

**RECOMMENDATION FOR VACANT APPOINTMENT POSITION**

**APPOINTED SUPERVISOR; VACANCY: IC 14-32-13**

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*("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)*

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

Name: Steven R. Huser 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 8588 S. 400 W.

CITY: Geneva STATE: IN ZIP: 46740

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation (enclose) of Kim Fruechte 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)

Gene Witte, Chairman

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy):

**Submit to:  
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**QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

**IC 14-32-4-1**

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NAME: Steven R. Huser      PHONE: (260) 334-5652

DATE OF BIRTH (M/d/yyyy): 12/27/1944

ADDRESS: 8588 S. 400 W.

CITY: Geneva STATE: IN ZIP: 46740

EDUCATION: Masters Degree

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Farmer and Retired Teacher

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: Filter Strips and No-till wheat and beans.

**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

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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) :**

**Signature of appointee:** \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION FOR SUPERVISOR APPOINTMENT

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISORS: IC 14 – 32 – 4

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The Board of Supervisors of the Carroll County Soil and

Water Conservation District certify that:

NAME Josh Howard

ADDRESS 1170 S 800 W

CITY: Delphi STATE: IN ZIP: 46923

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

REAPPOINTMENT

He/she attended     monthly supervisors' meetings last year.

NEW APPOINTMENT

This appointment is necessary because of

expiration of term , resignation (enclose)

or death  of Myron Sink.

**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:

Michael W. Beale, Chairman

DATE (M/d/yyyy): 1/14/2009

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NAME: Josh Howard PHONE: (765) 564-2091 DATE OF BIRTH: 3/30/1975

ADDRESS: 1170 S. 800 W.

CITY: Delphi STATE: IN ZIP: 46923

EDUCATION: PurdueUniversity

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Certified Crop Advisor

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES: Previous elected supervisor; conservation job relation; installed waterways on farm

**Please check one of the following:**

**NEW APPOINTMENT**

**REAPPOINTMENT**

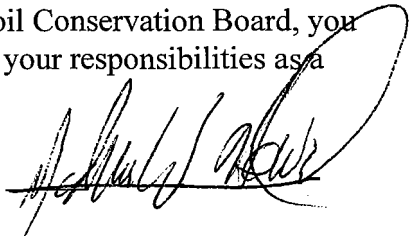
**I currently hold a public service position/office** Yes No **(If yes) I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide** Yes No

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**Date (M/d/yyyy):** 1/14/2009

**Signature of appointee**



MYRON SINK

January 12, 2009

101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1200  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear State Soil Conservation Board Members:

I am giving you notice of my retirement from the Carroll County SWCD Board of Supervisors. I have served over 20 years in the capacity of an elected supervisor and am choosing at this time to end my term, effective immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Myron Sink', written in a cursive style.

Myron Sink  
Carroll County SWCD Supervisor

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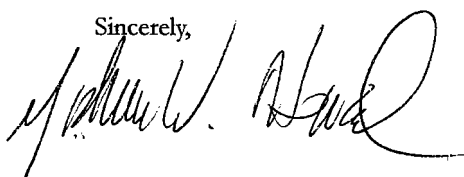
January 12, 2009

101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1200  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear State Soil Conservation Board Members:

I am resigning my position as an elected supervisor of the Carroll County SWCD in order to be appointed to fill the position left vacant by Myron Sink. I have lost the land qualifications of the elected position and would like to continue to serve the district by being appointed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Howard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "H" and "Q".

Josh Howard  
Board Member

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

Name: Vickie Kinser 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 10745 S Co Rd 680 E

CITY: Marengo STATE: IN ZIP: 47140

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation (enclose) of John Hall 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)

*Bill Kinser*, <sup>Vice</sup> Chairman

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy):

1-20-2009

Submit to:  
Your District Support Specialist  
Via e-mail.

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NAME: Vickie Kinser      PHONE: (812) 365-2808

DATE OF BIRTH (M/d/yyyy): 5-8-59

ADDRESS: 10745 S Co Rd 680 E

CITY: Marengo STATE: IN ZIP: 47140

EDUCATION: GED - And taking Classes at Vincennes for business degree

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Manufacturing Administration Assistant

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES:

Women's leader at Farm Bureau  
Secretary for Cattlemen

**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

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Date (M/d/yyyy) :

1-20-09

Signature of appointee: \_\_\_\_\_

Vickie Kinser



January 20, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my resignation from the Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. Thanks to the board for the time I have served. If I can be of any service to you, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

John Hall

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The Board of Supervisors of the Shelby County Soil and

Water Conservation District certify that:

NAME Aaron Swinford

ADDRESS 11598 S. 300 E.

