

**AGENDA**  
**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**  
**9:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 14, 2010**  
**NRCS**  
**6013 Lakeside Boulevard**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana 46278-2933**

- I. 9:00 AM: Call to Order**
- II. Approve Minutes of July 2010**
- III. Clean Water Indiana**
  - a. 2010 and Prior Grants Paul Hoffman**
    - i. Grant Requests**
    - ii. Grants Extension**
  - b. 2011 Grants Program- Jim Lake**
  - c. CREP- Sara Christensen**
    - i. CREP Update and Report**
    - ii. CREP Local Administration**
  - d. CWI Budget- Jerod Chew**
- IV. Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
  - a. Ohio County**
  - b. Upcoming Dates**
- V. SSCB Board Reports and Discussion**
  - a. SSCB Chairman's Report – Nola Gentry**
- VI. ISDA Reports**
  - a. Division of Soil Conservation Report**
    - i. Technical Support Update – Jerod Chew**
    - ii. District Support Update – Jim Lake**
    - iii. Water Quality Update – Sara Christensen**
      - 1. Gulf of Mexico, Nutrient Task Force**
    - iv. Accountability and Technology Update – Deb Fairhurst**
    - v. Agriculture Affairs Update – Roz Leeck**
- VII. Conservation Partner Reports**
  - a. DNR Report**
  - b. IDEM Report**
  - c. Purdue Report**
  - d. IASWCD President's Report**
  - e. FSA Report**
  - f. NRCS State Conservationist's Report**
- VIII. Public Comment**
- IX. Next Meeting: TBA**
- X. Adjourn**

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## SEPTEMBER 2010 CLEAN WATER INDIANA REPORT

### Executive Summary:

Administered by the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB), the Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grants Program is funded through the CWI Initiative. The purpose of the CWI Grants Program is to provide financial assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to implement conservation practices to reduce non-point sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost share programs.



# 2010 CWI GRANT

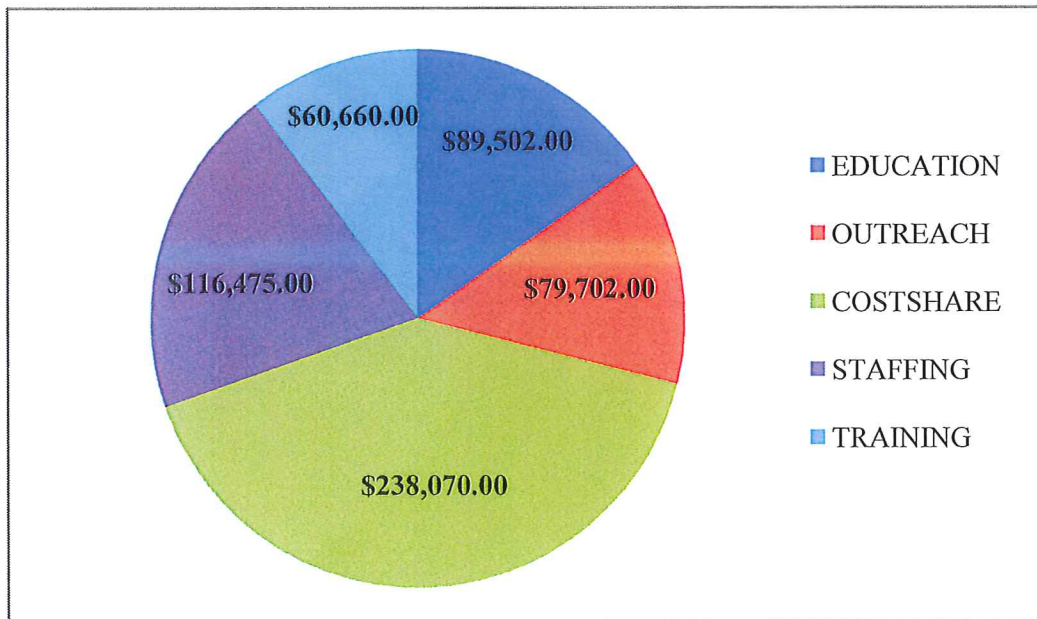
## POSE OF GRANT:

For 2010, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$550,000 for this grant cycle, as well as provide more choices for the use of grant funds. Each Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) was given the opportunity to apply up to \$7,000. The focus for this round of grant funding includes:

- Adult Education
- Outreach/Marketing
- Cost Share Incentives
- Capacity Building
  - Staffing
  - Leadership Development Training

88 SWCDs applied for the 2010 CWI grant totaling \$584,409. The SSCB approved all grant applications and funded the total amount applied. All 2010 CWI grants have one year to complete their project, except for Leadership Development Training. Projects start January 1, 2010 and must be complete by December 31, 2010. Leadership Development Training reimbursement may include training from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010.

## BREAK DOWN OF 2010 CWI GRANT FUNDS:



## STATUS UPDATE:

- To date, all 88 contracts have been paid the initial 75% totaling \$392,811.75
- 2 Districts (Daviness & Martin) have submitted a final report and final payment is being issued totaling \$3,500.
- 22 Districts have submitted request for Supervisor Training Reimbursements for a total of \$19,952.15

# 2009 SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT

## POSE OF GRANT:

For 2009, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$550,000 to fund the Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant (SNRG). This was a competitive grant. Each Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) was given the opportunity to apply for \$3,000 to \$10,000. The purpose of the SNRG is to offer financial support to SWCDs throughout the state to help stimulate the adoption of sediment and nutrient reduction practices. SWCDs worked with ISDA to create the "We All Live Downstream" theme. This message is to be consistent information with resources shared throughout the state that focuses on a select group of conservation practices.

59 SWCDs applied for the 2009 SNRG totaling \$543,887. The SSCB awarded 31 districts totaling \$284,887. All 2009 SNRGs have one year to complete their project. Projects start January 1, 2009 and must be complete by December 31, 2009. The SSCB decided to allocate the remaining \$265,113 to fund the Emergency Conservation Assistance Program.

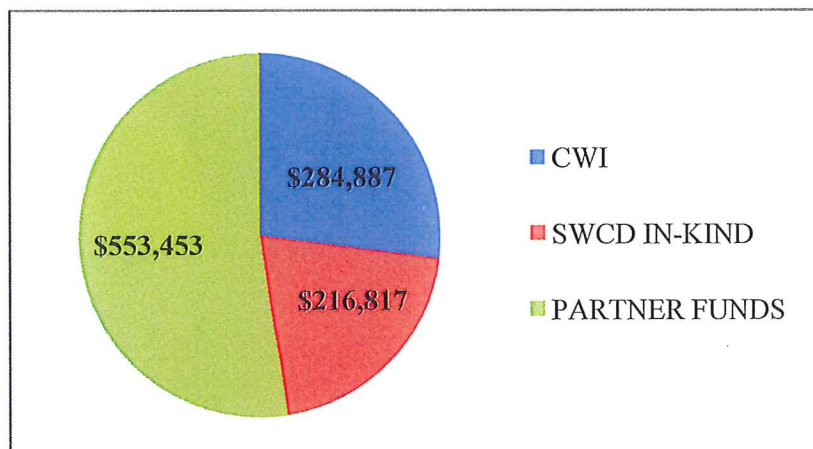
## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Adams County:** Nutrient Reduction Through New Technology
- **Clark County:** Nutrient Management and Buffers in the Urban Sector
- **Huntington County:** Wetlands-A Key Link in Watershed Management
- **Pulaski County:** Tippecanoe River and Tributaries Sediment and Nutrient Reduction
- **Shelby County:** 2009 Bringing Conservation to You Program
- **Wayne County:** Educating Our Amish Community on the Benefits of Soil Conservation



## BREAK DOWN OF PROJECT FUNDS:

\* (This information was pulled from the District proposals)



## STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$276,515.00
- Remaining balance: \$8,372.00
- 18 Districts have received their final payments
- 18 Districts have submitted their final report

## **2008 District Training**

### **POSE OF GRANT:**

For 2008, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$138,000 to fund the District Training program (DT). This incentive program to Districts is to support Supervisor and Staff training. This program allows District reimbursement for continuing education and training for leadership development. District could apply up to \$1,500. \$750 would go strictly to Supervisors. The remaining \$750 could be used for either Supervisors or Staff.

