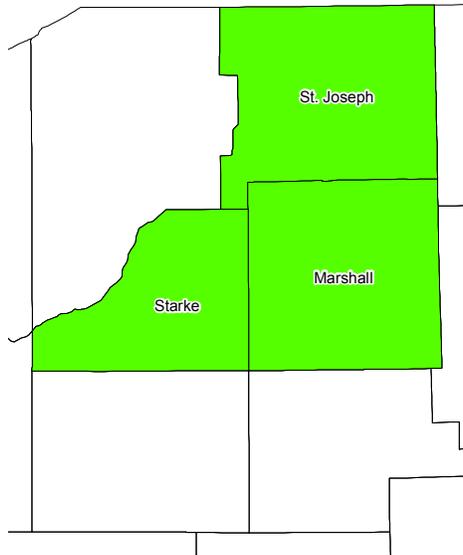




# Clean Water Indiana 2016 Competitive Grants



The EPA defines stormwater runoff as the number one threat to water quality of our lakes and streams. This grant recognizes the importance of urban and suburban practices to reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) from stormwater runoff. The main purpose is to raise awareness of the impact of stormwater runoff on the Kankakee and St. Joseph River watersheds, to create a cultural change in how stormwater runoff is handled both in urban and suburban settings, enabling citizens to make a difference by installing rain gardens and ultimately reducing the amount of stormwater runoff entering the Kankakee and St. Joseph River watersheds.



## Program Overview

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program (IC 14-32-8) was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs).

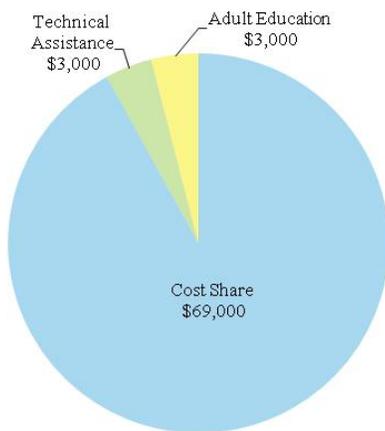
Through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs, the program supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution. CWI also provides matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI).

## 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 through Indiana's SWCDs.

**LEAD DISTRICT:**  
Marshall  
**COLLABORATING DISTRICTS:**  
St. Joseph, Starke  
**PROJECT NAME:**  
Enhancement of Soil Health and Water Quality on Agricultural/ Urban Land  
**PROJECT DATES:**  
1/1/2016 - 12/31/2018  
**PROJECT AMOUNT:**  
\$75,000

## Total Funds Awarded:



For more information about CWI, please visit: [in.gov/isda/2379.htm](http://in.gov/isda/2379.htm).  
Email questions or comments to [cleanwaterindiana@isda.in.gov](mailto:cleanwaterindiana@isda.in.gov).  
To find your local SWCD: please visit: [in.gov/isda/2370.htm](http://in.gov/isda/2370.htm).

## Key Partners:

- Michiana Storm Water Partnership
- Purdue Extension
- Local businesses