CITY: Flatrock STATE: IN ZIP: 47234

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

REAPPOINTMENT

He/she attended    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:**

**Chris Eck, Chairman**

DATE (M/d/yyyy): 1/28/2009

**QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

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NAME:           PHONE: (    )   -           DATE OF BIRTH:

ADDRESS:

CITY:           STATE:        ZIP:

EDUCATION:

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS:

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES:

**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**

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**Date (M/d/yyyy):**

**Signature of appointee \_\_\_\_\_**



Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District

10000 North American Lane, Anderson, IN 47001 Phone: 317-872-1200 Fax: 317-872-1201

January 29, 2008

Indiana State Department of Agriculture  
Attn: SSCB  
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 1200  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Nola Gentry,

The Dearborn County Soil & Water Conservation District is requesting an extension of the Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant (SNRG) for the Urban Cost Share Program on Rain Gardens until June 30, 2009.

Six (6) of our eight (8) applicants were not able to begin their projects before winter due to several reasons including only receiving the plan from the engineer in the fall, the downturn of the economy, or waiting on a contractor. It is not conducive to construct and plant the rain garden in the winter due to survival of the plants. The applicants would like to build and plant their rain gardens in May so the plants have a chance to survive.

We thank you for considering our request for an extension for our CWI-SNRG funds.

Respectfully,  
Jennifer G. Hughes  
Stormwater Coordinator



APPLICATION FOR 2008 CWI GRANT:  
SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT  
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

This application (MUS) is to be typed and the ST to be submitted electronically to Andy Egan at [Andy.Egan@iada.in.gov](mailto:Andy.Egan@iada.in.gov)

Grantee Name	Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District
Address	10729 Randall Avenue
City/State/Zip	Aurora / IN / 47001

Contact Name	Jennifer Hughes
Title	Storm Water Coordinator
Address	10729 Randall Avenue
City/State/Zip	Aurora / IN / 47001
County	Dearborn
Telephone	(812) 926-2406 ext. 3
E-mail	<a href="mailto:jennifer.hughes@manncounty.in.gov">jennifer.hughes@manncounty.in.gov</a>

Signature Authority (District Chairman)	Ted Fowler
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Project Title	Urban Conservation Cost Share Program
Sediment and/or Nutrient Reduction Practice	Rain Gardens

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)

A rain garden is a landscaping feature using native perennial (a plant that normally lives more than two growing seasons and, after an initial period, produces flowers annually)-plants. The garden is used to manage storm water runoff from impervious surfaces such as roofs, sidewalks, and parking lots. When you create a rain garden you can improve local water quality while establishing a beautiful natural area that will attract birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Rain gardens allow rain and snowmelt to seep naturally into the ground. This helps recharge our groundwater supply and prevents erosion and polluted storm water runoff. Rain gardens are an important way to make our cities and towns more attractive places to live, while benefiting the wildlife. (IASWCD Website - Pathway to Water Quality)

Dearborn County SWCD's business plan has the objectives of reducing erosion and non-point source pollution on urban sites, educating citizens on soil and water conservation and all natural resource protection, and enhancing and improving the wildlife habitat in Dearborn County. This cost-share program will meet those objectives. The SWCD will offer a cost share program to all Dearborn County landowners with 75% paid through CWI and 25% paid by the landowner, with a maximum cost share of \$1000. Rain gardens collect storm water runoff and remove pollutants through filtration. This is accomplished through absorption, filtration, plant uptake, microbial activity, decomposition, sedimentation, and volatilization (Indiana Storm Water Quality Manual). According to the Indiana Storm Water Quality Manual, rain gardens remove *70% - 83% total phosphorus, 93% - 98% of metals (Cu, Zn, Pb), 58% - 80% total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), 90% of total suspended solids, 90% of organics, and 90% of bacteria*

The key steps and benchmarks of the grant are as follows:

1. Promote the program through the newsletters, newspaper, newspaper articles, flyers, and the Dearborn County SWCD website immediately upon grant award
2. Provide cost share on a first come, first serve basis for landowners with property inside an urban area
3. Design rain gardens based on specifications laid out in the Indiana Storm Water Quality Manual
4. Supervise installation and inspect completion for required specifications
5. Install fence by and assigned by signs on property for a minimum of one month
6. Allow cost share for all materials required in rain garden construction and rental of construction equipment
7. Require completion before December 31, 2008
8. Provide updates to ISDA and SSCB as required including acreage and load reduction
9. Set up a display about rain gardens at the local fair to promote public awareness

