



## Conservation Technician - Scope of Services Modification

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### PROJECT INFORMATION

Grantee

Vermillion County SWCD

Project Title

Conservation Technician

Grant Amount

\$60,000.00

### PROJECT CONTACT

Name

Nathan Stoelting

Phone

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### MODIFICATION INFORMATION

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

The Parke and Vermillion 2020-2022 Clean Water Indiana grant originally provided funds for a Soil Health Consultant to work with producers in each county. This grant was supplemented with a National Association of Conservation Districts Technical Assistance grant in 2021. Due to COVID restrictions in 2020, our Soil Health Consultant's hours were drastically reduced. This has caused a projected excess in CWI grant funds at the end of 2022.

**\* (required) Proposed Change**

Due to the proposed excess in funds for the Soil Health Consultant salary, Parke and Vermillion County SWCDs propose reallocating \$14,500 of the projected remaining salary funds to cost-share for cover crops and livestock conservation practices.

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

Due to the success of our Soil Health Consultant, we have increased producer interest in modifying their current management plans in order to incorporate more conservation practices. Because of a large influx of applications and insufficient funds, we currently have producers who have been denied Environmental Quality Improvement Project funds for livestock conservation practices. By providing alternate opportunities, those producers could benefit from a cost-share program administered by the SWCDs. These practices will include but are not limited to heavy use pads and livestock fencing. We also have producers who are ready to implement the increased use of cover crops on new acres in their operations and, in today's economic climate, would benefit from cost-share dollars as well. We are confident that these funds can be spent in their entirety and will increase the impact of our Soil Health consultant. Both Parke and Vermillion County SWCDs have administered CWI cost-share in the past and have the mechanisms in place to effectively promote and disseminate the funds.

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Submission Date

Jun 30, 2022 

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## Clean Water Indiana Grant Modification

Grantee	Warrick County SWCD
Project Contact	Susan King
Grant Administration	G-01081

### Modification Information

<i>Activity to be Changed</i>
CWI Technician grant payroll funds transferred to cover crop cost share, if needed, as a contingency plan.
<i>Proposed Change</i>
As of payroll cycle ending July 29, 2022, we propose to transfer the balance of CWI payroll salary in the amount of \$18,490.23 to cover crop cost share (925 acres including maximum cost share of 75% of the total final cost of the practice, with 25% of the cost being the responsibility of the landowner and a maximum dollar cap of \$20/acre). The salary/cover crop funds would be prorated to the date of employees last payroll cycle.
<i>Provide the justification for each change of activity requested. Clearly describe the new activity, how project beneficiaries will benefit as a result of the changes and the overall impact on the program.</i>
The Warrick SWCD CWI grant technician has been actively seeking employment opportunities with partnering agencies and in related fields. Warrick SWCD is confident of fulfilling the CWI grant district cash/in-kind requirements of the grant, but we are seeking an answer for CWI funds that we may not be able to spend on salary due to a possible technician departure. This is ONLY a CONTINGENCY plan, as our expectation is the current technician will continue to work until 12/31/22. The SWCD is proactively requesting this change in the event the technician leaves employment. The August 1 payroll cycle was used as a reference only for the basis of this modification. If this modification is granted, the SWCD will notify the DSS if/when the payroll grant needs to convert to cover crop funds, and the requested change from payroll to cover crops will be reported on the 12/31/22 reporting cycle in GMS. The district realizes a CWI staffing grant is a 50/50 match requirement, and if the

modification is granted and cover crops are made available to producers, we will require a 25% applicant cost share match for the total final cost of the practice (staff will capture documentation from each cover crop applicant their portion of the cost share). The cover crop cost share will follow NRCS specifications. The district will update "Conservation Tracking Report" on a quarterly basis. Warrick SWCD has a long history of funding cover crop acres to interested producers, and additional acres will address two of our top three resource concerns on the district's current plan including soil degradation and water quality issues, which have been negatively impacted by increased economic development and mining activity. Additionally, the Warrick SWCD is working with the county commissioners and council to fund a technician position. SWCD supervisors and staff are hopeful this position will become a permanent county position as of January 1, 2023.

Submission Date: 2022-07-13

**From:** [Microsoft Power Apps and Power Automate](#)  
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Fayette has submitted a Recommendation for Temporary or Vacant Appointment. Please add it to the next SSCB agenda.

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<b>SWCD</b>
Fayette
<b>Appointment Type</b>
Temporary_Elected_Position
<b>Who is the Candidate Replacing?</b>
Steve Wollyung
<b>Term Expiration</b>
2025
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>
Resignation
<b>Supervisor Candidate Name</b>
Peyton Keaffaber
<b>Address</b>
1714 Vermont Avenue
<b>City, State, ZIP</b>
Connersville, IN 47331
<b>Qualifications</b>
Land Owner in county. Bachelor's in Business Administration. Good Standing Citizenship and Community Volunteer. 12 years in the Boys Scouts Club. Hobbies and Interest in Parks, Clean Water, Environmental Friendliness and Habitat Education.
<b>Occupation</b>

Practice Manager at the Connersville Vet Clinic.

**Conservation Interests**

Clean Water Pollinator Plants and Habitats Invasive Species No-Tillage/Earth Disturbances Forestry Education  
Eliminating Pollution Waste

**The candidate has been informed of the dual office holding policy and certifies that they do not hold a public office.**

Yes

**The candidate is of legal voting age.**

Yes

**The duties of the office of supervisor has been explained to the candidate.**

Yes

**Chairman Name**

David Caldwell

**Date of Submission**

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**Is a letter of resignation attached?**

Yes

**APPLICATION FOR SUPERVISOR  
FAYETTE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**2590 N. Park Road  
Connersville, Indiana 47331  
Phone: 765-825-2331 Ext. 3  
E-mail: [fayetteswcd@gmail.com](mailto:fayetteswcd@gmail.com)  
[www.fcinswcd.org](http://www.fcinswcd.org)**

**Andrea Napier Cell Phone: (317) 452-2027**

Please complete this application to the best of your ability and return this form to a Fayette County Supervisor or to the SWCD office as soon as possible for prompt consideration.

Please type or print all information. If you have questions, please contact the office or an existing SWCD Supervisor.

**Applicant Name:** Peyton Keaffaber

**Date:** 6-28-2022

**Physical Address: (Home)** 1714 Vermont Ave Connersville

**Mailing Address: (if different)**

**Telephone: (Cell)** 765-698-5237

**Date of Birth:** 03/15/2000

**County of Residence:** Fayette

**E-Mail:** pkeaffaber@gmail.com

**Do you currently hold a public office/service position? (yes or no- if so, please list):** No.

**Background: (Please provide relevant information regarding your occupation or type of business, education, experience with conservation, etc. Include any leadership experience:**

I am the practice manager at the Connersville Vet Clinic. I have a bachelors degree in business administration. My experience with conservation is limited to what I did in Boy Scouts.

**If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices installed or performed:**

N/A

**Why are you interested in this position?**

I would like to help make a difference by helping to spread the practices and educate our county to sustain and improve our soil and water conditions.

**Time commitment: This position requires a person to attend monthly board meetings (typically in the mornings 1x per month), special events throughout the year such as the Annual Meeting or SWCD workshops (2-3x per year), county official meetings (1-2 per year), and various training events throughout the year. Terms run for three years. Term will begin at our Annual Meeting in February 2022, and end at this meeting in 2025. Would you be available to commit to this? Please answer and explain your answer below. Yes No Explanation**

Yes



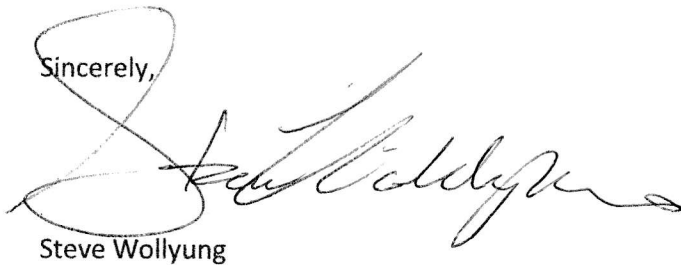
July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Steve Wollyung, am an elected Board Supervisor of the Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District in Fayette County, IN. I have proudly served on the board for twelve years and have thoroughly enjoyed my time doing so.

Unfortunately, at the beginning of this year, I also became a board supervisor of the USDA Board of Supervisors in my local community. It came to my attention that I could not be a member on both boards earlier this year. Unfortunately, I must resign from my position on the Soil and Water Board at this time as a supervisor. I hope to return to this position in the future once I am done with my position on the USDA Board. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this organization of conservation within the state I live.

