

Thomas R. Henry
1981 E. Woodside Village Drive
Connersville, IN 47331
December 12, 2008

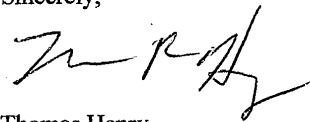
Gretchen Rea
Programs Coordinator
Fayette County SWCD
2950 N. Park Road
Connersville, IN 47331

Dear Gretchen:

It is with regret that I tender my resignation from the Fayette County SWCD board, effective December 31, 2008.

I am grateful for having had the opportunity to serve on this board. I wish to continue as an associate supervisor, as time allows.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T R Henry', written in a cursive style.

Thomas Henry

RECOMMENDATION FOR VACANT APPOINTMENT POSITION

APPOINTED SUPERVISOR; VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

- Sec. 13. (a) If a vacancy in the position of appointed supervisor occurs during a 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*
 - (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 Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that

Name: David M. Caldwell 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 8500 N. County Road 450 W

CITY: Milton STATE: IN ZIP: 47357

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation (enclose) of Tom Henry 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)

Brian K. Spurgin, Chairman

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 2/12/2009

**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/files/dssmap.pdf>**

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: David M. Caldwell PHONE: (219) 670-1405

DATE OF BIRTH (M/d/yyyy): 9/14/1942

ADDRESS: 8500 N. County Road 450 W

CITY: Milton STATE: IN ZIP: 47357

EDUCATION: Purdue University Graduate

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Farming Feed Manufacturer

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: Classified Forest

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) : 02/18/2009
Caldwell

Signature of appointee: David M.

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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.*

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

Name: Anton Ekovich 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 4605 W 700 N

CITY: Michigan City STATE: IN ZIP: 46360

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation (enclose) of _____ 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)

Myrna Harder, Chairman

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 03/25/09

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

NAME: Anton Ekovicch PHONE: (219) 210-2273

DATE OF BIRTH (M/d/yyyy): 2/5/1964

ADDRESS: 4605 W 700 N

CITY: Michigan City STATE: IN ZIP: 46360

EDUCATION: high school, some college

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Farming

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: Chairman - Springfield Regional Sewer District; Associate Supervisor - LaPorte Co SWCD

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) : 3/25/2009

Signature of appointee: Tony Ekovich

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 Porter County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that (Name) Keith Gustafson 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: 80s-200w

CITY, STATE AND ZIP: Valparaiso, IN 46383

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation (enclose) of Josua Sanders, April 09 or
- Death of 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)

James Lambert, Chr.

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 4/8/2009

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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: **Keith Gustafson** PHONE: **(219) 462-2747** DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/YYYY): **4/30/1948**

ADDRESS: **80s-200w**

CITY: **Valparaiso** STATE: **IN** ZIP: **46383**

EDUCATION: **BS, Agriculture, Purdue**

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: **Farmer**

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: **Former SWCD Supervisor, 4-H Council, County Officer-Farm Bureau, currently an Associate Supervisor**

LAND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY

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

No-till, hayland rotation, waterways, erosion control structures

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): 3/17/2005
2. What was the reason for termination of last service? End of term
2. How many years did you serve as a supervisor? 15

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

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Name of appointee: Keith Gustafson

Date (M/d/yyyy): 4/8/2009

Lauren Preske
8480 Hogue Rd.
Evansville, IN 47712

Jan. 31, 2009

Board of Supervisors
Vanderburgh County SWCD
12445 N Hwy 41 N
Evansville, IN 47725

SWCD board, staff, and partners,

It is with much regret that I must notify you of my intention to resign from the Vanderburgh County SWCD Board of Supervisors, to be effective February 24, 2009.

While I have enjoyed serving the Vanderburgh Co. SWCD and its constituents, my ability to do so has become very limited for a variety of personal reasons. I must step aside so that the position may be filled by someone with more time and energy to offer to accomplish the many tasks at hand.

I fully believe in the mission of our soil and water conservation districts, the philosophy of our grassroots application, and the promise in passionate, dedicated volunteers serving to strive for a better environment. I wish all of you the best success in your endeavors, and please keep me in mind for any assistance I may be able to offer you. It has been an honor serving as a Supervisor, and it has been a joy and privilege to work with all of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Preske". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Lauren Preske, Chairman
Vanderburgh Co. SWCD

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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 Vanderburgh County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that

Name: Laura Lamb 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 14001 Bickmeier Road

CITY: Evansville STATE: IN ZIP: 47725

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation (enclose) of Lauren Preske 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)

Davie Sue W Litov, Vice , Chairman

Davie Sue W Litov 2/24/2009

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 2/24/2009

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NAME: Laura Lamb PHONE: (812) 436-7832

DATE OF BIRTH (M/d/yyyy): 1/14/1965

ADDRESS: 14001 Bickmeier Road

CITY: Evansville STATE: IN ZIP: 47725

EDUCATION: College Graduate/ Two degrees

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: MPO Traffic Planner

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: Father has farm, she has and is involved. Member of Audubon Society, Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation.

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) : 2/24/2009

Signature of appointee: _____

Laura M. Lamb

RECOMMENDATION FOR SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISORS: IC 14 – 32 – 4

Sec. 10. (a) The term of an appointed supervisor is three (3) years.

(b) Before the term of an appointed supervisor expires, the supervisor's position shall be filled as follows:

(1) Not later than November 1, the district supervisors shall 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.

(3) The board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.

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Submit by **November 1** 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/files/DSS_tempassignments.pdf

The Board of Supervisors of the Wells County Soil and

Water Conservation District certify that:

NAME Jody L. Nusbaumer

ADDRESS 0897 W 900 S

CITY: Keystone STATE: IN ZIP: 46759

is a resident of Wells County and recommend him/her for:

REAPPOINTMENT

He/she attended 8 monthly supervisors' meetings last year.

NEW APPOINTMENT

This appointment is necessary because of

expiration of term , resignation (enclose)

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:

Lynn Dettmer, Chairman

DATE (M/d/yyyy): 9/11/2008

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

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

NAME: Jody L. Nusbaumer PHONE: (765) 348-7786 DATE OF BIRTH: 2/24/1982

ADDRESS: 0897 W 900 S

CITY: Keystone STATE: IN ZIP: 46759

EDUCATION: Associates Degree, Diesel Technition

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Farmer - corn and beans

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: SWCD Supervisor
06/07 - present; Chester Twp. Fire Dept. - 8 yrs; Conservation practices: No-till, cover crops,
TSI, filter strips, field borders/buffers.

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): 9/11/2008

Signature of appointee Jody L. Nusbaumer

April 3, 2009

State Soil Conservation Board
c/o Indiana State Department of Agriculture
101 W. Ohio St., Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: CWI CMIG Grant #A377-8-CWI-810
Conservation Choices for Women in Agriculture
Clark County SWCD

Dear Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Clark County Board of Supervisors in regards to our 2088 Clean Water Indiana CMIG, which is set to expire on April 30th of this year.

Our grant project proposed to offer the first in a series of workshops for women involved in agricultural operations. We were seeking to increase their knowledge of day-to-day farming activities so that they would be more comfortable with assisting in those activities and making decisions. To do this, we offered a workshop complete with speakers on a variety of pertinent topics, networking time, and lunch, however, response was very poor.

Rather than give up completely on this grant, or rush to try and utilize its funds, we would like to ask the Soil Conservation Board to extend our grant six months, until October 31, 2009. We would like another chance to put the CMIG funds to good use in our county.

In order to do this we propose to:

- *Expand our audience to include all farm operators.*
- *Offer a workshop during the Clark County 4-H Fair, July 11-18, 2009, that focuses on the benefits of cover crops and no-till.*
- *Advertise the availability of our no-till drill to establish cover crops.*
- *Include a segment in the workshop on operating a no-till drill.*
- *Develop a brochure/booklet that contains operating instructions and explains the parts of a drill. These will be given out to anyone who rents our drill.*
- *Offer assistance (in the form of a knowledgeable supervisor, associate supervisor, or volunteer) to operators who may experience problems or have questions when using our drill for the first time.*

We would like to thank you in advance for your time in considering this matter. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (812) 256-2330, ext. 3.

Sincerely,

Sam Hagest
District Chairman



**APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT:
CONSERVATION MARKETING INITIATIVE 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

Grantee Name	Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District
Address	9608 Highway 62
City/State/Zip	Charlestown, IN 47111

Contact Name	Melanie Davis
Title	Administrative Coordinator
Address	9608 Highway 62
City/State/Zip	Charlestown, IN 47111
County	Clark
Telephone	812-256-2330, ext. 3
E-mail	melanie.davis@in.nacdnet.net

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Sam Hagest
Project Title	Nutrient Management for Ag and Urban Sectors

Nutrient Management Practice	<input type="checkbox"/> Cover Crops <input type="checkbox"/> No-till Strip <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Management Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Buffers	Use Ctrl Key to select more than one choice.
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Describe the event you are proposing along with your plan for promotional and educational objectives. Be sure to include key steps and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

Because of the diverse nature of our county, having a large agricultural component, as well as an increasing urban one, we are proposing two events to host. The first is a "Real Estate Development Workshop" to be held during the Southern Indiana Realtors 2008 Home Show. The second is a "No-Till Workshop" to be held during late fall/early winter 2008.

Realtors and developers will be the target audience for our "Real Estate Development Workshop". The workshop will take place at the Home Show development site. It will begin with a brief overview of the types of soils found in Clark County, and their limitations and/or advantages. The use of cover crops as an effective erosion and sediment control measure will be explained, as well as the State and local requirements for their use during construction. Participants will then visit lots within the development (1) to show the use of cover crops to sustain land that has been disturbed, and (2) to show disturbed land unprotected by a cover crop. Sediment loss at each lot will be compared. Information on nutrient management for small lots/backyards will be provided.

We plan to advertise the workshop through direct mailings to area realtors and developers, news releases, and flyers. The District will work with SIRA and the Homebuilders Association of Southern Indiana to create a mailing database. This database will be used for a follow-up survey/contact, and for future mailings and workshops. This will give the District the opportunity to establish a rapport, which it is currently lacking, with realtors in the county, and to strengthen and improve its relationship with developers, who it presently deals with concerning Rule 5 and Rule 13 issues.

Our second event, "No-Till Workshop", will target the agricultural community in our county. Specific nutrient management practices, cover crops, no-till/strip till, and conservation buffers will be discussed, however, the importance of developing a complete nutrient management plan will be emphasized. Breakfast will be provided free of charge to participants; the District will solicit donations for the necessary food items.

This workshop will also offer landowners the opportunity to earn Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Program (PARP) credit. The topic for this program will complement the agenda for the workshop.

The workshop will be advertised in the District newsletter, news releases, and flyers posted at strategic locations. The District will create a database from the sign-in sheet to be used for follow-up contact, and for future mailings.

It may be argued that targeting an urban audience with one of our events is not an effective means of promoting nutrient management. We would argue, however, that with close to 100 development plans submitted to the District for Rule 13 compliance in 2007, those persons involved with development need to be informed and making

knowledgeable decisions.

By no means meant to be ignored, our agricultural audience is also an important one. Many of our producers have installed nutrient management practices, but do not have a complete management plan; many have no practices installed. Our No-Till Workshop will give us the opportunity to reach these producers and provide them with the resources they need to complete a plan, and/or select suitable practices for their land.

Knowledgeable individuals who are interested in the conservation of our natural resources, and who will make decisions with them in mind are an obvious by-product of this proposal. Improved nutrient management, decreased soil erosion, and better water quality will be the end results.

County	Clark
CIT Region	SE
14-digit HUC Code(s)	05140101140010, 05140101140020, 05140101140050, 05140101070070, 05140101130010
Grant Amount Requested	\$2,000.00

Briefly list promotional materials and advertising you will need to complete this project	
1	Flyers
2	Newsletters
3	News Releases
4	Direct Mailings
5	

Briefly state the education event(s) you will host	
1	Real Estate Development Workshop
2	No-Till Workshop
3	
4	

Briefly list expected expenses for your educational event(s)	
1	Establish cover crop (fertilize, lime, temp. seed, mulch, labor)
2	Handouts & flyers (printing)
3	Soil test
4	Direct mailing (printing & mailing)
5	

Budget		
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	1170	800
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		
Equipment (Itemize Below)		
Supplies (Itemize Below)		
Cost to establish cover crop		400

Paper (for printing flyers, handouts)		40
Paper (for printing follow-up surveys)		50
Postage (for direct mailing)		150
Postage (for mailing surveys)		150
Other (Itemize Below)		
Soil test for cover crop site		10
Printing direct mailing		400

Total CWI	2000
Total In-Kind Match	1170
Total Project Cost	3170



DEKALB COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

942 West 15th Street · Auburn, Indiana · 46706-2031 · (260) 925-5620

"Leadership in Soil and Water Conservation"

February 23, 2009

State Soil Conservation Board
Ms. Nola Gentry, Chairperson
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Board Members,

My name is Allen Haynes and I am writing to you on behalf of the DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District regarding our 2009 CWI Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant.

Previously the SSCB approved our 2009 Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant for Cover Crops with the following budget: \$9400 for incentive payments, \$425 for temporary signage, and \$175 for advertising.

Since submitting our application we have discovered some educational materials that we feel would be very beneficial when working with landowners regarding Cover Crops. As a result, we are requesting that \$225 of the temporary sign budget and \$75 of the advertising budget be used to create an educational materials budget of \$300. These funds would then be use to purchase 25 copies of Managing Cover Crops Profitably for distribution to potential participants in this project.

Should you have questions regarding this request you may contact me at (260) 925-5620 ext. 3. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen W. Haynes".

Allen W. Haynes
Natural Resource Coordinator

Cc. Jim Lake, DSS, ISDA



**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

Grantee Name	DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District
Address	942 West 15th Street
City/State/Zip	Auburn, IN 46706

Contact Name	Allen W. Haynes
Title	Natural Resource Coordinator
Address	942 West 15th Street
City/State/Zip	Auburn, IN 46706
County	DeKalb
Telephone	(260) 925-5620 ext. 3
E-mail	ahaynes@co.dekalb.in.us

Name of District Chairperson:	Jeff Conrad
Project Title	Incentive for 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 DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District in cooperation with local ag retailers The Andersons, Custer Grain, and Hoham-Smith and Company Inc propose a project to encourage the use of cover crops. This collaborative effort continues the working relationship the District has established with these vendors, supports the Districts' Business Plan, and ultimately gets conservation on the land.