The ultimate desired outcome of the program is to keep pollutants such as fertilizers, sediments, metals, and bacteria out of the waters of the state. The cost share will be for at least eight landowners



February 3, 2009

State Soil Conservation Board

Due to our part-time employee taking a job with FSA, we would like to request a change for our '09 CWI grant. Our part-time employee was in charge of carrying out this program. With him being no longer with us, we felt that we needed to review our grant proposal and decided we needed to change our grant request.

After much discussion and review, we have come to the conclusion that we would like to include a cost share program for cover crop installation to our original grant proposal. We do not feel that we will be able to generate enough interest in time to take full advantage of the first proposal by the time we are able to hire a new employee. Since we have already advertised in our Affiliate News that we were offering the buffer filter strip program, we felt that we could not just drop it, but felt we needed to add another option to use our funds and benefit more producers in our area.

This addition also addresses several of our local concerns listed in our Plan of Work. (Soil Erosion, Water Quality-Surface Water-Excessive Suspended Sediment & Turbidity, Water Quality-Ground Water-Excessive Nutrients and Organic.)

We already have a workshop set up for Feb. 26 with one of the topics being addressed, "Value of Cover Crops, Crop Residue & Nutrient Management", presented by Dr. Jim Camberato, Purdue Agronomy Dept.

We are submitting a revision of our proposal and hope that you will agree that this is a good addition to our previous grant. We strongly feel that this addition will help put more conservation on the land and help to promote the "We All Live Downstream" initiative.

Sincerely,

White County Board of Supervisors

Donald Purkhiser, Chair  
Ralph Zarse  
Larry Kilmer  
Jaylen Hunt  
Joe Williams



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 Eslinger at [Ameslinger@isdan.in.gov](mailto:Ameslinger@isdan.in.gov)

Grantee Name	White County SWCD
Address	103 Country Lane
City/State/Zip	Monticello, IN 47960

Contact Name	Sharon Watson
Title	Office Manager/Education Coordinator
Address	103 Country Lane
City/State/Zip	Monticello, IN 47960
County	White
Telephone	574-583-5962 X 3
E-mail	sharon.watson@in.nacrdnet.net

Name of District Chairperson:	Donald Purkhiser
Project Title	Sediment & Nutrient Reduction Program
Sediment and/or Nutrient Reduction Practice	vegetated barriers/cover crop incentive

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)

White County SWCD proposes the offering of technical and financial assistance to landowners, both agricultural and non-agricultural, for the installation of vegetated barriers to control nutrient and sediment movement.

Eligible sites would be those which do not currently qualify for USDA or other programs, and might include field borders, drain inlet protection, roadside ditches and conservation cover plantings of cool season grasses, particularly at property lines.

Financial assistance would consist of the purchase of seed, and a \$200 per acre incentive to compensate for other installation costs, crop loss, etc. Technical assistance would be provided by existing SWCD staff, funded partially by CWI funds, matched by SWCD and County funds.

Key steps and benchmarks in the process would include publicizing the program to identify willing landowners with eligible sites in addition to those already known, prioritizing sites, determining suitable seed mixes for sites selected, and assuring timely and effective planting. Incentive payment would be made at the time of seeding.

The ultimate desired outcome is to move water more effectively and with less harm to the land, in areas where practices such as grassed waterways are expensive and difficult to engineer and install, and where conventional filter strips are often ineffective, as along regulated drains, due to their high levees and spoil banks. Many of the known sites are along property boundaries, offering the opportunity for adjacent landowners to cooperate in managing drainage and runoff issues to mutual advantage.

This is a sediment and nutrient reduction and erosion control program and will be managed as such. Any associated wildlife benefits will be purely incidental.

We would also like to offer cost-share assistance for the establishment of cover crops. We have already set up a soil workshop with a session on the value of cover crops. We plan to use NRCS job sheets and standards to assist us in setting up the criteria for this program.

We hope by offering two choices, we will be able to meet more producers' needs.





CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM REPORT 2-10-09

February 10, 2009

<b>Watersheds</b>	<b>Contracts</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Average Dollars/Acre</b>	<b>Obligated State Funds</b>	<b>Estimated Federal Leverage</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>4415.46</b>	<b>\$245.05</b>	<b>\$1,081,994.00</b>	<b>\$12,875,481.36</b>

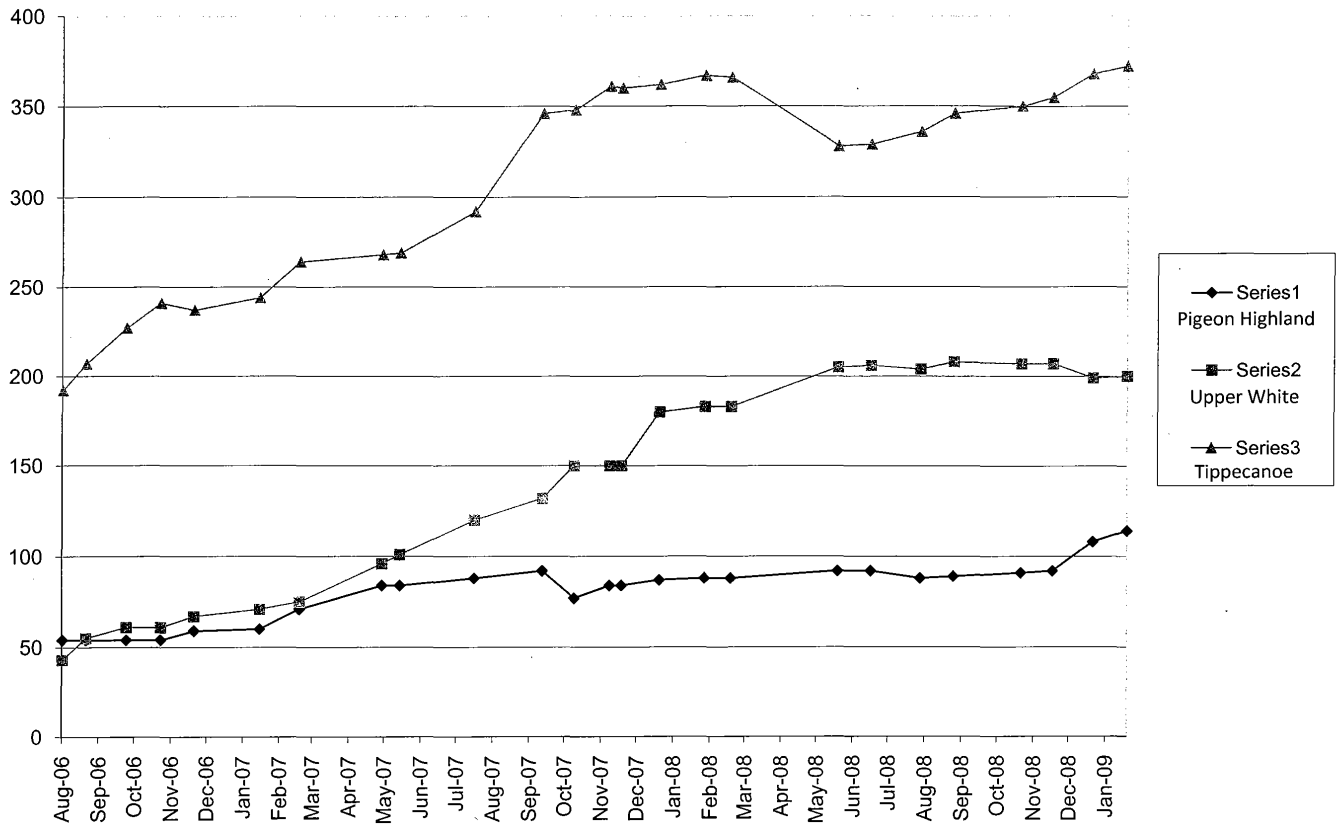
January 12, 2009

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Tippecanoe River	368	2653.3	\$166.70	\$442,315.00	\$7,737,022.80
Upper White River	199	1330.8	\$411.65	\$547,830.00	\$3,880,612.80
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	108	411.82	\$217.67	\$89,640.00	\$1,200,867.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>4395.92</b>	<b>\$245.63</b>	<b>\$1,079,785.00</b>	<b>\$12,818,502.72</b>