Sincerely,

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Steve Wollyung



## State Soil Conservation Board

ISDA – DSC Director’s Report  
July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Budget

From 7/20/2021:

#### CWI FY22

- ISDA Proposes continuing the \$660,000 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) annual investment.
- Maintain the traditional dollar amount for CWI Competitive Grants (about \$1,000,000)
  - Will continue to seek outside dollars for CREP, and continue to monitor demand

#### CWI FY23

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

Above Reference: <https://www.in.gov/isda/files/July-2021-Attachments.pdf>

#### Clean Water Indiana:

Clean Water Indiana	FY21	Carryover	FY22	Carryover	FY23
General Fund	\$970,000		\$970,000		\$970,000
Cigarette Tax	\$2,963,546	\$466,408	\$2,519,014	\$474,974	\$2,519,014
Total	\$3,933,546		\$3,489,014		\$3,489,014
Earmarked CWI FY22	\$0		\$0		\$130,000
Total + Carryover	<b>\$3,933,546</b>		<b>\$3,955,422</b>		<b>\$3,833,988</b>
Difference			-\$21,876		-\$121,434

- Carryover from FY22 to FY23 consists of DSC Dedicated, Remaining CWI, and an ISDA investment

#### Division of Soil Conservation:

DSC Dedicated Funds	FY21		FY22		FY23
Dedicated Funds	1,418,471		1,205,700		1,205,700
Total	<b>1,418,471</b>		<b>1,205,700</b>		<b>1,205,700</b>
Difference			\$212,771		\$0

**Proposed FY23 Budget:**

**CWI FY23**

- ISDA proposes continuing the \$660,000 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) annual investment.
  - Maintain stable funding source as outlined in CREP agreement
  - Maintain favorable match rates by keeping a larger state than outside investment
  - Continue seeking outside investment
- Maintain the traditional dollar amount for CWI Competitive Grants (about \$1,000,000)

**DSC Dedicated FY23**

- Continue holding vacancies (3 RSs, 1 PM) – see appended org chart
- Any additional staff would come through HTF Infrastructure dollars or RCPP dollars in a funded Kankakee RCPP scenario
  - An RS (technician) and PM (program manager)

**CWI FY24**

- Agency ask is to regain 2020 funding levels prior to the 15% loss during COVID
- Process:
  - Assemble transmittal letters, goes to LGs office, then to SBA, Governor’s Office, and ultimately compiled and presented to Legislature in Jan 2023.

**SSCB Member Terms**

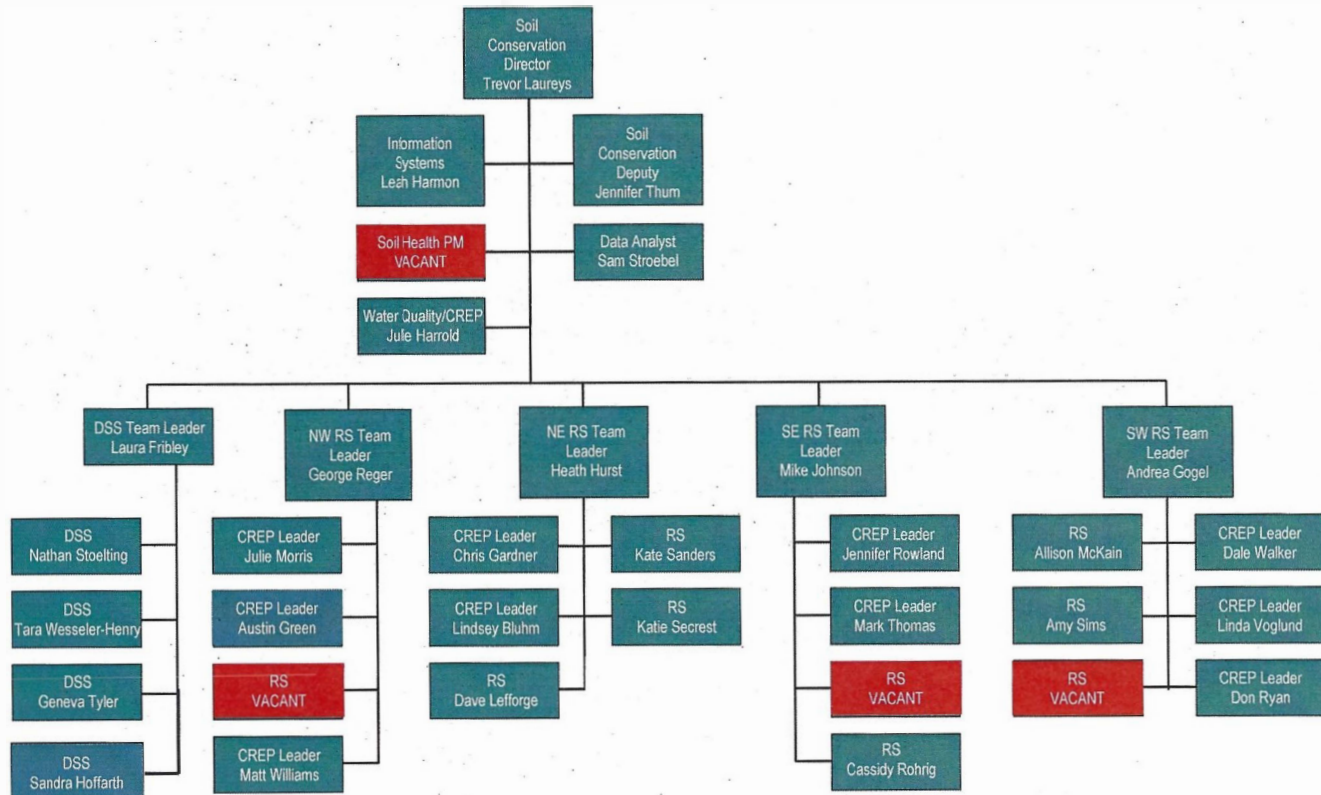
- Reminder that three (3) board members terms are set to expire on 1/1/2023.
- Per IN Code 14-32-2-3 Qualifications of members
  - Sec. 3. (a) A majority of the seven (7) appointed members of the board must have experience as district supervisors. (b) In making appointments to the board, the governor may invite and consider the recommendations of the following:
    - (1) The Purdue University cooperative extension service.
    - (2) The Indiana state department of agriculture.
    - (3) The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation District
  - (c) All appointments to the board shall be made without regard to political affiliation.
  - (d) The members appointed to the board under section 2(1) and 2(2) of this chapter must be residents of at least four (4) different geographic regions of Indiana.

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

<p>Number of soil and water conservation practices installed</p> <p><b>112</b></p> <p>Target: 750   8000</p>	<p>Acres annually enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement</p> <p><b>449</b></p> <p>Target: 850   950</p>	<p>Trees planted in floodplains through CSPF Remedial</p> <p><b>17,520</b></p> <p>Target: 217,400   250,000</p>	<p>Number of acres enrolled in the INField Advantage program</p> <p><b>392</b></p> <p>Target: 7,000   80,000</p>	<p>Partners assisted through development of strategic plans</p> <p><b>12</b></p> <p>Target: 22   25</p>	<p>Number of facilitated/hosted regional or statewide trainings</p> <p><b>12</b></p> <p>Target: 23   25</p>	<p>Number of Clean Water Indiana competitive grant applications</p> <p><b>0</b></p> <p>Target: 25   25</p>	<p>Number of acres enrolled in the Cover Crop Premium Discount</p> <p><b>15,007</b></p> <p>Target: 7,000   20,000</p>
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ISDA – Division of Soil Conservation Org Chart

SSCB Meeting - July 19th, 2022 - CREP Summary

	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Total		
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A			
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Goal	Percentage of Goal
Total Reported Completed on SharePoint as of 5/13/2022	233.48	52.20	6,632.03	51.63	848.45	8,158.62	1998.42	3,795.54	21,770.37	26,250.00	82.93%
Total CREP Enrollment	243.27	52.20	6,941.60	74.14	879.06	8,347.20	2284.07	3,933.40	22,754.94	26,250.00	86.69%
Total Acres in Extension				1.00	53.70	428.50	121.70	6.00	610.90		
									Difference =	984.58	

	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Practice Total	SWCD Administrative Fee	Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A			
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Total CREP Dollars	\$ 23,348.00	\$ 5,220.00	\$ 672,879.00	\$ 21,530.00	\$ 351,153.00	\$ 3,335,545.00	\$ 1,797,787.50	\$ 2,927,546.00	\$ 9,135,008.50	\$ 772,038.35	\$ 9,907,046.85

Federal Match of \$4-\$13 is between \$ 36,540,034.00  
 \$ 118,755,110.50

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	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Total CREP to CREP Re-enrollment Reported on SharePoint as of 5/13/2022	0.00	0.00	359.14	1.58	2.90	81.16	0.00	211.02	655.80

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

SSCB Meeting - July 19th, 2022 - CREP Acres (broken down by watershed)

Post-Expansion Acres

CREP Watershed	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Highland-Pigeon	0.00	0.00	20.86	0.00	1.12	134.60	0.00	0.00	156.58
Lower Wabash	0.00	0.00	11.63	0.00	0.00	663.30	0.00	0.00	674.93
Lower East Fork White	53.50	45.20	168.71	30.30	83.17	751.44	287.16	0.00	1419.48
Lower White	10.70	0.00	193.05	0.00	129.29	2,328.75	123.03	0.00	2,784.82
Middle Wabash-Busseron	2.00	0.00	14.32	0.00	19.70	1,558.33	753.58	91.60	2,439.53
Middle Wabash-Deer	6.60	0.00	108.63	0.00	0.00	73.10	37.17	59.42	284.92
Middle Wabash-Vermillion	4.50	0.00	165.34	6.97	81.32	757.35	505.89	177.70	1,699.07
Tippecanoe River	93.84	0.00	749.92	0.00	3.41	21.40	87.30	2,366.54	3,322.41
Upper East Fork White	0.00	0.00	427.13	0.00	38.40	201.92	0.00	0.00	667.45
Upper Wabash	23.15	7.00	1011.50	2.56	64.19	282.43	82.59	89.10	1562.52
Upper White	35.09	0.00	216.44	0.00	287.15	328.10	0.00	71.18	937.96
<b>Reported Completed as of 7/13/2022</b>	<b>229.38</b>	<b>52.20</b>	<b>3,087.53</b>	<b>39.83</b>	<b>707.75</b>	<b>7,100.72</b>	<b>1876.72</b>	<b>2,855.54</b>	<b>15,949.67</b>
<b>Enrolled as of 7/13/2022</b>	<b>239.17</b>	<b>52.20</b>	<b>3,397.10</b>	<b>62.34</b>	<b>738.36</b>	<b>7,289.30</b>	<b>2,162.37</b>	<b>2,993.40</b>	<b>16,934.24</b>

