



Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

March 2010 CREP Report

PURPOSE OF CREP:

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a federal-state natural resources conservation program that addresses agricultural-related environmental concerns at the state and national level. CREP participants receive financial incentives to voluntarily enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in contracts of 14 to 15 years. Participants remove cropland from agricultural production and convert the land to native grasses, trees and other vegetation.

The Indiana CREP is a partnership between USDA and the state of Indiana. The program currently targets the enrollment of 7,000 acres of land in the Pigeon-Highland, Tippecanoe, and Upper White River watersheds where sediments, nutrients, pesticides and herbicides run off from agricultural land.

The program will improve water quality by creating buffers and wetlands that will reduce agricultural runoff into the targeted watersheds. Installing buffer practices and wetlands will enhance habitat for wildlife, including State and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species. The program will also reduce nonpoint source nutrient losses.

March 9, 2010

<u>Watersheds</u>	<u>Completed Contracts</u>	<u>Completed Acres</u>	<u>Completed State Funds</u>	<u>Estimated Federal Leverage (Completed CREP)</u>
Tippecanoe River	374	2566.5	\$363,219.00	\$3,632,190.00
Upper White River	175	1145.2	\$471,430.00	\$4,714,300.00
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	78	233.63	\$44,907.00	\$449,070.00
TOTAL	627	3945.33	\$879,556.00	\$8,795,560.00

March 9, 2010

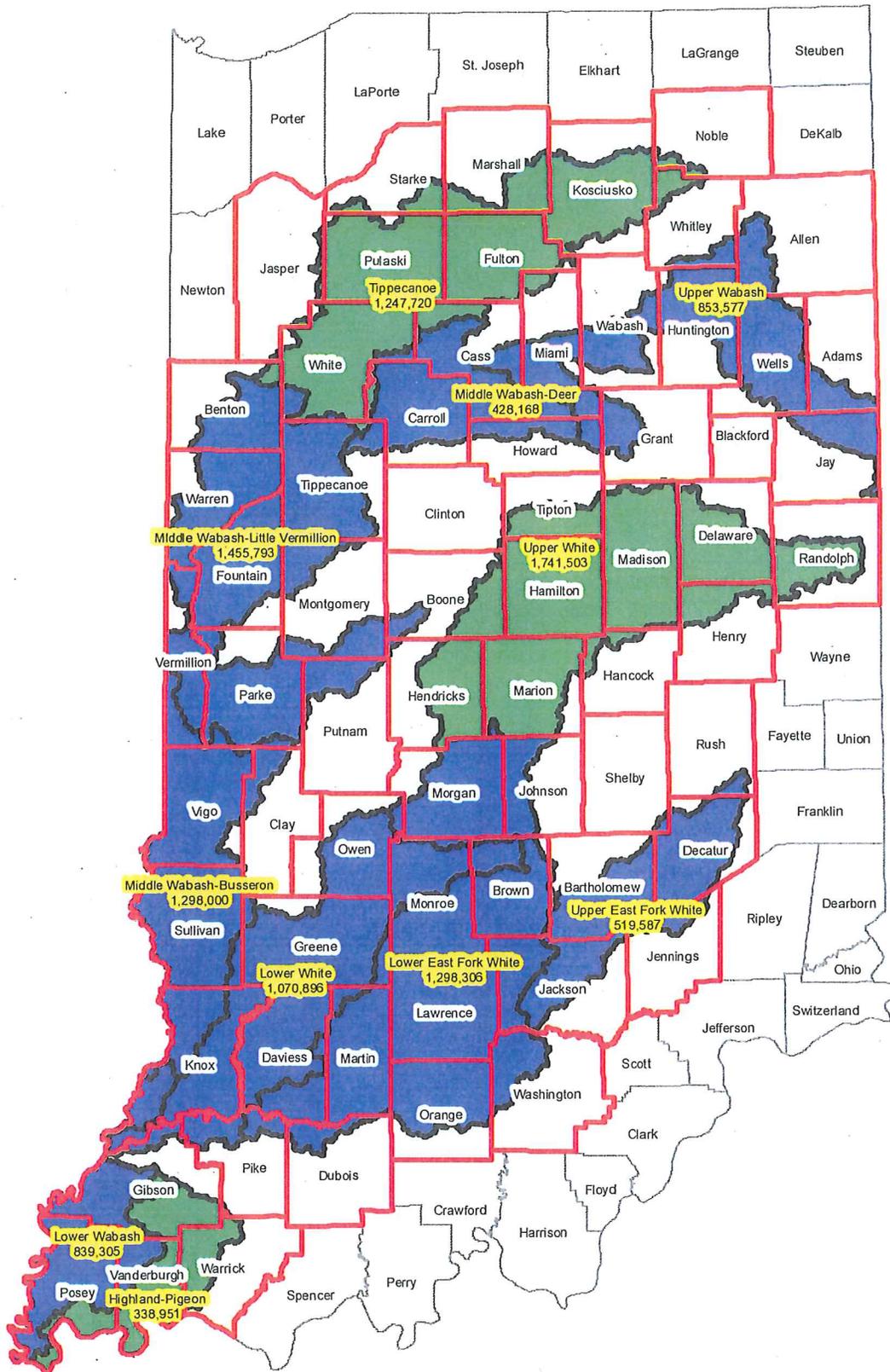
<u>Watersheds</u>	<u>Obligated Contracts</u>	<u>Obligated Acres</u>	<u>Obligated State Funds</u>	<u>Estimated Federal Leverage (Obligated CREP)</u>
Tippecanoe River	122	1324.8	\$393,395.00	\$3,933,950.00
Upper White River	70	465.3	\$167,780.00	\$1,677,800.00
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	43	200.33	\$47,827.00	\$478,270.00
TOTAL	235	1990.43	\$609,002.00	\$6,090,020.00

January 7, 2010

<u>Watersheds</u>	<u>Total Contracts</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Total State Funds</u>	<u>Estimated Federal Leverage (Total CREP)</u>
Tippecanoe River	490	3870.5	\$754,534.00	\$11,286,378.00
Upper White River	239	1601.2	\$636,035.00	\$4,669,099.20
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	122	433.96	\$92,734.00	\$1,265,427.36
TOTAL	851	5905.66	\$1,483,303.00	\$17,220,904.56

Total State funds paid = \$860,996.00

Current and Proposed CREP Watersheds



- Counties Included In Current and Proposed Watersheds
- Current CREP Watersheds
- Proposed CREP Watersheds



MARCH 2010
CLEAN WATER INDIANA REPORT

Executive Summary:

Administered by the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB), the Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grants Program is funded through the CWI Initiative. The purpose of the CWI Grants Program is to provide financial assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to implement conservation practices to reduce non-point sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost share programs.