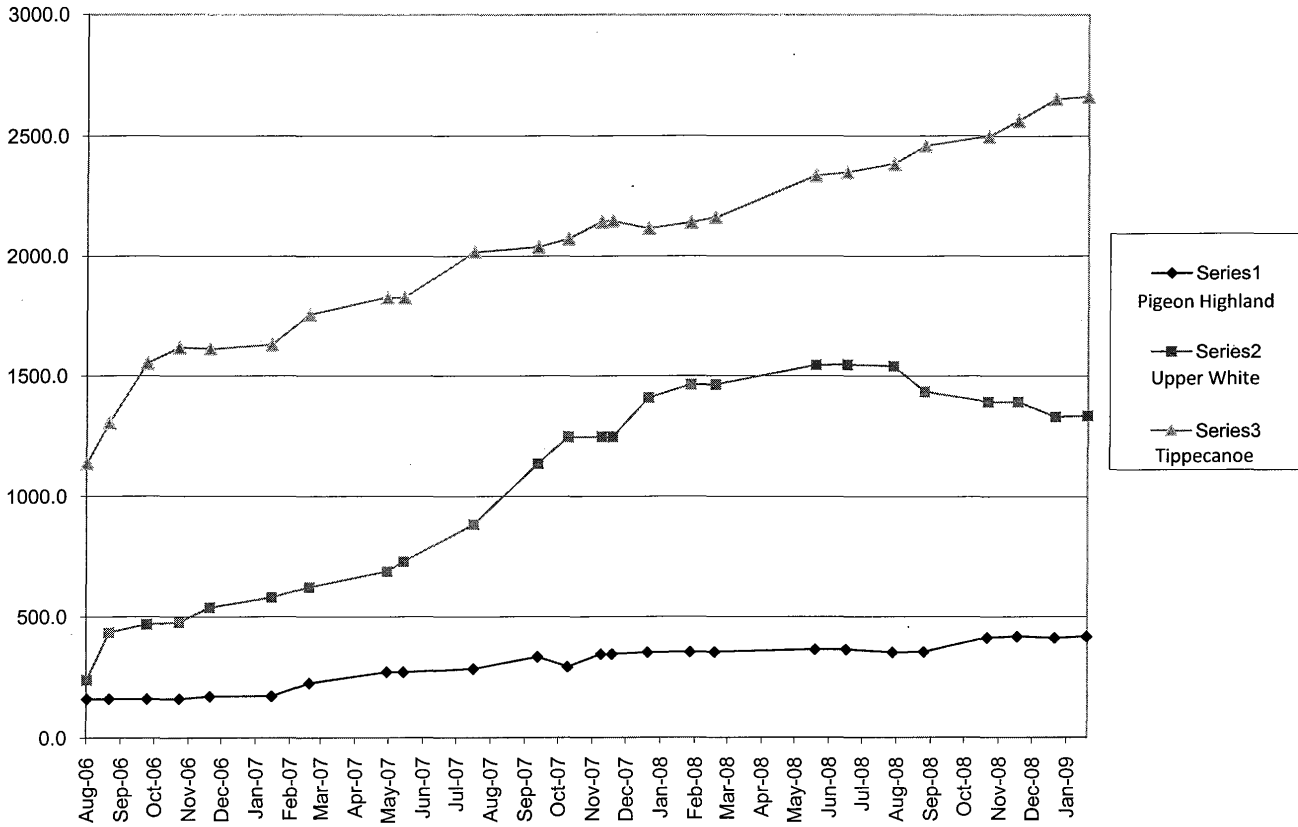
CREP Obligated vs. Paid Funds

<b>Watersheds</b>	<b>Obligated</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Tippecanoe River	\$443,315.00	\$280,630.00	\$162,685.00
Upper White River	\$547,930.00	\$365,675.00	\$182,255.00
Pigeon Highland Rivers	\$90,749.00	\$31,330.00	\$59,419.00