Pre-Expansion Acres

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	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Highland-Pigeon	2.50	0.00	215.00	10.80	16.40	109.20	0.00	0.00	353.90
Tippecanoe River	0.00	0.00	2,916.80	0.00	7.80	20.40	121.70	924.00	3,990.70
Upper White	1.60	0.00	412.70	1.00	116.50	928.30	0.00	16.00	1476.10
<b>Total Acres Prior to Expansion of CREP</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,544.50</b>	<b>11.80</b>	<b>140.70</b>	<b>1,057.90</b>	<b>121.70</b>	<b>940.00</b>	<b>5,820.70</b>

Extension Acres	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	Total Extension Acres
Extension Acres -Tippecanoe			14.80	121.70		136.50
Extension Acres -Upper White	1.00	53.70	413.70		6.00	474.40
<b>Total Extension Acres</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>53.70</b>	<b>428.50</b>	<b>121.70</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>610.90</b>

CREP to CREP reenrollment

CREP Watershed	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Total
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	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Highland Pigeon	0.0	0.0	26.58	1.58	2.90	27.4	0.0	0.0	58.46
Tippecanoe	0.0	0.0	292.65	0.00	0.00	14.1	0.0	193.82	500.53
Upper White	0.0	0.0	39.91	0.00	0.00	39.7	0.0	17.2	96.81
<b>CREP to CREP Re-enrollment Reported on SharePoint as of 7/13/2022</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>359.14</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>2.90</b>	<b>81.16</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>211.02</b>	<b>655.80</b>

SSCB Meeting - July 19th, 2022 - CREP Dollars (broken down by watershed)

Post-Expansion Dollars

CREP Watershed	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Practice Total	SWCD Administrative Fees	Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A			
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Highland-Pigeon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,881.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 1,272.00	\$ 53,840.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,625.00	\$ 5,862.50	\$ 64,487.50
Lower Wabash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 257,880.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 258,080.00	\$ 25,808.00	\$ 283,888.00
Lower East Fork White	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 4,520.00	\$ 16,871.00	\$ 12,120.00	\$ 33,268.00	\$ 300,576.00	\$ 272,802.00	\$ -	\$ 645,507.00	\$ 64,550.70	\$ 710,057.70
Lower White	\$ 1,070.00	\$ -	\$ 8,275.00	\$ -	\$ 51,716.00	\$ 899,804.00	\$ 98,107.00	\$ -	\$ 1,058,972.00	\$ 105,897.20	\$ 1,164,869.20
Middle Wabash-Busseron	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 642.00	\$ -	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 620,276.00	\$ 691,701.00	\$ 87,020.00	\$ 1,405,239.00	\$ 140,523.90	\$ 1,545,762.90
Middle Wabash-Deer	\$ 660.00	\$ -	\$ 10,863.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,240.00	\$ 21,781.50	\$ 18,073.00	\$ 80,617.50	\$ 8,061.75	\$ 88,679.25
Middle Wabash-Vermillion	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ 10,304.00	\$ 2,788.00	\$ 32,528.00	\$ 302,940.00	\$ 480,595.50	\$ 163,315.00	\$ 992,920.50	\$ 99,292.05	\$ 1,092,212.55
Tippecanoe River	\$ 9,384.00	\$ -	\$ 102,811.00	\$ -	\$ 1,364.00	\$ 14,184.00	\$ 75,235.00	\$ 2,147,337.50	\$ 2,350,315.50	\$ 235,031.55	\$ 2,585,347.05
Upper East Fork White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,965.00	\$ -	\$ 15,360.00	\$ 80,768.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 138,093.00	\$ 13,809.30	\$ 151,902.30
Upper Wabash	\$ 2,315.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 99,597.00	\$ 1,024.00	\$ 25,676.00	\$ 112,972.00	\$ 78,460.50	\$ 59,799.50	\$ 380,544.00	\$ 38,054.40	\$ 418,598.40
Upper White	\$ 3,509.00	\$ -	\$ 24,020.00	\$ -	\$ 114,860.00	\$ 132,780.00	\$ -	\$ 74,501.00	\$ 349,670.00	\$ 34,967.00	\$ 384,637.00
Upper White Extensions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 1,980.00
<b>Reported Paid as of 7/13/2022</b>	<b>\$ 22,938.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,220.00</b>	<b>\$ 318,429.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,564.00</b>	<b>\$ 283,244.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,805,260.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,718,682.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,550,046.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,720,383.50</b>	<b>\$ 772,038.35</b>	<b>\$ 8,492,421.85</b>

Pre-Expansion Dollars

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

CREP to CREP reenrollment

CREP Watershed	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Practice Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	Total
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Highland Pigeon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,683.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 1,160.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,475.00
Tippecanoe	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,145.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,624.00	\$ -	\$ 77,528.00	\$ 111,297.00
Upper White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,966.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,200.00	\$ -	\$ 6,880.00	\$ 19,046.00
<b>CREP to CREP reenrollment reported paid as of 7/13/2022</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 33,794.00</b>	<b>\$ 632.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,160.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,824.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 84,408.00</b>	<b>\$ 133,818.00</b>

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



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ISDA – CREP & Water Quality Initiatives, Julie Harrold



## Program Updates

### **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program**

- Attached to this report is the usual report showing the current status of acres and dollars in CREP, including total completed acres and total enrolled acres since the beginning of the program, and total dollars paid out through the CREP program.
- We are at approximately 475 acres signed up so far this calendar year
- According to the states tracking system, we are currently at approximately 22,754 acres of enrollment, which is 86.7% of the enrollment goal.
- To date, the state has paid out more than \$9.9 million. For every state dollar that is spent, the federal match is approximately \$4-\$13 for every state dollar, which is currently between \$36 million and \$119 million of federal dollars depending on the practice.

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

- The current strategy document can be found at <https://www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/indiana-state-nutrient-reduction-strategy/>.
- Comments on the SNRS can be sent to [ISDANutrientReduction@isda.in.gov](mailto:ISDANutrientReduction@isda.in.gov).
- Indiana Science Assessment – Report for Component 1 showing results of sediment and nutrient load trends in Indiana is completed, and report can be found at <https://www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/indiana-state-nutrient-reduction-strategy/indiana-science-assessment/>.
- Indiana Science Assessment – Component 2: Current progress includes continued analysis of research and data for the first set of 10 practices; the next set of practices has been determined by the Science Committee and Core Team.
- The Core Team is working on a draft proposal concept for an Indiana Nutrient Research and Education Program, which will be focused on continuing the work of the Science Assessment beyond the current work plan, and focusing education efforts on results of the Science Assessment. Plan is that this will be funded with the new Gulf Hypoxia Program dollars.



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

- Guidance for the BIL-Gulf Hypoxia Program (GHP) dollars was released by EPA in mid-June and we are working on the development of the workplan. The funds will support efforts related to the Indiana State Nutrient Reduction Strategy and must be focused in the Mississippi River Basin area. Funds are administered by ISDA but will be used for partnership efforts in the state.
- At this time, the focus for the first workplan is in three areas: 1) on staff capacity in ISDA to help manage these dollars and help with SNRS efforts and other DSC efforts, 2) expanding the soil sampling program statewide, and 3) on the creation of an Indiana Nutrient Research and Education Program as mentioned above. As we work on the budget under this workplan, we may add additional items.





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Information Systems  
Leah Harmon



## Updates

### **Major Lake and River Basins Web Application**

- ISDA just launched a web application highlighting information about water quality efforts in Indiana's 10 major lake and river basins. You can find the web application at <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/90555d43da9d4a6db0969b3714b89668>.
- This application serves as a compliment to the Indiana State Nutrient Reduction Strategy (<https://www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/indiana-state-nutrient-reduction-strategy/>).
- This web application replaces the basin story maps that Deb created in 2016. With the new interface, all information throughout the state is in a central place and you do not need to open a separate map for each basin. We have also added information about conservation programs, watershed groups, and a resources page. The new interface also should make updates easier so we can be sure to make data public in a more timely manner.
- A huge thank you goes to Julie Harrold and Sam Stroebel for all of their effort getting this application ready.

### **SWCD Annual Financial Reports**

- ISDA is working to migrate the SWCD annual financial reporting process and training reimbursement applications into the Grants Management System. This build is expected to be complete by the end of 2022.
- I formed a steering committee consisting of District Support Specialists and SWCD staff members. The steering committee met 3 times to document current processes and determine the to-be processes.
- At this time, the committee has signed off on requirements for the build, and I am building the applications.
- The steering committee will test both processes before going live in the portal.
- Once the build is ready for launch, I will host training for SWCDs to introduce the new system and make the transition as smooth as possible.

