

# 2012 Clean Water Indiana Grant



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

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

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

During state fiscal year 2012, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 21 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,078,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

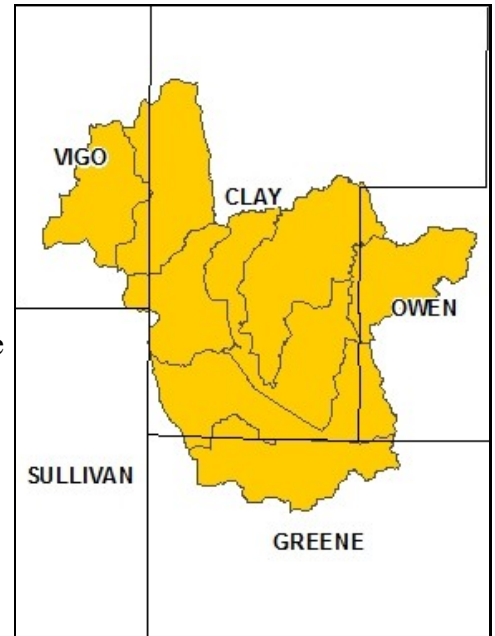
LEAD DISTRICT: CLAY  
COLLABORATING DISTRICT: VIGO  
TARGET WATERSHEDS: EEL RIVER, MIDDLE  
WABASH-BUSSERON  
PROJECT NAME: COVER CROP SEEDING  
PROJECT DATES: 5/1/2012-4/30/2014  
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$10,000



## Purpose: Implement a cover crop cost share program

In an effort to reduce nonpoint source pollution Clay and Vigo SWCDs will offer a cost-share incentive program. This will be offered the first year of the grant. Land users will have the option of choosing to have their cover crops seeded with a plane or drill; or installing field borders. Both BMPs will keep sediment and nutrients out of our water. Land users choosing the field border option will get a one-time, \$600/acre rental payment for installing and maintaining a field border for 10 years.

This region was selected because of the strong relationships these districts have and the long track record of working together and accomplishing our conservation goals. By getting over 1500 acres of cover crops seeded we will be able to dramatically reduce sediment and nutrient loading in our watersheds. The field borders will also help farmers grass sensitive areas that filter excess run off.



THIS PROJECT ADDRESSES AREAS OF CONCERN IDENTIFIED IN THE LOWER EEL RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Clay and Vigo County SWCDs plan to work together to coordinate aerial seeding for this cover crop program.

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Share  
\$10,000