Under the proposed project, landowners would receive a \$20/ acre incentive payment on a maximum of 50 acres for utilizing cover crops as part of their production management. Incentives would be offered on a first come-first serve basis. Promotion and marketing of this project would be completed by all participating parties with the District assuming responsibility for administrative tasks.

Ground work for this project has already been completed with the District's successful CWI Marketing Incentive Field Day held August 20, 2008. Producers from across the county gathered to learn the key points and value of utilizing cover crops as part of a nutrient management program. Contact information from this event would provide a base of interested individuals for implementation of this project. Additionally, the District is currently promoting Cover Crops by participating in billboard advertising in conjunction with the Western Lake Erie Basin Project.

This project is designed to be a stand alone project or used in conjunction with other Conservation Programs. Experience has taught us that some interested producers may be ineligible or prefer not to participate in Federal Farm Bill Programs. As a result, we want to provide another incentive option. Conversely, if an additional \$20 incentive per acre can assist in moving a producer toward the adoption of cover crops as part of their nutrient management program we feel this is money well spent; additional dollars would be leveraged into the county for conservation.

The project would continue to promote conservation by providing for temporary signs identifying the conservation practice. These signs would also identify the specific cover crop utilized and provide contact information.

With the grant cycle starting on January 1, 2009 ample time is available for marketing this project, securing producers for participation, and the timely planting of cover crops in the fall on 2009. If well received, this project could be easily replicated.

Key Steps: • Successful completion of grant application • Create marketing materials and meet with collaborators by February 28, 2009 • Create sign-up forms by February 28, 2009 • Contact 2008 Cover Crop Event attendees by March 31, 2009 • Marketing of project to landowners – Ongoing • Complete seeding of Cover Crops and sign installation – Fall 2009 • Complete CWI reporting requirements – Quarterly

Desired Outcomes: • The installation of 470 acres of Cover Crops • Adoption of cover crop utilization as part of a nutrient management program by local producers • Additional state and federal dollars leveraged into DeKalb County for conservation

ELKHART COUNTY
soil and water conservation
D I S T R I C T

17746-B County Road 34, Goshen IN 46528 Phone: 574-533-3630, Ext. 3 Fax: 574-533-4620

February 26, 2008

State Soil Conservation Board
Ms. Nola Gentry
Division of Soil Conservation
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Gentry,

The Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to thank you for the opportunity to work in the Elkhart River Watershed with a Clean Water Indiana Grant (6-CWI-104) providing funding for a Regional Ag Conservation Technician. We have been able to pair this grant, which ends in October, 2009, with a 319 Grant received by the Elkhart River Restoration Association (ERRA) to fund this position through February 2010 at least. (A second 319 grant is pending which would allow us to continue the proposed contracted assistance another two years.)

Lynette (VanBrandt) Black has been serving in this position and plans to do so until nearer the birth of her first child, probably in early August. The SWCD Board has met with representatives of the ERRA Board and they are proposing to continue these programs by hiring contracted labor to assist Lynette and then finish the projects after she leaves her position. We have worked with Jim Lake, ISDA District Support Specialist, to develop a contract that will provide Lynette with the assistance she needs to complete the goals of both grants: reducing sediment, nutrients, and E. coli in the Elkhart River Watershed.

As this is a deviation from our original proposal, we would like your permission to proceed in this manner. Our intent is to continue to have assistance in this watershed throughout the life of the grants, but through contracted labor rather than an employee of the District.

Again, we thank you for your financial support, and for the assistance of our District Support Specialists.

Nancy J. Brown

Nancy J. Brown, Program Manager
Elkhart County SWCD



**APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
REGIONAL TECHNICIAN
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

**Use this form to apply for CWI Grants Regional Technician
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted on this form or an identical copy.**

1.	Name of Soil and Water Conservation District sponsoring project: The Elkhart County SWCD will sponsor this project: taking administrative responsibility, hiring the technician; and coordinating all efforts. We have talked with and have the support of the other SWCDs in this watershed. (LaGrange, Noble and Kosciusko Counties) See our cover letter and letters of support for a more detailed explanation.	
2.	Address of Soil and Water Conservation District (street, city, state, and ZIP code): 17746-B County Road 34 Goshen, IN 46528	
3.	Primary contact person (name, affiliation, address): Nancy Brown, Program Manager Elkhart County SWCD 17746-B County Road 34 Goshen, IN 46528	Primary contact (telephone, FAX, E-mail): Phone: 574-533-3630, ext. 3 FAX: 574-533-4620 E-mail: nancy.brown@in.nacdnet.net
4.	Persons responsible for preparing grant application: Nancy Brown under direction of the Elkhart County SWCD Board of Supervisors after meeting with and/or speaking with the other SWCDs involved.	Telephone, FAX, e-mail of persons responsible for preparing grant application: Phone: 574-533-3630, ext. 3 FAX: 574-533-4620 E-mail: nancy.brown@in.nacdnet.net
5.	Project Coordinator (name, affiliation, address): Nancy Brown, Program Manager Elkhart County SWCD 17746-B County Road 34 Goshen, IN 46528	Project Coordinator (telephone, FAX, e-mail): Phone: 574-533-3630, ext. 3 FAX: 574-533-4620 E-mail: nancy.brown@in.nacdnet.net
6.	List additional organizations who will assist with this project: NRCS; ISDA (through the Partnership Tech Team and guidance from the Indiana State Department of Agriculture District Support Specialist); IDEM; Elkhart River Restoration Association and the Elkhart River Alliance; and through that group, steering committee members and committee members include: Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, Elkhart County Parks, and the cities of Goshen and Elkhart.	
7.	List the contributions other organizations will make to this project. NRCS will help with technical assistance and training for this project. The N-NE Partnership Technical Team (which includes ISDA employees as well as NRCS staff) will assist with the design of practices that this person will then work to install, which will assist in training this individual. ISDA will also assist through the guidance of the District Support Specialist as we plan education meetings, the demonstration sites, and organize tours. IDEM is assisting through their Watershed Specialist who is helping to develop and plan implementation of the watershed plan. The Elkhart River Restoration Association has worked with the Elkhart County SWCD to form the Elkhart River Alliance. This group has submitted a 319 Grant to IDEM, who has forwarded it to EPA. We anticipate receiving EPA funding for a three year planning and implementation grant in this watershed beginning in the Fall of 2006. The technician will be working to help implement the watershed plan that is being developed in this watershed. The 319 grant includes cost-share for ag practices, and also the installation of an ag demonstration site. The Elkhart River Alliance steering committee will provide guidance as to demonstration site selection, demonstration site field days, and promotion of the cost-share opportunities. The steering committee for the Alliance consists of members recommended by the SWCDs. There are members from all four counties, including Nancy Brown. The Indiana Soil Conservation Board and Indiana Department of Agriculture leadership play an essential role in making this project successful.	
8.	Project start date (month, date, year): 07/01/2006	Project end date (month, date, year): 06/30/2011
9.	Title of project: Elkhart River Watershed Regional Technician	
10.	Where is the project located? (county, region, watershed) What are the geographic characteristics of the project area? "The Elkhart River Basin comprises approximately 700 square miles of north-central Indiana. It is a part of the St. Joseph River Basin, most of which lies in Michigan. The Elkhart River Basin lies within the boundaries of four Indiana Counties - Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaGrange, and Noble" - Elkhart River Basin Indiana, August 1976. This St. Joseph River Basin is Hydrologic Unit Code 04050001, and is a part of the Lake Michigan Watershed. All counties included in the Elkhart River Watershed are in the North-Northeast Region of the state. The watershed is predominately agricultural, but includes the cities and towns of: South Millford, Wolcottville, Rome City, Kendallville, Albion, Wawaka, Cromwell, Ligonier, Leesburg, Milford, Syracuse, Millersburg, Goshen, and portions of Nappanee and Elkhart. There are many lakes in the watershed, including Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, the Indiana Lakes Chain in LaGrange County, and the Knapp Lake Chain and West Lakes Chain in Noble County.	

11. Describe the project you are proposing.

This proposal is to hire a regional technician to work in the Elkhart River Watershed. This individual would be hired by the Elkhart County SWCD to work to reduce sediment and E. coli levels in the Elkhart River and its tributaries by working with the agricultural community to install conservation practices in the watershed. The intent is to hire this individual through Elkhart County, using grant funds to justify the work the individual will do in other counties in the watershed. As Clean Water Indiana and 319 grant funding diminishes, and we can show success in this watershed, we plan to have the county maintain this employee to work in other watersheds. If the grant proceeds at a rate faster than our ability to establish the individual as a County employee, we plan to initiate the position as a contract. (The budget shown reflects both possibilities by listing funding as either personnel and fringe benefits or Contractual.)

This individual will work with the Indiana Conservation Partnership and the agricultural community within the Elkhart River watershed. With guidance and assistance from existing staff, meetings will be held throughout the watershed. They will promote conservation practices and programs available for solving erosion and nutrient problems on ag lands in the watershed. (The meetings will also be used to help landowners understand how record keeping and good management practices can prepare them for CSP.) All available cost-share programs will be promoted, including cost-share that should soon be available from the Elkhart River Alliance's 319 Grant.

Once landowners have been informed of the opportunities available to them, this technician will assist them in conservation planning, identifying erosion control needs, and working with the Conservation Implementation Team to install BMPs to address those needs. The technician will continue to assist landowners as they address their resource concerns.

After BMPs have been installed, the technician will assist the SWCDs with field tours. We will target other landowners who may benefit from participating in cost-share programs; urban landowners in the watershed to show them how the ag community is aggressively addressing rural water quality issues; and local legislators to show them how federal, state, and local funds can result in major improvements in Indiana's water quality.

Because this project is truly a multi-county watershed, assistance will come in part from the SWCDs in the watershed, but also from the 319 grant that should soon be funded for the Elkhart River Alliance. Using CWI and 319 dollars will allow this individual to work the entire watershed equally. We intend to leverage this position into a full-time Elkhart County SWCD employee after the major push is done in this watershed. Elkhart County has several other watersheds within the St. Joseph River Basin that could benefit greatly from a similar program. By starting with the Elkhart River watershed, we can implement conservation on a multi-county basis, while building the case for additional assistance in each county in the watershed.

Starting on the shared watershed will give the other SWCDs the opportunity to work with their county government, and to show them the environmental and economic advantages to having someone who can champion conservation and conservation program dollars in their respective counties.

There is also the possibility that the 319 Grant can be extended additional years, and more funds for implementing conservation within the multi county region may be available at that time.

There is a great interest in improving water quality within this river basin. The steering committee being formed for the Elkhart River Alliance includes a very diverse base. This is an opportunity to reach out and improve agriculture's image with that diverse group of citizens. We intend to show others in the watershed that the agricultural community is committed to improving the quality of the water in the watershed. With technical and financial assistance, they will step up and do their part to reduce sediment and E. coli levels in the river caused by agricultural practices. By doing what they can to address these issues in the ag community, the goals of the group to have cleaner water, improved wildlife habitat, protection for drainage, improved recreational opportunities, and enhanced tourism opportunities will be realized.

Most of the watershed is a part of "Amish Country" and there are several recreational areas in the watershed, including many northern Indiana lakes. Having this opportunity to emphasize the value of agriculture in this diverse landscape will have a positive influence on the image of agriculture in northern Indiana. Conservation BMPs assist in making agriculture a critical part of this diverse area, and having staffing to market these successes will benefit all involved.

12.	<p>What is the desired project outcome? (i.e. What do you hope to accomplish?)</p> <p>We hope to have the agricultural community take the lead in addressing water quality concerns in the Elkhart River watershed. By having technical assistance more readily available to the ag community we hope to set a very high standard for other communities within the watershed to measure their success upon.</p> <p>Success with this project will mean 319 funding, USDA funding, and all other available cost-share funding will be fully utilized to assist farmers in addressing conservation concerns on working farm lands. This will improve the financial health of the ag community, open opportunities for agri-tourism, and establish the ag community as leaders in conservation in this watershed.</p> <p>It is our desire that this watershed will become the model for other watersheds in the four county area. We hope to "do it right" and prove to the world that the Indiana Conservation Partnership is alive, well, and a critical part of watershed management success.</p>
13.	<p>How will the project impact the soil and water resources of the geographic area in which it is located?</p> <p>Sediment and E. coli levels in the Elkhart River and its tributaries will be reduced by having a regional conservation technician. By assisting agricultural landusers in developing and implementing conservation plans, including cost-share for conservation BMPs, erosion will be controlled and water quality will be improved. It will also improve soil quality as soil that is not eroded away will remain productive in the field. Educating landusers to the value of protecting natural resources, and then assisting them with the development and implementation of those plans will have a permanent and positive impact on our soil and water resources.</p>
14.	<p>Does this project address a short-term problem or a chronic/on-going problem which will require additional funding once grant funds are diminished? If the project is considered chronic/on-going, explain your plans for additional funding.</p> <p>This project will address short term and chronic challenges in the watershed. Although many problems can be addressed (and by virtue of the life of conservation practices) considered fully funded within the three year duration of the project, there will also be a continuing need both within the watershed, and in other watersheds within the counties involved.</p> <p>It is our goal to work with the Elkhart County Commissioners and Council throughout the life of this and other grants to show the economic and environmental benefits to the county and to encourage them to continue this work in other watersheds. It is also the goal of the other SWCDs to do the same in their respective counties. We have several watersheds that are entirely contained within the county that will benefit from this approach, and when this project is successful we hope to prove that we need to take a similar approach with all other watersheds in the county, whether they are shared watersheds, or those entirely within the county. We have already discussed the need for an Ag Conservationist with these officials, and they are open to finding ways to fund and prove the value of funding this position. This opportunity would give us three years to "ease" the county into responsibility.</p>

15. Budget:			
EXPENSE ITEM	TOTAL COST	CWI GRANT AMOUNT	OTHER SOURCE AMOUNT
Personnel			
YEAR 1	\$27,500 (A)	\$27,500 (A)	- 0 -
YEAR 2	28,325 (A)	20,000 (A)	\$ 8,325 (A)
YEAR 3	29,200 (A)	10,000 (A)	19,200 (A)
Fringe Benefits			
YEAR 1	9,625 (A)	9,625 (A)	- 0 -
YEAR 2	9,914 (A)	- 0 -	9,914 (A)
YEAR 3	10,220 (A)	- 0 -	10,220 (A)
Contractual			
YEAR 1	37,125 (B)	37,125 (B)	- 0 -
YEAR 2	38,239 (B)	20,000 (B)	18,239 (B)
YEAR 3	39,420 (B)	10,000 (B)	29,420 (B)
Travel			
YEAR 1	600	- 0 -	600
YEAR 2	600	- 0 -	600
YEAR 3	600	- 0 -	600
Equipment			
YEAR 1	3,000	2,875	125
YEAR 2	1,700	- 0 -	1,700
YEAR 3	1,700	- 0 -	1,700
Supplies			
YEAR 1	1,000	- 0 -	1,000
YEAR 2	1,000	- 0 -	1,000
YEAR 3	1,000	- 0 -	1,000
Other			
YEAR 1	2,000	- 0 -	2,000
YEAR 2	1,500	- 0 -	1,500
YEAR 3	1,500	- 0 -	1,500
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$130,984	\$ 70,000	\$ 60,984
Total CWI funds requested: \$ 70,000			
Total Project Cost: \$ 130,984			

Describe Equipment Needed:

The technician will need a computer purchased the first year. The Districts will supply vehicles for transportation (a truck, van, and ATV have all been made available). Use of all office equipment will be part of the contribution made by the Districts. Districts have presentation and display equipment such as cameras, display boards, LCD projectors and laptop computers, that can be used by this technician.

