement

Agreements for rent reimbursement are for the calendar year, and bills were just issued for the last quarter of the current agreement (October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010). New agreements will be developed for the 2011 calendar year.

IASWCD Annual Conference

NRCS will be attending and supporting the IASWCD Annual Conference in January. All District Conservationists, Tech Team Leaders and RC&D Coordinators will be attending. NRCS staff are being encouraged to coordinate with partners on transportation and maximizing opportunities to collaborate and network during conference.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

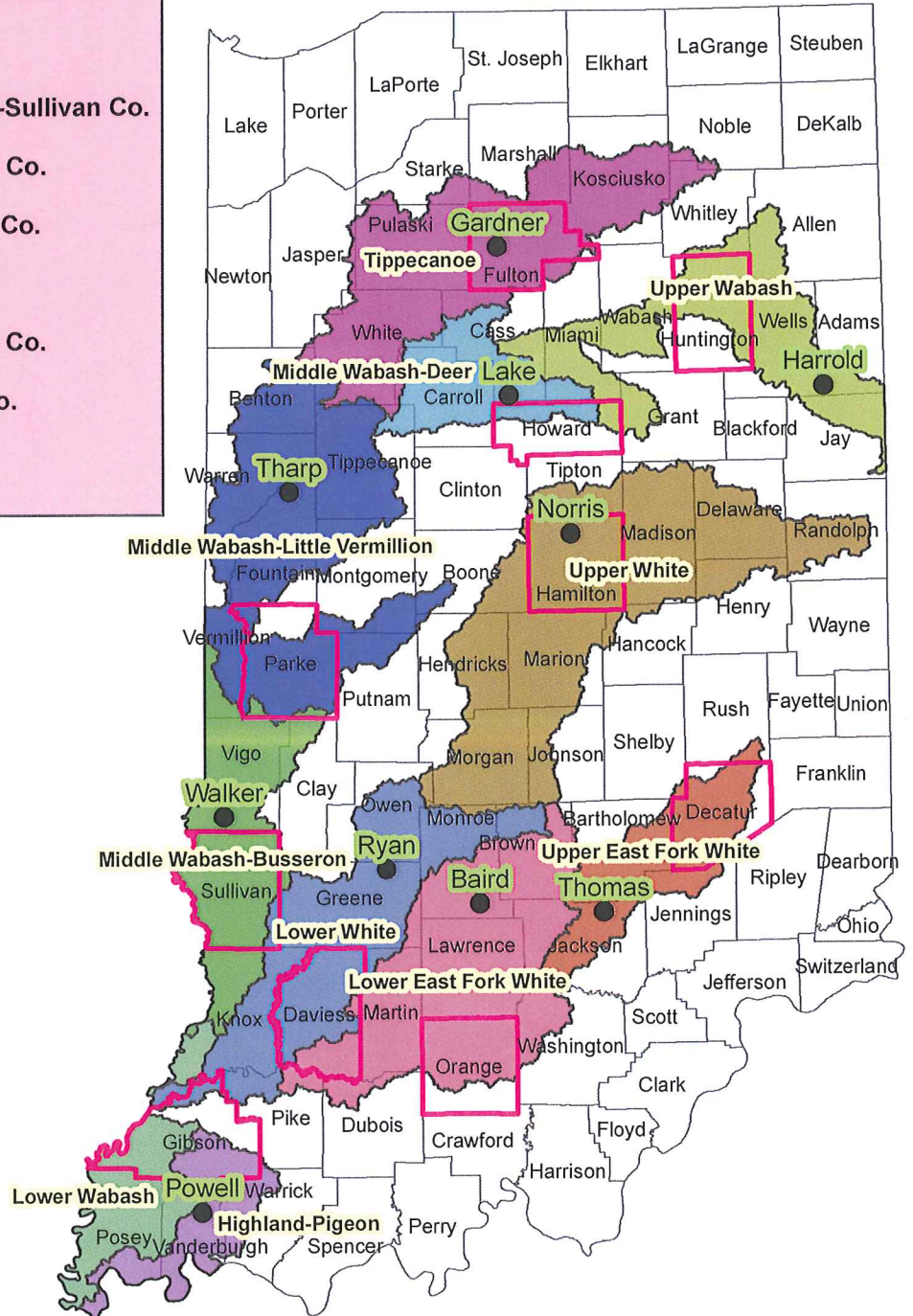
ISDA CREP Leaders and SWCD Administrators

SWCD CREP Administrators

- Highland-Pigeon-Ethel Osborn-Gibson Co.
- Lower Wabash-Ethel Osborn-Gibson Co.
- Lower East Fork White-Carol Payton-Orange Co.
- Lower White-Toni Allison-Daviess Co.
- Middle Wabash-Busseron-Judy Bengochea-Sullivan Co.
- Middle Wabash-Deer-Rene' Weaver-Howard Co.
- Middle Wabash-Vermillion-Jaci Witty-Parke Co.
- Tippecanoe-Lois Mann-Fulton Co.
- Upper East Fork White-Jenna Peck-Decatur Co.
- Upper Wabash-Cheryl Jarrett-Huntington Co.
- Upper White-Tina Moon-Hamilton Co.