2006 Clean Water Indiana Grant

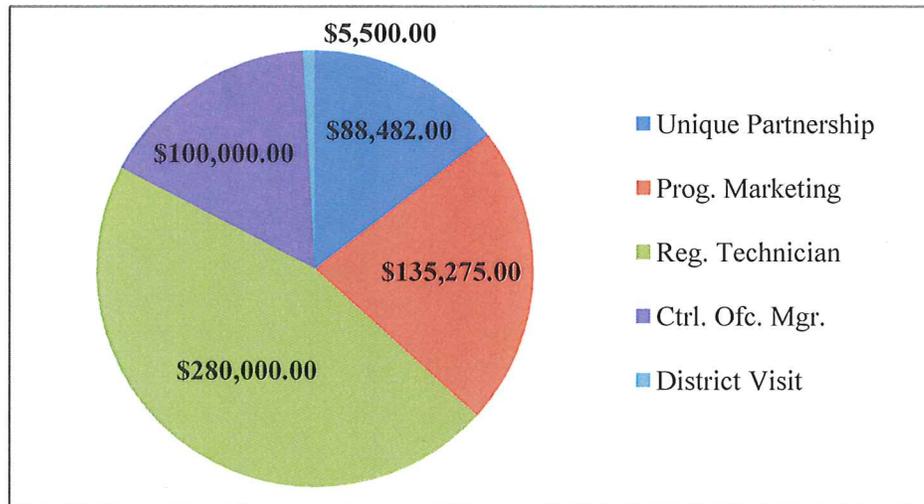
PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2006, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside funds for the CWI Grant Program. The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to implement conservation practices to reduce non-point sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost share programs. SWCDs could apply for one or more of the following projects:

- Unique Partnership Program
- Program Marketing Incentive
- Regional Technician Program
- Clearinghouse Coordinator Program
- Supervisor Training Program

110 applications were received from 56 Districts totaling over \$1.8 million. The SSCB awarded 42 applications totaling \$609,257. This includes funding one District Training with the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. All 2006 CWI grants begin December 1, 2005.

BREAK DOWN OF PROJECT FUNDS:



EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Dubois County:** Incentive Partnership for Upland Habitat Buffers (Partnership)
- **Marion County:** Central Indiana Forestry Assistance Coordination Project (Marketing)
- **Decatur County:** Implementation of Agriculture Best Management Practices, From Grassroots Initiatives to Regional Implementation (Technician)
- **Bartholomew County:** The One Stop Shop for Conservation (Ctrl. Ofc. Mgr.)

STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$537,352.00
- Remaining balance: \$67,500.00
- Recommitted \$4,405
- 3 Districts still have a balance

2007 Clean Water Indiana Grant

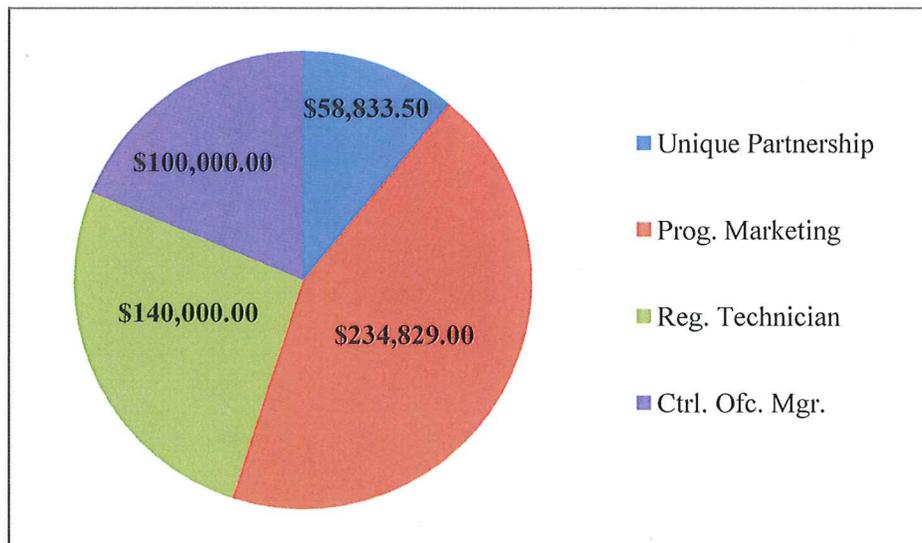
PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2007, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside funds for the CWI Grant Program. The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to implement conservation practices to reduce non-point sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost share programs. SWCDs could apply for one or more of the following projects:

- Unique Partnership Program
- Program Marketing Incentive
- Regional Technician Program
- Clearinghouse Coordinator Program
- Supervisor Training Program

98 applications were received from 64 Districts totaling over \$1.3 million. The SSCB awarded 45 applications totaling \$533,662.50. All 2007 CWI grants begin January 1, 2007.

BREAK DOWN OF PROJECT FUNDS:



EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Vanderburgh County:** Howell Wetlands Restoration (Partnership)
- **Gibson County:** Gibson County SWCD Buffer Blitz (Marketing)
- **DeKalb County:** DeKalb SWCD and Partnership Regional Technician (Technician)
- **Marion County:** SWCD Large and Small Landowner Conservation (Ctrl. Ofc. Mgr.)

STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$513,928.42
- Remaining balance: \$13,750.00
- Recommitted \$5,984.00
- 3 Districts still have a balance

2008 SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2008, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$550,000 to fund the Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant (SNRG). This was a competitive grant. Each Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) was given the opportunity to apply for \$3,000 to \$10,000. The purpose of the SNRG is to offer financial support to SWCDs throughout the state to help stimulate the adoption of sediment and nutrient reduction practices.

