

2014 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the CWI Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

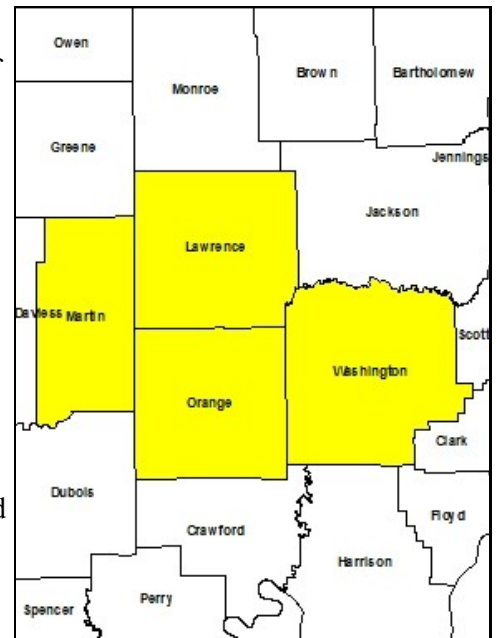
During state fiscal year 2014, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 12 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$724,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

LEAD DISTRICT: WASHINGTON
 COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: LAWRENCE, MARTIN,
 ORANGE
 PROJECT NAME: UNITED FOR CLEANER WATER
 PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2014-12/31/2016
 PROJECT AMOUNT: \$72,300



Purpose: Study nutrient capturing with cover crops

Water quality is more sensitive to sediment and nutrient additions within karst landscapes. cooperative efforts of the participating Districts and Conservation Partners will enable the districts to target multiple landuses consisting of cropland, pasture/hay land, and forest land to reduce sediment and nutrient level in the receiving waterbodies. We will be providing cost-share opportunities for landowners to apply on the ground application of cover crops and forestry best management practices (BMP). These practices will assist in preventing runoff from bare areas, sand leaching, and better filtration for water in our karst landscape. Also, we will have available educational materials for landowners on ways to decrease sediment and nutrient loads to streams, karst systems, and ultimately the materials for landowners on ways to decrease sediment and nutrient loads to streams, karst systems, and ultimately the Gulf of Mexico. Participating Districts would like to provide assistance to the historically under-served landowners or groups while focusing on dominant land uses within south-central Indiana.



PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
 INDIANA FARM BUREAU, WHITE RIVER CO-OP, NRCS, DNR, WASHINGTON, LAWRENCE, MARTIN, AND ORANGE COUNTY PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICES, LOST RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT,

Local Farm Bureaus and the White River Co-op will partner with the SWCDs for a Regional Soil Health Workshop.