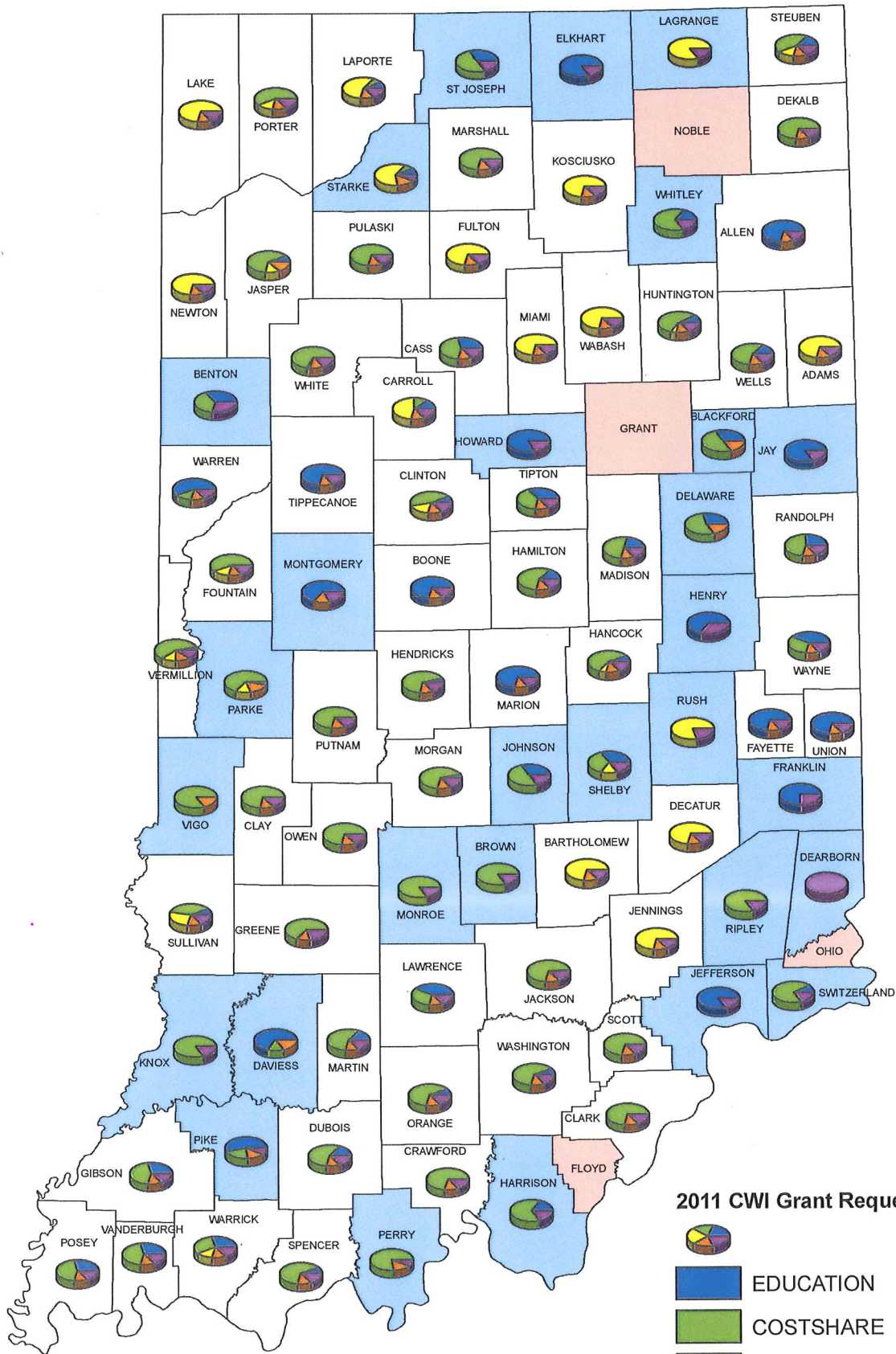
ISDA CREP Leaders

- Highland-Pigeon - Linda Powell
- Lower Wabash - Linda Powell
- Lower East Fork White - Kevin Baird
- Lower White - Don Ryan
- Middle Wabash - Busseron - Dale Walker
- Middle Wabash - Deer - Sarah Lake
- Middle Wabash - Vermillion - Celia Tharp
- Tippecanoe - Chris Gardner
- Upper East Fork White - Mark Thomas
- Upper Wabash - Julie Harrold
- Upper White - Jim Norris

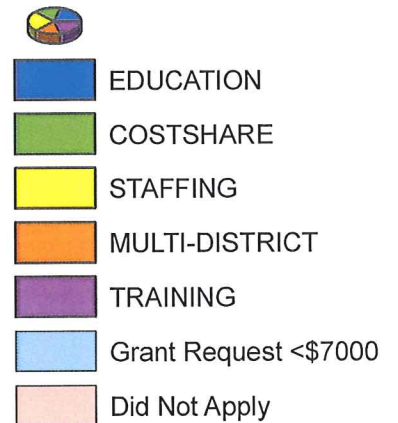


- CREP Leaders
- ▭ CREP Administrators

2011 CWI Grant Requests

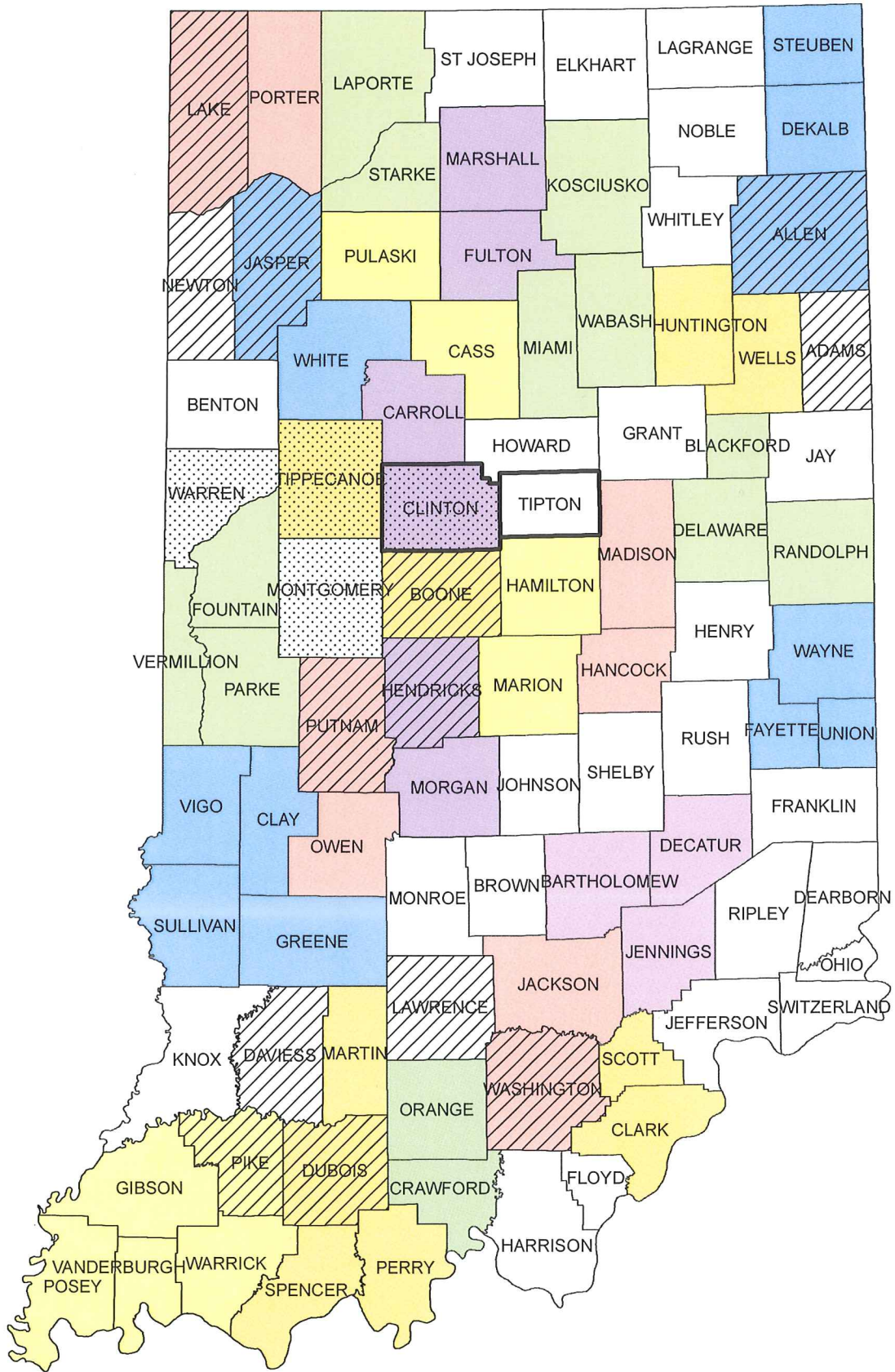


2011 CWI Grant Requests



Education	Costshare	Staffing	Multi-District	Training	Total
\$116,473	\$226,335	\$82,140	\$68,000	\$80,460	\$573,408
20.3%	39.5%	14.3%	11.9%	14.0%	100.0%

