

2017 CLEAN WATER INDIANA COMPETITIVE GRANTS



Grant Overview:

Lead District: Hancock
Collaborating District: Henry
Project Dates: 1/1/2017-12/31/2019

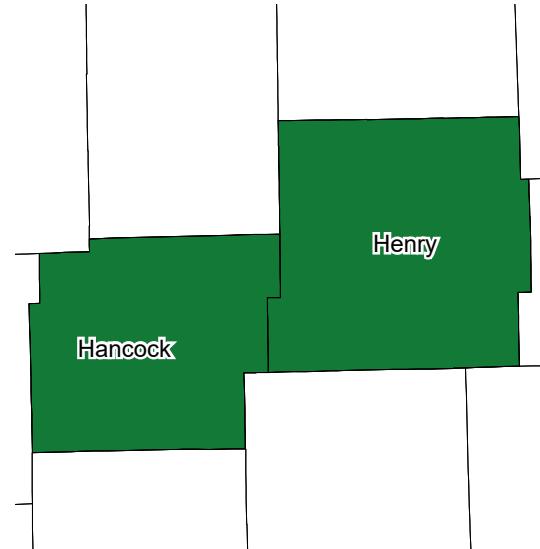
Project Name: Covering our Soil - with Pollinator Habitat and Cover Crops
Project Amount: \$51,000



Project Overview:

The SWCD's of Henry and Hancock Counties want to expand their individual cover crop programs into a richer, stronger combined program and create another connected program of establishing Pollinator Habitat in the adjacent counties. The name of the Project "Covering the Soil - with Pollinator Habitat and Cover Crops" ties these two concepts together and gives the image of a blanket covering, protecting the soil from wind and water erosion and establishing deep roots that will be transporting water to our groundwater supply. The districts anticipate this being a two-year program.

The project will give the SWCDs the chance to reach out to more landowners, rural and urban. The SWCDs will target producers not funded by other programs and will also target a new audience for the districts as they implement pollinator initiatives.



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.