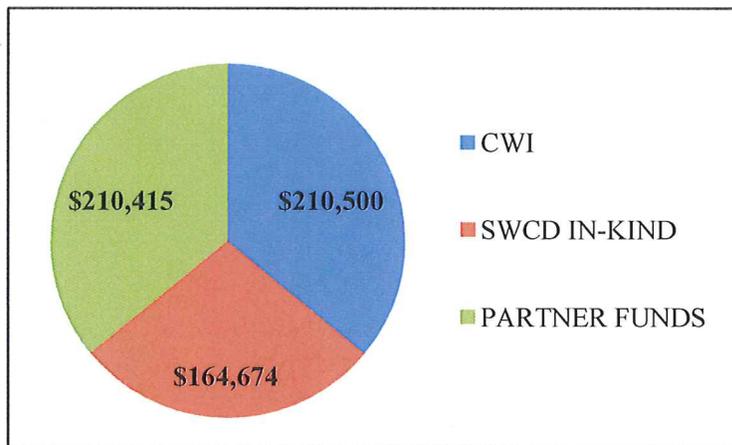
51 SWCDs applied for the 2008 SNRG totaling \$465,470. The SSCB awarded 23 districts totaling \$210,500. All 2008 SNRGs have one year to complete their project. Projects start May 1, 2008 and must be complete by April 30, 2009.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Carroll County:** Sediment Basin & Log Weir Structure for Camp Tecumseh Pond
- **Elkhart County:** Goshen Public Library Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Demonstration Site with Rain Gardens and Pervious Pavement
- **Jennings County:** Nutrient Management Soil Testing Project
- **Kosciusko County:** Nutrient Reduction through Nitrogen Management
- **Newton County:** Innovative Zone Sampling, Variable Rate Nutrient Application & Education Program
- **Scott County:** Multicounty Soil Testing with Clark and Jefferson Counties

BREAK DOWN OF PROJECT FUNDS:

* (This information was pulled from the District proposals)



STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$207,350.00
- 7 Districts have a remaining balance totaling: \$3,150.00

2008 Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2008, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside funds for the Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant (CMIG). Each Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) was given the opportunity to receive \$2,000 if requirements were met. The purpose of CMIG is to market the adoption of nutrient management practices in their district. SWCDs worked with ISDA to create the "We All Live Downstream" theme. This message is to be consistent throughout the state that focuses on a select group of conservation practices. SWCDs had to host an event to educate landowners on one or more of the following practices: Nutrient Management Plans, Cover Crops, Not-till/Strip, Buffers and Pasture/Livestock Management.



82 SWCDs applied for the 2008 CMIG . The SSCB awarded those districts totaling \$164,000. All 2008 CMIGs have one year to complete their project. Projects start May 1, 2008 and must be complete by April 30, 2009.

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Adams County:** For a Cleaner Watershed - Sediment, "Just Stop It!"
- **Clinton County:** Conservation Tillage Field Day
- **Decatur County:** Cover Crop Comparisons/ No-till Cropping Systems
- **Floyd County:** Improving Your Pasture Lands: Cover Crops & Pasture/Livestock Management
- **Jasper County:** Nutrient Management Plan Workshops
- **Vigo County:** Managing Your Nutrients & Money for Improved Water Quality

STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$162,700.00
- 7 Districts still have a balance totaling: \$1,300.00
- 6 Districts reallocated funds to flood relief totaling: \$600.00
- 2867 people have participated in CMIG events

2008 District Training

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2008, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$138,000 to fund the District Training program (DT). This incentive program to Districts is to support Supervisor and Staff training. This program allows District reimbursement for continuing education and training for leadership development. District could apply up to \$1,500. \$750 would go strictly to Supervisors. The remaining \$750 could be used for either Supervisors or Staff.

Types of reimbursements include:

- Annual Conference registration
- Hotel fees
- Mileage, parking and per diem
- Leadership Institute fees
- Other training workshops

90 Districts applied for District Training totaling \$135,000.

STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$100,588.96
- 48 Districts received maximum of \$1,500
- 32 Districts received part of \$1,500
- 10 Districts did not submit reimbursement
- 2 Districts did not apply for District Training

2009 District Training

For 2009, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside funds for the District Training program (DT) to cover the two month gap between regular grant programs. This incentive program to Districts is to support Supervisor and Staff training. This program allows District reimbursement for continuing education and training for leadership development. District could be reimbursed up to \$500 for Supervisors and Staff.

STATUS UPDATE:

- 6 Districts have submitted reimbursement for a total of \$1,879.04.

2009 SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT

PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2009, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$550,000 to fund the Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant (SNRG). This was a competitive grant. Each Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) was given the opportunity to apply for \$3,000 to \$10,000. The purpose of the SNRG is to offer financial support to SWCDs throughout the state to help stimulate the adoption of sediment and nutrient reduction practices. SWCDs worked with ISDA to create the "We All Live Downstream" theme. This message is to be consistent information with resources shared throughout the state that focuses on a select group of conservation practices.

59 SWCDs applied for the 2009 SNRG totaling \$543,887. The SSCB awarded 31 districts totaling \$284,887. All 2009 SNRGs have one year to complete their project. Projects start January 1, 2009 and must be complete by December 31, 2009. The SSCB decided to allocate the remaining \$265,113 to fund the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program.