# SW Area 2022

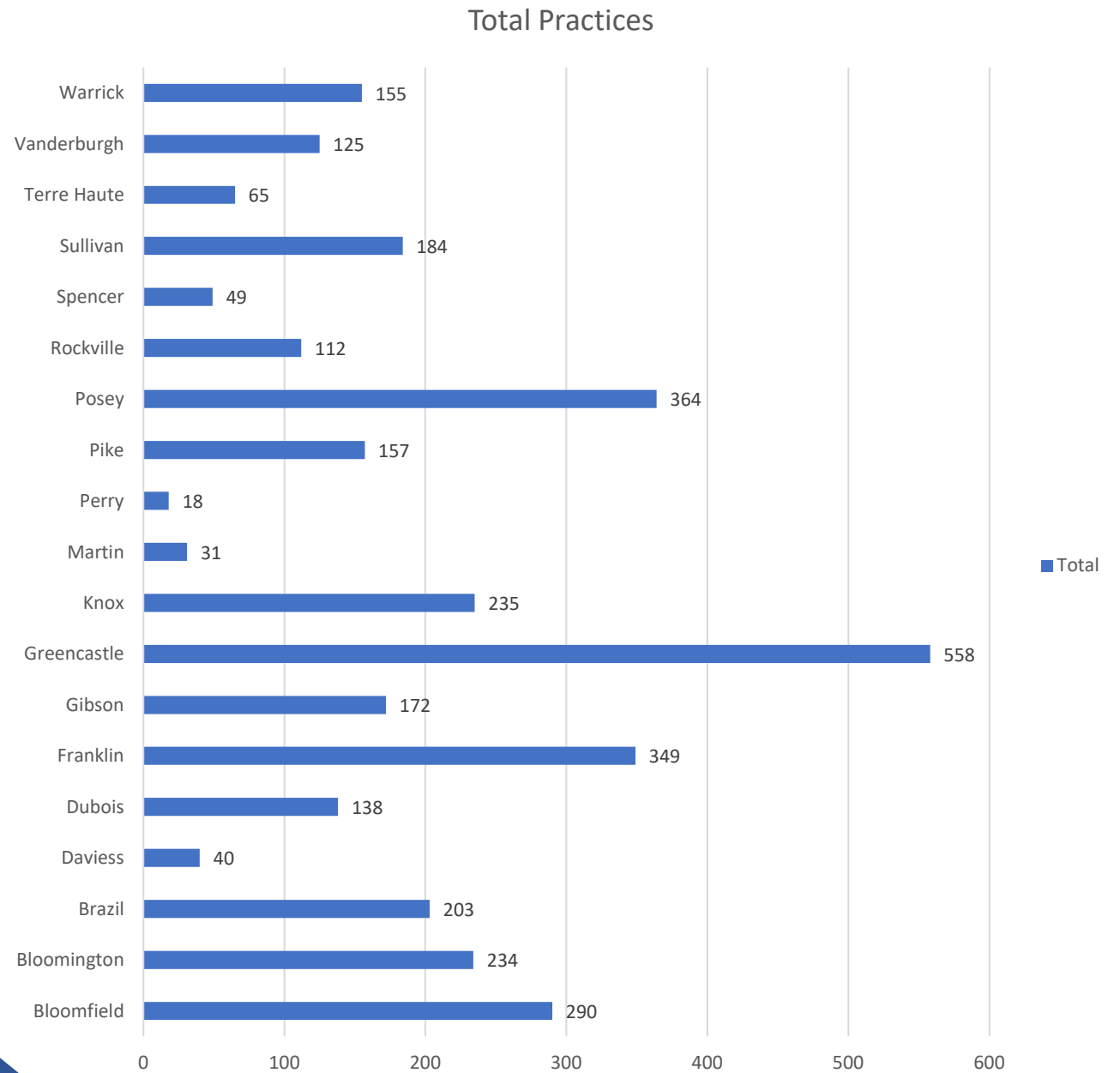
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Engineering Workload Report

By:

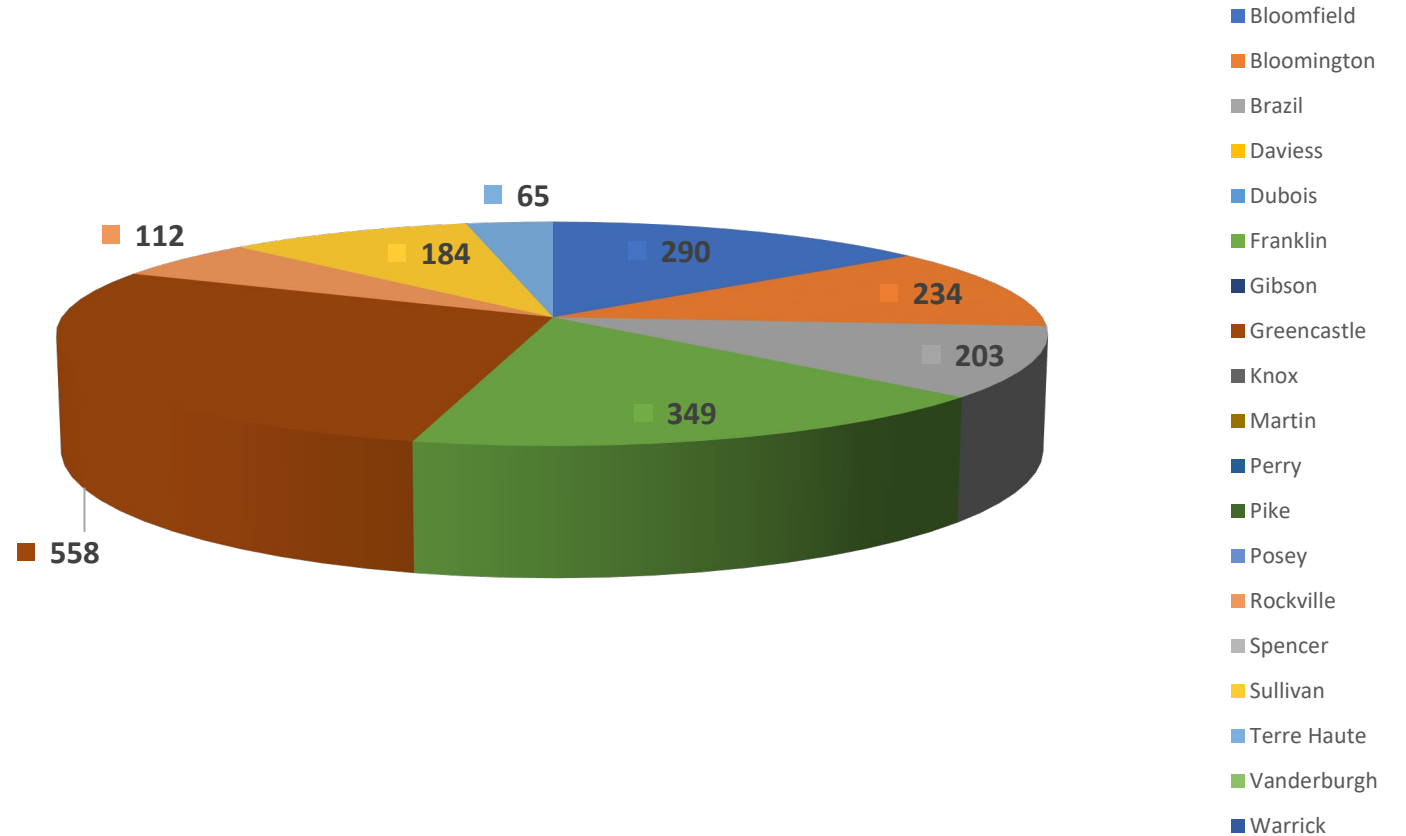
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# SW Area Combined Engineering Workload 2022