2011 CWI Multi-District Initiatives



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County	Education Total	Cost-share Total	Capacity-building Total	Multi-District Total	Supervisor Training Total	Staff Training Total	CWI Total
Adams	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$750	\$250	\$7,000
Allen	\$5,000			\$1,000	\$550	\$450	\$7,000
Bartholomew			\$5,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Benton	\$1,250	\$1,250				\$1,000	\$3,500
Blackford	\$2,000	\$3,000		\$1,000			\$6,000
Boone	\$5,000			\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Brown County		\$5,000			\$500	\$500	\$6,000
Carroll	\$800	\$1,000	\$3,200	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Cass	\$2,000	\$3,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Clark		\$5,000		\$1,000	\$1,000		\$7,000
Clay	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$600	\$400	\$7,000
Clinton	\$500	\$3,250	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$750	\$250	\$7,000
Crawford		\$5,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Daviess	\$4,000	\$1,000		\$1,000			\$6,000
Dearborn County SWCD					\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Decatur			\$5,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
DeKalb County SWCD		\$5,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Delaware	\$1,715	\$3,285	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
Dubois County	\$1,000	\$4,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Elkhart	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000		\$6,000
Fayette County SWCD	\$5,000			\$1,000	\$800	\$200	\$7,000
Fountain		\$4,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$7,000
Franklin	\$3,000				\$1,000		\$4,000
Fulton			\$5,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Gibson	\$2,000	\$3,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Greene		\$4,500		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$7,000
Hamilton			\$5,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Hancock	\$500	\$4,000	\$500	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Harrison	\$1,000	\$4,000			\$500	\$500	\$6,000
Hendricks	\$300	\$4,700		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Henry	\$2,000				\$500	\$500	\$3,000
Howard	\$4,200				\$500	\$500	\$5,200
Huntington	\$600	\$4,000	\$400	\$1,000	\$800	\$200	\$7,000
Jackson	\$100	\$4,900		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Jasper County	\$500	\$4,500	\$1,000	\$1,000			\$7,000
Jay	\$5,000				\$1,000		\$6,000
Jefferson	\$5,000				\$750	\$250	\$6,000
Jennings			\$5,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$7,000
Johnson	\$2,000	\$3,000			\$1,000		\$6,000
Knox		\$5,000			\$1,000		\$6,000
Kosciusko			\$5,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$7,000
LaGrange			\$5,000		\$500	\$500	\$6,000
Lake			\$5,000	\$1,000	\$750	\$250	\$7,000
LaPorte	\$500	\$500	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Lawrence	\$3,000	\$2,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Madison	\$1,500	\$3,500		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Marion	\$5,000			\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Marshall	\$0	\$5,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Martin	\$1,000	\$4,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000

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Miami			\$5,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
MONROE		\$5,000			\$500	\$500	\$6,000
Montgomery County SWCD	\$3,658			\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$5,658
Morgan County	\$300	\$4,700		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Newton			\$5,000	\$1,000	\$750	\$250	\$7,000
Orange County SWCD	\$500	\$4,500		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Owen		\$5,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Parke		\$4,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$105	\$105	\$6,210
Perry		\$5,000		\$1,000	\$250	\$250	\$6,500
Pike	\$3,500	\$1,500		\$1,000			\$6,000
Porter		\$4,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$7,000
Posey County SWCD	\$2,000	\$3,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Pulaski County Soil & Water Conservation Di:		\$5,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Putnam		\$5,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Randolph	\$1,800	\$3,200		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Ripley		\$5,000			\$1,000		\$6,000
Rush			\$3,840		\$1,000		\$4,840
Scott		\$5,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Shelby	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,000		\$500	\$500	\$6,000
Spencer	\$500	\$4,500		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
St. Joseph	\$2,000	\$3,000			\$500	\$500	\$6,000
Starke	\$500	\$500	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$250	\$6,500
Steuben County Soil and Water	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Sullivan	\$500	\$2,750	\$1,750	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Switzerland	\$500	\$4,500			\$500	\$500	\$6,000
Tippecanoe	\$5,000			\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Tipton	\$2,500	\$2,500		\$1,000	\$750	\$250	\$7,000
Union	\$5,000			\$1,000	\$800	\$200	\$7,000
Vanderburgh	\$2,000	\$3,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Vermillion	\$250	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$750		\$7,000
Vigo		\$5,000		\$1,000			\$6,000
Wabash			\$5,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$7,000
Warren	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Warrick	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		\$7,000
Washington Co. SWCD	\$500	\$4,500		\$1,000	\$1,000		\$7,000
Wayne	\$3,000	\$2,000		\$1,000	\$500	\$500	\$7,000
Wells	\$1,000	\$4,000		\$1,000	\$800	\$200	\$7,000
White		\$4,800	\$200	\$1,000	\$300	\$700	\$7,000
Whitley	\$1,000	\$4,000			\$750	\$250	\$6,000
	\$115,473	\$222,335	\$87,140	\$68,000	\$50,755	\$29,705	\$573,408



Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

November 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 25,250 acres of land in 11 watersheds where sediments, nutrients, pesticides and herbicides run off from agricultural land.

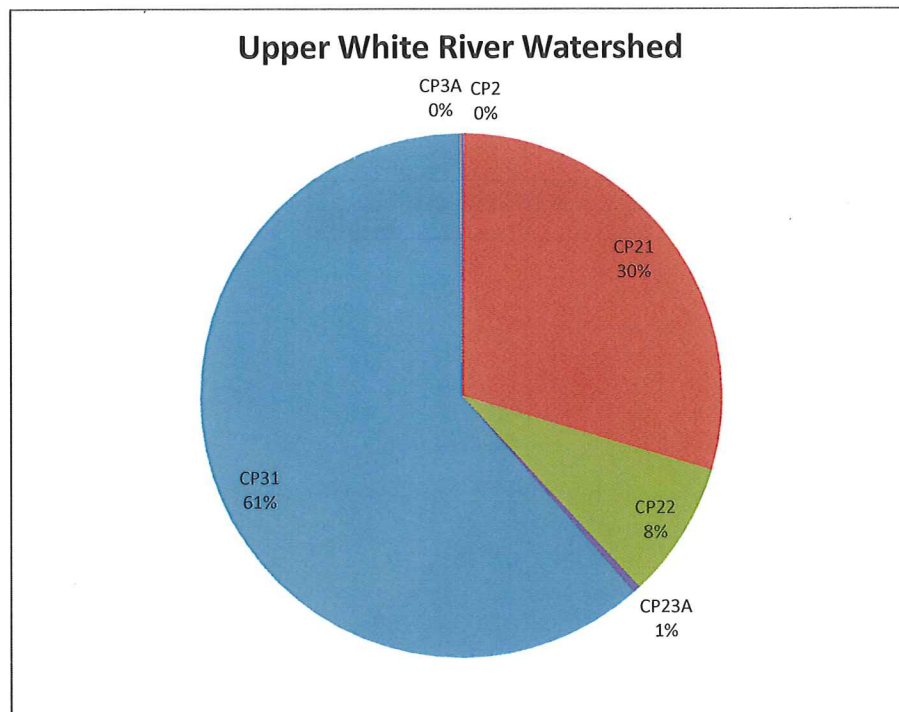
The program will improve water quality by creating buffers and wetlands that will reduce agricultural runoff into the targeted watersheds. Installing buffer practices and wetlands will enhance habitat for wildlife, including State and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species. The program will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

