2013 Clean Water Indiana Grant



LEAD DISTRICT: DEARBORN

COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: OHIO. SWITZERLAND

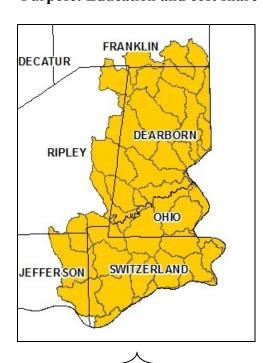
TARGET WATERSHEDS: MIDDLE OHIO LAUGHERY, GREAT MIAMI,

PROJECT NAME: WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2013-12/31/2015

PROJECT AMOUNT: \$70.000

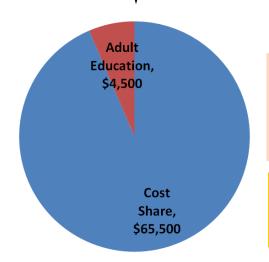
Purpose: Education and cost share on agricultural and urban lands



PROJECT GOALS:

RAIN GARDENS: 2 COVER CROPS: 90 ACRES WATERING SYSTEMS: 6

HAY/PASTURE SEEDING: 90 ACRES



This project has two components consisting of educational and cost share of agricultural and urban practices.

The educational portion will be three separate workshops. The first workshop will be a "kick-off" workshop where people will first-hand see practices that are being offered and informed about the cost-share program. In year two, there will be a workshop to showcase the rain garden demonstration area and other urban practices. During the last year, there will be a field day to showcase the projects that have been installed the previous two years.

Cost share will focus on agriculture conservation practices that reduce sediment and nutrients from water bodies and rain gardens to reduce sediment and nutrients from urban/ suburban areas.

All three districts will work together to plan, promote and implement one workshop a year. One workshop will be held in each county over the three year life of the grant. All three counties will work together to educate and promote the cost share programs that will reduce sediment and nutrients in water bodies. All counties will offer the cost share program for agricultural and urban/

Cost shared practices under this grant will also be supporting the Indiana Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy Management Plan for the streams of the Ohio River drainage area.



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 2013, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded ten Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$612,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,500 per year).



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