

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM



CREP



Today's Agenda

- CREP 101
- CREP Status Update
- Opportunities for SWCDs
 - Administration
 - Future grants
 - Expectations
- Technical Assistance
- Questions

What is CREP?

- ❑ A program that addresses water quality and wildlife issues by the reduction of sediment and nutrients in watersheds and the enhancement of wildlife habitats for State and Federally listed T&E Species



What is CREP

- ❑ CREP is designed to help alleviate water quality concerns by restoring wetlands and buffers along streams



- ☐ Farmers choose to take sensitive farmland out of ag production
- ☐ Farmers enhance sensitive areas by applying conservation practices that will protect watershed water quality



CREP Practices

- **CP2** - Establishment of Permanent Native Grass
- **CP3A** - Hardwood Tree Planting
- **CP4D** - Permanent Wildlife Habitat, Noneasement
- **CP22** - Riparian Buffer
- **CP21** - Filter Strips
- **CP23** - Wetland Restoration is available within the 100-year floodplain
- **CP23a** - Wetland Restoration - Non-floodplain
- **CP31** - Bottom Timber Establishment on Wetland

- ❑ CREP builds upon FSA's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- ❑ CRP is the country's largest private-lands environmental improvement program
- ❑ Processing with FSA/NRCS/ISDA will be much like CRP



Financial Incentives

□ The CREP Amendment will offer financial incentives to offset the cost to the landowner

\$100-\$950 per acre

(in addition to federal dollars & other incentives)



State Incentives

- **CP2** - Native Grass \$100/acre
- **CP3A** - Hardwood Tree \$400/acre
- **CP4D** - Wildlife Habitat \$100/acre
- **CP22** - Riparian Buffer \$400/acre
- **CP21** - Filter Strips \$100/acre
- **CP23** - Wetland floodplain \$950/acre
- **CP23a** - Wetland Non-floodplain \$950/acre
- **CP31** - Bottom Timber \$400/acre

Federal Incentives

- **Cost Share of 50% of practice establishment**
- **Annual Rental Payments**
 - **Soil Rental**
 - **Incentive payment of 40% of base rental rate**
 - **Maintenance Fee**
- **SIP (one-time signing incentive) - \$100/acre**
- **PIP (one-time practice incentive) – 40% of eligible installation cost**
 - CP22 - Riparian Buffer
 - CP21 – Filter Strips
 - CP23 – Wetland Floodplain
 - CP23a – Wetland Non-Floodplain
 - CP31 – Bottomland Timber
 - CP21 - Filter Strips



CREP Math:

Every state/local **\$1** invested
generates:

\$7-\$10 federal dollars in
Hoosier pockets

The CREP Amendment

	Current Agreement	Amendment
Acres	7,000	26,250
Linear Miles of Watercourse Protected	2,104	3,000
Watersheds	3	11
Counties	29	65
CP 23/23A	\$400/acre	\$950/acre (high priority areas)

Current and Proposed CREP Watersheds

Map of Missouri showing Current and Proposed CREP Watersheds. The map displays county boundaries and names. Watersheds are color-coded: green for current and blue for proposed. Specific watershed names and acreages are labeled in yellow boxes.

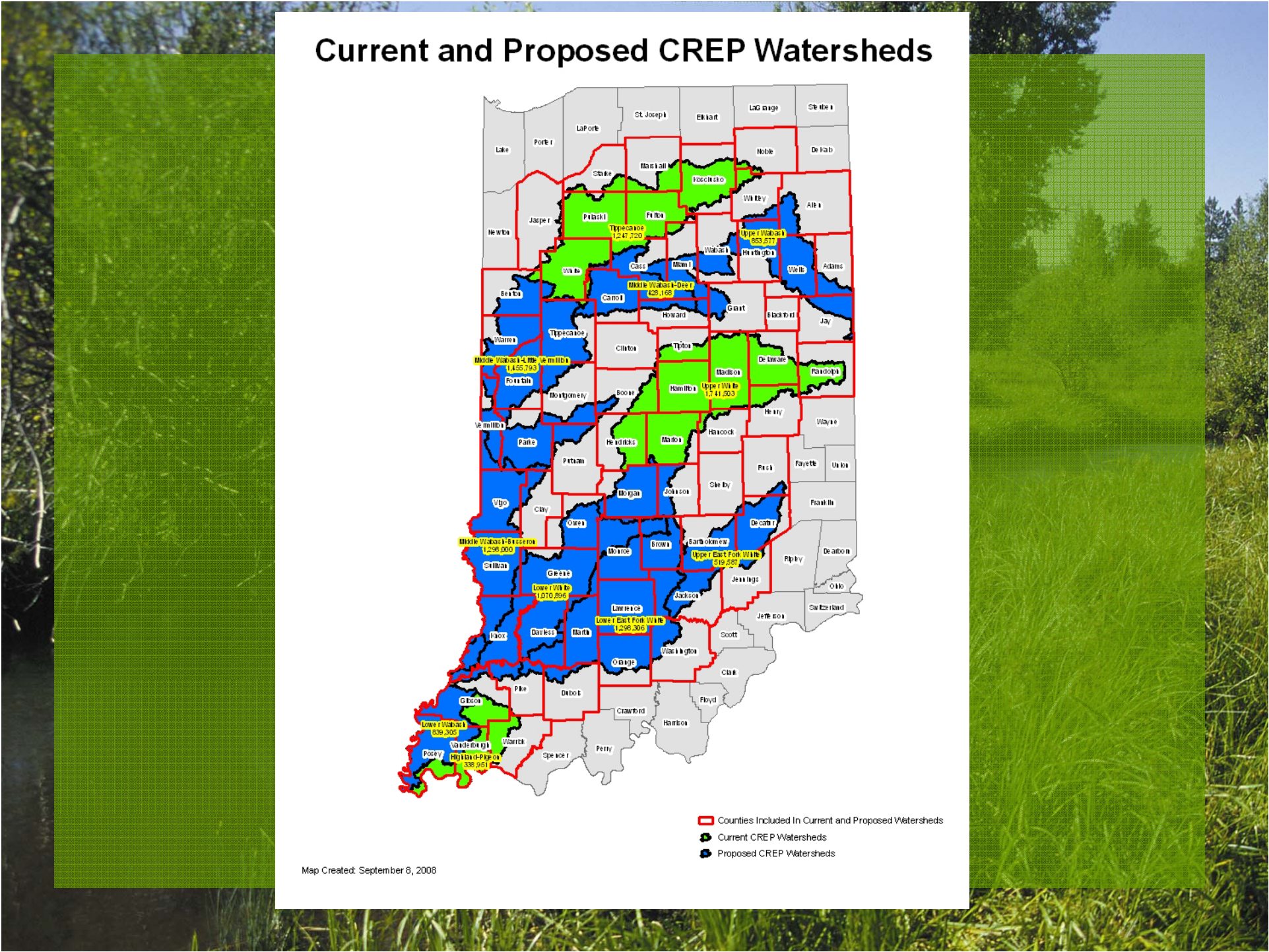
Legend:

- Counties Included In Current and Proposed Watersheds (Red outline)
- Current CREP Watersheds (Green fill)
- Proposed CREP Watersheds (Blue fill)

Map Data:

Watershed Name	Acreage	Status
Upper White	853,577	Current
Upper West Fork White	519,581	Current
Lower White	1,070,896	Current
Lower West Fork White	1,296,306	Current
Lower White	839,305	Current
Upper White	1247,720	Proposed
Upper West Fork White	429,168	Proposed
Upper White	1,456,793	Proposed
Upper West Fork White	1,296,000	Proposed
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Opportunities for SWCD

- Administrative Assistance
- Technical Assistance (?)
- SWCD makes payment to landowner
- ISDA will provide forms



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LANDOWNER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Watershed: _____ Agreement Number: _____

Sponsoring Soil and Water Conservation District: _____

A. Participant and Project Location Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Farm Number: _____

Project County: _____ Township: _____ Section: _____

UTM's North: _____ UTM's East: _____

B. Participation Terms and Agreement

The above named participant hereby agrees to take part in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program project and fully understands that his/her participation is subject to the following provisions of this agreement.

1. The participant agrees to implement, on the tract of land described in Part A, the practices shown on page two of this agreement which is (are) hereby made a part of this agreement and is (are) subject to annual review and any modifications approved by all parties concerned.
2. The participant further agrees to implement the planned conservation practices on page two of this agreement with respect to pr with respect to practice applications and in accordance with the specifications, operations, and maintenance requirements outlined in the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's "Indiana Field Office Technical Guide Section IV" and CREP guidance.
3. The participant certifies that he/she will have control of this tract of land for the life of the practice(s).
4. The practice(s) installed will be properly operated and maintained by the participant for the length of time specified on FSA's CRP-2C.
5. The Participant agrees that if the practice(s) that was (were) installed through the CREP is (are) destroyed, altered, or fall(s) to be operated and/or maintained throughout the life of the agreement, the State may recover up to the full amount of any incentive payments provided to the Participant for the practice(s).
6. If the land containing the practice(s) is voluntarily sold, transferred, or donated to another person, it shall be the responsibility of the Participant or designated representative to advise the new owner of this agreement. Should the new owner(s) not agree in writing to properly maintain the practice(s) installed, and if the practice(s) that were installed through the CREP is (are) destroyed, altered, or fall(s) to be operated and/or maintained throughout the life of this agreement, the State may recover up to the full amount of any incentive payment(s) and/or any other expenses incurred from the Participant.
7. Payments will be made to landowners quarterly following the receipt and processing of the certification of CREP Practice Completion form. Payments shall be made in order of their receipt and CREP fund availability



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C. Planned Conservation Practice(s)

Tract Number	Field Number	Conservation Practice Installed	FOTG Standard Number	Incentives per Acre	Quantity (Acres)	Total Incentives
Total Estimated Incentives Requested:						\$0.00

D. Landowner Request

I, _____ landowner in _____ County, Indiana, hereby make application to the ISDA Division of Soil Conservation for CREP incentive payments to install/apply the conservation practice(s) listed below. I understand that the practice(s) approved must be installed/applied in a manner consistent with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) Section IV standards and specifications, and will be operated/maintained for no less than their minimum specified lifetime. I also understand project completion is required within 1 years from the start date on FSA's CRP-2C.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Technical Representative (ISDA, NRCS, or SWCD)

Date

E. SWCD Recommendation for Approval

The _____ County Soil and Water District recommends to the ISDA Division of Soil Conservation the approval of this application for State CREP Incentives in the amount of: _____

SWCD Chairman or designated supervisor

Date

F. Division of Soil Conservation or Designated Technical Representative

This application is (approved) (disapproved) in an amount not to exceed: \$ _____

ISDA CREP Coordinator or designee

Date



CERTIFICATION OF CREP PRACTICE COMPLETION

Watershed _____ County: _____
Agreement Number: _____

The following eligible conservation practices, approved for soil and water conservation project incentive payments by the ISDA Division of Soil Conservation, were installed/applied in a manner consistent with NRCS FOTG specifications by:

Participants Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Total Incentives Due:	
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I certify that the above Conservation Practices have been installed/applied according to the terms of my Landowner Participation Agreement

 Participating Landowner _____
 Date

SWCD Chairman or designated supervisor

Date

ISDA CREP Coordinator or designee _____ Date _____





QUESTIONS...