Describe Supplies Needed:

Supplies needed will include, but not be limited to: postage, paper, paper for brochures, scissors, pens, pencils, calculator, tape, stapler, postage and other office consumables.

Items included in the "other" category include training, office space, and sustenance when traveling.

(A) – indicates costs if individual is hired as a county employee

(B) – indicates costs if individual is hired on a contractual basis

These amounts were determined by using an Agricultural Conservationist position that has been classified, but not funded by Elkhart County, and allow a 3% raise each year.

Supporting funds and in kind assistance will come from the Elkhart, LaGrange, and Kosciusko County SWCDs. (Noble County cannot commit to assisting at the time this grant is written, but we have talked with them, and they are not opposed to the project, and may in fact contribute.)

We hope to divide the time of this technician in an equitable manner throughout the watershed, concentrating on sub-watersheds that can most benefit from assistance. Using funds that have come to the watershed will help in this matter. Districts will be allowed to choose projects they contribute to and selecting areas that most benefit their respective counties will keep the division of time equitable.

Supporting funds and in kind assistance will also come from the Elkhart River Alliance. Dollar amounts listed above do not include 319 grant dollars of \$518,000, unless some of that fund is used to assist in pay for the technician. The grant is for a total of \$518,000 and covers a three year time period. The grant includes funding for an agricultural BMP demonstration site and agricultural BMP cost-share.

March 5, 2009

Indiana State Soil Conservation Board
101 W Ohio Street
Indianapolis IN 46204

Dear State Soil Conservation Board:

The Harrison County SWCD would like to request an extension to the CWI Grant Number 8-CWI-831. Due to uncontrollable circumstances, we were unable to complete the Pasture Planting Workshop. The supervisors & staff are now planning it for late summer 2009. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Virginia Morris
Harrison Co. SWCD
District Office Manager

* Amy talked to
Virginia Morris and
they would like their
grant extended through
12/31/09



**APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT:
CONSERVATION MARKETING INITIATIVE 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

Grantee Name	Harrison Co. SWCD
Address	1855 Gardner Lane NW
City/State/Zip	Corydon IN 47112

Contact Name	Virginia Morris
Title	Office Manager
Address	1855 Gardner Lane NW
City/State/Zip	Corydon IN 47112
County	Harrison
Telephone	812-738-8124 Ext. 3
E-mail	virginia.morris@in.nacdnet.net

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Jay Wolfe
Project Title	Pasture Planting Workshop

Nutrient Management Practice	<input type="checkbox"/> Cover Crops <input type="checkbox"/> No-till Strip <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Management Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Buffers	Use Ctrl Key to select more than one choice.
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Describe the event you are proposing along with your plan for promotional and educational objectives. Be sure to include key steps and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

The District plans to host a Pasture Planting Workshop in the Fall of 2008 to educate landowners on the proper application of seeding, fertilizer & the use of planting equipment. A site will be prepared in advance to demonstrate proper planting and fertilization techniques. The District plans to have various speakers at the event and will have educational materials available. As a result of this workshop, a desired outcome will be more landowners implementing good pasture management, which will in turn lead to decreased soil erosion, reduced nutrient and manure runoff, and increased forage production. The event will be advertised in local newspapers, the SWCD newsletter, and flyers posted in the office and other locations in the county promoting the event. The follow-up procedure will consist of contacting landowners in person or by phone after the event.

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM REPORT 4-14-09

April 14, 2009

Watersheds	Contracts	Acres	Average Dollars/Acre	Obligated State Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Tippecanoe River	407	2880.7	\$166.31	\$479,095.00	\$8,400,121.20
Upper White River	210	1416.7	\$409.46	\$580,080.00	\$4,131,097.20
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	115	418.46	\$216.59	\$90,634.00	\$1,220,229.36
TOTAL	732	4715.86	\$243.82	\$1,149,809.00	\$13,751,447.76

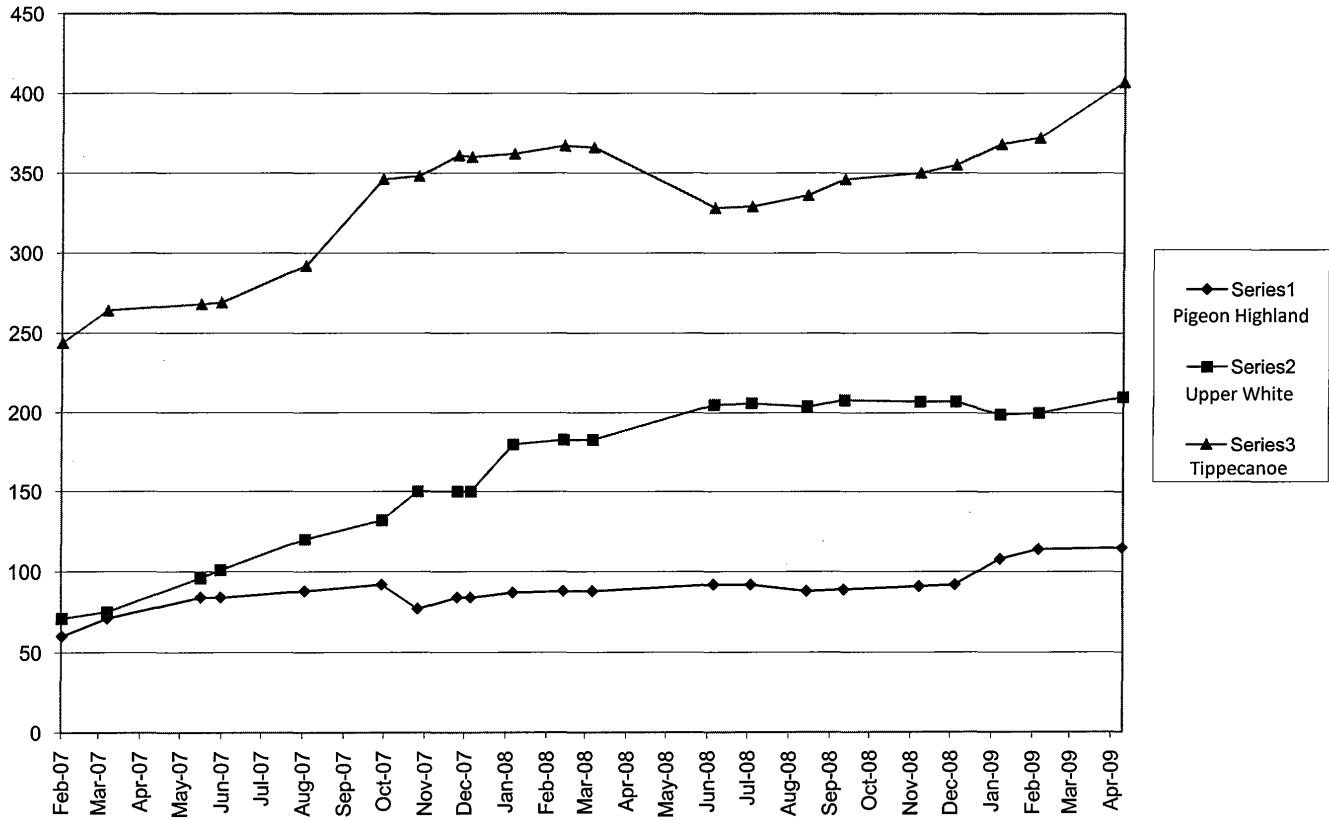
February 10, 2009

Watersheds	Contracts	Acres	Average Dollars/Acre	Obligated State Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Tippecanoe River	372	2663.3	\$166.45	\$443,315.00	\$7,766,182.80
Upper White River	200	1334.8	\$410.50	\$547,930.00	\$3,892,276.80
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	114	417.36	\$217.44	\$90,749.00	\$1,217,021.76
TOTAL	686	4415.46	\$245.05	\$1,081,994.00	\$12,875,481.36

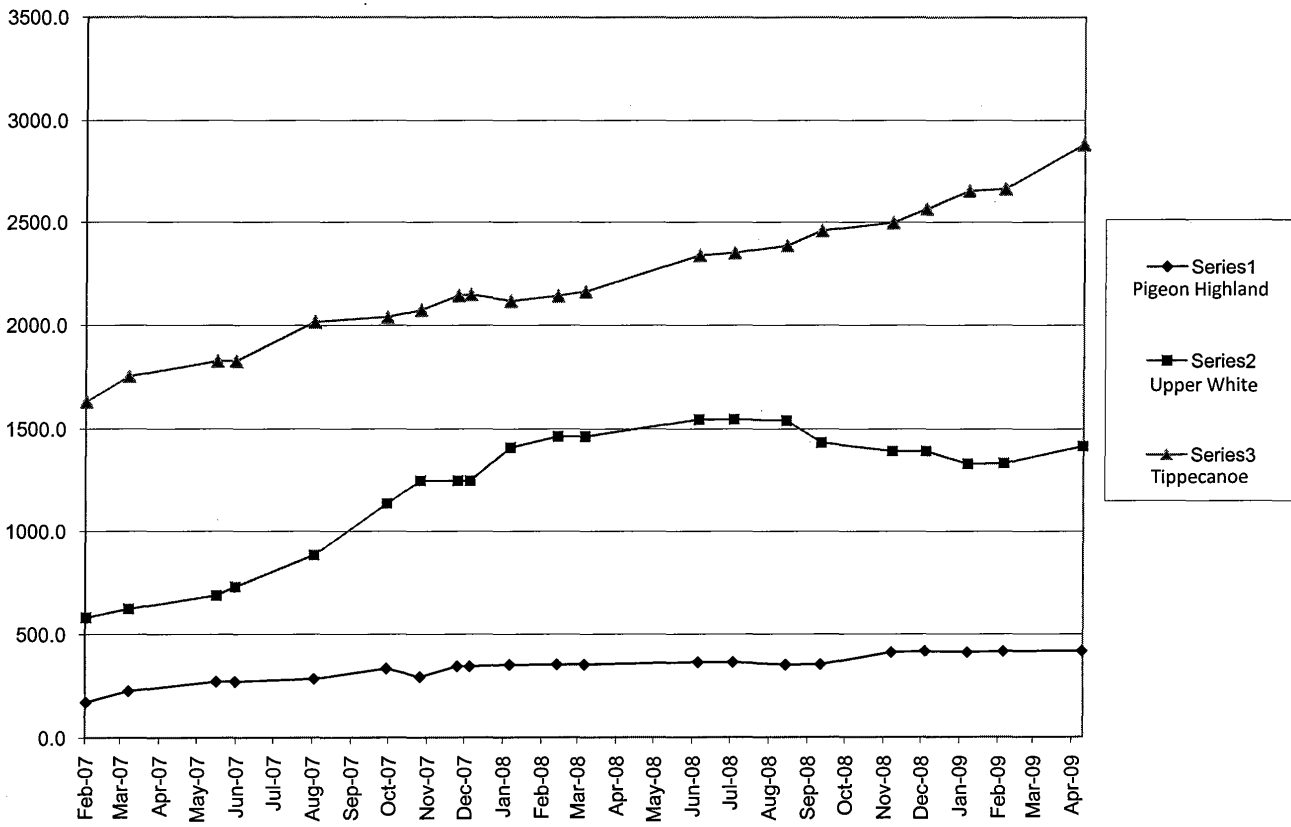
CREP Obligated vs. Paid Funds

Watersheds	Obligated	Paid	Difference
Tippecanoe River	\$479,095.00	\$292,050.00	\$187,045.00
Upper White River	\$580,080.00	\$370,035.00	\$210,045.00
Pigeon Highland Rivers	\$90,634.00	\$32,824.00	\$57,810.00

