

2017 CLEAN WATER INDIANA COMPETITIVE GRANTS



Grant Overview:

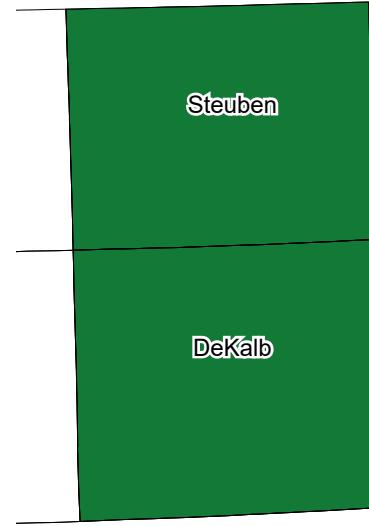
Lead District: DeKalb
Collaborating District: Steuben
Project Dates: 1/1/2017-12/31/2019

Project Name: Conservation Implementation, Education, and Innovation
Project Amount: \$119,875



Project Overview:

The DeKalb and Steuben SWCDs are partnering for a diverse grant project that establishes pollinator habitat, provides WASCOB/blind inlets and streambank stabilization demonstrations, hosts agronomy field days, and utilizes cost share program for cover crops, gypsum, and blind inlets. The project combines education and implementation because these two aspects of conservation are inherently linked. The project will work with both individual landowners and public entities for cost share and demonstration projects. The SWCDs will partner with their county surveyors, ag retailers, and Agricultural Research Service to complete the project. The districts also partner with Williams County SWCD in Ohio to address local resource concerns in the Western Lake Erie Basin. The grant program will provide both SWCDs with opportunities to build new relationships and partnerships to further their mission.



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>.
Email questions or comments to cleanwaterindiana@isda.in.gov.
To find your local SWCD: please visit: in.gov/isda/2370.htm.