

Clean Water Indiana Grants

2019

Project Statistics

Lead District: Washington

Amount Funded: \$11,000

Participating Districts:

Floyd



Project Information:

Project Title: Invasive Plant Awareness and Removal

Project Dates:

1/1/19-12/31/21

Project Overview:

Clean Water Indiana will be used for education, cost-sharing on a consultant forester to complete an on-site visit. \$5,000 of the CWI funds will be used to cost-share on a consultant forester on-site visit for approximately 20 participants. This visit will provide the landowner with help to identify any invasive species on their property as well as giving recommendations on how to treat the identified plants. This will be with landowners with areas less than 10 ac. CWI funds will also be used for the invasive plant trade-in program. Funds will be used to purchase education materials to be distributed at educational events. Brochures that will be printed will include "Landscaping with Plants Native to Indiana" by INPAWS.ORG and "Landscaping Alternative for Invasive Plants of the Midwest" by MIPN.org. "A Field Guide to Invasive Plants of the Midwest" by MIPN will also be purchased for participants of the program. The SWCDs will also request free brochures on invasive plants provided by SICIM to distribute. The final piece CWI funds will be used to help pay a contract technician to carry out the grant in Washington County. This technician will be responsible for making sure all education events are completed. The technician will meet with walk-ins to discuss the program; collect the required information from participants for payment; meet with consultant foresters and relay required deliverables; and do the reporting. If Washington County does create CISMA, the technician will be the lead in coordinating this effort in the county.

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/isdpa/2379.htm.

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

Email questions or comments to cleanwaterindiana@isdpa.in.gov.

To find your local SWCD: please visit: in.gov/isdpa/2370.htm.