	<u>Completed Contracts</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Completed State Funds</u>	<u>Estimated Federal Leverage</u>
TOTAL Paid Sept	704	4469.32	\$1,039,722	\$10,397,220
TOTAL Paid Nov	707	4521.02	\$1,062,022	\$10,620,220

November 9, 2010

Upper White River Watershed

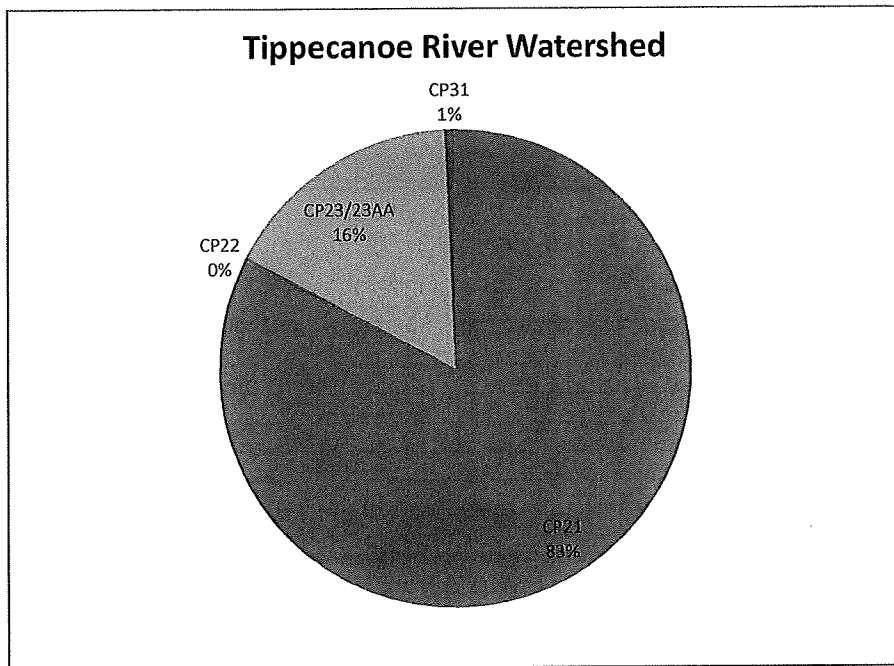
<u>Practice</u>	<u>Completed Contracts</u>	<u>Completed Acres</u>	<u>Completed State Funds</u>	<u>Estimated Federal Leverage (Completed CREP)</u>
CP2-Native Grasses	1	1.6	\$160	\$1,600
CP21-Filter Strip	119	372.5	\$38,600	\$386,000
CP22-Riparian Buffers	21	106	\$52,995	\$529,950
CP23A-Wetlands	1	6	\$3,900	\$39,000
CP31-Bottomland Timber	58	823.2	\$436,145	\$4,361,450
CP3A-Hardwood Trees	1	1	\$650	\$6,500
TOTAL	201	1310.3	\$532,450.00	\$5,324,500.00



Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
November 2010

Tippecanoe River Watershed

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Completed Contracts</u>	<u>Completed Acres</u>	<u>Completed State Funds</u>	<u>Estimated Federal Leverage (Completed CREP)</u>
CP21-Filter Strip	394	2450	\$246,070	\$2,460,700
CP22-Riparian Buffer	2	7.8	\$3,120	\$31,200
CP23-Wetlands	1	121.7	\$79,105	\$791,050
CP23A-Wetlands	27	368.5	\$147,400	\$1,474,000
CP31-Bottomland Timber	2	20.4	\$8,160	\$81,600
TOTAL	426	2968.4	\$483,855.00	\$4,838,550.00

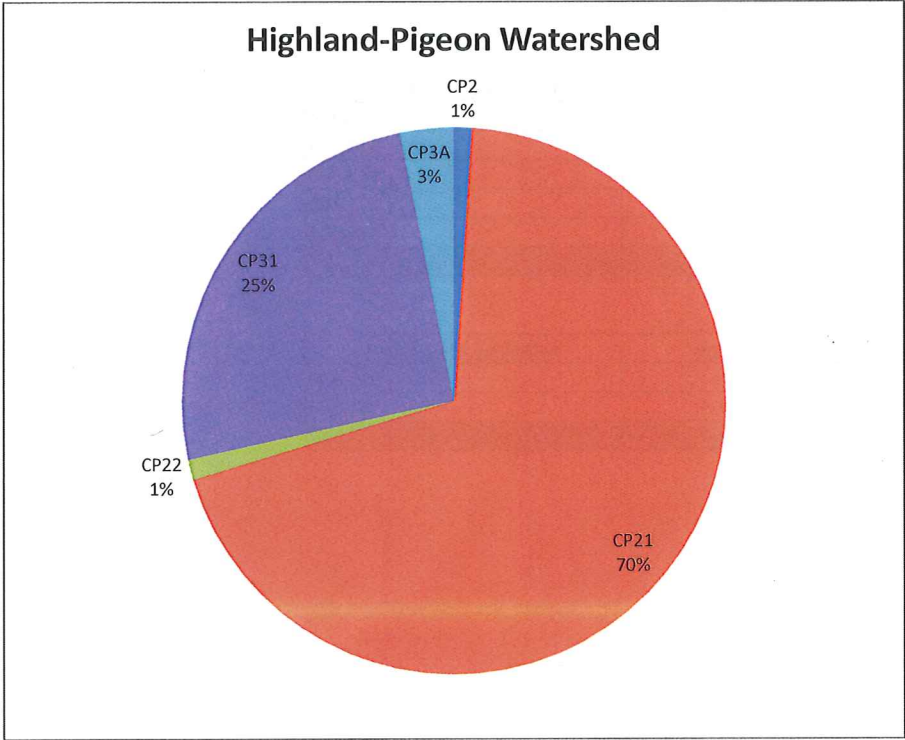


Paid TNC Easements in the Tippecanoe Watershed

<u>Contracts</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Estimated State Funds</u>
9	444.28	\$222,140