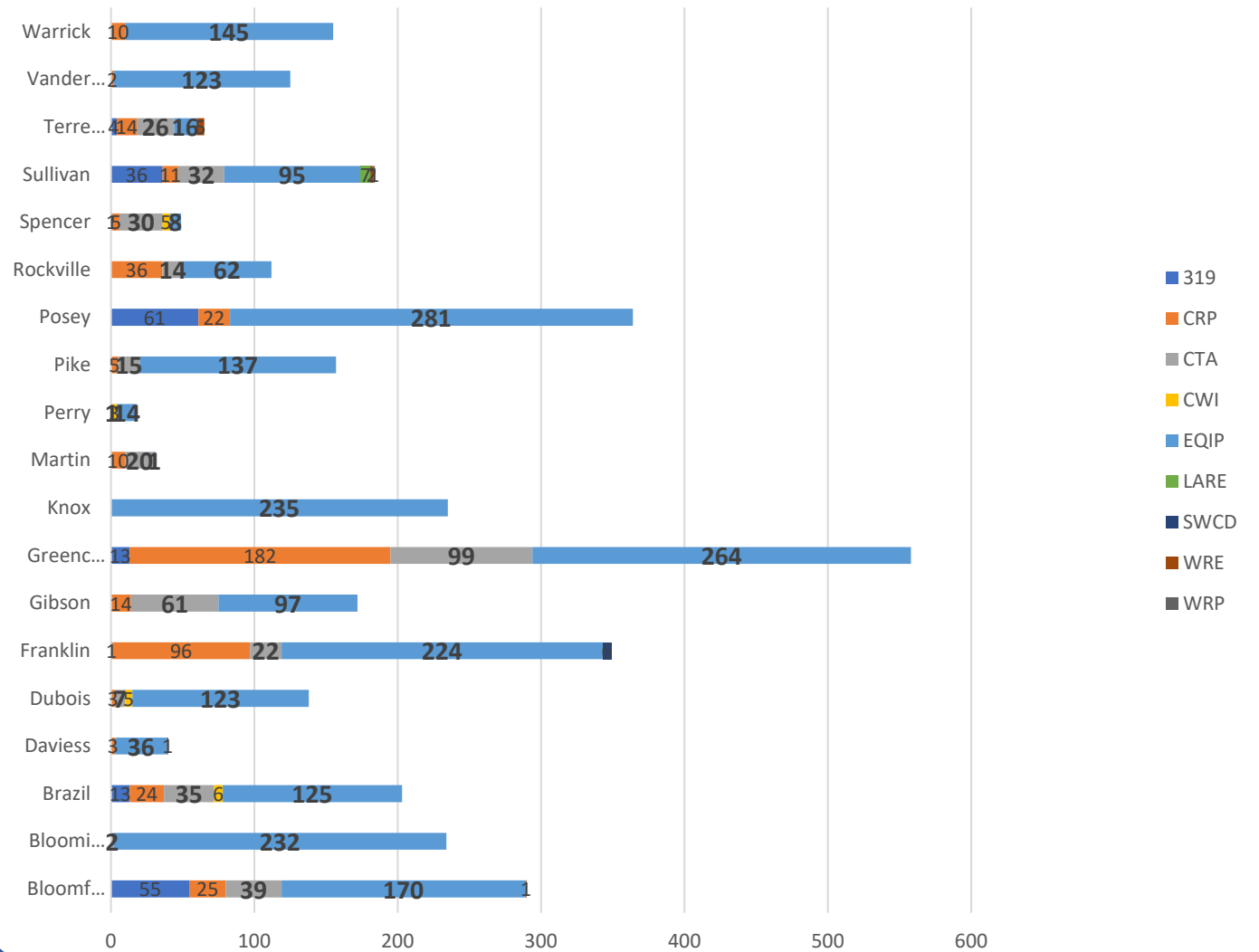
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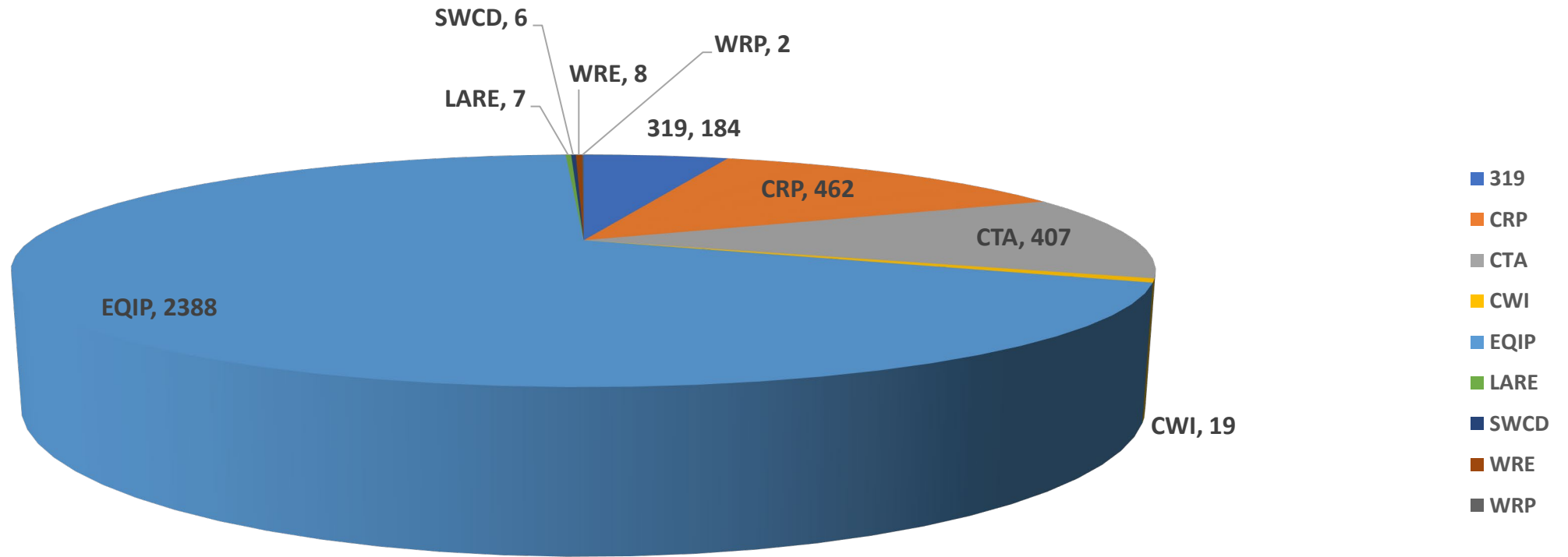


# SW Area Engineering Workload by Program

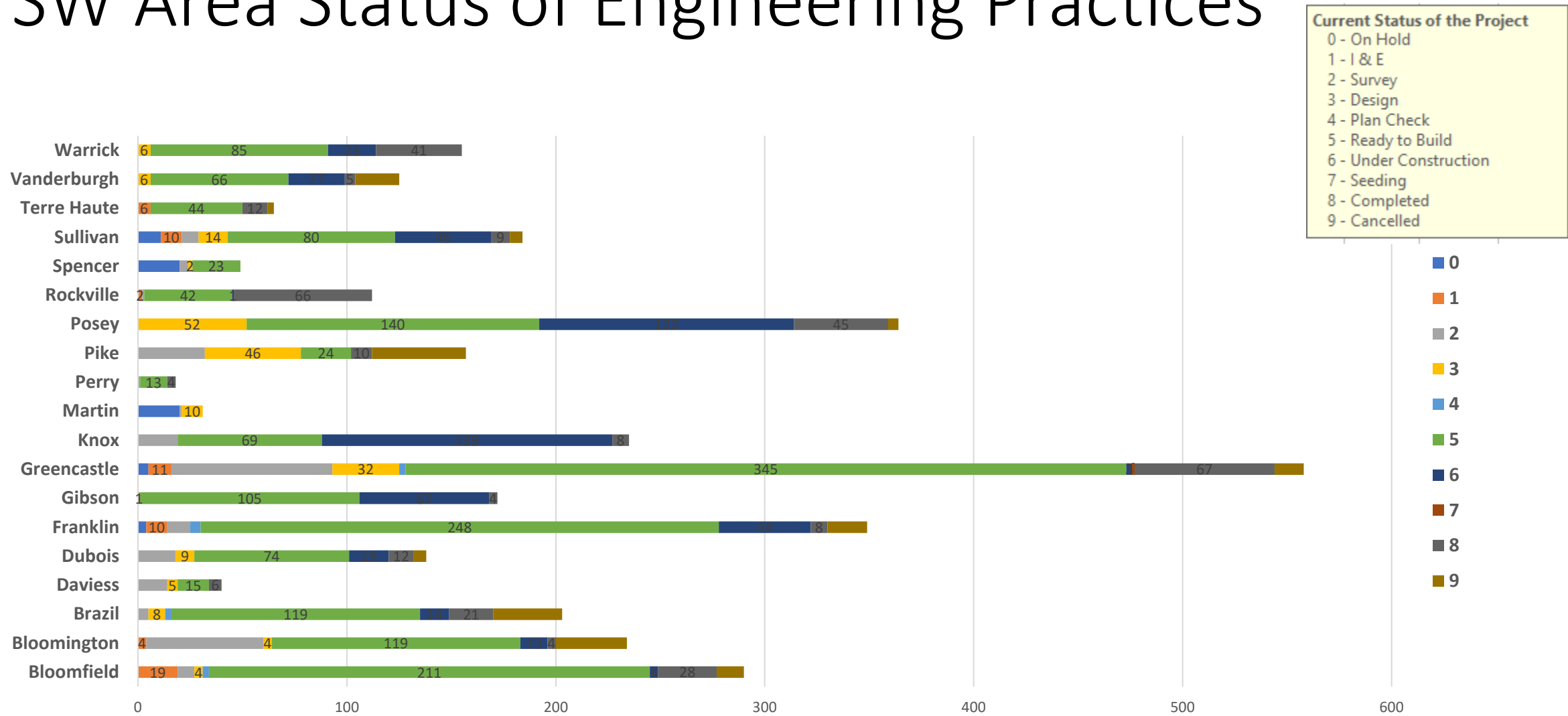
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# SW Area Practices by Program



# SW Area Status of Engineering Practices





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**District Support Specialist (DSS) Report: 4/26/22 to 7/4/22**



