

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: JOHNSON
COLLABORATING DISTRICT: MORGAN
TARGET WATERSHEDS: INDIAN CREEK AND STOTTS CREEK
PROJECT NAME: INDIAN CREEK/STOTTS CREEK WATERSHED
COST SHARE PROJECT
PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2012-12/31/2014
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$60,000



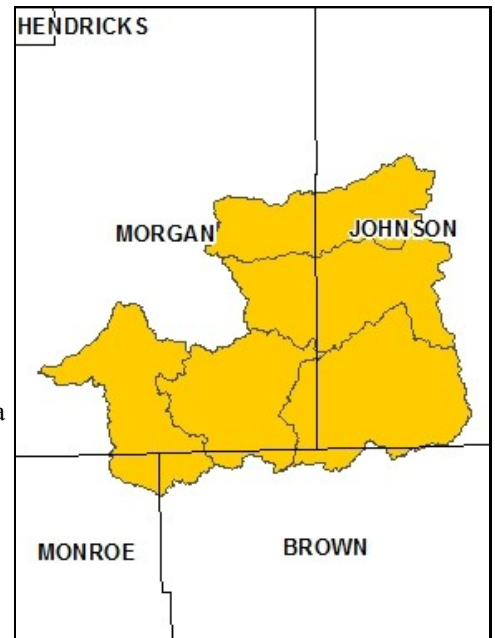
Purpose: Implement best management practices to address sediment and nutrient reduction

The Johnson & Morgan SWCDs received a grant to administer cost share projects for landowners located in the Indian Creek and/or Stotts Creek Watershed. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, cover crops, livestock feeding pads (HUAPs), fence and rain barrels.

While establishing blanket awareness through media, newsletters, and annual meetings, districts will also look for highly visible areas to establish demonstration sites. Plans to include a 2-stage ditch and a denitrifying bioreactor are included in the project.

Primary goal of professional/technical assistance is to aid land users in putting together nutrient and conservation plans and identify conservation BMPs available through the various programs already in place. In addition, technical support may be provided on projects that are more urban in nature and not necessarily assisted by the NRCS Tech Team. Unused professional/technical funds will be redirected to cost-share.

Another focus of this project is to find highly visible and respected landowners willing to establish practices that will benefit the project goal, enhance their operation, and provide demo sites.



TWO STAGE DITCH COMMITTEE:

JOHNSON AND MORGAN COUNTY SWCDs, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, NRCS, AND THE MORGAN COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

Incentives are built in to compensate individuals for time and travel who may become spokespersons for our conservation cause.