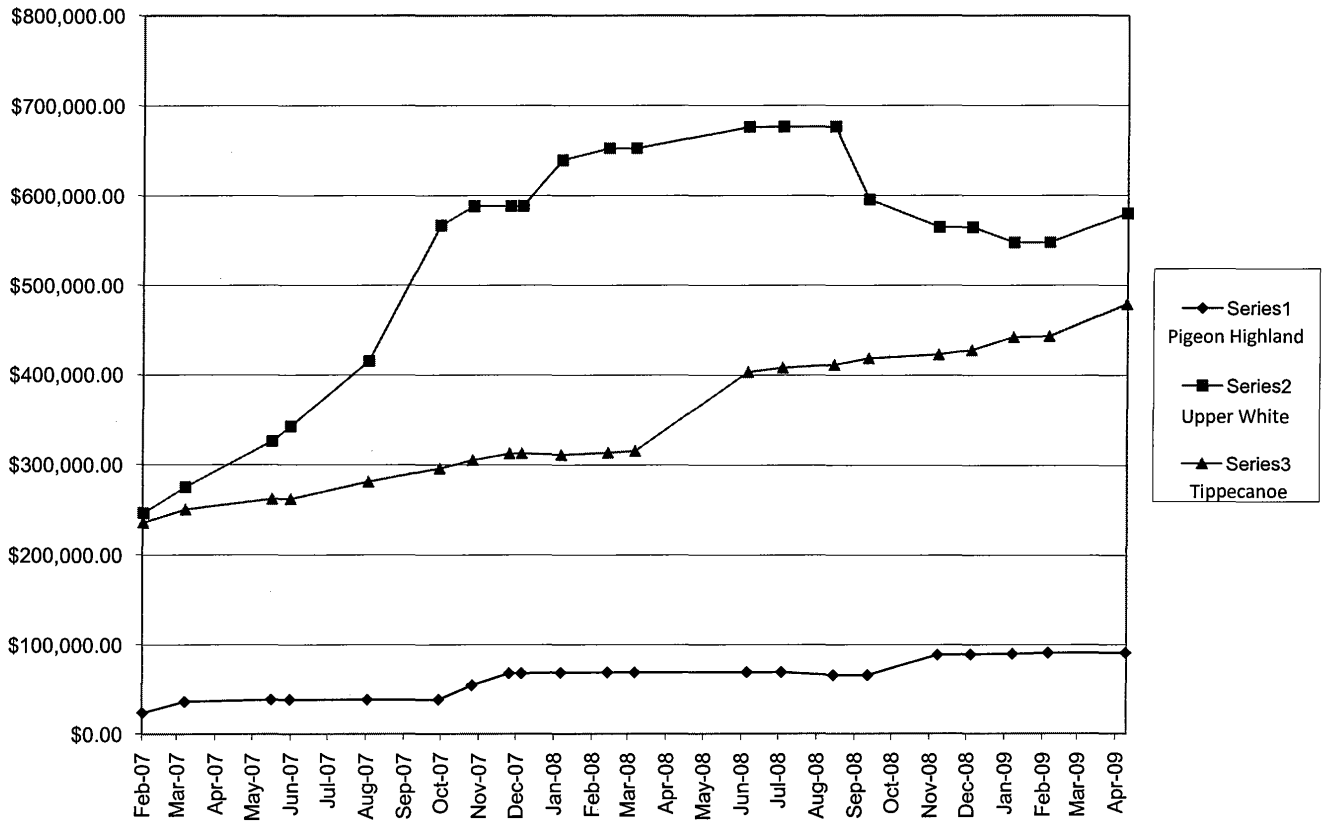
CREP Landowner Contracts February 2007 - April 2009



CREP Obligated Acres February 2007 - April 2009



CREP Obligated Funds February 2007 - April 2009



CREP Report - By County**4/14/2009****PIGEON HIGHLAND WATERSHED**

	Obligated Acres	Obligated Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Gibson	57.5	\$5,730.00	\$167,670.00
Posey	49.3	\$10,560.00	\$143,758.80
Vanderburgh	232.06	\$63,804.00	\$676,686.96
Warrick	79.6	\$10,540.00	\$232,113.60
TOTAL	418.46	\$90,634.00	\$1,220,229.36

TIPPECANOE WATERSHED

	Obligated Acres	Obligated Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Benton	2.6	\$260.00	\$7,581.60
Carroll	5.6	\$17,600.00	\$16,329.60
Cass	47	\$56,870.00	\$137,052.00
Fulton	448	\$20,490.00	\$1,306,368.00
Jasper	103.8	\$97,735.00	\$302,680.80
Kosciusko	216.4	\$4,480.00	\$631,022.40
Marshall	44.8	\$770.00	\$130,636.80
Noble	7.7	\$168,740.00	\$22,453.20
Pulaski	1320.3	\$53,910.00	\$3,849,994.80
Starke	327.3	\$54,300.00	\$954,406.80
White	341.7	\$1,700.00	\$996,397.20
Whitley	15.5	\$2,240.00	\$45,198.00
TOTAL	2880.7	\$479,095.00	\$8,400,121.20

UPPER WHITE WATERSHED

	Obligated Acres	Obligated Funds	Estimated Federal Leverage
Boone	15.4	\$2,410.00	\$44,906.40
Delaware	269.8	\$77,330.00	\$786,736.80
Hamilton	208.7	\$101,945.00	\$608,569.20
Hendricks	47.1	\$12,420.00	\$137,343.60
Henry	11.1	\$4,440.00	\$32,367.60
Madison	538.5	\$297,650.00	\$1,570,266.00
Marion	18.1	\$7,240.00	\$52,779.60
Randolph	210	\$61,620.00	\$612,360.00
Tipton	98	\$15,025.00	\$285,768.00
TOTAL	1416.7	\$580,080.00	\$4,131,097.20

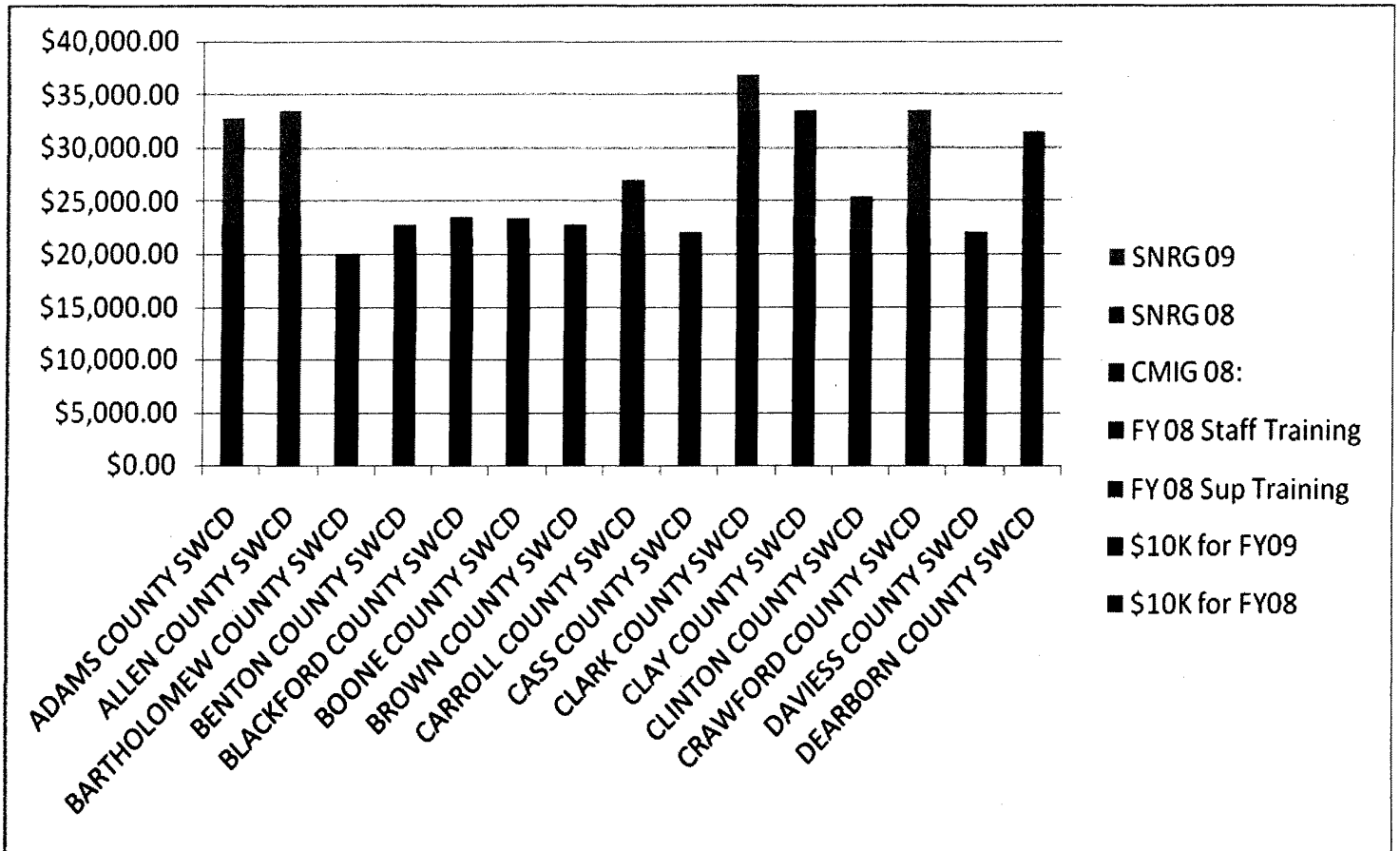
Clean Water Indiana Bi-Annual Funding Report

Counties:	\$10K for FY08	\$10K for FY09	FY 08 Sup Training	FY 08 Staff Training	CMIG 08:	SNRG 08	SNRG 09	Totals:
ADAMS COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$681.60		\$2,000		\$10,000	\$32,681.60
ALLEN COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000		\$10,000	\$33,500.00
BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00						\$20,000.00
BENTON COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$750.00	\$2,000			\$22,750.00
BLACKFORD COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,500.00
BOONE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$648.20	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,398.20
BROWN COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$750.00	\$2,000			\$22,750.00
CARROLL COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$2,000	\$5,000		\$27,000.00
CASS COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$2,000			\$22,000.00
CLARK COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$3,250	\$36,750.00
CLAY COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000	\$10,000		\$33,500.00
CLINTON COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$310.20		\$2,000	\$3,000		\$25,310.20
CRAWFORD COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000		\$10,000	\$33,500.00
DAVISS COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$2,000			\$22,000.00
DEARBORN COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00		\$10,000		\$31,500.00
DECATUR COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,500.00
DEKALB COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$43,500.00
DELAWARE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$650.54	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,400.54
DUBOIS COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$669.60	\$2,000			\$23,419.60
ELKHART COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$43,500.00
FAYETTE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00				\$21,500.00
FLOYD COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$624.60		\$2,000			\$22,624.60
FOUNTAIN COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$330.40	\$618.10	\$2,000			\$22,948.50
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,500.00
FULTON COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$519.10		\$2,000			\$22,519.10
GIBSON COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$354.80	\$2,000			\$23,104.80
GRANT COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00						\$20,000.00
GREENE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$750.00	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$42,750.00
HAMILTON COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$245.00	\$750.00	\$2,000		\$10,000	\$32,995.00
HANCOCK COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$735.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,485.00
HARRISON COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,500.00

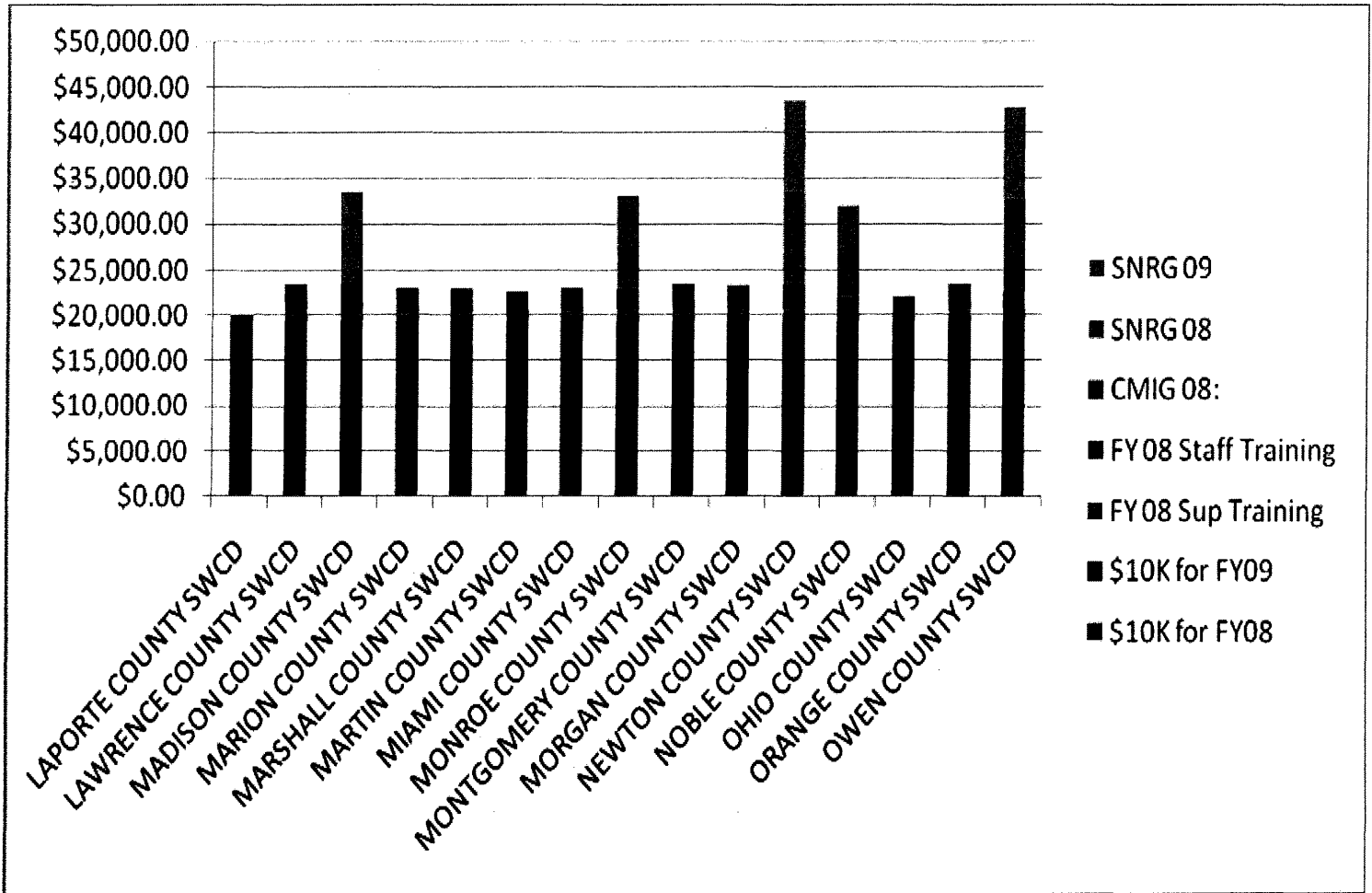
HENDRICKS COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$675.00	\$87.00	\$2,000		\$8,000	\$30,762.00
HENRY COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$592.63	\$2,000			\$23,342.63
HOWARD COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$605.80	\$2,000	\$4,000		\$26,605.80
HUNTINGTON COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$5,437	\$38,937.00
JACKSON COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$544.22	\$750.00				\$21,294.22
JASPER COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$419.74		\$2,000			\$22,419.74
JAY COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$412.60	\$631.80	\$2,000			\$23,044.40
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$2,000	\$10,000		\$32,000.00
JENNINGS COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000	\$10,000		\$33,500.00
JOHNSON COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,500.00
KNOX COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,500.00
KOSCIUSKO COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$43,500.00
LAGRANGE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,500.00
LAKE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$616.20	\$659.00	\$2,000			\$23,275.20
LAPORTE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00						\$20,000.00
LAWRENCE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,500.00
MADISON COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000		\$10,000	\$33,500.00
MARION COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$296.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,046.00
MARSHALL COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$326.80	\$692.28	\$2,000			23019.08
MARTIN COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$641.39	\$2,000			\$22,641.39
MIAMI COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$469.43	\$451.40	\$2,000			\$22,920.83
MONROE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$735.00	\$245.00	\$2,000	\$10,000		\$32,980.00
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,500.00
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NOBLE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$2,000	\$10,000		\$32,000.00
OHIO COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$2,000			\$22,000.00
ORANGE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,500.00
OWEN COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$700.60	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$42,700.60
PARKE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$16.00		\$2,000			\$22,016.00
PERRY COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,500.00
PIKE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$358.60				\$20,358.60
PORTER COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000		\$4,200	\$27,700.00
POSEY COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$43,500.00