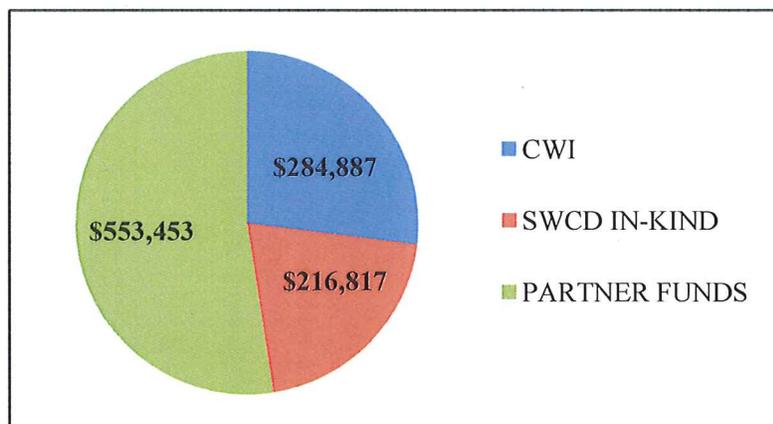
EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Adams County:** Nutrient Reduction Through New Technology
- **Clark County:** Nutrient Management and Buffers in the Urban Sector
- **Huntington County:** Wetlands-A Key Link in Watershed Management
- **Pulaski County:** Tippecanoe River and Tributaries Sediment and Nutrient Reduction
- **Shelby County:** 2009 Bringing Conservation to You Program
- **Wayne County:** Educating Our Amish Community on the Benefits of Soil Conservation



BREAK DOWN OF PROJECT FUNDS:

* (This information was pulled from the District proposals)



STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$276,515.00
- Remaining balance: \$8,372.00
- 13 Districts have received their final payments
- 15 Districts have submitted their final report

2010 CWI GRANT

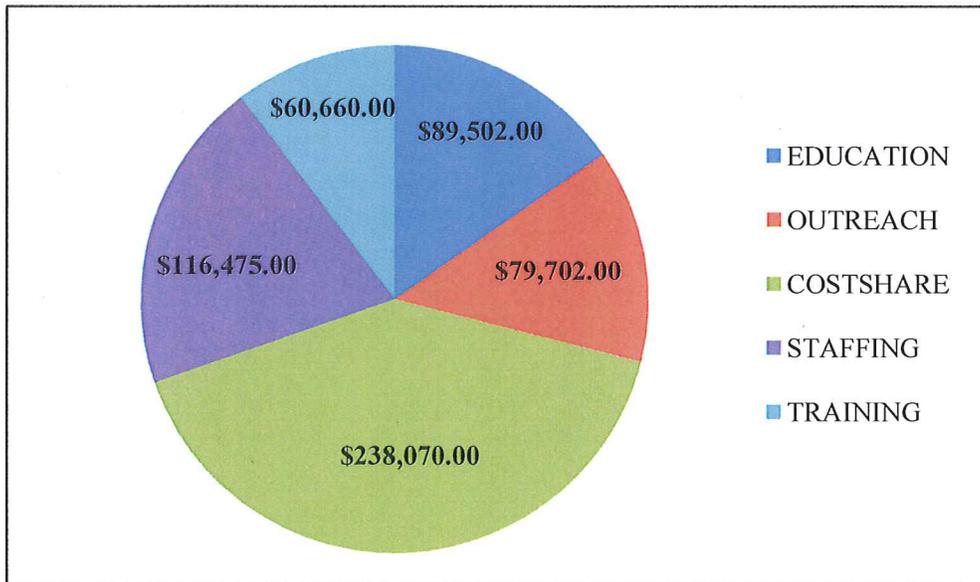
PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2010, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$550,000 for this grant cycle, as well as provide more choices for the use of grant funds. Each Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) was given the opportunity to apply up to \$7,000. The focus for this round of grant funding includes:

- Adult Education
- Outreach/Marketing
- Cost Share Incentives
- Capacity Building
 - Staffing
 - Leadership Development Training

88 SWCDs applied for the 2010 CWI grant totaling \$584,409. The SSCB approved all grant applications and funded the total amount applied. All 2010 CWI grants have one year to complete their project, except for Leadership Development Training. Projects start January 1, 2010 and must be complete by December 31, 2010. Leadership Development Training reimbursement may include training from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

BREAK DOWN OF 2010 CWI GRANT FUNDS:



STATUS UPDATE:

- To date, all 88 contracts have been signed and returned by districts.
- Requisitions have been created and contracts are in the signature process

Clean Water FY10 5% RESERVE ON JULY 1, 10% RESERVE NOVEMBER 1
 TOTAL BUDGET \$ 3,483,103.75
 OCT-DEC \$ 1,939,608.92 BALANCE REMAINING 56% APRIL-JUNE

	Q1 PROJECTIONS	Q1 ACTUAL	Q2 PROJECTIONS	Q2 ACTUAL	Q3 PROJECTION	Q3 ACTUAL	Q4 PROJECTIONS	Q4 ACTUAL	TOTAL PROJECTIONS	TOTAL ACTUALS	REMAINING	% Remaining
Payroll	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 334,995.54	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 448,824.74	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 181,607.02	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 3,431,700.00	\$ 1,543,494.83	\$ 1,888,205.17	55.02%
UTILITIES	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 2,104.48	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,550.57	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 823.33	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ 965,427.30	\$ 334,572.70	25.74%
SERVICE BY CONTRACT	\$ 500.00	\$ 10,822.41	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,565.60	\$ 500.00	\$ 43,190.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 57,578.51	\$ (55,578.51)	-2778.93%
SUPPLIES	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,070.04	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,458.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 4,528.04	\$ 4,171.96	47.95%
CAPITAL COSTS		126020		(126,020.00)		0			\$ -	\$ 0.00	\$ -	0.00%
GOV												
DISTRIBUTIONS												
GRANTS	\$ -	\$ 81,451.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 78,437.44	\$ 584,000.00	\$ 346,625.00	\$ 920,000.00	\$ 920,000.00	\$ 2,104,000.00	\$ 506,513.44	\$ 1,597,486.56	75.93%
SOCIAL SERVICE												
PAYMENTS (TRAVEL												
PRIOR TO 9/16/09)	\$ 2,500.00	645.92							\$ 2,500.00	645.92	\$ 1,854.08	74.16%
ADMIN/OPERATING												
COSTS			\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,057.24	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,266.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,323.24	\$ 3,176.76	42.36%

RECOMMENDATION FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

ELECTED SUPERVISOR; VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

Sec. 13. (a) *If a vacancy in the position of elected supervisor occurs during the district's operating year:*

- (1) *the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position;*
 - (2) *at the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision(1), the board shall act upon the recommendation and appoint an individual to temporarily fill the vacancy; and*
 - (3) *the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.*
- (b) *The individual appointed to temporarily fill a vacancy under subsection (a) shall serve until the district's next annual meeting.*
- (c) *At the annual meeting immediately following the appointment of an individual to temporarily fill a vacant elected supervisor's position, the position shall be filled through the regular election procedure set forth in sections 6 through 9 of this chapter.*

("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)

The Supervisors of the Grant County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that (Name) Tim Canode maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

ADDRESS: 1113 E. 4th Street

CITY, STATE AND ZIP: Marion, IN 46952

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation (enclose) of _____ or
- Death of Ralph Kirkpatrick or
- No election held.