Types of reimbursements include:

- Annual Conference registration
- Hotel fees
- Mileage, parking and per diem
- Leadership Institute fees
- Other training workshops

90 Districts applied for District Training totaling \$135,000.

### **STATUS UPDATE:**

- Amount paid to Districts: \$100,588.96
- 48 Districts received maximum of \$1,500
- 32 Districts received part of \$1,500
- 10 Districts did not submit reimbursement
- 2 Districts did not apply for District Training

## **2009 District Training**

For 2009, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside funds for the District Training program (DT) to cover the two month gap between regular grant programs. This incentive program to Districts is to support Supervisor and Staff training. This program allows District reimbursement for continuing education and training for leadership development. District could be reimbursed up to \$500 for Supervisors and Staff.

### **STATUS UPDATE:**

- 6 Districts have submitted reimbursement for a total of \$1,879.04.



# 2008 SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT

## POPE OF GRANT:

For 2008, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside \$550,000 to fund the Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant (SNRG). This was a competitive grant. Each Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) was given the opportunity to apply for \$3,000 to \$10,000. The purpose of the SNRG is to offer financial support to SWCDs throughout the state to help stimulate the adoption of sediment and nutrient reduction practices.

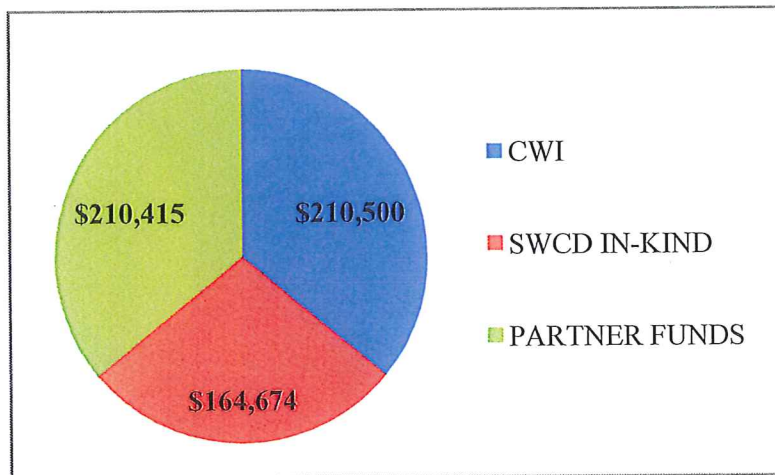
51 SWCDs applied for the 2008 SNRG totaling \$465,470. The SSCB awarded 23 districts totaling \$210,500. All 2008 SNRGs have one year to complete their project. Projects start May 1, 2008 and must be complete by April 30, 2009.

## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Carroll County:** Sediment Basin & Log Weir Structure for Camp Tecumseh Pond
- **Elkhart County:** Goshen Public Library Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Demonstration Site with Rain Gardens and Pervious Pavement
- **Jennings County:** Nutrient Management Soil Testing Project
- **Kosciusko County:** Nutrient Reduction through Nitrogen Management
- **Newton County:** Innovative Zone Sampling, Variable Rate Nutrient Application & Education Program
- **Scott County:** Multicounty Soil Testing with Clark and Jefferson Counties

## AK DOWN OF PROJECT FUNDS:

\* (This information was pulled from the District proposals)



## STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$203,746.70
- 1 Districts have a remaining balance totaling: \$500.00
- 2 Districts have returned unused funds totaling \$ 5,253.30

# 2008 Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant

## PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2008, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside funds for the Conservation Marketing Initiative Grant (CMIG). Each Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) was given the opportunity to receive \$2,000 if requirements were met. The purpose of CMIG is to market the adoption of nutrient management practices in their district. SWCDs worked with ISDA to create the "We All Live Downstream" theme. This message is to be consistent throughout the state that focuses on a select group of conservation practices. SWCDs had to host an event to educate landowners on one or more of the following practices: Nutrient Management Plans, Cover Crops, Not-till/Strip, Buffers and Pasture/Livestock Management.