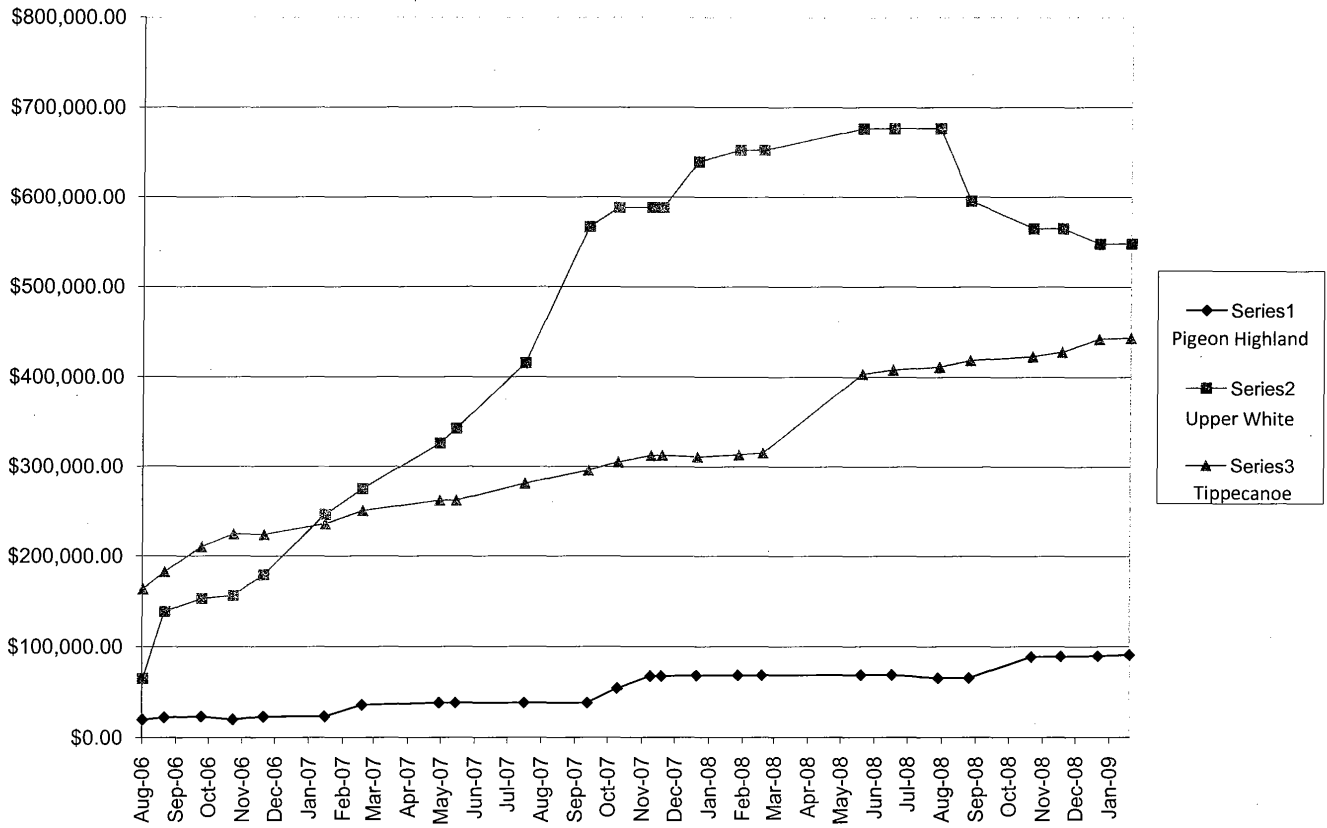
## CREP Landowner Contracts August 2006 - February 2009



## CREP Obligated Acres August 2006 - February 2009



## CREP Obligated Funds August 2006 - February 2009



## Clean Water Indiana Grant Report for February 2009

### **CWI 2006**

- There are 8 open grants. 6 of those are multi-year grants.
- \$528,877 has been paid out to date.

### **CWI 2007**

- There are 8 open grants. 4 of those are multi-year grants.
- \$474,772.66 has been paid out to date.

### **CWI 2008**

- There are 66 open CMIG grants. (16 have closed already.)
  - \$157,400 has been paid out in CWI funds.
- There are 21 open SNRG grants. (2 have closed)
  - \$200,725 has been paid out in CWI funds.

### **CWI 2009**

- There were 31 awarded SNRG grants.
  - Those districts receiving their initial 95% of funds by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. That amounts to \$270,642.65

### **CCI Update**

Watershed	Funds Obligated
Wabash	78875.10
Parke	2,839.80
Sullivan	1,151.10
Carroll	1,636.65
Posey	0.00
Total:	84,502.65

These dollars have brought conservation practices to over 56,000 acres.

Larry's notes on CWI. Approximately 30 people attending including supervisors and staff. 1 ISDA person.

What is good?

- Project oriented
- Reporting process
- Broad scope of grants
- Flexibility
- Regional technicians
- Incentives can be adopted to county needs
- Tailored to state needs
- Leadership institute
- CWI often fits into places that other programs don't
- Help partnership
- Application process good
- Local control
- DSS support very good

What is not good?