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor.

We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS: (signatures)

Submit to: Your District Support Specialist
Please visit the following website to access contact information for your DSS: http://www.in.gov/isda/2352.htm

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 2/10/2010

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

(b) To hold the position of elected supervisor, an individual:

(1) must be an occupier of a tract of land that is:

(A) more than ten (10) acres in area; and

(B) located within the district;

(2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and

(3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.

NAME: Tim Canode PHONE: (765) 206-0521 DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/YYYY): 7/26/1945

ADDRESS: 2790 W. 50th Street

CITY: Marion STATE: IN ZIP: 46953

EDUCATION: Marion H.S. Grad, 1 Semester @ Purdue, Graduated Int'l College, Ft. Wayne

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Staff Accountant @ VA

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: Lions Club President, Treas., Grant Co. United Way, Past President, Junior Achievement

LAND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY

If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices you have installed or performed.

CP38E & CP33 Programs, Officer of local Quail Forever & planted over 400 acres of Wildlife Grasses

TEMPORARY APPOINTEE

Have you previously served as an SWCD supervisor? Yes No

If YES, answer the following two questions:

1. What was the date of last service? (M/d/yyyy):
2. What was the reason for termination of last service?
2. How many years did you serve as a supervisor?

I currently hold a public service position/office Yes No (If yes) I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide Yes No

By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

Name of appointee: **Tim Canode**

Date (M/d/yyyy): **2/10/2010**

January 19, 2009

To: Nancy Fischer, Chairperson
Henry County SWCD

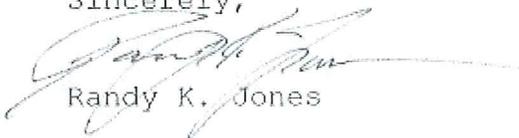
From: Randy K. Jones, Supervisor
Henry County SWCD

Dear Nancy:

As you are aware, I have recently been appointed to serve on the Henry County Planning Commission. As a result of this appointment and to be in compliance with the Indiana State statute on "Dual Office Holding", I will need to resign my position as a supervisor with the Henry County SWCD.

Please accept this as my notice of resignation to comply with the above-noted restriction.

Sincerely,



Randy K. Jones

RECOMMENDATION FOR VACANT APPOINTMENT POSITION

APPOINTED SUPERVISOR; VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

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 - (2) at the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision(1), the board shall act upon the recommendation; and*
 - (3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.*
- (b) The individual appointed to fill a vacant appointed supervisor position under subsection (a) shall serve the unexpired term of the individual's predecessor.*

("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)

The Supervisors of the Shelby County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that

Name: Jared Cord maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

ADDRESS 4474 East 1200 South

CITY: Flat Rock STATE: IN ZIP: 47234

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation (enclose) of Aaron Swinford or
- Death of

**We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor.
We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.**

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS: (signatures)

Chris Lux, Chairman

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy):

**Submit to:
Your District Support Specialist
Via e-mail.**

**Please visit the following website to
access contact information for your**

**DSS:
<http://www.in.gov/isda/2352.htm>**

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

(c) To hold the position of appointed supervisor, and individual:

- (1) must be of voting age;*
- (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and*
- (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.*

NAME: Jared Cord PHONE: (317) 403-3505

DATE OF BIRTH (M/d/yyyy): 6/30/1978

ADDRESS: 4474 East 1200 South

CITY: Flat Rock STATE: IN ZIP: 47234

EDUCATION: High School

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Farmer/Excavating

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES:

Please check one of the following:

NEW APPOINTMENT

REAPPOINTMENT

I currently hold a public service position/office Yes No (If yes) I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide Yes No

By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

Date (M/d/yyyy) : 1/19/2010

Signature of appointee: Jared Cord

01/19/2010

I, Aaron Swinford am resigning the position of supervisor from the Shelby County Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Aaron Swinford

RECOMMENDATION FOR VACANT APPOINTMENT POSITION

APPOINTED SUPERVISOR; VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

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 - (3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.*
- (b) The individual appointed to fill a vacant appointed supervisor position under subsection (a) shall serve the unexpired term of the individual's predecessor.*

("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)

The Supervisors of the Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that

Name: Brian Rahman maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

ADDRESS 19814 N. Cr 1050 E.

CITY: Ferdinand STATE: IN ZIP: 47532

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation (enclose) of David Ayer or
- Death of

**We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor.
We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.**

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS: (signatures)

Mark Lubbehusen, Chairman

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 2/8/2010

**Submit to:
Your District Support Specialist
Via e-mail.**

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QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

(c) To hold the position of appointed supervisor, and individual:

- (1) must be of voting age;*
- (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and*
- (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.*

NAME: Brian Rahman PHONE: (812) 630-3885

DATE OF BIRTH (M/d/yyyy): 8/12/1974

ADDRESS: 19814 N. Cr 1050 E.

CITY: Ferdinand STATE: IN ZIP: 47532

EDUCATION: High School

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Self Employed Farmer

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: Currently serves as an Associate of the district and attends monthly meetings

Please check one of the following:

NEW APPOINTMENT

REAPPOINTMENT

I currently hold a public service position/office Yes No (If yes) I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide Yes No

By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

Date (M/d/yyyy) : 2/8/2010

Signature of appointee: Brianrahman

RESIGNATION OF APPOINTED SUPERVISOR

As of the date given below, I, David Ayer, wish to resign my position as appointed Supervisor to the Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District.

(Supervisor) David Ayer

(Date) February 1, 2010

February 27, 2010

Indiana State Department of Agriculture

State Soil Conservation Board

101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 1200

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Members,

The Madison County SWCD received a lot of interest from the 2009 CWI Grant: Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant. In past years, the SWCD has really been pushing no-till farming to producers in our county. The Madison County SWCD Board of Supervisors has expanded on no-till farming to include the use of cover crops. Our proposal for 2009 had numerous producers interested in trying cover crops in the fall of 2009. However, nearly all of them were unable to plant a cover crop due to the late harvest this season. Therefore, the Madison County SWCD is requesting an extension on our 2009 CWI Grant, as we were unable to distribute all of the funds this past year.