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Highland-Pigeon Watershed				
Practice	Completed Contracts	Completed Acres	Completed State Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage (Completed CREP)
CP2-Native Grasses	1	2.5	\$250	\$2,500
CP21-Filter Strip	63	168	\$16,779	\$167,790
CP22-Riparian Buffer	7	2.91	\$1,164	\$11,640
CP31-Bottomland Timber	4	61.3	\$24,480	\$244,800
CP3A-Hardwood Trees	5	7.61	\$3,044	\$30,440
TOTAL	80	242.32	\$45,717.00	\$457,170.00



Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
November 2010

OBLIGATED

Upper White

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Estimated State Funds</u>
CP21-Filter Strip	96.5	\$9,650
CP22-Riparian Buffer	10.5	\$5,575
CP23A-Wetland	47.7	\$27,405
CP31-Bottomland Timber	158.5	\$87,600
TOTAL	313.2	\$130,230.00

Tippecanoe Watershed

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Estimated State Funds</u>
CP21-Filter Strip	661	\$66,110
CP22-Riparian Buffer	11.9	\$4,760
CP23A-Wetlands	564.2	\$225,680
TOTAL	1237.1	\$296,550.00

Highland-Pigeon Watershed

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Estimated State Funds</u>
CP2-Native Grasses	3	\$300
CP21-Filter Strip	107.15	\$10,715
CP22-Riparian Buffer	30.8	\$12,320
CP31-Bottomland Timber	48	\$19,200
CP3A-Hardwood Trees	41.58	\$16,632
TOTAL	230.53	\$59,167.00

Lower Wabash Watershed

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Estimated State Funds</u>
CP23-Wetland	21	\$19,950
CP31-Bottomland Timber	11.3	\$4,520
TOTAL	32.3	\$24,470.00

Indiana State Department of Agriculture – Division of Soil Conservation

Conservation Activity Tracking: July 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010

Resource Specialist accomplishments

- 227 completed practices representing 424 acres
- 562 instances of technical assistance
- Working on survey, design and implementation of 132 miles of Grassed Waterways
- 538 Farm Bill practices underway(direct federal leverage)
- Provided assistance on 33,661 field acres of farmland
- Assisted with or completed 683 conservation practices
- 65 Counties received assistance from ISDA Resource Specialists



2011 Clean Water Indiana Grant Program
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
State Soil Conservation Board

Executive Summary: The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grant Program (IC 14-32-8-5) utilizes the Clean Water Indiana Fund to support Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) in efforts to reduce sediment and nutrients from nonpoint sources to help improve water quality. The State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) has voted to obligate \$644,000 to the 2011 competitive grant cycle. Through the 2011 CWI Grant Program each SWCD is being offered the opportunity to apply for up to \$5,000 to implement projects/initiatives that fall within one or more of the specific eligible funding categories listed below and on the following pages. Each SWCD may receive an additional \$1,000 for proposals in which a district chooses to carry out a multi-district project(s)/initiative(s). SWCDs may request the full amount offered per district or partial amount, depending on the needs of the district. The focus for this round of grant funding will include:

- Adult Outreach/Education
- Cost Share/Demonstration Incentives
- Capacity Building

General Grant Guidance:

Emphasis should be placed on projects/initiatives that will help reduce sediment and nutrients coming from nonpoint sources through adult outreach/education, cost-share/demonstration incentives, and capacity building. Partnering with other organizations is encouraged to not only leverage additional funding but also widen SWCD exposure and strengthen local relationships. SWCDs are encouraged to target work on a multi-district or multi-county watershed area to extend resources. To encourage multi-district projects/initiatives the SSCB is offering up to an additional \$1,000 to each district that formally partners with one or more districts to conduct multi-district project(s)/initiative(s). Conservation results should be monitored and reported (details on a reporting tool will be forthcoming). SWCDs are encouraged to utilize CWI funding to help address national and state priorities. Examples of national and state priorities include initiatives to reduce sediment and nutrient loading into the Gulf of Mexico (MRBI) and the Great Lakes (WLEB and GLRI). Current examples of initiatives partially assisted with Clean Water Indiana funding include the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI).

Training Incentive/Reimbursement: In addition to the general grant program described above the SSCB has also reserved up to \$92,000 of available CWI funds to reimburse districts up to \$1,000 per district for eligible training expenses. At least 50% of the training reimbursement request must be used solely for supervisor training expenses. The other 50% can be used to cover both supervisor and staff training expenses. Total reimbursement for training (supervisor and staff) cannot exceed \$1,000.

Application Location: All applications must be submitted through the SWCD SharePoint Site at <https://myshare.in.gov/isda/swcd>. The 2011 CWI Grant Application can be found on the left navigation under CWI Forms. If you are logging onto SharePoint for the first time, please work through the SWCD SharePoint Tutorial before you begin completing your CWI grant application. For those of you who have already logged onto SharePoint it would be beneficial for you to review the SharePoint Tutorial, pages 18-21.

Application Deadline: The on-line application deadline is 4PM on October 15, 2010. Only on-line applications using the 2011 CWI Grant Application Form on the SWCD SharePoint site will be accepted. SWCD's must attach a copy of board's meeting minutes or at least summary notes of discussion by the board documenting the board's concurrence in the projects/initiatives for which funding is being requested in the on-line grant application.

Eligible Applicants: Applications are accepted from all SWCDs throughout the State of Indiana; however, only one application is permitted per district. SWCDs must be current on reporting.

Project Description: Districts must select one or more of the eligible funding categories on the application form and describe how they plan on utilizing these funds. Please see the **Available Projects/Initiatives** for additional descriptions.

Partnerships: SWCDs are encouraged to partner with other districts and organizations. Each district also has the opportunity to apply for an additional \$1,000 for a multi-district project(s)/initiative(s) however each district must state clearly what each partner (particularly partner district(s)) will be contributing in their grant application (i.e. outreach, staffing, estimated funds, etc.).

Funds Available: Each district will be given the opportunity to apply for up to \$5,000 for one or more of the general grant funding categories. Each district also has the opportunity to apply for an additional \$1,000 for multi-district project(s)/initiative(s). In addition each district is being offered up to \$1,000 for training reimbursement which is not included in the amounts outlined above. While you should request the amount of money your district would like for supervisor and staff training (up to a maximum of \$1,000) in your grant application, payment of the training incentive reimbursement will be administered separately. Reimbursement for both supervisor and staff training will be made based upon completion of a reimbursement request claim form and supporting expense receipts. Therefore, funding for training requested will not be distributed as part of your initial or final grant payment but rather will be made separately based upon submission of a separate claim form. The maximum any district can request in their grant application is \$7,000 consisting of the \$5,000 general grant, the \$1,000 multi-district incentive and the \$1,000 training incentive. Please note the SSCB may not be able to fully fund all grant requests if the total amount for all grant requests exceeds available grant funds.

