

# 2012 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The (CWI) Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the (CWI) Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2012, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 21 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,078,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

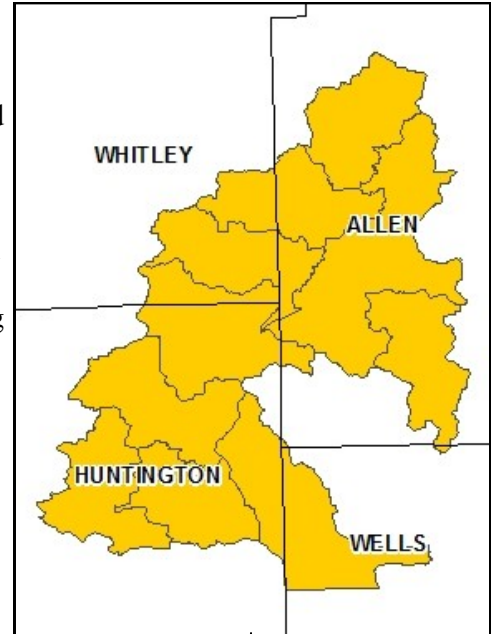
LEAD DISTRICT: WHITLEY  
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: ALLEN, HUNTINGTON, WELLS  
TARGET WATERSHED: LITTLE WABASH RIVER  
PROJECT NAME: IMPROVING SOIL HEALTH  
PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2012-12/31/2014  
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$60,000



## Purpose: Work with producers to improve soil health and water quality in the Little River Watershed

Each SWCD will assist in promoting the project and its goal of encouraging the transition to no-till and the using cover crops to enrich soil health and reduce runoff from fields into the Little River watershed and its tributaries. The Districts will also work together through a Project Oversight Committee, to host at least one meeting to introduce the project, its goals and the BMPs being promoted such as no-till, strip-till, nutrient management and cover crops. The project's cost share will be introduced to the producers as well as cost-share and/or incentive programs available from other sources at the time.

In addition, producers attending will meet the contracted local no-till farmer(s) as they share their success and experience in adopting long-term no-till and use of cover crops. The project will pay for opportunities to have the contractors work with interested producers on topics such as possible equipment modifications that would enhance their ability to no-till or options to incorporate cover crops in cropping plan.



### YEAR ONE ACTIVITIES:

COVER CROP ACRES-HUNTINGTON COUNTY: 224

COVER CROP ACRES-WELLS COUNTY: 69

The Little River (also known as the Little Wabash River) is one of the largest tributaries of the Wabash River in northeastern Indiana.