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

- **July 12: Grants Management Workshop.** SWCD staff from around the state will share their tips and experiences in a panel-like discussion. Thank you to these Districts for their leadership and assistance!
- **July 28: ISDA/NRCS/SWCD Partnership Staff Meeting UPDATE.** The in-person meeting format has been cancelled due to rising COVID cases. Stay tuned for further details, such as a virtual format.
- **Summer District Meetings, 5PM EDT:** ISDA and IASWCD are hosting four meetings for SWCD Supervisors, Staff, and Partners. Key topics include: Strategies for Addressing Difficult Conversations, Farm Bill update, supper and networking. Registration due 2 weeks in advance of meeting date. Locations:
  - August 23<sup>rd</sup> - White County [https://bit.ly/SDM\\_Aug23](https://bit.ly/SDM_Aug23)
  - August 25th - Decatur County [https://bit.ly/SDM\\_Aug25](https://bit.ly/SDM_Aug25)
  - August 29th - Daviess County [https://bit.ly/SDM\\_Aug29](https://bit.ly/SDM_Aug29)
  - August 31st - Huntington County [https://bit.ly/SDM\\_Aug29](https://bit.ly/SDM_Aug29)
- **Preventing Workplace and Sexual Harassment:** all SWCD Supervisors are asked to complete the "Preventing Workplace and Sexual Harassment Training" <https://youtu.be/xDWaywaBjAY> by August 30 and document participation here <https://arcg.is/1ruyfp>. The training should be reviewed at least once every three years. As of July 12, we have documentation of 135 individuals participating in the training.
- **New Supervisor Training:** offered on an ongoing basis. Please reach out to your ISDA DSS for more information. DSSs created a new recorded session on May 11. This New Supervisor Training is available to seasoned supervisors as well!
- **Completed Since Last Report:**
  - April 28: "IDEM 319 & 205j Nonpoint Source Grants" grant training webinar for SWCDs
  - May 5: "IDNR Lake and River Enhancement" grant training webinar for SWCDs
  - May 24: Tara Wesseler-Henry, ISDA, presented the "CWI Networking and Information" virtual session to help attendees learn more about the 2023 CWI Grants program. The session can be viewed here: [https://ingov-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/lharmon2\\_isda\\_in\\_gov/EXSCapBWqgpKuHSR8HHURoBMzes7ut-Y-Cw-rCDFntZWA](https://ingov-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/lharmon2_isda_in_gov/EXSCapBWqgpKuHSR8HHURoBMzes7ut-Y-Cw-rCDFntZWA)
  - June 16: Geneva hosted a SNW SWCD Staff meeting in Lafayette
  - June 16: Sandra hosted a NNW staff meeting in Jasper County
  - June 23: Amy Shankland was our featured presenter for the June 23 "Grant Writing" workshop. She led us through grant writing tips and techniques. Thank you SSCB for the financial support! 26 SWCD staff were in attendance live. The video was recorded.

**Clean Water Indiana:**

- CWI Grant Updates are due by July 31 in Grants Management System. Grantees may contact their ISDA DSS or RS for assistance.



- 2023 Competitive CWI Grant applications are due September 8, 2022. More information: <https://www.in.gov/isda/divisions/soil-conservation/clean-water-indiana/>. Interested applicants may contact their ISDA DSS or RS for assistance.
- The yearly Annual Financial Report that qualifies SWCDs for the \$10,000 Matching Funds will be submitted in 2023 via Grants Management System instead of via Excel. A committee including SWCD and ISDA employees has been meeting to prepare for the change.
- CWI Grant Reviews completed: Clinton, Montgomery, Orange, Scott, Spencer

**Supervisor Training:**

This spring, 67 SWCDs participated in the Supervisor Training Survey. ISDA and IASWCD are developing training opportunities that coincide with priorities as determined by the survey, as well as creating additional training avenues from existing resources.

DSS Activities Statewide For This Reporting Period	Total
Input, Assistance & Attendance At SWCD Board Meetings	22
Visits With SWCD Supervisors/Staff For Training, Assistance, Guidance, CWI, etc.	51
Assistance With SWCD or Partner Strategic Planning	1

### Highlights

#### **Black Loam Conference - Indy**

The final Black Loam Conference event was held at the Madam Walker Legacy Center in Indianapolis on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Extremely well attended with very positive feedback. Thanks goes to John and Denise Jamerson, Legacy Taste of the Garden, for designing and leading this series of *impactful* events and to their many local partners across the state without whom the series of workshops could not have happened. (see attachment)

#### **PILOT Communicating Conservation Training**

The National Wildlife Federation reached out to inquire about the possibilities of holding Communicating Conservation Training in Indiana. The NWF lead on the training was a former advisee/student of Linda Prokopy, Purdue Social Scientist. This training will be held in cooperation with SARE and the “Prokopy Lab” with the intent of adjusting/adapting for a wider-spread deployment in 2023.

#### **Soil Health and Sustainability for Midwestern Field Staff (3-Day Soil Health Training)**

June 21-23; 34 attendees. This training was evaluated and adapted to build upon Core Cover Crops / Soil Health Trainings and avoid replication of modules – while maintaining content required for NRCS Conservation Planning Certification requirement. Sessions were re-organized to better connect concepts (lecture) with more hands-on applications – especially in-field soil health diagnostics. Response from attendees has been very positive.

#### **Strategic Planning**

An update of the CCSI Strategic Plan will be taking place in the coming months. As with the last process (2017), an e-Survey will be deployed to conservation staff and other partners across the state to gather their opinions and input on direction. This information, along with phone interviews will be used to shape the strategic plan revision.

### G1. Farmer Engagement and Involvement

#### **1. Innovative and Visionary Farmers**

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

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

- 05/03 Loran Steinlage (D)
- 05/17 Brad Smith, apiarist (A)
- 05/24 Jacob, Greg, and Jenny Rowland (SPM)
- 05/24 Steve Rodibaugh (NPM)
- 06/08-09 Aaron Krueger Field Day, featuring top farmer panel & visits to Krueger, Rexing and Bittner farms (A, D, SPM)
- 06/20-21 Dan DeSutter farm set-up and field visit (A)

## **Conservative and Pragmatic Farmers**

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

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

- 03/15 Aaron Krueger Farmer Learning Community (SPM, A)
- 03/21 Dale Loughmiller, retired farmer and host of Clay County Field Day. (SPM)
- 06/08-09 Aaron Krueger Field Day, featuring top farmer panel & visits to Krueger, Rexing and Bittner farms (A, D, SPM)

### **1. Farmer Influencers**

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

- 05/13 Barry Fisher (A)

### **2. Presentations**

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

- 06/03 – Environmental Research Institute City Official Zoom, Zoom, “Climate Change in Agricultural Settings” (12 attendees)
- 06/09 – Aaron Krueger Field Day, Owensville, “CCSI Breakout Talk” (30 attendees)
- 06/22 – Soil Health for Midwestern Field Staff, West Lafayette, “Soil Health Principles” (34 attendees)
- 06/23 - Soil Health for Midwestern Field Staff, West Lafayette, “Economics of Soil Health” (34 attendees)

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

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

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

Workshops Completed

- 05/10 IVY Tech Conservation Field Day, W Lafayette; 50 attendees
- 05/14 IN Black Loam Conference, Indianapolis; ~100 attendees
- 06/02 Get the Dirt: Urban Soil Health Conference, W Lafayette, 75 attendees
- 06/09 America’s Conservation Ag Movement (Farm Journal) / Aaron Krueger Field Day, Owensville, 30 attendees

Workshops in Progress:

- Postponed! 07/07 Parke-Vermillion Field Day
- 07/09 Cass County Family Workshop
- 08/04 Newton County Event
- 08/11 Scott County Pasture Walk
- 08/16 Soil Health Expo, Princeton
- 08/17 Roger Wenning Field Day, Decatur
- 08/22 Adams County
- 08/23 Greener Pastures Field Day, Dale
- 08/24 Indiana field day with Ward Labs at Rulons
- 08/24 Huntington Field Day

- 09/01 Clay County Event
- 09/07 Roemke Field Day
- 09/14 Eel River
- 09/28 Porter County
- Lawrence County Soil Health event (before 2025)
- DeKalb County SWCD Workshop – Date TBD
- March – Miami County Winter PARP meeting
- 2021 – 23 – Kankakee Basin and WLEB series of events to support existing RCPP (WLEB) and proposed RCPP (Kankakee) (NPM)

## 2. Consistent Soil Health Messaging

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

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

### Completed Trainings

- 05/03 & 05/04 NE Soil Health Bucket Trainings (25 attendees)
- 05/10 Ivy Tech Conservation Field Day (50 attendees)
- June 21-23 Soil Health and Sustainability for Midwestern Field Staff (3 Day Soil Health Training) (34 attendees)
- Completed “unboxing video” for soil health demonstration tools

### Trainings in Progress:

- July 26-27 Byron Seeds Dealer Training (with Barry Fisher)
- TNC/NRCS/CCSI Soil Health Lab Manual
- Purdue Extension Soil Health Signature Program Development

## 3. Professional Development Opportunities

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

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

### Completed Trainings:

### Trainings in Progress

- 09/08 Pilot Communicating Conservation Training w/ Linda Prokopy and NWF
- 2022 SARE PDP – Cover Crop in Vegetable Production – PAC Demonstrations
- Date TBD - 2022: Pilot Social Science Training
- Purdue Extension Soil Health Signature Program

## 4. Messaging to/from Local Level Partnerships

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

- 05/11 Clay County Planning (SPM)
- 05/11 Roemke Planning (NPM)
- 05/16 State Soil Health Team (D, A, NPM, SPM)
- 05/17 SW SWCD Planning (SPM)
- 05/17 SSCB (D)
- 05/23 Regional Teleconferences (D, A, NPM, SPM)
- 05/23 Agronomy Extension Meeting (A)

