

# 2017 CLEAN WATER INDIANA COMPETITIVE GRANTS



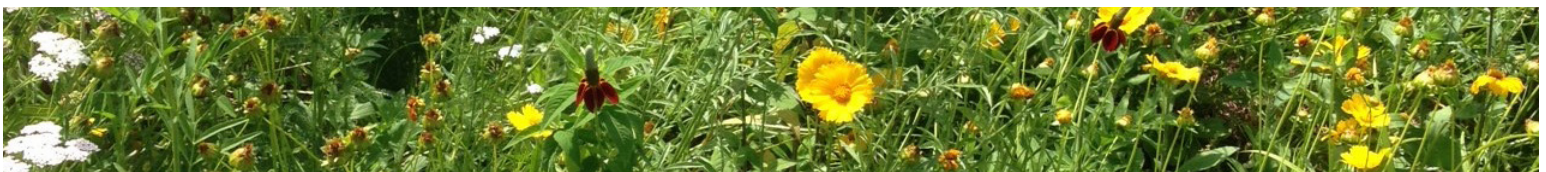
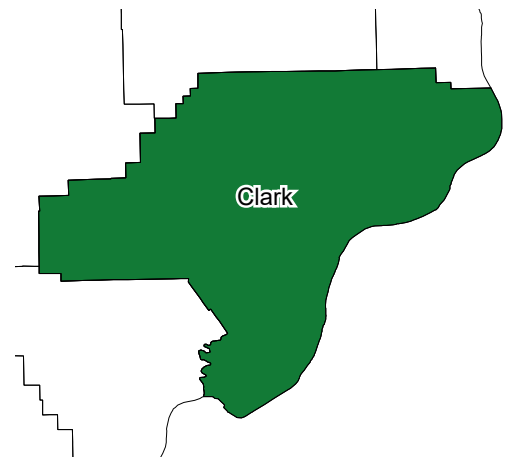
**Grant Overview:**  
Lead District: Clark  
Project Dates: 1/1/2017-12/31/2019

Project Name: Clark County Pathway to Water  
Quality Education Area  
Project Amount: \$3,241.67



## Project Overview:

The Clark County SWCD has maintained and operate a Natural Resources Education Area (NREA) on the county 4H fairgrounds. This area includes a 50 Trees of Indiana path, a small shelter house, a wetland, a fish tank, a wildlife exhibit, and an information building. This project will update the existing facilities and expand educational offerings for the NREA. The NREA will have the following education stations: water quality, bluebird trail, pollinator habitat, wetlands, a pond, , low maintenance landscaping, cover crops, a square foot garden, forestry, a bat house, and a rain barrel. The exhibit will be modeled after Pathway to Water Quality and will also feature an open educational area. The updated NREA will be used to host events year round and will feature new permanent signage that will allow citizens to use the resource beyond traditional office hours.

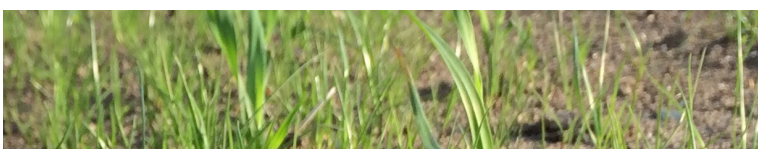


## Program Overview:

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](http://in.gov/isda/2379.htm).  
For more information about the SSCB, please visit: <http://in.gov/isda/2361.htm>.  
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