The Madison County SWCD felt the program would be a success, as we have had ten producers ready to try planting cover crops this season. However, only two producers were able after harvest. We were able to use cover crops on 80 acres this fall, but our goal was to enroll 225 acres. We feel this number is attainable if we were able to extend this offer for one more season.

This program could significantly affect the water quality in Madison County, as well as surrounding counties. Not only will the participants reduce erosion on their fields, but the SWCD feels that their successes could affect the opinions of other producers in the area, regarding the use of cover crops.

We hope the State Soil Conservation Board understands the importance of using cover crops combined with no-till farming and sees that our Cover Crop Program could be very successful if the weather cooperates. We hope you consider extending this program into 2010 to see the difference we could make. Any questions or concerns may be directed to our office at (765) 644-4249, or by email at stephen.schmidt@in.nacdnet.net.

Respectfully,

Stephen Schmidt

Executive Director

Madison County SWCD



**APPLICATION FOR 2009 CWI GRANT:
 SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT
 INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

This application **MUST** be typed and **MUST** be submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger at: Aeizinger@isda.in.gov

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Name of District Chairperson:	Gene Best
Project Title	Reducing Runoff Through the Use of Cover Crops
Sediment and/or Nutrient Reduction Practice	Cover Crops

Describe your proposed project and how it will address sediment and nutrient management. Be sure to include key steps, benchmarks and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

The Madison County SWCD has been pushing conservation practices and has focused on no-till planting the last two years. Continuing from our 2008 CWI Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant, which focused on no-till planting, the next phase in our plan is to promote cover crops in order to increase soil and improve production while reducing sediment and nutrient runoff. In addition, cover crops can reduce the volume of "unwanted" weeds, as well as take up and store nutrients like Nitrogen. As the Madison County SWCD Business Plan states, we are focusing on the improvement of water quality and reduction of soil erosion. Both of these initiatives will be helped by the use of cover crops. With this in mind, we are promoting the use of cover crops with Madison County farmers to protect our soil and water, while introducing these farmers to "new" BMP's. Once they become familiar and learn how to optimize the benefits of the "new" BMP's, such as cover crops, we believe the adoption of the use of cover crops will continue to spread throughout the county.

Our project will consist of incentives to farmers who participate in our program with our one time incentive, which will help get enrollment in EQIP contracts. Our supervisors understand that Madison County Farmers tend to shy away from these "new" practices due to start up costs and the "unknown." By offering an extra incentive, we hope to get 15 farmers enrolled in our program. With a successful application of cover crops encouraged by our program, we contend that word spreads and an added number will enroll in cover crop programs, such as EQIP. We are pairing with our local NRCS District Conservationist and Purdue Extension agent to enroll applicants into our program and to encourage them to also sign up for the EQIP program. Our program will offer the first 15 farmers, with at least 15 acres of farmland being committed to cover crops, a one time \$300 payment and will encourage the farmer to enroll in an EQIP Contract for further payments. We will also utilize the Madison County SWCD's no-till drill to plant these fields at no cost to the farmer. Part of the grant money will be used to purchase seed for the cover crops, leaving very little expense for the farmer to experiment in the use of cover crops.

Included in the steps for the program are:

1. An on-site Conservation Field Day to educate and promote the cost-share (Spring 2009)
2. Enrollment to get number of participants and ordering of the seed (Summer 2009)
3. Schedule field day with one of our supervisors, or participants to further promote the program (Fall 2009)
4. Schedule times for the use of our no-till drill for the planting of the cover crops (Fall 2009)

Using this grant, we hope to accomplish the following:

1. Increase the use of cover crops by at least 225 acres.
2. Increase no-till farming by at least 225 acres.
3. Reduce sediment and nutrient runoff in the watershed
4. Increase participation of EQIP, as stated in our business plan.

We will provide a report with the number of participants, number of acres enrolled, the amount of money gained



Newton County Soil and Water Conservation District

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March 2, 2010

Nola Gentry
State Soil Conservation Board, Chairperson
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
1 North Capitol, Suite 600
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Dear Nola Gentry:

Newton County Soil & Water Conservation District is writing to ask if we can re-appropriate the money we received from CWI in 2008 for the Goodland Project. You gave us an extension because we were having a hard time getting all the survey work done. We had Jeff Canady, NRCS Area Engineer work on our project. After much work by Jeff, Newton County Surveyor, Newton County Engineer and our board, it has been determined that this project will take more than \$500,000.00 to complete. We will have to purchase more land than what we had expected. Jeff advised us the land to the south would work better and take less ground. Our chairman, Gus Nyberg contacted the land owners to the south and they are not interested in selling.

We have found another project in Newton County that is similar to our needs. The Narrows Ditch in Mt Ayr is located west of CR 300E. The section we are looking at is approximately 1300 feet long, free of tall woody vegetation and wetland areas. It is surrounded on both sides with agricultural fields.

The USGS Quad maps indicate elevations in the uplands to the Narrows Ditch ranging between 725 feet to 740 feet. The elevation at 300 E is approximately 690 feet. The distance between the uplands and road 300 E is on average 8,000 feet. The grade, determined at 725 feet elevation or 35 feet vertically, in that short distance of 8,000 feet is .43. Considering Best Management Practices requires grades at .08 and above to be protected from erosion, the Narrows project is considered a water quality control project.

Additional problems in the upland watershed:

1. The upland waterways are in need of restoration.
2. Problematic residue transfer from agricultural land.
3. Minimal surface storm water storage-loss of wetlands.
4. Minimal buffer areas at critical surface water entry points.
5. No grade stabilizing structures.

A two-stage design will assist in the reduction of the velocity of the storm water once in the drain. Low flow design will allow for the transfer of sediment for continual natural cleaning. The high flow design will allow for sediment capture and the storage of storm water in the absence of a flood plain.

A reduction in storm water velocity at the planned site will assist in side bank erosion downstream where the stream has exhibited serious meanders.