- 05/24 NW Area NRCS Meeting (NPM)
- 05/25 St. Joe County MnG, (NPM)
- 05/25 Marshall County MnG, (NPM)
- 05/25 Huntington Co 319 Workshop planning meeting (Huntington SWCD, Wabash SWCD, Whitley SWCD) ISDA, Purdue Extension (NPM)
- 05/25 Adams County MnG, (NPM)
- 05/25 Huntington Planning (NPM)
- 05/26 Cass Co Planning (NPM)
- 05/27 NW Area Soil Health Team Meeting (NPM)
- 06/03 RCPP Update (NPM)
- 06/07 NE Soil Health Team (NPM)
- 06/07 SE NRCS Area Meeting (SPM, A)
- 06/20 Dubois SWCD and partners (SPM)
- 06/27 SE/SW CCSI Regional Teleconference (D, A, NPM)
- 06/27 NE/NW CCSI Regional Teleconference (D, NPM)
- 06/27 Purdue Agronomy Extension (A)
- 06/30 Huntington SWCD and partners (NPM)
- 06/30 – Orange County Fair Visit (A)

### **G3. General CCSI Outreach / Communication**

#### **1. Marketing**

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

*Annual Target: 1-2 New External Partners*

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

- May 1 – Events Newsletter; 608 delivered, 340 opened, 34 follow through
- May 15 – Events Newsletter; 604 delivered, 384 opened, 136 follow through
- June 1 – Events Newsletter; 651 delivered, 424 opened, 84 follow through
- June 15 – Events Newsletter; 585 delivered, 394 opened, 75 follow through

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

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

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

*Completed Materials:*

- Podcasts
  - 05/16 – Barry Fisher + Stephanie McLain – The importance of Training for Soil Health in Indiana
  - (Upcoming) Hans Schmitz + Joe Rorick – INfield Advantage, Climate Smart Ag, and Soil Health Events
  - (Upcoming) Mike Bredeson, Ecdysis – Positive effects of soil health systems on beneficial insects and upland gamebirds
- Social Media
  - Twitter

- May: 62 Tweets, 20.8K impressions, 30 mentions, 1,182 profile visits, 6 new followers.
  - June: 81 Tweets, 25.9K impressions; 6 mentions, 3,111 profile visits, 21 new followers.
- Facebook (Specific Posts):
  - 5/3 – Share Urban Soil post about Indy Black Loam (85 reach)
  - 5/9 – Get the Dirt (6/2) event post (58 reach)
  - 5/10 – John Scott drone post from Ivy Tech Field Day (89 reach)
  - 5/10 – post of 3 pics from rotations at Ivy Tech Field Day (188 reach)
  - 5/10 – Stephanie McLain in-field diagnostics pics from Ivy Tech Field Day (192 reach)
  - 5/16 – State Soil Health Team meeting post (228 reach)
  - 5/19 – Share Hoosier Ag Today podcast with Stephanie & Barry (118 reach)
  - 5/24 – Video – no-tilling beans into corn residue at Rodibaugh’s (354 reach)
  - 05/24 Rowland Ride A-long. 322 people reached
  - 06/01 – Share CCSI newsletter to FB (48 reach)
  - 06/02 – Photo post from Get the Dirt workshop (142 reach)
  - 06/02 – Dr. Roland Wilhelm photo from Get the Dirt (103 reach)
  - 06/16 – Share CCSI newsletter to FB (110 reach)
  - 06/21 – photo collage scouting fields at DeSutter’s before 3 day (195 reach, 2 shares)
  - 06/22 – photos from Day 1 of 3 day (194 reach, 2 shares)
  - 06/22 – Eileen infiltration ring video (149 reach, 1 share)
  - 06/22 – infield assessments photos (138 reach)
  - 06/22 – rainfall simulator demo photos (367 reach, 2 shares)
  - 06/23 – student infield assessment photos (163 reach, 1 share)
  - 06/23 – instructor photo of Hans, Stephanie, Eileen, Barry (154 reach)
  - 06/23 – National Soil Health Day post (103 reach, 2 shares)
  - 06/28 – Pinney Purdue Vegetable Field Day (33 reach)
  - 06/28 – Share Vermillion County Carter Morgan award post (120 reach)
  - 06/30 – Parke/Vermillion event POSTPONED post (30 reach)
- Website
  - May 747 users/ 1.1K sessions
  - June 626 users/ 895 sessions
- Written Materials
  - NRCS Ag Tech Note / Entry Level Phase Management
  - NRCS Ag Tech Note/ Basics of No-Till Success
  - Farming for a Better Climate May-July 2022 10 articles @ <https://ag.purdue.edu/climate/research/solutions/farming-for-a-better-climate/>

Materials in Progress:

- Adaptation of The Root Project to PowerPoint slides for download

#### **G4. Research**

Quarterly Targets: None

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

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

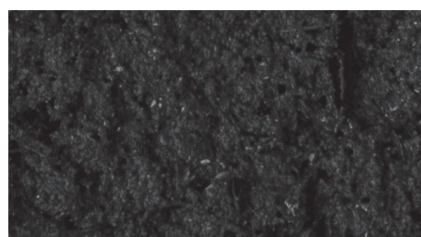
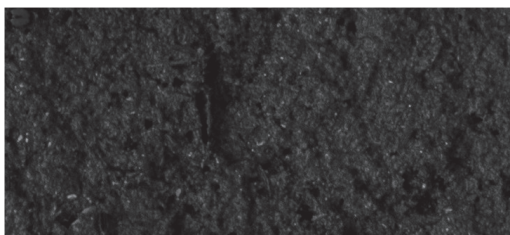
#### **OTHER**

- Professional Development
  - 06/28 - Inaugural meeting – National Extension Climate Initiative Professional Development Committee (A)
- Other
  - 06/14 – State FFA Convention Judging Freshman Extemporaneous Speaking with Robin Matlock, Greg Bohlander
  - 05/27 – 06/03 Director Vacation



# BLACK LOAM CONFERENCE

May 13-14, 2022 | Madam Walker Legacy Center



*Providing rich information to grow BIPOC and underserved producers.  
Black Loam, Indiana's richest soil.*





# BLACK LOAM CONFERENCE

May 14, 2022 Agenda

## Room Tracts

Room 1: Taking what I produce to another level  
Room 2: Connecting to services to enhance my farm  
Room 3: Farming historically: then and future opportunities

8:30 - 8:50

Check-in

Ballroom

9:00 - 9:45

Welcome and Opening Session

Ballroom



*Legacy Taste of the Garden and Partners*

*Mr. Jerry Raynor, Indiana Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist*

Mr. Raynor comes to NRCS with proven agricultural and leadership qualities. He began his career with NRCS as a student trainee in 1988 and quickly moved through the ranks to join Indiana NRCS as their state conservationist. He was raised on a farm in North Carolina and received a degree in Agriculture Business Management from North Carolina State University.

9:50 - 10:30

Session 1

### Indiana Small Business Development Center and Farm Credit

Room 1

Learn about the steps to starting a business and get an in-depth explanation of farmer Initiatives created to help producers and beginning farmers.

*Monty Henderson, ISBDC Agribusiness Director*

*Marcus Terry, Relationship Manager with Farm Credit*

### Soil Health

Room 2

An overview of soil health, practical techniques to improve soil health in your garden or farm, and resources available for small-scale and urban growers.

*Elli Blaine, Program Director for Urban Soil Health Program*

*Kevin Allison, Soil Health Specialist with Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District*

*Brooke Alford, Urban Ag and Natural Resources Educator with Marion County Extension*

### IUPUI Africana Studies

Room 3

Virtual Panel - From Tuskegee to the Congo, Building Pan African Agricultural Connections

*Panelists include: Nshombo Muderhwa, Universite Officielle de Bakavu, Didier Monga, Samuel Yagase, Leontine Mafuta, Constant T'chandema*

10:40 - 11:20

Session 2

### Hoosier Young Farmers Coalition, Renew Indianapolis, New Provisions Farms

Room 1

New and different opportunities and programs that will help new and beginning farmers to meet mentors, adopt new growing techniques, and acquire land in the city.

*Liz Brownlee, President of Hoosier Young Farmers*

*De Mario Vitaliis, Owner of New Provisions Farms*

*David Herron, Build Fund Portfolio Manager with Renew Indianapolis*

### Indiana State Department of Health

Room 2

SNAP, WIC Programs and Local Food Purchase Agreement Opportunities for BIPOC growers.

*Legita Wilson, WIC Commodities Programs Director for Indiana State Department of Health*

*Naima Garner MPH, Snap-Ed and Nutrition Programs Director for Indiana State Department of Health*

### Black Placemaking and Learning for Socioecological Justice

Room 3

This session will explore how Black placemaking in agroecological spaces can restore meaningful connections with the land. Rooted in a historicized account of relations with the land, we will provide an overview of common challenges Black youth face in engaging with agricultural and environmental sciences and discuss practices to support them in developing as scientists and leaders in environmental justice movements. Session participants will consider potential barriers to and opportunities for designing and implementing Black placemaking initiatives in urban and rural agro ecological sites.

