

Project Statistics

Lead District: LaPorte

Amount Funded: \$47,000



Project Information:

Project Title: Healthy
Shorelines Cost-Share
and Demonstration
Program

Project Dates:
1/1/19-12/31/21

Project Overview:

LaPorte County has six lakes within its borders. Several of these lakes have natural shorelines, but many of them have been hardened. Over the years, boat traffic, particularly on our largest lake, has increased significantly. Combined with large amounts of hardening of the shoreline, the wave action has caused significant erosion at one of our lakeside parks. In addition, increased nutrients from grass clippings, lawn fertilizers and pet waste have increased the amount of near-shore algae. The SWCD is partnering with the City Park Department, the Lakes Association and the MS4 Program to naturalize and re-vegetate the shoreline area at the lakeside park and utilize those restoration projects as demonstrations for the Healthy Shorelines Homeowner Cost-share Program. CWI Funds will be used for 50% of the bioengineered shoreline, floating wetland system, native vegetation, interpretive signage and 50% of the homeowner cost-share program. The bioengineered shoreline components are glacial stone, native seed mix, native plant plugs, erosion control fabric, and hardwood stakes. The floating wetland consists of a floating platform with a soil matrix and native wetland vegetation. Each of the demonstration projects (the bioengineered seawall and floating wetland) will be signed with interpretive signage explaining to visitors the benefits of native vegetation and other types of healthy shorelines practices that they can install. The cost-share program will provide \$1000 per homeowner, with the homeowner expected to provide an equal match.

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.

For more information about CWI, please visit: in.gov/isdia/2379.htm.

For more information about the SSCB, please visit: in.gov/isdia/2361.htm.

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