

2017 CLEAN WATER INDIANA COMPETITIVE GRANTS



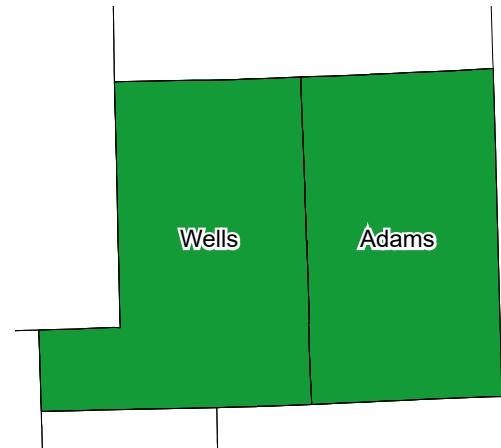
Grant Overview:
Lead District: Adams
Collaborating Districts: Wells
Project Dates: 1/1/2017-12/31/2019

Project Name: Upper Wabash Watershed Conservation Partnership Promoting Soil Health & Water Quality
Project Amount: \$104,540



Project Overview:

The goal of this project is to increase soil health & clean water by encouraging the use of cover crops and gypsum by utilizing soil testing. For the first two years of this project, the SWCDs plan to use CWI funds to conduct soil sampling and offer cost-share assistance for cover crops and gypsum in the Upper Wabash watershed. As a result of this cost-share, the Districts will also hire a technician to share among the two Districts to assist with interpreting soil test results and advising on gypsum application and use of cover crops. The technician will have direct contact with landowners, and the relationship they develop is indeed necessary to help turn these funds into conservation practices on the ground. Gypsum participants will be required to complete a soil test or provide documentation stating they are deficient. If funds are still available, the SWCDs will continue the cost-share program and promoting soil health into the third year.



Program Overview:

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program (IC 14-32-8) was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). Through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs, the program supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution. CWI also provides matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI).

Program Administration:

The CWI fund is administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB). The fund is derived from a portion of cigarette tax funds. (IC 6-7-1-29.3) The cigarette tax fund is 4.22 percent of total cigarette tax revenue, and the CWI fund receives one sixth of this amount. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's SWCDs.



For more information about CWI, please visit: in.gov/isda/2379.htm.
For more information about the SSCB, please visit: <http://in.gov/isda/2361.htm>.
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To find your local SWCD: please visit: in.gov/isda/2370.htm.