PULASKI COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000		\$10,000	\$33,500.00
PUTNAM COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$280.00	\$638.07			\$10,000	\$30,918.07
RANDOLPH COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$592.60	\$747.20	\$2,000			\$23,339.80
RIPLEY COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000		\$10,000	\$33,500.00
RUSH COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00			\$2,000			\$22,000.00
SCOTT COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$43,500.00
SHELBY COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$613.09	\$2,000		\$10,000	\$32,613.09
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TIPTON COUNT	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$677.92	\$350.84	\$2,000		\$4,000	\$27,028.76
UNION COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00						\$20,000.00
VANDEBURGH COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000		\$10,000	\$33,500.00
VERMILLION COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$576.20	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,326.20
VIGO COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,500.00
WABASH COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$467.15	\$750.00	\$2,000		\$10,000	\$33,217.15
WARREN COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$750.00	\$2,000			\$22,750.00
WARRICK COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$713.20	\$750.00	\$2,000			\$23,463.20
WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$497.40	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$42,497.40
WAYNE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000		\$10,000	\$33,500.00
WELLS COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00		\$2,000			\$22,750.00
WHITE COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$750.00			\$10,000	\$30,750.00
WHITLEY COUNTY	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$2,000		\$10,000	\$33,500.00
Totals:	\$920,000.00	\$920,000.00	\$44,867.10	\$50,303.63	\$164,000	\$210,500	\$284,887	\$2,594,557.73

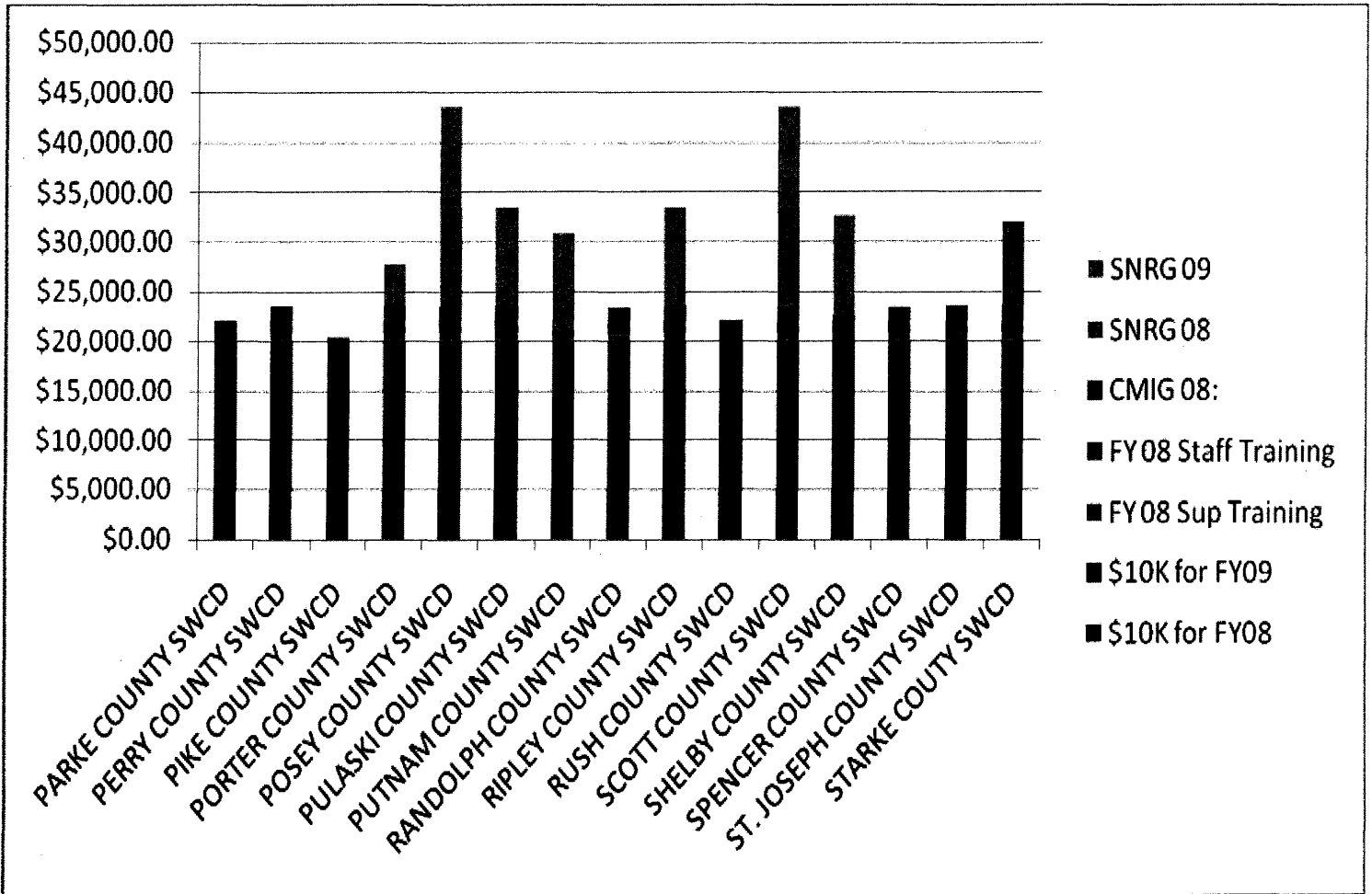
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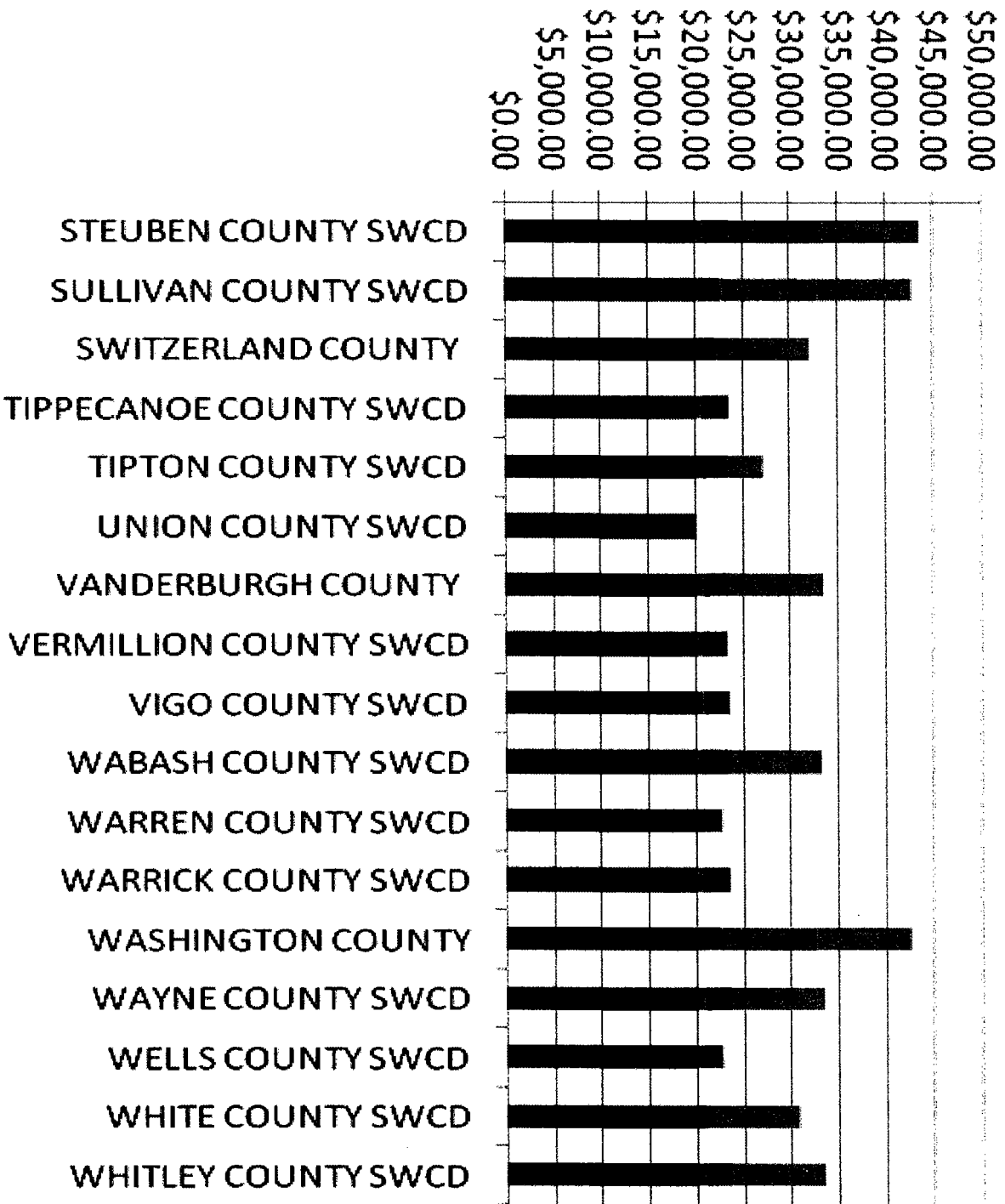
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- SNRG 09
- SNRG 08
- CMIG 08:
- FY 08 Staff Training
- FY 08 Sup Training
- \$10K for FY09
- \$10K for FY08

2008 Regional Technician Leverage Sheet

Totals	County	Status	Value	Who	Assist/Design	Start Date	Completion Date
	DeKalb	Completed	\$36,372.60	District Conservationist	Assist	2007	Fall 2007
	DeKalb	Completed	\$6,082.00	Tech Team	Assist	2007	Fall 2007
	DeKalb	Completed	\$8,733.17	Tech Team	Assist	2007	Fall 2007
	DeKalb	Completed	\$22,130.00	Tech Team	Assist	2007	Spring 2007
	DeKalb	Completed	\$10,186.00	Tech Team	Assist	2007	Spring 2007
	DeKalb	Completed	\$6,372.00	Tech Team	Assist	2007	Spring 2007
	DeKalb	Completed	\$5,603.40	Tech Team	Assist	2007	Summer 2007
2007 Completed Total			\$95,479.17				
2007 Leverage			\$3.47				
	DeKalb	Completed	\$12,600.00	Tech Team	Assist	2007	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$4,806.00	SJRWI	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$527.00	SJRWI	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$0.00		Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$5,616.00	SJRWI	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$810.00	SJRWI	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$920.00	District Conservationist	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$1,500.00	DeKalb SWCD	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$864.00	DeKalb SWCD	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$225.00	District Conservationist	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$3,960.00	District Conservationist	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$247.00	DeKalb SWCD	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$2,784.00	District Conservationist	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$15,131.00	District Conservationist	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$3,612.00	District Conservationist	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$3,150.00	District Conservationist	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$700.00	District Conservationist	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$4,303.50	District Conservationist	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$26,257.00	Tech Team	Assist	2007	Fall 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$1,728.00	SJRWI	Plan	2008	Spring 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$42,490.00	District Conservationist	Assist	2008	Fall 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$2,760.00	DC/Tech Team	Assist	2008	Fall 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$3,807.00	Tech Team	Assist	2007	Fall 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$5,657.40	Tech Team	Assist	2007	Fall 2008
	DeKalb	Completed	\$2,880.00	DeKalb SWCD	Plan	2008	Fall 2008
2008 Completed Total			\$147,334.90				
2008 Leverage			\$5.20				

Note: 2007 leverage is calculated using annual salary of \$27500. 2008 leverage is calculated using annual salary of \$28,325.

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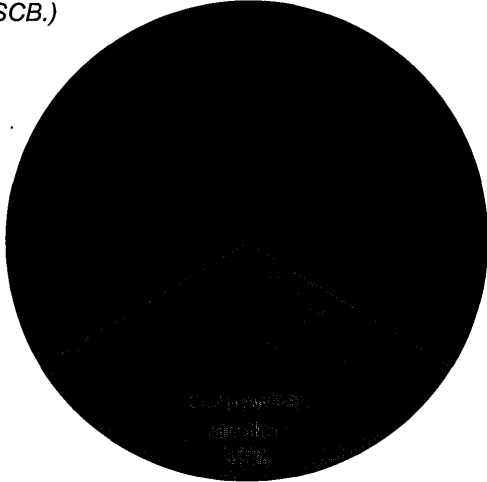
Background and Methodology

- The Clean Water Indiana Fund and its programs are administered by the Division of Soil Conservation of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board.
- The SSCB is interested in feedback from its various constituencies to assist in setting priorities and strategic planning for the future.
- AIRvan Consulting LLC, a WBE custom research consulting firm headquartered in Indianapolis, was selected by a bidding process by the SSCB to develop and conduct an online survey among the SSCB constituencies.
- The objectives of the research were to:
 - Obtain opinions from a wide variety of Hoosiers from through the state;
 - Gain feedback about priority topics for Clean Water Indiana;
 - Obtain feedback on SSCB performance;
 - Obtain information about how constituents believe resources should be allocated;
- A link to the online survey was posted on the SSCB website. Email invitations were sent to about 2,500 individuals who had given permission to the ISDA to communicate via email. Additionally, the SSCB contacted the leadership of various organizations with an interest in Clean Water Indiana and encouraged the organizations to have members take the survey on the SSCB website.
- The survey was available from February 23, 2009 through March 11, 2009.
- A total of 549 valid responses are included in this report.
- This informal sampling method is the best way to obtain feedback from a variety of stakeholders when it is impossible to identify the entire population or individual members of the population.
- This non-representative sampling method can provide guidance for SSCB.



