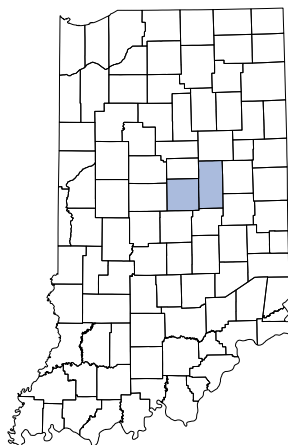


Project Statistics

Lead District: Hamilton
Amount Funded: \$46,850
Participating Districts:
Madison



Project Information:

Project Title: Heartland
Backyard Conservation
Program
Project Dates:
1/1/19-12/31/21

Project Overview:

CWI funds will be used to fund the Heartland Backyard Conservation Cost Share program. Match will be supplied by cash and in-kind contributions from the installing property owner. The cost share program will continue with 50% match up to a maximum award of \$2,000 (special allowances allowed at board's discretion). The project selection process will continue as established with two application deadlines per year (March and August). High impact projects (as identified through ranking matrix) will be given higher priority. A portion of CWI cost share funds will be used for cover crop and wildflower seed packets to be distributed to interested landowners. The project will also cost share on 50 soil tests for interested property owners.

Hamilton County will provide in-kind support via program management and technical assistance. Madison County will provide in-kind support via technical assistance. CWI education funds will help us launch a contractor/developer workshop. Prep expenses including printing and speaker fees will be covered by CWI education funds. The final portion of CWI education funds will be used to create a professional prairie booklet focusing on converting turf grass areas to native plantings and habitat. Expenses will include a consultant to help with booklet design and printing of 1,000 booklets. Digital versions of the booklet will be shared with all Indiana districts via the IASWCD for widespread use.

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.