

Project Statistics

Lead District: Dubois
Amount Funded: \$41,000
Participating Districts:
Perry



Project Information:

Project Title: Nutrient and
Sediment Management
for Livestock Owners, with
Soil Health Education and
Outreach
Project Dates:
1/1/19-12/31/21

Project Overview:

The project has three areas of focus. The first, primary focus will provide cost-share for heavy use area protection pads (HUAPs), watering facilities, and pasture renovation within a two-county area. Livestock is important to the economy of the region yet has been underserved with cost-share opportunities in the area.

The secondary focus is education and outreach. Experts in the field of livestock management will speak in 2019 at the Greener Pastures Field Day. Further, livestock owners in the two-county project area will receive periodic mailings about pertinent upcoming events, and information from experts in the fields of livestock management and soil health. Clean Water Indiana funds will be used to defray speaker and advertising expense at the Greener Pastures field day, and other events during the project. The third area of focus is quantifying soil health. Speakers at the annual National No-Till Conference indicate that it is not realistic to develop a cost: benefit analysis for conservation practices. Measures of soil characteristics show the health of the soil, thereby providing an indication of a farmer's crop or pasture condition and bottom line. Clean Water Indiana funds will be used to purchase a soil test kit, similar to those used by the NRCS. The test kit will measure water holding capacity, infiltration, compaction, structure, biological diversity, etc. Knowing this information about their soil will allow landowners to make little changes and solve big problems on their land.

Program Overview:

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program (IC 14-32-8) was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. Through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs, the program supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution.

Program Administration:

The CWI fund is administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB). The fund is derived from a portion of cigarette tax funds. (IC 6-7-1-29.3) The cigarette tax fund is 4.22 percent of total cigarette tax revenue, and the CWI fund receives one sixth of this amount. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects.

For more information about CWI, please visit: in.gov/isda/2379.htm.
For more information about the SSCB, please visit: in.gov/isda/2361.htm.
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To find your local SWCD: please visit: in.gov/isda/2370.htm.