Familiarity with Clean Water Indiana and rating of SSCB

- About one-third of all respondents are familiar with the Clean Water Indiana program, while about one-third are only somewhat familiar and the remainder are not familiar. *(How familiar are you with the Clean Water Indiana Fund and its programs? These are administered by the Division of Soil Conservation of the ISDA under the direction of the SSCB.)*



Sample Size = 549



- Respondents who are familiar or somewhat familiar with the Clean Water Indiana program were asked to rate the performance of the SSCB. Responses are widely distributed. *(Based on everything you know about the Clean Water Indiana program, how would you rate the overall performance of SSCB?)*



Sample Size = 369

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Familiarity with Clean Water Indiana and rating of SSCB

- Farmers are significantly more likely to be familiar with Clean Water Indiana than non-farmers. Among farmers, 41% are familiar and 40% are somewhat familiar. Among non-farmers, 30% are familiar and 30% are somewhat familiar.
- Farmers (37%) are significantly more likely to rate the SSCB's performance as excellent or very good than non-farmers (28%). Only respondents familiar or somewhat familiar with Clean Water Indiana were asked to rate the SSCB.
- Within the eight SWCD districts, 20% of the respondents in the Central NorthWest district do not know enough about the performance of the SSCB to provide a rating. This may be due to the more urban composition of the district and having respondents from the Indianapolis metropolitan area who are more likely to be non-farm affiliated.
- There are no significant differences in the rating of SSCB's performance by type of affiliation.
- Farmers who grow timberland (58%) are significantly more likely than farmers with other products (livestock, grain, vegetables, etc.) to be not familiar with Clean Water Indiana or SWCD (25%).
- Otherwise, there are no significant differences in opinions among farmers by size of farm or type of farm.



Reasons for SSCB Performance Ratings (Sample comments)

- **Excellent Rating**
 - “The SSCB has been very effective at administering CWI funds in our county and I believe in other counties. I wish we had more funds statewide so counties could get more.”
 - “In 2008 we had an aerial seeding program that worked excellent. This was very critical the continued productivity of flood damaged bottoms and eroded fields.”
 - “I have seen some of the programs that have been funded by CWI and the benefits the programs are making concerning the environment.”
 - “Available grants are meaningful and useful at the local level.”
 - “I think they do a very good job of reviewing proposals and allocating funds based on value of projects.”
 - “Received advice from staff regarding how pond edge enhancements work.”
- **Very Good Rating**
 - “Many factors go into choosing the direction of Clean Water Indiana Program. Overall I think the board does a very good job of sorting through these factors. I've been interested/supportive of this program from its inception and wish to see it succeed.”
 - “I feel they are doing the best they can with the amount of funds available and are putting priority on getting conservation on the ground with making matching funds a major part of the program and not putting equipment as a top area.”
 - “I have seen articles in Farm World about the Clean Water Indiana program. They must be doing a good job with their advertising and promoting their cause.”
 - “They have tried to be consistent and responsible in the way they have distributed funds.”
 - “I am fairly familiar with their work but not familiar enough to say “Excellent”. I think they try very hard to get everyone the funding they need to implement conservation and water quality programs.”



Reasons for SSCB Performance Ratings (Sample comments)

- Good Rating
 - “A lot of good has come from the program, but some important funding opportunities have been missed.”
 - “Doing a decent job. Always room for improvement.”
 - “Initially the funds were available to most projects and then the requirements became more rigid and requiring "partnering" and strongly encouraging the hiring of additional staff rather on than individual projects.”
 - “In my understanding Clean Water IN funds is a great program to protect some of the waters of IN. However, not all of IN can participate.”
 - “This program does a good job of helping SWCD's to do short term, goal oriented projects. They are easy to administer with few strings attached. I would like to see the scope of conservation that they address broadened to meet the locally lead needs of the individual districts. There are a couple of administrative glitches I would like to see worked out, but the process is much easier than when the grants were first started. I would encourage the SSCB to evaluate all existing grants for their success prior to creating new grant opportunities, specifically the Regional Tech grants offered early on in this program.”
- Fair Rating
 - “The forms are not user friendly and the CWI money should all be for projects on the ground in IN Counties.”
 - “I believe that things could be run much more efficiently. There is a lot of grey area with the use of funds and things change midstream. I believe that to make change happen, it takes more than a year or two in any program. This to me is just lead time on projects.”
 - “Not sure if SSCB made all the decisions on how the funds were to be used or if they did what they were instructed to do.”
 - “I am not sure they are addressing the real problems i.e. house hold septic systems and city sewage. They seem to be going after agriculture... and easy target but not the real problem.”



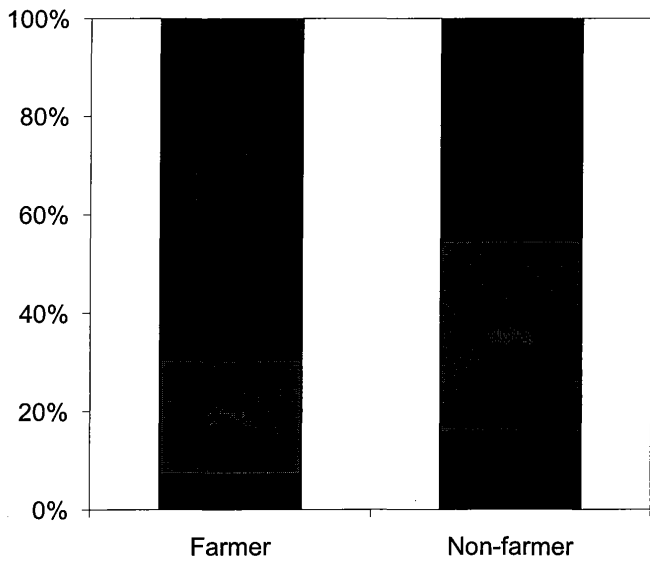
Reasons for SSCB Performance Ratings (Sample comments)

- Poor Rating
 - “Poor program promotion, focus, and resources scattered vs. applied for maximum impact.”
 - “I haven't seen enough of their programs working in my area.”
 - “Much more staff and funding are needed to make this program meaningful. Indiana continues to lag way behind other areas to address this issue.”
 - “The SSCB Needs to take more of a leadership role and not be under the control of the division of soil.”
 - “Not much education we can use locally; do not have time to travel very far for meetings.”
- Don't Know Rating
 - “Information is not disseminated widely or is difficult to find.”
 - “Am aware of existence of the fund but know little about its applications. Do not think general public is aware of its existence at all.”
 - “Not enough exposure to give a fair rating.”
 - “I am not 100% sure of their role. Do they approve the Clean Water Indiana grants?”
 - “I have not seen any comparison charts on water quality before and/or after the program was started.”
 - “I'm not aware of the positive benefit of the program. It has a good title but I'm not sure what has been done. I do hear a lot about hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico and wonder how much is attributable to nitrogen run off from Indiana farms. “
 - “I am familiar with Clean Water Indiana, but do not have a good basis for rating the SSCB.”

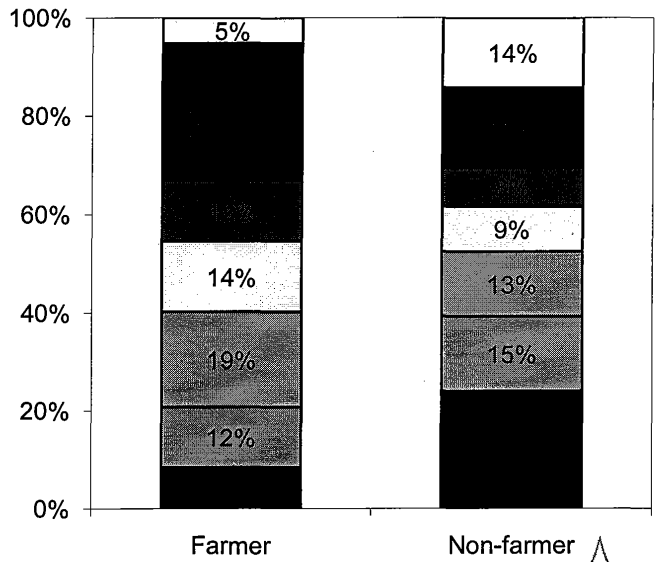
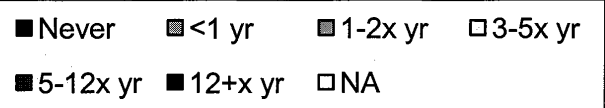


Familiarity with SWCD and Frequency of Working with SWCD

Familiarity with SWCD



Frequency of Working with SWCD

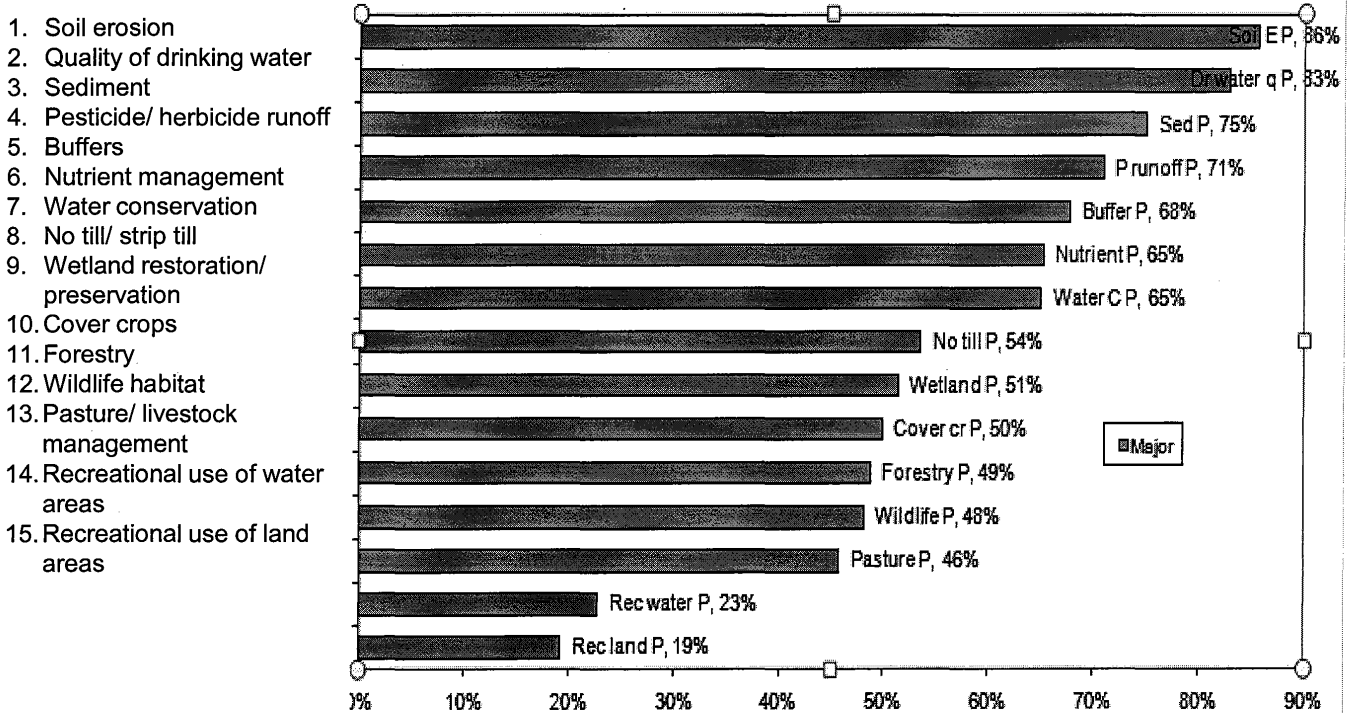


Familiarity with SWCD and Frequency of Working with SWCD

- Farmers (69%) are significantly more likely to be familiar with the SWCD than non-farmers (45%)
- Farmers (28%) are significantly more likely to work with SWCD more than 12 times a year than non-farmers (16%).
- Among non-farmers, 24% have never worked with SWCD and 14% indicate this doesn't apply.
- The South East district has the highest level of familiarity with SWCD, at 62%.
- The North West district (30%) has the highest level of respondents who have never worked with SWCD.
- The Central South West (25%), Central South East (26%) and South West (29%) districts have the highest levels of respondents who work with SWCE more than 12 times a year.



Priorities for SSCB: This chart shows the percent of all respondents who consider each item a major priority. Soil erosion is considered a major priority by the largest percentage of respondents, followed closely by quality of drinking water.



Respondents consider the SSCB's three priority areas: District Capacity, Technical Assistance, and CREP. They were asked to allocate 100 points among the three areas.

- The three general areas are defined as:
 - Building district capacity (grants for Indiana's 92 Soil and Water Conservation Districts for: training, projects, operating funds, staff, etc.)
 - Providing state technical staff and assistance to landowners for federal, state and local conservation programs
 - Funding CREP (Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) to access matching federal dollars (11 to 1) for landowners.
- The results from all respondents show the average distribution for the three areas to be close to equal: District Capacity, 36.84%; Technical Assistance, 30.56%; CREP, 32.60%.
- We examined the allocation by farmer vs. non-farmer and by respondents from the eight SWCD districts to explore whether differences in opinions existed. There are no significant differences by district in allocation of resources. The only difference in opinion between farmers and non-farmers involve non-farmers allocating more resources to CREP (mean of 33.70%) than farmers (mean of 29.77%).