- ECAP needs better coordinated – what is eligible?
- Trouble with budgeting /adjusting
- Regional tech is not for a long enough term. Needs 4-5 years
- Struggling to develop project now for the CWI grants
- Tough time spending \$1,000 for CMIG follow up

What needs changed?

- Increase \$10,000 amount – reduce \$2,000 to increase \$10,000
- Need more money to help maintain CWI positions
- CWI training sessions
- CCI not reaching broad number of farmers
- Want more freedom
- More communication with districts

### CWI-ECAP Decisions made by the SSCB "CWI Grant Sub Committee"

The Clean Water Indiana Grant Sub Committee would like to report on their decisions regarding the open round of Clean Water Indiana-Emergency Conservation Assistance Program (CWI-ECAP). Thirty-one districts applied for over \$2.3 million dollars in assistance. This amount of interest shows the board that there is still need for disaster assistance throughout the state. As a side note the sub-committee would like to recognize the 11 districts that sent letters of intent but did not go ahead and submit full applications as this demonstrates to the board their understanding of the limited amount of funding, and that other districts may be in need of more funding than they are. The sub-committee appreciated those 11 districts consideration in ensuring funds were utilized where they needed the most.

The CWI Grant Sub Committee meet and decided to award funds to 14 SWCD's in addition to the 3 awards already made to Elkhart, Porter and LaPorte counties. A total of 17 SWCD's will receive CWI-ECAP funds ranging from \$600-\$28,189.28 Decisions were made based on ISDA's internal assessment of damage and needs yet to be addressed and compared that information with what districts were proposing in their applications. In order to maximize the use of funding the CWI grant Sub-Committee did go through and make some line item decisions on applications. To be consistent the sub-committee is not allowing those districts awarded CWI-ECAP funds to use funds for Administrative purposes, Education/Outreach activities, new cover crops, and practices that would prevent future potential disasters. The sub-committee also determined that awarded districts should not offer cost shares or reimbursements over 50% and districts should ensure all eligible ECP landowners receive funds through ECP and not CWI-ECAP.

Contracts and memos regarding this information on the use of awarded funds will be sent out to the 17 CWI-ECAP awardees.

The 2009 CWI-ECAP grant awardees are:

Elkhart  
LaPorte  
Porter  
Hancock  
Dubois  
Daviess  
Washington  
Decatur  
Owen  
Wayne  
Shelby  
Clay  
Bartholomew  
Vigo  
Greene  
Sullivan  
Ripley



	Program Administration and Planning					Practice Implementation				
	Estimated Apps (number)	Estimated Funded Apps - (number)	Estimated CRP Apps & Contracts - (number)	Estimated Plans - (number)	Prior Yr Contracts w/o CRP (number)	Program Admin and Planning (Staff Yrs Needed)	Engineering Practices (number)	Engineering Practices (Staff Yrs Needed)	Non - Engineering Practices (number)	Non - Engineering Practices (Staff Yrs Needed)
<b>Indiana Totals</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>2,822</b>	<b>3,588</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>37.62</b>	<b>6,969</b>	<b>44.54</b>	<b>42,189</b>	<b>29.86</b>
<b>EQIP</b>	1,199	635	n/a	n/a	1,913	7.26	2,885	4.60	3,777	1.69
<b>WHIP</b>	121	77	n/a	n/a	186	0.66	13	0.12	346	0.27
<b>WRP</b>	32	11	n/a	n/a	551	0.96	111	2.83	206	0.50
<b>CRP</b>	n/a	n/a	2,822	n/a	n/a	12.88	2,299	28.20	10,996	12.98
<b>CSP</b> <i>02 FB</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	669	1.92	n/a	0.00	n/a	0.00
<b>CTA</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,588	n/a	12.35	1,564	5.59	26,859	14.42
<b>EWP</b>	?	70	n/a	n/a	?	1.37	70	3.10	0	0.00
<b>GRP</b>	?	?	?	?	66	0.22	27	0.10	5	0.01
<b>CStP</b> <i>New</i>	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
<b>AWEP</b>	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
<b>HFRP</b>	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

- Observations
1. The greatest conservation need is in Engineering skills
  2. There is a need to ensure the right number of staff are in the right location
  3. There is a need to ensure that properly skilled staff are in the right location
  4. There is a need to ensure that staff are working on the right program in the right location
  5. There is a need to ensure that the right people are using their skills most effectively  
(i.e. - technically-skilled staff minimizing their administrative work)
  6. Gaps in properly-skilled staff need to be identified - can partners fill these gaps?

