

2012 Clean Water Indiana Grant



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 2012, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 21 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,078,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

LEAD DISTRICT: JACKSON
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: JEFFERSON, JENNINGS, SCOTT
TARGET WATERSHED: MUSCATATUCK
PROJECT NAME: ALTERNATIVE CREP COST SHARE
PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2012-12/31/2014
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$60,000



Purpose: Promote innovative conservation through cover crops, installation of blind inlets, and targeted study area

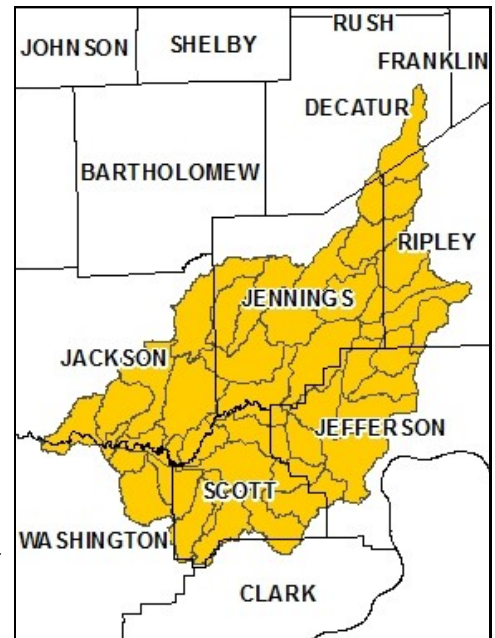
The Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings and Scott County SWCDs will receive \$20,000 per year over three years to actively promote a CWI Incentive Program within the Muscatatuck watershed.

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is currently not available within the Muscatatuck watershed. The incentive program will be similar to CREP in respect to the conservation practices included for incentives, but with an emphasis for those producers that are not qualified for the Farm Service Agency Conservation Reserve Program due to cropping history or other prerequisites that might deem the land ineligible.

This project will seek to reach out to minority or unfunded groups. This project will improve water quality by creating buffers and wetlands that will reduce urban and agricultural runoff, as well as non-point source nutrient losses.

The project addresses the SSCB's Business Plan state priorities to include soil quality degradation, water quality impairments as well as other soil and water related natural resource concerns.

Cost Share payments will be made for riparian buffers, hardwood tree, bottomland timber, native grass and wildlife habitat plantings, filter strips and establishment of grasses/legumes.



YEAR 1 GRANT STATUS

ESTABLISHMENT OF GRASSES AND LEGUMES: 14 ACRES

WARM SEASON GRASSES: 18 ACRES