Sample Comments about allocation of resources among the SSCB's three priority areas: District Capacity, Technical Assistance, and CREP

- "All three items are important, however CREP offers the opportunity to increase the amount of buffers in Indiana and address several different conservation concerns and should be offered to the entire state."
- "As earlier said, SWCD's need basic operating fund increase in Indiana. With all the reduced budget support from other partners, SWCDs need to be recognized by the state as a stronger partner and funded more than \$10,000. Also effort need to be made to better support SWCDs with erosion & sediment control (Rule 5). SWCDs are some of the most knowledgeable folks on this issue, and are left by the state to decide on their own if they want a role or not. Meanwhile streams are filling with sediment, more flooding is occurring, and problems in the Gulf of Mexico are being caused by conditions in Indiana. We need a stronger effort to help Indiana control its problems with water quality (in rural as well as urban areas of the state)."
- "As of this date if someone would like to set aside crop ground there is lots of federal dollars however, funding and help with livestock producers is nowhere near the same amount. Lets come up with ways to help these producers."
- "Additional technical staff at the district level is a needed resource."
- "All aspects are important. I think we need to make sure supervisors are engaged and trained - qualified for the position, want to be there for the right reasons, and are excited about their role in conservation. Some districts are not that way, and this lessons the need for building capacity - you can't train people that don't want to be trained."
- "CREP has been very slow to be implemented and the program falls far below expectation. Assistance on federal, state, and local programs is most effective."
- "CREP is a great opportunity for the state and the folks in the identified watersheds....it is a bit hard to get excited about it if you are not located in one of those watersheds. I do believe that districts do have the capacity to address the resource concerns in their counties. I believe this requires strong district support specialist, basic funding for local offices, and opportunities for funding of locally lead projects."

Sample Comments about allocation of resources among the SSCB's three priority areas: District Capacity, Technical Assistance, and CREP continued

- “Local districts, if run well, can maximize funds allocated to them very efficiently. Continuing to provide grants for training, projects, operating funds, staff, etc... is critical. It is necessary to have state technical staff to assist training district personnel or assist districts who don't have enough resources to have their own conservationists. CREP is a good program and should be continued, but there are many other programs that are also very valuable.”
- “Many of Indiana's SWCDs only have one employee (some are part time) and no technical staff. If the SWCD is to be relevant, there must be qualified staff able to start and execute quality programs, garner outside funding, and work with NRCS and Extension to get conservation on the land and education to the people. Hiring and retaining competent staff should be a very high priority. The CWI Technical grants are now running out and county funds are short due to the property tax changes and recession. Many of these technicians will be out of a job and the Districts will be back to square one.”
- “More dollars need to be provided to the local SWCDs so they have the resources to help landowners. Technical assistance at the local level is sorely needed. The state staff are not assisting SWCDs at the local level. The SWCDs should be the primary focus of dollars spent through CWI. That is why it was created in the first place.”
- Priority should be to support projects and leverage human resources and federal dollars that work toward sustainability. Indiana's prime farmland should be preserved. The nonproductive ag lands should be restored to their natural state to the degree possible. Point source pollution should be curtailed thru the use of education and enforcement of current regulations. Water quality monitoring data should be used to identify and address water quality issues. There should be an overall state strategy that aligns with federal programs. The state should decide how best to implement these programs, and install a monitoring and follow-up program to assure the projects are done, are done correctly, and remain functioning over time.



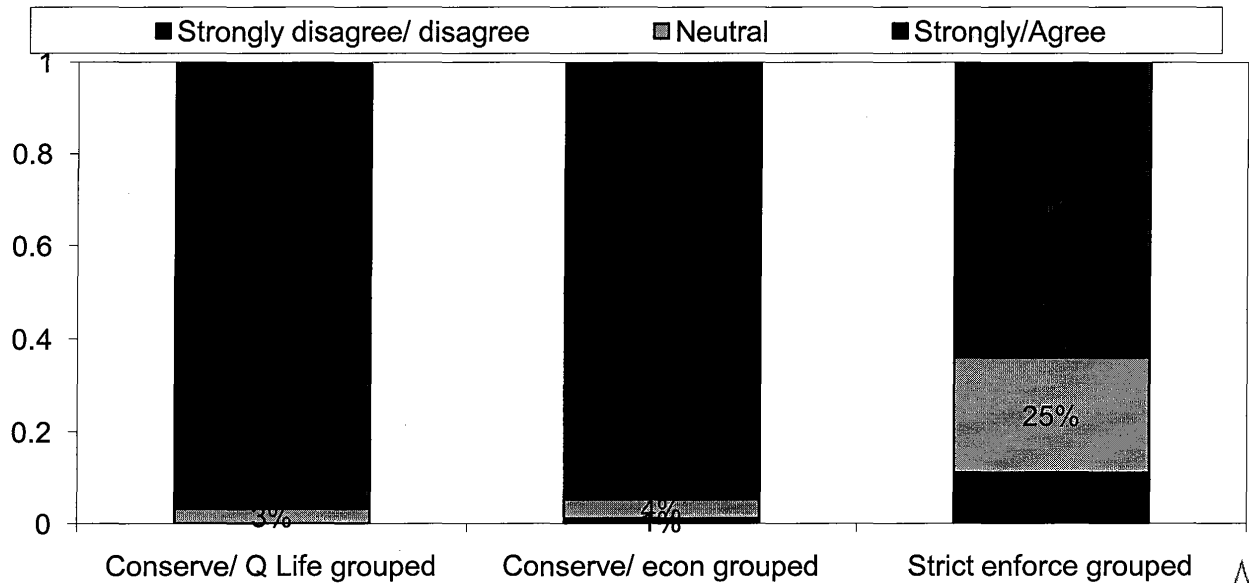
Sample Comments about allocation of resources among the SSCB's three priority areas: District Capacity, Technical Assistance, and CREP continued

- “Providing education; support and resources for all communities great and very small to help themselves will ensure that the ones that are most driven to succeed will be the ones that will reap the most return on their (and your) investment. This manner of management encourages everyone to do it for themselves; as opposed to the welfare system of waiting on some politically motivated (and without doubt skewed) list to have someone come in and do it for them; only to guarantee the community fail because they don't maintain a long term management plan. Without the knowledge and resources you may as well just literally throw the money in the water and wave good bye.”
- “The Clean Water Indiana Fund should be used to enhance the SWCDs on a local level, including providing for staff that can work directly with landowners on practices and projects. The ISDA technical staff are assigned to projects on a team basis, and are not readily available to landowners. Most of the technical staff only work on projects that are federal or state funded, as these are priority projects and there are more of them. The CREP program is limited to watersheds, and is not available to everyone. One suggestion would be to offer the CREP program in one area for a limited period of time, such as 2 years, and then change to a new watershed area for a limited period of time, and so on. This could be done on a priority watershed basis, and would give opportunity for the landowners in the CREP area to commit to projects and complete them in a timely manner, making a better use of the technical and financial resources available.”
- “The drainage infrastructure in rural Indiana is in many cases over 100 years old and in a sad state of disrepair. If money could be allocated to help with engineering, much of this could be reconstructed. If water is run through subsurface drains that are in good condition, I believe that many of the erosion, sediment, nutrient management, etc. will take care of itself.”
- “The first concern should be to put as much as possible to work at the local level as projects that people can see how they work. Technical staff is important but don't use all the funds to pay staff and then have no funds left to do projects.”

Respondents indicate their level of agreement or disagreement with three statements about conservation in Indiana.

Almost all (96%) strongly agree or agree that conserving soil and water resources has a positive impact on quality of life for all Hoosiers and (95%) strongly agree or agree that conserving soil and water resources has a positive impact on the Indiana economy.

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Respondents indicate their level of agreement or disagreement with three statements about conservation in Indiana.

- Non-farmers (68%) are significantly more likely to strongly agree or agree that Indiana needs more strict enforcement of soil and water conservation guidelines and laws than farmers (49%)
- There are also significant differences in opinions among those in the eight districts, with these districts having significantly lower levels of agreement that Indiana needs more strict enforcement of soil and water conservation guidelines and laws:
 - Central North East, 48% strongly agree or agree
 - Central South East, 44% strongly agree or agree
 - South West, 47% strongly agree or agree
- Respondents in these districts have significantly higher levels of agreement that Indiana needs more strict enforcement of soil and water conservation guidelines and laws:
 - North West, 70%
 - North East, 62%
 - Central North West, 76%
 - Central South West, 66%
 - South East, 73%

Affiliations of Respondents: Respondents could select multiple affiliations

- There are 548 respondents who list an affiliation; with 945 affiliations selected, it is apparent that many respondents selected more than one affiliation. The list below shows the percent of total respondents listing each category as an affiliation. *Note: Due to respondents selecting multiple responses, totals will not equal 100%.*
- SWCD staff in any of the 92 districts, 17%
- SWCD supervisor in any of the 92 districts, 12%
- Indiana Conservation Partnership, ICP (includes USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, Indiana State Department of Agriculture, the Indiana Association of SWCD, SSCB), 15%
- An agriculture or farming association, 31%
- State Agency other than the Department of Agriculture, 10%
- Federal Agency other than the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, 2%
- Environmentalist or conservation group, 23%
- Urban planning group, 8%
- Group focused on outdoor recreation using land and water resources, 9%
- Indiana District Employees Association, IDEA, 9%
- Other, 26%
- None, 11%



Key Findings

- Among the constituent groups, there is only a moderate level of familiarity with the Clean Water Indiana program, with 33% indicating they are familiar, and 33% indicating they are somewhat familiar.
- The wide-range of ratings for the performance of the SSCB reflects the range of familiarity to unfamiliarity with the Clean Water program. The largest portion of respondents, 37%, give a neutral or good rating. While close to one-third, 31% give an excellent or very good rating. About 20% give a fair or poor rating, and 12 % don't know enough to give a rating.
- Farmers are significantly more likely to be familiar with SWCD, with 69% of them being familiar. Among non-farmers, close to half, 46% are familiar.
- The top five topics with the highest ratings as major priorities among these respondents are:
 - Soil erosion, 86%
 - Quality of drinking water, 83%
 - Sediment, 75%
 - Pesticide/ herbicide runoff, 71%
 - Buffers, 68%
- Among the topics listed, the two with lowest ratings as major priorities among these respondents are:
 - Recreational use of water areas, 23%
 - Recreational use of land areas, 19%

Key Findings continued

- Topics in the middle range as major priorities among these respondents are:
 - Nutrient management, 65%
 - Water conservation, 68%
 - No till/ strip till, 65%
 - Wetland restoration/ preservation, 65%
 - Cover crops, 50%
 - Forestry, 49%
 - Wildlife habitat, 48%
 - Pasture/ livestock management, 46%
- Respondents overall allocate resources about evenly among the three priority areas of SSCB: District Capacity, Technical Assistance, and CREP. There is a slight edge given to District Capacity, 36.84%, with CREP being second at 32.60%, closely followed by Technical Assistance at 30.56%.
- Almost all (96%) strongly agree or agree that conserving soil and water resources has a positive impact on quality of life for all Hoosiers and (95%) strongly agree or agree that conserving soil and water resources has a positive impact on the Indiana economy.
- Close to two-thirds (64%) strongly agree or agree that Indiana needs more strict enforcement of soil and water conservation guidelines and laws.



Recommendations

- SSCB faces a complex and difficult task in managing the Clean Water Indiana program. This task complexity and difficulty is increased by lack of familiarity with the program. SSCB should consider methods to educate and inform its constituencies about the programs, about how to apply for programs, about grants being received and implemented and about successful outcomes.
- SSCB should examine its communication methods with farmers, which appear more successful than those with non-farmers. Perhaps there are existing methods that could be expanded to reach non-farming constituencies.
- There is an opportunity also to increase familiarity with the SWCD, especially among non-farmers.
- SSCB has received consistent and strong information about the major priorities. These priorities should be considered in future decision-making.
- The complexity and difficulty in allocating resources among the three areas (District Capacity, Technical Assistance, and CREP) are reflected in the fairly even spread by the respondents. The close-to-equal allocation may or may not be reasonable to implement. The research did not include any time span over which the resources would be allocated, so the SSCB should not take this as a recommendation for annual actions, but for longer term focus. Again, it will be important to educate and inform key constituencies about the allocation of resources among the programs.
- SSCB has support from these constituencies in terms of belief that soil and water conservation improve quality of life and the economy. These facts can be used in promotional materials.
- If SSCB has opportunities to enforce conservation laws and guidelines, there is support for those efforts also.



DNR awards funds to treat lakes

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has awarded funding totaling \$1.33 million to 36 projects to protect and restore Indiana lakes in 15 counties.

The funds come from the Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program in the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife and will be used on 46 different lakes around the state.

"This is one state program that returns money to taxpayers on a local level, where they can see their money at work and reap the direct benefits," said Robert E. Carter Jr., director of the DNR. "Governor Daniels expects all agencies to use taxpayer funds wisely and LARE-funded projects serve as an investment with associated ecological, recreational, and economic benefits from protecting one of Indiana's most valuable assets-our lakes and rivers."

Funding comes from the LARE fee paid by boat owners based on the value of each boat, with one-third of the money slated for use by the DNR for lake projects that remove sediment or control exotic or invasive plants or animals. The remainder is split between traditional LARE projects that seek to reduce sediment and nutrient inputs to waterbodies and the DNR's Division of Law Enforcement for boating-related programs.

"This year's awards provide needed funds to address the continuing threat of invasive plant species to Indiana lakes. Reducing the spread of certain aquatic invasive species can prevent devastating ecological and economic consequences on the lakes," said Jim Ray, chief of the DNR's LARE program.

In 2009, the program received applications for invasive plant management projects totaling more than \$2 million and was able to provide \$568,040 in grants to survey and treat exotic invasive plants in 40 lakes. In addition, the LARE program will cover up to \$425,000 for the third year of whole-lake fluridone treatments to eradicate hydrilla in Lake Manitou. No funding could be awarded for 45 lakes that requested a state grant. For the second year in a row, no new plans were funded in order to complete treatment cycles for lakes already in the program.

Ray noted that highest priorities for LARE included eradication of new exotic species introductions of hydrilla in Lake Manitou in Fulton County, Brazilian elodea in Griffy Lake in Monroe County, and parrot feather (a type of milfoil) in Meserve Lake in Steuben County. Also funded was follow-up control of other invasive species in those lakes; follow-up control for lakes previously funded for whole-lake fluridone treatments and one new fluridone treatment; and maintenance treatments in lakes with new 2008-12 management plans and other lakes that have received past funding in two years or fewer.