*Filled in*

	2009 Planned Practices (number)	2009 Planned Practices (number)
<b>Indiana Totals</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>8,017</b>
<b>EQIP</b>	307	41
<b>WHIP</b>	36	226
<b>WRP</b>	71	82
<b>CRP</b>	374	7,668
<b>CSP</b>	n/a	n/a
<b>CTA</b>	285	n/a
<b>EWP</b>	0	0
<b>GRP</b>	0	0
<b>HFRP</b>	?	?

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**To:** State Soil Conservation Board  
**From:** Paula Baldwin, President, IASWCD  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 10, 2009

**2009 Annual Conference recap**

- Over 450 people in attendance
- Alan Weyer (Dubois SWCD), 2008 Supervisor of the Year
- New IASWCD Board of Directors
  - Paula Baldwin (Marion), President
  - Ray McCormick (Knox), Vice President
  - Jeff Meinders (Ripley), Secretary
  - Brian Campbell (Elkhart), Treasurer
  - Larry Strole (N-NW)
  - Kenny Cain (S-NW)
  - Bob Weaver (N-SW)
  - Alan Weyer (S-SW)
  - Tom Crowe (N-NE)
  - Bobby Hettmansperger (S-NE)
  - Brad Dawson (N-SE)
  - Brad Ponsler (S-SE)

**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 by the House on 2/3/09
- Referred to Senate
- Information is available at [http://www.iaswcd.org/district\\_tools/cwi/index.html](http://www.iaswcd.org/district_tools/cwi/index.html) or [www.cleanwater.org](http://www.cleanwater.org)

Conservation Day at the Statehouse held on 2/27/09

- Jennifer Boyle gave a presentation on CWI
- In attendance representing Districts were Ray Chattin (Knox SWCD), Ray McCormick (Knox SWCD), Les Zimmerman (Vermillion SWCD), and Kenny Cain (Montgomery SWCD)

Other bills of interest

- HB 1692 – Sunset state boards and commissions (includes SSCB)
- HB 1580 – Soil and septic system education and research
- HB 1203 – Creation of Invasive Species Council

**NACD Annual Meeting**

- Gene Schmidt (LaPorte SWCD) elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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### Farm Bill Update

USDA released several conservation program regulations that reflect changes made in the 2008 Farm Bill (The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008). The regulations are effective immediately, and NRCS is soliciting comments and recommended changes over the next few weeks. Regulations are available for review and comment for the following programs:

- State Technical Committees, comments by 1/26
- Healthy Forests Reserve Program, comments by 2/13
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), comments by 3/16
- Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), comments by 3/16
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), comments by 3/17
- Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP), comments by 3/17
- Technical Service Provider (TSP), comments by 3/17
- Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP), comments by 3/23

**To access the regulations, visit the Federal Register at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/> and type the program name in the search box.**

NRCS has issued a Request for Proposals for the **Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP)**. AWEP was established in the new farm bill to promote ground and surface water conservation and water quality improvement. NRCS has announced that up to \$58.4 million in financial assistance is available for AWEP nationally. Proposals must be submitted by March 2, 2009. The AWEP Request for Proposals can also be viewed at the Federal Register Web site.

NRCS has issued an Announcement for Program Funding for the FY2009 **Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) Program**. The purpose of these grants is to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies, and \$20 million is available for nationwide competition. The CIG program does not fund research projects, and requires a 50 percent match. Proposals must be received by March 2, 2009. Additional information on the program is available at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/>.

**SWCDs are encouraged to bring their Local Working Groups together in preparation for including local resource concerns in Farm Bill program rankings. In addition, as NRCS provides news releases on individual programs, we appreciate SWCD assistance in getting the word out to local media and landowners.**

### NRCS Excellence in Conservation Award

NRCS has achieved many conservation successes through the work of its partners. In order to acknowledge their good work, the annual NRCS Excellence in Conservation Award was developed to recognize the valuable contributions that non-federal government individuals or groups make to conserve natural resources on private land. Any non-federal individual, group, tribe or organization is eligible for nomination by a NRCS employee, and this year's applications must be submitted by **February 23, 2009**. Anyone interested in submitting an application should contact Jill Reinhart, ASTC for Outreach & Communications, at [jill.reinhart@in.usda.gov](mailto:jill.reinhart@in.usda.gov).