Match Requirement: A 50% cash match and/or in-kind contribution is required. Match contributions can be Federal or State dollars, landowner costs, staff time, equipment use, purchase, or rental, etc. The match is applicable only if directly related to the purpose of the proposed project.

Project Dates: All 2011 Clean Water Indiana Grant projects/initiatives are to take no longer than one full year to complete. Projects may start on January 1, 2011 and must be finished by December 31, 2011. Reimbursement for supervisor and staff training will be for training completed after January 1, 2011 and must be finished by December 31, 2011.

Funding Restrictions: CWI grant stipulations prohibit funds be used for food, food related paper products, office equipment or district self-promotional materials (examples include mugs, t-shirts, pens, etc). Grant funds may not be used to pay annual dues. **NOTE: Districts with past due reports on previous CWI Grants received will not be eligible to apply for this round of grant funding until past due grant reports are submitted.**

Leveraging Funds: SWCD's are encouraged to partner with traditional and non-traditional organizations/agencies at the local, state and federal level to leverage additional dollars for their projects/initiatives. However, the SSCB will show preference to projects which do not add to the percent cost share rate offered through another program.

Process of Payments: Once the application has been received by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), a contract will be issued to the SWCD. SWCDs should return their signed contract to ISDA within 30 days of receipt in order to receive their funds. Funds must be utilized in a timely manner. Districts will receive 75% of their general grant and multi-district incentive funding up front and the remaining 25% at the end of the project, upon receipt of the final report. As mentioned above the training incentive grant funds will be paid on a reimbursable basis upon submission of the reimbursement claim form and supporting expense receipts.

Reporting Requirements: A six month report will be due by June 30, 2011 and a final report will be due at the end of the grant period. This report must summarize the outcomes and achievements of the project.

Available Projects/Initiatives with Descriptions:

Adult Outreach/Education: The purpose of this project is to reach out to adults to inform and educate them on local soil and water quality issues as well as the conservation practices and technologies that they can implement to address them. The focus of outreach and education efforts/activities should be on sediment and nutrient reduction to help improve water quality.

Examples of outreach projects/initiatives include: webinars, electronic communications software (e-blasts and newsletters), website development, brochures, direct mailings, farmer networks, PSAs, and billboards.

Examples of education projects/initiatives include: field days, demonstrations, on-farm comparison plots, workshops and seminars.

Districts are encouraged to use the theme "We All Live Downstream" and are encouraged to utilize the outreach tools provided by ISDA (<http://www.in.gov/isda/2356.htm>).

Cost-Share/Demonstration Incentives: Practices and measures must be focused on the reduction of sediment and nutrients. Districts are encouraged provide matching dollars and to leverage additional dollars from other sources. 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. Districts also have the ability to assist in the purchase/lease or off-set of rental costs for equipment to encourage new technology adoption. Districts may also want to assist with demonstration projects or farm comparison plots to evaluate options for reducing nutrient inputs or adoption of new equipment technologies. The SSCB will show preference to projects that are not fundable by other programs, or which do not add to the percent cost share rate offered through another program.

District Capacity Building: Projects in this area are to focus on building district capacity through increasing technical, and/or professional staff assistance to carryout sediment and nutrient reduction initiatives. Contracted personnel to help carry out nutrient and sediment reduction efforts are eligible under this category as well. Districts are encouraged to share personnel on a multicounty or a watershed area to extend resources. Projects in this category should focus on the following:

- **Staffing and/or Contracted Personnel** – Incentive to increase and/or upgrade technical and professional staffing capacity for SWCDs to carryout sediment and nutrient reduction initiatives.

Examples include: District Technician, Watershed Coordinator, Watershed Specialist, GIS Specialist, Program Development Specialist, District Managers, and CCSI specialists.

Other Funding Opportunities:

Incentive For Multi-District Project(s)/Initiative(s): Each district also has the opportunity to apply for an additional \$1,000 for a multi-district project(s)/initiative(s). Each district that requests this additional incentive must state clearly what each partnering district is bringing to the table to support the multi-district project(s)/initiative(s) in their grant application. These funds may be used for a multi-district project(s)/initiative(s) under any of the funding categories listed (Adult Outreach/Education, Cost-Share/Demonstration Incentives, or District Capacity Building).

Training Incentive/Reimbursement: Each district has the opportunity to apply for up to \$1,000 for reimbursement of eligible training for supervisors and staff. At least 50% of the training reimbursement request must be used solely for supervisor training expenses. The other 50% can be used to cover both supervisor and staff training expenses.

Training opportunities for supervisors include: Leadership Institute, Annual Conference, and Regional/Area Partnership Training Workshops. Leadership training opportunities provided by other organizations that will help supervisors enhance their leadership skills may be eligible as well.

Training opportunities for staff include: Leadership Institute, Annual Conference, Regional/Area Partnership Training Workshops, and IDEA conference. Managerial, Administrative and Technical training opportunities provided by other organizations that will help staff enhance the skills needed for their position may be eligible as well.

Questions? Please contact your District Support Specialist. See DSS Map and contact information under documents on SWCD SharePoint Site.

Accountability Level 1 Standards

(Note this form will be filled out on Share Point)

District Law

IC 14-32-1

1. Does the district have a written comprehensive plan (Long Range Plan) for the proper management of soil and water resources within the district?
2. Does the district have an annual plan of work?

IC14-32-4-6(a)

1. During the first quarter (January thru March) of the calendar year, did the district hold an annual meeting for all land occupiers in the district?

IC14-32-4-6(b)(1)

1. At the Annual Meeting did the supervisors make a full and accurate report of the activities and financial affairs of the district since the previous annual meeting?
2. Does the district provide a copy of the annual report presented at the meeting to the board* and, upon request, to: (1) other cooperating agencies; (2) residents of the district; and (3) any other individual or entity that requests a copy of the annual report.”(*The board referred to above is the State Soil Conservation Board and the report mentioned above is due to them by March 31st each year.)?

IC 14-32-4-6 (b)(2)

1. Did the SWCD hold an election at the annual meeting last year?

IC 14-32-4-7

1. Were the Election Committee Forms submitted by November 1 to the State Soil Conservation Board before the district's Annual Meeting?

IC 14-32-4-8 (5) (6)

1. After the elections were closed at the Annual Meeting, did the election committee distribute a ballot to each land occupier present at the meeting, and collect and count the ballots?

Accountability & Uniform Guidelines (Financial)

IC Chapter 5 (Titles 11, 13,14, 15, & 22)

All funds received by a district, regardless of source, are considered Public Funds (“money derived from the revenue sources of the governing body and deposited into the general or a special fund of the governing body”).