The other type of grant, for sediment removal, provides positive recreational and economic benefits to both users and residents of the affected lakes. A total of \$339,989 will be distributed in three counties to six sediment removal projects involving nine Indiana lakes. These projects are extremely expensive to complete without state assistance to local entities.

The two tables below include all awards for 2009 aquatic plant management grants and sediment removal projects.

Lake and River Enhancement Program
Division of Fish & Wildlife
Indiana Department of Natural Resources

AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PROJECTS 2009-2010

COUNTY	LAKE(S)	GRANT	PROJECT TYPE
ELKHART	HEATON LAKE	\$15,300	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
FULTON	MANITOU LAKE	\$425,000	HYDRILLA ERADICATION
KOSCIUSKO	BARBEE LAKES (BANNING, BIG BARBEE, IRISH, KUHN, LITTLE BARBEE, SAWMILL, AND SECRHIST LAKES)	\$32,780	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
KOSCIUSKO	DEWART LAKE	\$20,025	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
KOSCIUSKO	HILL LAKE	\$13,050	PLAN REVISION AND IMPLEMENTATION
KOSCIUSKO	RIDINGER LAKE	\$8,100	PLAN REVISION AND IMPLEMENTATION
KOSCIUSKO	SILVER AND NORTH LITTLE LAKES	\$13,455	PLAN REVISION AND IMPLEMENTATION
KOSCIUSKO	SYRACUSE LAKE	\$18,360	PLAN REVISION AND IMPLEMENTATION
KOSCIUSKO	TIPPECANOE, OSWEGO, AND JAMES LAKES	\$29,000	PLAN REVISION AND IMPLEMENTATION
KOSCIUSKO	WAWASEE LAKE	\$27,000	PLAN REVISION AND IMPLEMENTATION
KOSCIUSKO	WEBSTER AND BACKWATER LAKES	\$25,400	PLAN REVISION AND IMPLEMENTATION
LAGRANGE	ATWOOD LAKE	\$9,405	PLAN REVISION AND IMPLEMENTATION
LAGRANGE	BIG LONG LAKE	\$10,800	COMPLETE REVISION OF FIVE YEAR PLAN
LAGRANGE	BIG TURKEY LAKE	\$20,115	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
LAGRANGE	LITTLE TURKEY LAKE	\$19,035	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
LAGRANGE	SHIPSHEWANA LAKE	\$7,380	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
LAGRANGE	WALL LAKE	\$10,935	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
LAPORTE	CLEAR LAKE	\$7,200	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
LAPORTE	HUDSON LAKE	\$15,075	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
MARSHALL	PRETTY LAKE	\$7,200	PLAN UPDATE AND

MONROE	GRIFFY LAKE	\$37,847	IMPLEMENTATION BRAZILIAN ELODEA ERADICATION
MONROE	GRIFFY LAKE	\$6,750	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION-OTHER EXOTIC PLANTS
NOBLE	BIG LAKE	\$20,844	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
NOBLE	SYLVAN LAKE	\$77,220	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
PARKE/ MONTGOMERTY	WAVELAND LAKE	\$24,050	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
PORTER	LONG LAKE	\$7,200	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
ST JOSEPH	PLEASANT AND RIDDLES LAKES	\$8,100	IMPLEMENTATION
STARKE	BASS LAKE	\$17,280	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
STEUBEN	CROOKED LAKE	\$25,400	PLAN UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
STEUBEN	MESERVE LAKE	\$33,734	PARROT FEATHER ERADICATION

**30 PROJECTS IN 14 COUNTIES INCLUDING 40 LAKES
TOTAL FOR AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT: \$993,040**

SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECTS 2009-2010

COUNTY	LAKE(S)	GRANT	PROJECT TYPE
KOSCIUSKO	BIG BARBEE AND KUHN LAKES	\$145,500	SEDIMENT REMOVAL
KOSCIUSKO	CENTER LAKE	\$75,000	SEDIMENT REMOVAL
KOSCIUSKO	RIDINGER LAKE	\$79,489	SEDIMENT REMOVAL
LAGRANGE	ADAMS LAKE	\$5,000	SEDIMENT REMOVAL PLAN
LAGRANGE	OLIVER LAKE	\$30,000	SEDIMENT REMOVAL
WHITLEY	TRI-LAKES (CEDAR, ROUND AND SHRINER LAKES)	\$5,000	SEDIMENT REMOVAL PLAN

**6 PROJECTS IN 3 COUNTIES INCLUDING 9 LAKES
TOTAL FOR SEDIMENT REMOVAL: \$339,989**

IDEM REPORT, WATERSHED PLANNING BRANCH
SSCB Meeting, 4/14/09
Submitted by Marylou Renshaw

2009 – First Quarter Activities (January-March)

STORM WATER PROGRAM

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

- Indiana SWCD Annual Conference – Rule13 Presentation by IDEM, an MS4, and an SWCD
- Indiana SWCD Annual Conference – Storm Water Roundtable Discussion
- Best Management Practices – Meeting Storm Water Requirements (Sponsor - Jackson, Jennings, Ripley, Scott, and Switzerland SWCDs)
- Central Indiana Storm Water Workshop
- Indiana Land Improvement Contractors Association (LICA), Southeast Chapter
- Indiana Land Improvement Contractors Association (LICA), State Meeting
- Erosion and Sediment Control for Highway Construction (Sponsored and Coordinated with the Vigo SWCD)
- Sediment Control 101 (Sponsored by the LaPorte SWCD and MS4)

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND INITIATIVES:

- **Final testing of the new database and online submittal of Notice of Intents** has been a priority this quarter. Staff is working with the database developer to identify fixes and other issues associated with online submittal. April and a portion of May will be devoted to final testing for both Rules 5 and 6. **Both programs are to be live in May.**
- **Self Monitoring Program for Construction Runoff initiative will commence this summer for MS4s.** The Storm Water Specialists and Storm Water Program Manger will lead this effort. To date, the audit of the Construction Run-Off Minimum Control Measure has revealed that MS4s require additional information regarding the requirement to self monitor construction projects for which they are the owner/operator. The purpose of the initiative is to meet with MS4s and provide education and resource tools to address the requirement for self monitoring for construction sites. Success of the initiative will be measured during the official audit of each of the MS4s that participate in the initiative.

MS4 PROGRAM UPDATE:

- Staff continues to conduct audits of the MS4 entities. To date, 30 audits have been completed for the Public Education, Public Involvement, and Good Housekeeping Minimum Control Measures. The Storm Water Specialists have completed 43 audits of the Construction Run-Off Minimum Control Measure. There are 189 MS4 entities.
- **The second Annual Meeting will be held in Noblesville on April 23, 2009.** The focus of the meeting will include and update of issues that are being identified during the MS4 audits.

RULE 6 PROGRAM UPDATE:

- Currently there are 3,231 permits associated with Industrial Operations exposed to storm water.
- **An informational brochure is being developed** in coordination with our Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance. The brochure is currently under review by staff.
- Compliance:
 - Notice of Intent: 162
 - Notice of Deficiency: 41
 - Notice of Sufficiency: 121
 - Inspections: 26

RULE 5 PROGRAM UPDATE:

- Compliance:
 - Notice of Intent: 366
 - Notice of Deficiency: 44
 - Notice of Sufficiency: 322
 - Inspections: 104
 - Violation Letters: 7
 - Enforcement Referrals: 5

NPS §319(H) AND §205(J) /TMDL/WATERSHED/INTEGRATED REPORT

- §319(H) GRANTS: 7 projects were submitted to EPA for funding; 12 projects were rejected. The grant should be awarded early summer.
- **Application guidelines are being updated.**
- **Revised Watershed Management Plan guidelines are being finalized.**
- Watershed Specialists Leanne Whitesell and Kathleen Hagan were recognized with the "Outstanding Individual of the Year Award" by the Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D at its annual conference for their technical support.

- §205(J): 1 planning grant was submitted
 - **4 pass-through stimulus projects are under consideration for approximately \$380,000**

- TMDL: the public meeting for the draft Kankakee/Iroquois TMDL was held in Rensselaer during the quarter with negligible turn-out. We may hold another meeting in Plymouth if we determine there is sufficient interest.

- WATERSHED SPECIALISTS
 - Watershed Resource Toolkit in progress
 - Working with over 90 active watershed groups
 - Assisting with the Watershed Leadership Academy
 - Developing Watershed Networking Sessions
 - **"Integrating Watershed Planning at the Local Level" sessions are scheduled for May 12th in Muncie, May 13th in Rensselaer, and May 14th in Ellettsville.**

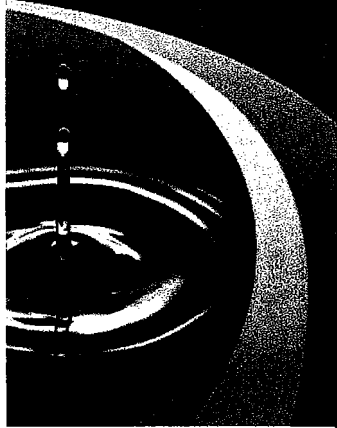
- INTEGRATED REPORT FOR WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENTS- 305(B) AND 303(D)
 - External Data Framework submitted to Management for review. The Framework provides a systematic, transparent, and voluntary process for external organizations to submit the water quality data they collect to IDEM for consideration in various Office of Water Quality programs.

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CWI Program/2009 Legislative session

HB 1204 – Clean Water Indiana language

- Clarifies that the CWI fund does not revert to any fund at the end of a fiscal year
- Passed unanimously by both House and Senate.

Budget Bill

- Senate Appropriations committee released a two-year budget and included \$500,000/yr in general fund appropriation for the CWI program.

NACD updates

- Krysta Harden, CEO, is being nominated for a position within USDA. She is expected to be confirmed by May. A search for a new CEO will begin as soon as she is confirmed.

Soil and Water Stewardship Week

- Tree dedication ceremony at the Indiana Farm Bureau building on Monday, April 27 at 9:15 a.m. Please join us as we dedicate a tree in memory of Olin Sims, former NACD President.

Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative update

- Positions have been advertised. The oversight committee expects to be reviewing resumes and interviewing in early June. Positions are slated to begin July 1. SWCDs are being encouraged to apply for the part-time position.

IASWCD 319 grant

- One year left on this grant position
- Elizabeth Trybula is leaving in May to begin Graduate School at Purdue under Jane Frankenburger
- We are reassigning the position to a "Conservation Development Specialist". This position will focus more on helping watershed groups and SWCDs leverage grant funds, find more grant funds, build community relationships, etc.

THE IASWCD MISSION is to represent SWCDs as one voice and assist the leadership of local Districts through coordination and education for the wise use and management of our natural resources.

**State Soil Conservation Board Meeting
NRCS State Conservationist Report
April 2009**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Funding)

NRCS has submitted three watershed operations projects for ARRA funding, and hopes to hear soon on funding decisions.

It is anticipated that well over 200 Floodplain Easement Program (FEP) applications will be submitted for Indiana easement requests on over 7,300 acres, for more than \$20 million. They will be ranked at the national level for stimulus finding. Nationally it is expected that over \$1 billion will be requested for Floodplain Easement projects, with \$145 million announced in available funds.

Information on NRCS ARRA activities is available at
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/recovery/index.html>.

The 2007 Census of Agriculture

Some highlights from the updated census include:

- Indiana has 60,938 farms with an average size of 250 acres. This is an increase in number of farms from the 2002 census by 1%.
- Increases were seen in both large and small farms, while mid-size farms continued to decline.
- One point six percent of Indiana farmers are minority or more than one race.
- Indiana has 287 certified organic farms, covering 14,000 acres. LaGrange County has the largest concentration of organic farms.
- Women involved in farm operations increased by 28%. Over 24,000 women are operators in a farming operation.

Census maps highlighting minority operators in Indiana are on-line at:
<http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/about/Outreach/census%20maps.html>

County specific census summaries are available at <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/>, then click 'State and County Profiles' under 'Census Highlights'.

LincPass Update

SWCD staff in USDA Service Centers must complete appropriate forms for a LincPass by April 30 and submit them to their Field Operations Assistant at the NRCS Area Office. Forms were sent out with a memo Monday, March 30, by NRCS State Conservationist Jane Hardisty. The form is available on-line at <http://www.iaswcd.org/pdfs/wu/04-01-09nrcsform.pdf>.

USDA's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Service Center Visits

OIG employees have visited at least two Indiana offices during March to conduct audit activities. OIG officials are asking to access the USDA network and checking whether local staff at the service centers are asking the OIG employees for ID and checking with their supervisors before allowing them access. In both situations, the OIG employees were required by ITS to sign an Interconnect Agreement (IA) before they were allowed onto the USDA network.

If OIG comes into your office requesting this access, please ask them for ID and then notify your Area Conservationist and your IT specialist. The Interconnect Agreement is an agreement between ITS and OIG and is required before access can be granted. This agreement should be provided by ITS.

This is a good reminder to all employees to be diligent in checking the credentials of anyone coming into our service centers and asking for any information or asking for access to our computer network.

Conservation Practices Workload

NRCS and our partners are applying an incredible amount of conservation to the land, funded through the Farm Bill, state and local conservation programs. The NRCS ProTracts system shows that a total of 4,918 conservation practices were scheduled for implementation in Fiscal Year 2009. The current Conservation Implementation Team workload spreadsheets show 3,930 conservation practices scheduled for attention this year under Farm Bill and other conservation programs (CRP, 319, LARE, etc.). Thanks to all the state and local partners for their technical assistance that helps to apply conservation to the land through the Indiana Conservation Partnership.

New NRCS Chief

Agriculture Secretary Vilsack named Dave White as chief of USDA's NRCS. White is a career conservationist with NRCS. He has provided technical and management expertise in Missouri, South Carolina, Washington, D.C. and Montana, where he served as State Conservationist from 2002 to 2008. White also served in the Senate Agriculture Committee where he helped craft the Conservation Title for both the 2002 and 2008 Farm Bills.

"Dave White's extensive experience working with the NRCS and at the local, state and national levels is exactly what we need during this time of economic uncertainty and renewal," said Vilsack. "Dave's expertise and advice will be particularly valuable as we implement the 2008 Farm Bill and work to achieve President Obama's goals for renewing America and combating global climate change."