*Francesca Williamson, PhD Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Africana Studies at IU School of Medicine*

11:30 - 11:50

Break - Networking and Visiting Vendors

12:00 - 1:00

**Luncheon - Keynote Speaker**

Ballroom



**Establishing relationships and reconnecting historically underserved farmers with USDA**

*J. Xavier Montoya, Acting Regional Conservationist for Natural Resources Conservation Service*

Xavier Montoya has served as the acting NRCS regional conservationist for the Central Region since January 2022. Montoya has extensive conservation and outreach leadership experience and is the permanent New Mexico state conservationist. In November 2000, he was selected as the National NRCS Hispanic Emphasis Program Manager and worked closely with senior staff to help increase Hispanic and all minority groups' representation within the NRCS and USDA workforce.

1:15 - 1:50

**Session 3 - Round Table Discussions**

**How Do We Magnify Our Voices/Moving Forward**

Room 1

A discussion of ways that provide opportunities for effective and inclusive engagement with BIPOC/Underserved communities on farming/producer related decision-making. Identifying ways for more deliberate and inclusive engagement and representation so our voices are heard at the table.

**Overcoming obstacles and gaining access**

Room 2

A discussion on ways to open up communication lines and building trust in order to overcome barriers that have prevented access to information, opportunities and assistance.

2:00 - 2:45

**Session 4**

**Farmers' Perspectives**

Room 1

Each farm will discuss their operations, accomplishments, inspirations and adding value to their farm.

*Nate and Robin Shannon, Owners of Shannon Farms & Homestead, LLC*

*Lauren McCalister, Owner of 3 Flocks Farm and People's Cooperative Market*

*Sharrona Moore, Founder of Lawrence Community Gardens*

**Working with Your USDA Service Center**

Room 2

USDA representatives will explain programs, knowledge and resources available to producers.

*Angie Garrison, District Conservationist for Natural Resources Conservation Service*

*Julia Wickard, State Executive Director for Indiana Farm Service Agency*

**The Moore Heritage Project and AgrAbility**

Room 3

Community Gardens and History of Flanner House. Resources for working with farmers and agricultural workers impacted by disabilities.

*Joyce Moore, The Moore Heritage Project*

*Ed Sheldon, Engagement Coordinator for AgrAbility Purdue University*

3:00 - 3:45

**Panel Discussion**

Ballroom

**Forward Momentum: Connecting for Growth**

Speakers share perspectives on their generational farming histories and how to leverage agency resources to build strong and successful legacies. An opportunity to ask these expert figures: where do we go from here? How do we create and uplift partnerships and producers within our communities?

*Jerry Raynor, Indiana State Conservationist for Natural Resources Conservation Service*

*Brandon Cosby, Executive Director of Flanner House*

*Barbara Norman, Legacy Farmer with Barbara's Blueberry Batch*

*Denise Jamerson, Generational Farmer*

3:45 - 4:00

**Closing Remarks**

Ballroom

*Legacy Taste of the Garden*

4:00

**Farm Tours**

- Flanner House
- New Age Provisions Farms
- Elephant Gardens
- Lawrence Community Gardens
- Soul Food Project

*NOTE: Tours are self guided. Sign up for the tours is first come first served, with capacity limits. Sign up at the conference welcome booth.*

# Thank you to our sponsors

Legacy Taste of the Garden would like to say "Thank You" to all of our partners, supporters, sponsors and customers. These important conferences and workshops could not have happened without your dedication and willingness to share and participate.

We look forward to continuing to grow this initiative to bring together communities, organizations, and agencies to reconstruct, build, and empower sustaining rural and urban underserved communities from the ground (soil) up through agricultural opportunities, resources, and initiatives!

Our hope is that the "Black Loam" - Rich Soil - of information has strengthened, empowered, and encouraged continued growth.

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People's Cooperative Market  
Shannon Farm and Homestead, LLC  
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The Moore Heritage Project  
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Farm Credit  
The Nature Conservancy (TNC)  
Hoosier Young Farmers Coalition (HYFC)  
And all speakers and additional supporting partners!



# Indiana NRCS State Conservationist Report

July 2022 State Soil Conservation Board Meeting

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## CONSERVATION PARTNERS PROGRAM

The Conservation Partners Program will provide grant funding focused on regenerative agriculture. Two focus areas for Indiana applicants are a Soil Health Outreach Campaign and funding in priority watersheds in the Mississippi River Basin (priority watersheds identified in the Indiana Nutrient Management Strategy). Competitive projects will increase participation in Farm Bill programs as one way to advance regenerative agriculture principles. The Conservation Partners Program will support projects that:

- Direct staff resources to help agricultural producers design and implement regenerative agriculture systems and practices.
- Increase Farm Bill program participation and conservation practice implementation among agricultural producers, especially farmers and ranchers in the [Historically Underserved](#) and [Special Emphasis](#) categories.
- Generate environmental benefits, such as improvements to wildlife habitat, soil health, and water quantity and quality.
- Sequester and store carbon, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase resilience to impacts of climate change.
- Promote conservation systems to complement and advance producer economic interests and operational efficiency
- Equip agricultural producers with information and data management capabilities to access ecosystem service markets
- Foster community learning to advance regional knowledge and adoption of regenerative agriculture systems and practices.

Partners should apply by July 13. For more information, contact Jill Reinhart ([jill.reinhart@usda.gov](mailto:jill.reinhart@usda.gov)).

## OFFICE OF URBAN AG AND INNOVATION GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Compost and Food Waste Reduction Due Sept. 1 <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340906>

Urban Ag and Innovative Production Due Aug. 2 <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340885>

## REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (RCPP)

Three proposals have been recommended to NHQ for funding. Indiana NRCS should receive word in mid-August if the proposals were approved.

## WATER QUALITY PROPOSALS SENT TO NHQ

There was one National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) and one Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI) proposal submitted to NHQ for funding. Indiana NRCS should receive word in mid-August if the proposals were approved.

## ISDA/NRCS/SWCD PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Because of the unexpected increase in COVID cases attributable to the BA.4 and BA.5 variants of Omicron, the national NRCS staff have requested all meetings over 50 people in attendance be canceled. Our state leadership staff met last week to weigh our options and made the decision to

continue with this year's ISDA/NRCS/SWCD Partnership Meeting as a virtual event. This is an unfortunate situation, and this decision wasn't made lightly. It is first and foremost our goal to keep our staff and outside vendors as safe as possible. When official plans to transition to the virtual event are set, we will send out the information as soon as possible.

#### **LOCAL WORKING GROUPS TO CONVENE**

The implementation of 2023 Farm Bill programs place great importance on the roles and responsibilities of the Local Working Groups in each county. In each state, NRCS has established a State Technical Committee to assist in making recommendations regarding implementation of technical aspects of natural resource conservation activities and programs. This is an advisory committee that may be utilized by any USDA agency with conservation obligations.

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

#### **AVIAN INFLUENZA UPDATE**

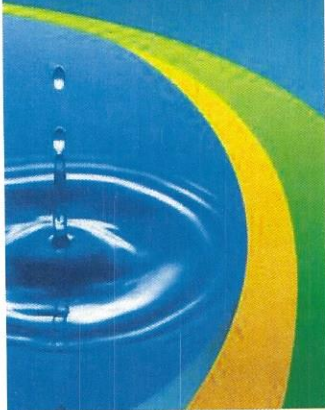
The Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) impacts to Indiana's poultry are declining, but the risk still persists. Until further notice, NRCS employees and partners working on behalf of NRCS should follow the protocols outlined in the Indiana NRCS memo [AGN - UPDATED May 2022 - Biosecurity Protocol Avian Influenza Employee Responsibilities](#).

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**Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI)**

- We are working with the USDA NRCS on a new agreement to add additional program managers for district and partner soil health support.
- The next CCSI Oversight Committee meeting is on July 26. Refer to the separate CCSI report for more details.

**Urban Soil Health Program (USHP)**

- Program staff have met with 19 District boards this calendar year to date. Eleven (11) local working groups have been established through the program so far. The program recently co-sponsored an event for small producers called "Get the Dirt," with over 90 people in attendance.

**Pathway to Water Quality**

- Final preparations for the start of the State Fair have been on going with several workdays in the month of July. Several new raised beds have been added to the soil health area for small farm soil health examples. We are still short volunteers and encourage folks to sign up.

**Legislative**

- IASWCD has been working with SICIM on a proposed request to the Indiana Executive Branch and Legislature for an \$8.6 million increase to CWI funding this next biennium. We have sought feedback from various partners, and have put together a one-page request, and are working to schedule meetings to discuss proposal with decision makers.

**Other**

- Roger Wenning, along with some district staff, are attending the NACD North Central Region and National Summer Board meetings this week.
- River Friendly Farmer ceremony will be August 10 at the 4-H Exhibit Hall at 1 PM. We have a large amount of recipients this year, and welcome partners to attend.
- IASWCD held a special IDEM Stormwater webinar at the end of June, highlighting rule changes to general permits, and how this impacts districts that have done stormwater construction or MS4 reviews. The recording is now available on our website under the "For Districts" tab.
- Resolutions information has been sent to Districts, and is available on our website, and they should be submitted before September 16.
- The next IASWCD Board meeting will be held Friday, September 16 at the Indiana Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis.
- Award applications for Conservation Farmer of the Year, Friend of Conservation, and Supervisor of the Year will soon be available at [www.iaswcd.org](http://www.iaswcd.org), and nominations due by early September. District showcase applications are due July 29. We encourage districts to apply and take the opportunity to highlight the great work they are doing.

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