The Narrows on the East side of 300 E exhibits the qualities of a two stage ditch and has been treated as such. Immediately downstream from the planned two-stage ditch site the drain side banks are stable and the drain appears capable of cleaning itself.

In this area, there are some bank instability and rills created from the adjoining fields. The velocity of this ditch has been high and has created a lot of nutrient run off and soil erosion. We would like to construct a 2 stage ditch in this area. It will have a grass filter strip on the top of the banks. This will prevent erosion of the banks and in conjunction with the top of bank filter strips, reduce the sediment load in the ditch.

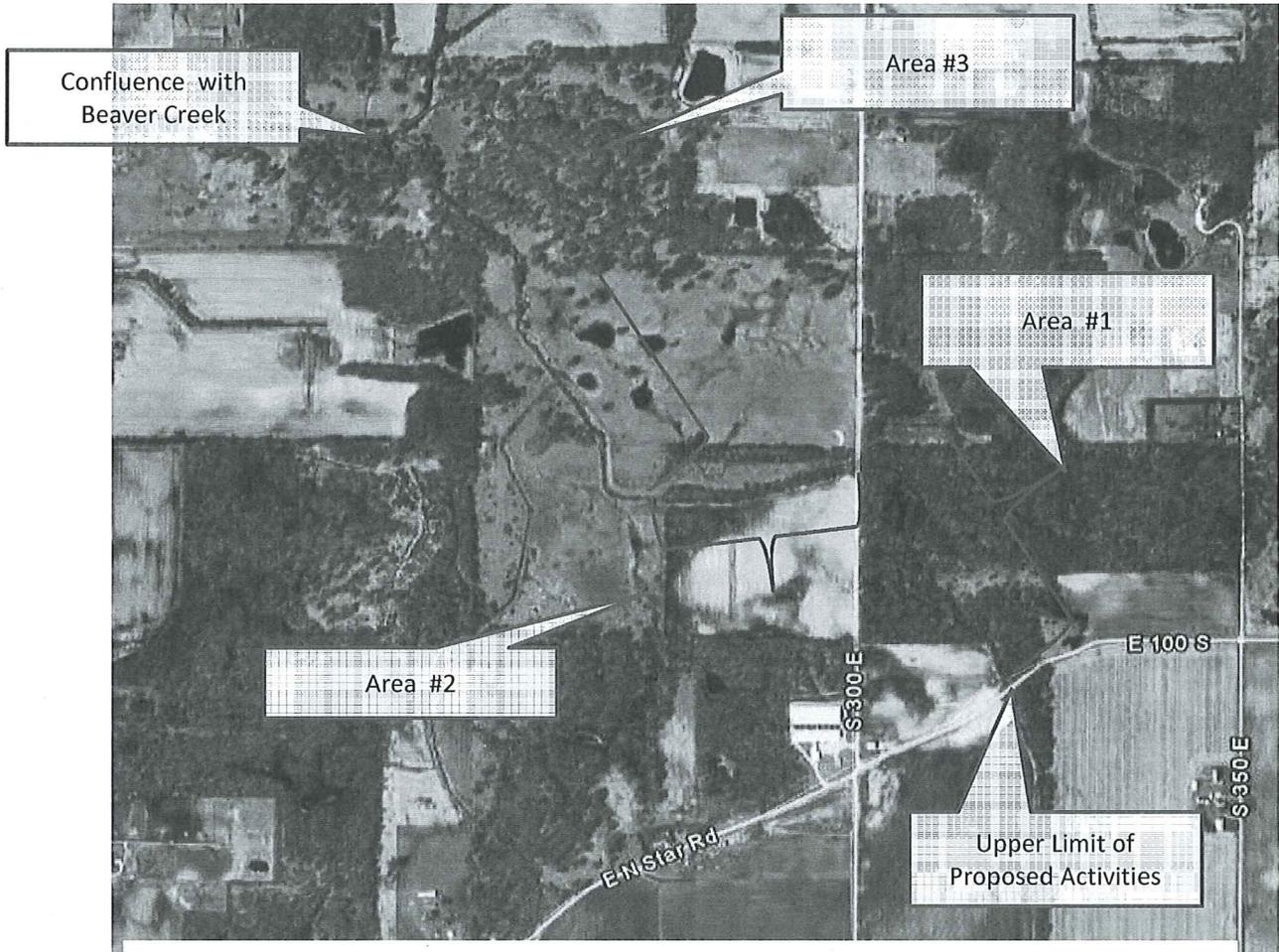
We would also like to put signage up near this ditch to educate the public on what a 2 stage ditch is and how they work. If all goes well, we would then like to encourage schools to come and take field trips to look at macro-invertebrates.

This project will cost approximately \$27,700. Newton County will be able to pay for the added cost, above our \$10,000 grant amount.

Please let us know if this will work. We truly tried to complete our first project but have finally decided for the amount that it would take to complete and then, there still was no guarantees it would stop soil erosion and reduce sediment load; it was foolish to continue with this project.

Thanks!

Gus Nyberg
Newton County Soil & Water Conservation District
Chairman



Drawing #1, Narrows Drain, Newton County, IN – Approximate Work Areas



Drawing #2, Narrows Drain, Newton County, IN – Area #3



Drawing #3, Unstable Banks in Area #3



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 SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT
 INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger at: Aeizinger@isda.in.gov

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Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Gus Nyberg
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Project Title	Zone Sampling/Variable Rate Nutrient Application Incentive & Education Program
Sediment and/or Nutrient Reduction Practice	Innovative Zone Sampling/Variable Rate Nutrient Application

Describe your proposed project and how it will address sediment and nutrient management. Be sure to include key steps, benchmarks and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

Zone sampling/variable rate application (ZS/VRT) is not widely used in our county. Any county could easily adopt this program.

Newton County's project is focused on nutrient management/reduction. Farmers will use ZS/VRT to manage their nutrient requirements and reduce excess nutrient application to crop ground.

We propose to hold a workshop in June 2008. We will advertise via the county newspaper, Purdue Extension and FSA newsletters. We will also mail out postcards from Purdue Extension announcing this workshop. The advertisements will discuss ZS/VRT, how it will benefit the farmer, and our incentive program. This program will raise public awareness of nutrient management and ZS/VRT through public outreach, incentives, and word of mouth.

