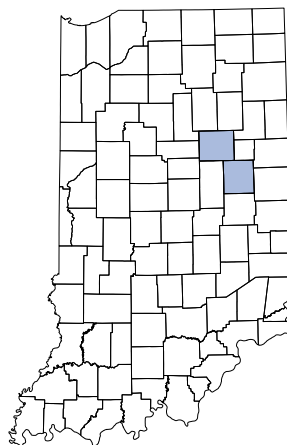


## Project Statistics

Lead District: Grant  
Amount Funded: \$71,000  
Participating Districts:  
Delaware



## Project Information:

Project Title: Critical  
Area Implementation- Ag  
Fields, Natural Areas, and  
Education  
Project Dates:  
1/1/19-12/31/21

## Project Overview:

Grant and Delaware County SWCDs will use Clean Water Indiana funds to address problems identified in the development of a Watershed Management Plan within two HUC 12 critical areas. This project will focus on (a) conserving soil on agricultural land and (b) controlling invasive species in wetland and prairie land-uses. Cost share practices include cover crops, grassed waterways, filter strips, residue and tillage management, critical area plantings, wetland creation/restoration, diversion, WASCObS, and riparian forest buffers. Approximately one third of the requested funding will provide cash match for a wetland restoration project. Students from a Ball State University landscape architecture class will design a planting plan for the wetland and the wetland will be planted in the spring of 2019. After wetland establishment, the native area will be sprayed with herbicide by professionals 1-2 times per year for three years. Volunteers will be utilized annually at each site to assist in removal of species for which hand pulling or cutting/treating is the best method. The districts will also promote the project through mailings, websites, social media, and events. CWI funds will be used to host quarterly educational programs in conjunction with a current 319 grant. Persons knowledgeable and highly experienced on each topic will be identified and invited to speak at events. Some CWI funding will be used for technical assistance to efficiently administer the program and provide services to landowners/operators.

## 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.