1. Has the district read and followed the Accountability and Uniform Guidelines for Special Districts, Chapter 8 (http://www.in.gov/sboa/files/SPCDST08_2006.pdf)?
2. Is there an annually appointed treasurer or fiscal officer for the district that is recorded in the minutes? (Is this in district law?)
3. Do you have any written standing issues from your State Board of Accounts Audit? Have you addressed these written findings as a district board?

IC 5-13-4-10

1. At the January meeting every year, does the district supervisors designate a depository (financial institution) and note the decision in the board minutes?

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

IC 15-5-6

1. Does the district accept construction plans for Rule 5?

Open Door Law

IC 5-14-1.5

1. Does the district follow Indiana Open Door Law (<http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title5/ar14/ch1.5.html>)?
2. Does the district provide public notice of the date, time, and place of any meetings, executive sessions, or of any rescheduled or reconvened meeting, at least forty-eight (48) hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) before the meeting?

IC 14-32-4-22

Do the supervisors of the district do the following:

- (1) Provide for the execution of surety bonds for all district employees and officers who are entrusted with money or property?
- (2) Provide for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all district proceedings and of all district resolutions and orders issued or adopted?
- (3) Provide for an annual audit of the accounts of receipts and disbursements of the district?
- (4) Provide a copy of each annual financial statement of the district to the State Soil Conservation Board no later than March 31?

IC 14-32-5-4 (c)(d)

1. Do you have a landfill in your county? How many?

2. Does the district inspect every landfill located within the boundaries of the district for compliance with rules adopted under IC 13-18 or IC 13-19 concerning erosion and sediment control?

3. Is each landfill inspected at least two (2) times each calendar year as follows:
 - (1) One (1) time before July 1?
 - (2) One (1) time after June 30 and before December 31?

4. Does the district in ten (10) days after an inspection of a landfill under this section, the individual who conducted the inspection on behalf of the district, prepare a written report on the results of the inspection and send the report to the following:
 - (1) The executive of the county?
 - (2) The commissioner of the department of environmental management?
 - (3) The director of the division of soil conservation established within the Indiana state department of agriculture by IC 15-11-4-1?

Indiana Code of Ethics

IC 4-15-7

1. Does the District abide by the law (IC 4-15-7 and IC 4-15-7.1) that employment of relatives by public officials is prohibited and are the citations of nepotism?

The Food Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill 2008)

**Section 1619 & State Soil Conservation Board USDA Privacy Law Requirements
Recommendations Memo (Memo is located on Share point for your reference)**

The 2008 Farm Bill placed additional restrictions on public access to certain categories of information provided by producers in order to participate in USDA programs. \

1. Does the SWCD take the proper steps to protect privacy information discussed at board meetings and recorded in meeting minutes?

The Accountability Level 1 Document is approved by the State Soil Conservation Board on _____, 2010.

Signed by: _____, Chair

Scope of work for CCSI September 2010-August 2011

1. Provide direct technical assistance to no fewer than 50 farmers and/or farmer networks at the request of local Conservation Partnership Representatives. Attention will be given to maximizing travel efficiencies when scheduling these responses.
2. Assist conservation partners with organizing and/or conducting no fewer than 40 workshops and training events.
3. Organize and support a speaker's bureau for CCSI. This will consist of farmers, crop consultants, agency personnel, university specialists, and agribusiness representatives. This speaker Bureau will be managed by Dan Towery, Hans Kok and Barry Fisher. Develop farmer speakers with the aid of Purdue by offering a class on effective presentations.
4. Review and disseminate technical information, documents, photos, pertinent research papers, tillage transect results and other technical information to all members of the conservation partnership by way of the website, media and other appropriate means.
5. Prepare and deliver no fewer than 30 technical presentations on conservation cropping system topics at field days, workshops, SWCD board meetings and other functions.
6. Establish and maintain working relationships with at least 20 university researchers, industry representatives, state and federal agencies and commodity organizations around the state.
7. Identify and provide information outreach to potential partners who share similar goals and objectives and facilitate contact with the Oversight Committee in order to identify and pursue additional funding opportunities.
8. Provide technical transfer at 4 technical and program development committee meetings of the Indiana Conservation Partnership related to Conservation Cropping Systems and facilitate the transfer of the latest technical science on these systems.
9. Provide written quarterly reports to the IASWCD Executive Director and the Oversight Committee and meet with the Oversight Committee at least biannually to provide updates and discuss strategic direction of the program. Schedule at least quarterly Technical Advisory Committee meetings for exchange of ideas on the technical direction of the initiative.
10. Maintain an active, up to date website with links to Conservation Partners and others. The IASWCD will be allowed administrative access if needed.
11. Maintain a tracking system and database for landowner requests, assistance provided, workshops, mail and email lists, and other pertinent data.
12. Assist in the set-up of an Indiana On-Farm research Network (OFN).
13. Assist NRCS in conducting at least 2 trainings for TSPs and CCAs under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

**Update for the
State Soil Conservation Board
on the
Conservation Cropping System Initiative (CCSI)**

The Indiana Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI) promotes a systematic approach to production agriculture focusing on:

- Continuous no-till/strip-till
- Cover crops
- Precision farming
- Nutrient and pest management

This will result in improved soil quality, water quality and profitability on Indiana cropland.

The CCSI is a resource for the 92 Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts to carry out their conservation cropping systems goals and objectives.

The program was launched in September of 2009, and is executed by contractors Hans Kok and Dan Towery. In year one it accomplished or exceeded all of the goals it was given:

- 1) Provided technical assistance to 121 farmers. 79 farmers received assistance on-farm, or in farmer groups. In addition, 23 farmers received technical assistance at meetings and workshops, from CCSI personnel. On-phone assistance provided to 17 farmers.
- 2) Assisted with 51 District with the organization of events (field days, conferences, workshops, annual meetings, etc)
- 3) Organized and supports a speaker's bureau for CCSI.
- 4) Reviewed and disseminated technical information, documents, photos, pertinent research papers, tillage transect results and other technical information to all members of the conservation partnership by way of the website, media and other appropriate means.
- 5) Hans and Dan delivered 47 technical presentations to over 2798 people.
- 6) We are maintaining over 50 active relationships in support of CCSI with industry, university and state, federal and county government representatives.
- 7) We identified at least 10 potential partners to pursue for funding of CCSI. Many of these partners financially supported events that CCSI was involved in. We are working with the Oversight Committee, to secure long-term funding for this project.
- 8) We delivered CCSI updates at ICP meetings, such as the October 2009 webinar.
- 9) We delivered reports to the Oversight Committee and ICP on Dec 15, April 1, and July 23, and September 15. We organized a Technical Advisory Committee, consisting of farmers, government and industry representatives.
- 10) The CCSI website www.CCSIN.org was launched and is actively managed.
- 11) We are working with ISDA to get a tracking system in place for landowner requests on the web, so it can be accessed by the CCSI Oversight Committee.

The Scope of Work for year 2 of the CCSI project is listed on the next page.



