

Project Statistics

Lead District: Vanderburgh

Amount Funded: \$10,000

Participating Districts:

Gibson, Pike, Posey,

Warrick



Project Information:

Project Title: Invasive
Species Outreach
Program

Project Dates:

1/1/19-12/31/21

Project Overview:

The Invasive Species Outreach Program will assist the partnering SWCD's and CISMA's (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) in each of the above counties with additional resources for invasive species assistance. This first portion of this program will provide funding for invasive species removal tools for each SWCD. These tools will be available for the public and CISMAs to rent through a tool rental program provided by each SWCD.

The second portion of this program will provide funds in each partnering SWCD for invasive species education. Each partnering SWCD will host educational workshops on; properly using tools for invasive plant removal and proper disposal of invasive plants, invasive plant identification with nature hikes, mechanical and chemical invasive plant removal techniques and the importance of using native plants in your backyards are just a few examples.

CWI funds will be divided evenly among the partnering districts. Each partner district will spend a minimum of \$1,000 on the purchase of invasive species removal tools from CWI funds. These tools will be used in a tool rental program provided by the SWCD's, to aid in the removal of invasive species. Each district will spend \$1,000 of the requested CWI funds on invasive species education. These funds will be spent on speaker fees, building rentals and educational materials for educational events in each of the partnering counties.

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.