Our District's Business Plan identifies impaired waters due to improper/non-existent nutrient management. Our annual plan of work identifies a plan to increase nutrient management by at least 1 farm per year. This grant will help us exceed that goal.

The June workshop will include speakers to discuss nutrient management and ZS/VRT, literature about ZS/VRT benefits, and the ZS/VRT incentive package. Interested farmers will then be asked to fill out a participation plan and application. We have 2000 acres to fund in our nutrient management incentive plan. CWI money, SWCD general funds, and Co-Alliance will reduce the farmers ZS costs from \$7.50/acre to \$0.50 per acre. Our goal is to encourage farmers to pilot and adopt this innovative practice. Participants must agree to perform the VRT applications based on the recommendations determined through zone sampling. Participants will complete a survey around August 2008 identifying the pounds per acre they applied in 2008 and their anticipated 2009 rate. Zone Sampling will be conducted after crops are harvested, approximately Oct-Nov 2008. The zone sampling will occur in 2.5 acre zones that are based on soil types using appropriate NRCS soil maps. The sampler will take 6-8 cores per zone and composite them to make 1 sample. Certified laboratory results will be provided to the farmer and Newton County SWCD. The farmer will be given a soil map, a digital record, and recommended rates (via a spread card) to provide to their fertilizer company. Nutrient application will be completed before April 1, 2009 according to the ZS/VRT recommendations. Participants will complete a report stating how many pounds per acre were applied to acres enrolled in the program. A final report will be submitted to ISDA by April 30, 2009.

CWI funds will solely be used to fund the zone sampling cost to the farmer in order to maximize the number of acres enrolled.

Newton County SWCD will provide \$3,440 in-kind towards this program.

At the end of the program, a comparison report for all 2000 acres will identify the number of participants, the number of acres enrolled, the rates applied on each acre in 2008, the anticipated (pre-sampling) 2009 rates, and the actual 2009 rates. Participants and constituents will gain an awareness of ZS/VRT and the benefits to the farmer, the community, and water quality.

Our project will be completed in 1 year.

During this project, Purdue Extension, our participating farmers, Co-Alliance and Newton County SWCD will all provide in-kind matches as non-traditional partners.

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.			
	Amount	Partner	Amount
Purdue Extension Postage & Mailing	\$170.00	Co-Alliance Price Break \$0.83/a	\$1,660.00
Postage Extension Speakers fees \$175 ea	\$525.00	Farmers final cost @ \$0.50/a	\$1,000.00
Purdue Ext speakers travel	\$180.00	Co-Alliance speaker	\$150.00
Purdue Extension Lunch 30 people	\$295.00		
Purdue Ext personnel labor	\$50.00		
Total			\$4,030.00

County	Newton
CIT Region	NW
14-digit HUC Code(s)	7120002040070
Grant Amount Requested	\$10,000.00

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$1,100.00	
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Other (Itemize Below)		
Zone Sampling/VRT incentive to farmer @ \$6.17/acre 2000 acres program total	\$2,340	10,000

Total CWI Funds Requested	\$10,000.00
Total SWCD In-Kind Match	\$3,440.00
Total Partner Funds Contributed (J:65)	\$4,030.00
Total Project Cost	\$17,470.00



**Indiana Association of
Soil and Water
Conservation Districts**

Protecting and enhancing Indiana's soil
and water resources for all Hoosiers

To: State Soil Conservation Board
From: Paula Baldwin, President, IASWCD
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Clean Water Indiana funding

- Executive Committee held meetings with various legislators in early January; various districts helped with individual meetings
- Successful in reinstating the CWI grant monies and state match.

HB 1119

- This bill dealt with SWCD disbursements between meetings. It was a resolution that passed in 2009.
- Passed by both the House and Senate; awaiting Governor's signature

Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative Update

- Project is on track
- Web site is still in development, but will hopefully be up by the end of March
- Steering committee (technical) is meeting March 12.

Regional trainings

- IASWCD has been handling the registrations and paying for the meeting spaces as needed.
- Janice Bullman is conducting the staff session on development during each of the workshops.

Other

- IDEM will continue to fund our Conservation Development Specialist through 2012.
- 2010 Annual Conference was a success with over 450 people in attendance throughout. The 2011 conference is set for January 10-12 at the Marriott hotel.
- We now send out a monthly development e-newsletter via Janice Bullman to districts and watershed groups.
- A state legislative update was sent out to SWCDs weekly during February and early March.
- We will be exhibiting at the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water conference next week in Bloomington. We will showcase the different programs SWCDs offer such as watershed projects, rain gardens, rain barrels, and storm water education.
- Paula Baldwin, Ray McCormick, Jim Droege, and Jennifer Boyle Warner attended the NACD national convention in Orlando. Had the opportunity to meet with their new CEO, Jeff Eisenberg, for a good discussion. Gene Schmidt has been elected as President-elect. He would take office of President during the 2011 NACD national convention which will be held in Nashville, TN.

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Watershed Initiatives

The NRCS conducted two Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI) informational meetings in January. Meeting locations were Columbus and Wabash. They were both well attended and many SWCDs were interested in these opportunities. The Request for Proposal guidance for the Mississippi River Basin Initiative was posted on the Federal Register on March 2, with a deadline for proposals of May 3, 2010.

Indiana NRCS anticipates receiving additional dollars for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) through an agreement that is currently being finalized with EPA. The EPA GLRI Request for Proposals date has passed, and proposals received can be viewed at:
http://epa.gov/greatlakes/fund/2010rfp01/2010rfp01_idlist.html

Farm Bill Programs

Field Offices have until March 12 to conduct field verifications for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and until April 1 for the contracts to be obligated. Applications are currently being ranked for the FY 2010 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). All funds must be obligated for these programs by April 1.

Goose Pond Dedication

A celebration was held February 26th in Linton, Indiana, to celebrate the completion of Goose Pond, a nationally significant Wetland Reserve Program site. The event included presentations, special recognitions and a bus tour of the site.

Contribution Agreements

NRCS will be seeking proposals to assist with technical and administrative assistance for 2010. The process will be similar to previous years, and information about these opportunities was distributed to SWCDs.