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We strongly recommend pre-registering for the conference prior to November 30th 2010 to avoid additional fees.

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HANDS-ON TRAINING SESSIONS

(Please choose one per session, leave blank if not attending; maximum 75ppi per session)

Monday, January 10, 2011, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm *(Please choose one per session, leave blank if not attending)*

Conservation Implementation (Special time 4 to 5:30 pm)	Technical	Capacity Building	Outreach & Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve Soil Health by Mimicking Nature – Ray Archuleta, NRCS <i>Soil health is "the capacity of soil to function." How well is your soil functioning to infiltrate water and cycle nutrients to water and feed growing plants? Managing for soil health can be accomplished by disturbing the soil as little as possible. Find out how to improve your soil health by mimicking nature in this informative session.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Managing Tile Drains for Water Quality – Eileen Kladviko & Jane Frankenberger, Purdue University <i>Tile drainage is an essential water management practice for much of Indiana's most productive agricultural lands. There are many approaches to reducing nitrate losses from agricultural lands, and we need multiple strategies to effectively manage nitrogen in the soil and water environment. This presentation will discuss recent advances in reducing nitrate losses from the field.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Motivating and Team Building Your Board – Janet Ayres, Purdue University <i>Do you think your board could use more motivation and enthusiasm? Do your board members frequently get distracted with other priorities? We welcome you to discuss methods, techniques and tools to strengthen and impact your team. Learn how to create an environment with opportunities that promote team building and self motivation.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media 101: Taking Conservation to New Audiences , Cris Goode, Goodness Gracious <i>Social Media 101 is an introductory session about social media tools and an approach for conservation to share your stories in a way that others, particularly the general public, will listen. Online communities like Facebook, Blogs, Twitter and YouTube, etc. make it easy to share a message, but how do you cut through the noise and be heard? You have a great opportunity to participate and put a face to conservation.</i>

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
(Please choose one per session, leave blank if not attending)

Conservation Implementation	Technical	Capacity Building	Outreach & Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Economics of No-till: How to Sell and Communicate the message – Barry Fisher, NRCS and Roz Leeck, ISDA <i>This session focuses on the economic benefits of a "Conservation Cropping System" that may include no-till, strip-till and/or versions of vertical tillage that also integrates advanced nutrient management strategies with other practices such as cover crops and drainage system management that significantly reduce nutrient losses and energy inputs.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cover Crops & Plot Research – Hans Kok and Dan Towery, CCSI <i>Cover crops and nitrogen management are of high interest to farmers right now. How can Districts provide farmers with meaningful advice on these topics? The Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI) crew will talk about continuous no-till, cover crops and how they fit in with nitrogen management.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> "Cooking Up a Conservation Connection" – NRCS/RC&D Panel <i>SWCDs share a single mission: to coordinate assistance from available sources – public and private, local, state and federal - in an effort to develop locally driven solutions to natural resource concerns. RC&Ds are known for their ability to pull together divergent entities or resources when the tasks at hand require the involvement of a number of organizations or facets. Learn about the strong connection between SWCDs and our RC&Ds while meeting the passionate people that get the job done.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Using Social Indicators to Promote Best Management Practice Adoption - Linda Prokopy, Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources <i>Working with landowners and managers to find practical solutions to water quality problems is crucial to achieving environmental goals. Social indicators provide information about the social context, awareness, attitudes, capacities, constraints, and behaviors in a watershed. Using indicators can help conservation professionals understand and target audiences, select effective interventions, and evaluate their impacts.</i>

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
 (Please choose one per session, leave blank if not attending)

Conservation Implementation	Technical	Capacity Building	Outreach & Education	Technician Only Session (1:30 – 5pm)
<input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Species in Indiana - An Update , Ellen Jacquart, The Nature Conservancy <i>2010 marked the first year Indiana had an Invasive Species Council which was created through legislation in the 2009 session. Information will be shared on who is on the Council and what they are working on, and how you can get involved if interested. There also will be an update on some of the new invaders in the state.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-green Algae in Indiana: A Threat to Our Waterways and the Linkage to Nutrients – Lenore Tedesco, IUPUI <i>This session will discuss the recent recognition of the recreational and human health risks associated with blue-green algae in Indiana's lakes and reservoirs. The causes, occurrence and toxicity of algal blooms and their distribution through the state will be a focal point of the session.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Working the Plan – Making the Most of Your Strategic or Business Plan – Kim Donahue, Indiana Nonprofit Resource Center <i>Your strategic or business plan is your road map to get you where you need to go! Too many plans are gathering dust because they are too long, too unrealistic or just not relevant after the planning process. We'll discuss simple ways to get down to the basics to "work the plan" and make it easy to track your progress and demonstrate results</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Successful Social Marketing in the Conservation Arena – Jill Hoffman and Lyn Crighton <i>Watershed efforts have broken into new territory – the territory of social marketing, social indicators, television mass media and a statewide Web campaign! The Upper White River Watershed Alliance and the Tippecanoe Watershed Foundation have launched a campaign for clean water like no other! Join us for a strategic session on 'how to get people to care,' 'how to get people to respond,' and 'how to measure your success.'</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering in the Conservation Partnership – Barry Fisher, Mike Cox, and Shannon Zezula, NRCS A special session for technicians only. <i>Topics to be covered in this session will include compliance with state engineering laws; what is "engineering work," FOTG standards; handouts and manuals; the process for engineering job approval and quality assurance.</i>

Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm
 (Please choose one per session, leave blank if not attending)

Conservation Implementation	Technical	Capacity Building	Outreach & Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife, Forestry, & Prairies – Rick Peercy, IDNR <i>This session will cover programs, funding and planning: understanding the multi-program resources available to landowners in establishing forest and prairie habitat for wildlife.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fluvial Geomorphology 101 – Bob Barr, IUPUI <i>Fluvial geomorphology is a science devoted to understanding how river systems respond to environmental change and why this understanding is needed for successful river management.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> New SWCD Initiatives & Where to Begin – District Support Specialists and SWCD Panel <i>Does your SWCD have a new funding initiative opportunity coming in the future? Did you have to pass one up because you were not ready or you are still not sure of how to begin? Come and listen to fellow SWCD success stories and share a few of your own!</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Organizing an Effective Conservation Field Day – Hans Kok and Dan Towery, CCSI <i>How do you plan a good conservation field day? Who are the right speakers? Where is the best location? Which organizations should you be working with to make the event successful? You don't have to reinvent the wheel. Spend some time with Hans Kok and Dan Towery and learn how to put on a great conservation field day.</i>

Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 9:15 pm - Noon

SharePoint: A One Stop for Collaborating More Effectively, Deb Fairhurst, ISDA and **SiteBuilder: A Web Site Building Program**, Bob Weaver

Especially for SWCD staff. Deb Fairhurst will review the new ISDA SharePoint system and answer questions. After a short break, Bob Weaver will display SiteBuilder and answer questions from those of you that have already taken the training and are using this system to build your Web site.

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