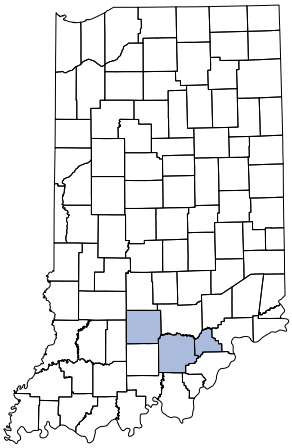
Clean Water Indiana Grants 2019

Project Statistics
Lead District: Lawrence
Amount Funded:
$100,000
Participating Districts:
Scott, Washington



Project Information:
Project Title: Healthier Soils and Cleaner Water
Project Dates:
1/1/19-12/31/21

Project Overview:
The "Healthier Soils and Cleaner Water" project will allow producers within the Lawrence, Washington, and Scott Counties to implement BMPs that will improve soil health as well as reduce the run-off of pollutants such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment into our waterways and ground water. Without financial assistance, many producers are not able to implement BMPs to achieve the positive environmental impacts. The project allows the SWCDs to provide cost-share for the following practices: cover crops, forage and biomass planting, watering facilities, HUAPs, pipeline, and access roads. These practices address many resource concerns including but not limited to soil erosion; soil and water quality degradation; degraded plant condition; inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife; and livestock production limitations.
Along with the cost-share program, providing education to producers on healthier soils and cleaner water is a key component of the project. Ultimately, the SWCDs would like to see producers adopt BMPs permanently in their operations when cost-share is not available. Providing education on both the environmental and economic impacts of implementing the selected BMPs as well as other complimentary BMPs not included in this project, will be instrumental in permanent adoption. The counties involved will provide this education through one-on-one producer appointments, field days, newspaper articles, Facebook posts, Home and Garden Show booth/displays (annually), and newsletters (quarterly).

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/isda/2379.htm.
For more information about the SSCB, please visit: in.gov/isda/2361.htm.
Email questions or comments to cleanwaterindiana@isda.in.gov.
To find your local SWCD: please visit: in.gov/isda/2370.htm.

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