82 SWCDs applied for the 2008 CMIG. The SSCB awarded those districts totaling \$164,000. All 2008 CMIGs have one year to complete their project. Projects start May 1, 2008 and must be complete by April 30, 2009.

## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Adams County:** For a Cleaner Watershed - Sediment, "Just Stop It!"
- **Clinton County:** Conservation Tillage Field Day
- **Decatur County:** Cover Crop Comparisons/ No-till Cropping Systems
- **Floyd County:** Improving Your Pasture Lands: Cover Crops & Pasture/Livestock Management
- **Jasper County:** Nutrient Management Plan Workshops
- **Vigo County:** Managing Your Nutrients & Money for Improved Water Quality

## STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$163,400.00
- 4 Districts still have a balance totaling: \$400.00
- 2 Districts have recommitted their \$100.00
- 6 Districts reallocated funds to flood relief totaling: \$600.00
- 2867 people have participated in CMIG events

## 2007 Clean Water Indiana Grant

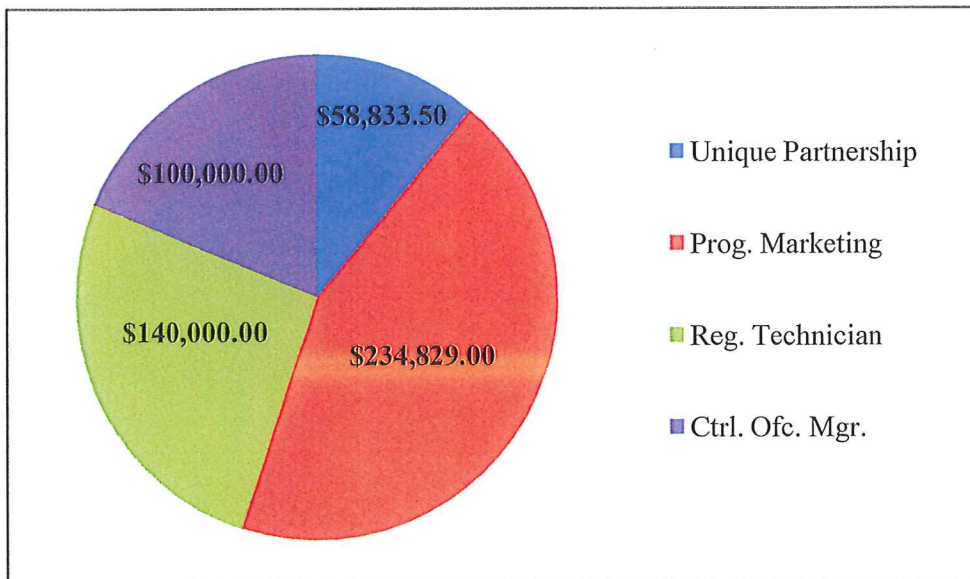
### PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2007, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside funds for the CWI Grant Program. The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to implement conservation practices to reduce non-point sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost share programs. SWCDs could apply for one or more of the following projects:

- Unique Partnership Program
- Program Marketing Incentive
- Regional Technician Program
- Clearinghouse Coordinator Program
- Supervisor Training Program

98 applications were received from 64 Districts totaling over \$1.3 million. The SSCB awarded 45 applications totaling \$533,662.50. All 2007 CWI grants begin January 1, 2007.

### BREAK DOWN OF PROJECT FUNDS:



### EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Vanderburgh County:** Howell Wetlands Restoration (Partnership)
- **Gibson County:** Gibson County SWCD Buffer Blitz (Marketing)
- **DeKalb County:** DeKalb SWCD and Partnership Regional Technician (Technician)
- **Marion County:** SWCD Large and Small Landowner Conservation (Ctrl. Ofc. Mgr.)

### STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$513,928.42
- Recommitted \$5,984.00
- All Grant request have been paid and this series of grants completed



# 2006 Clean Water Indiana Grant

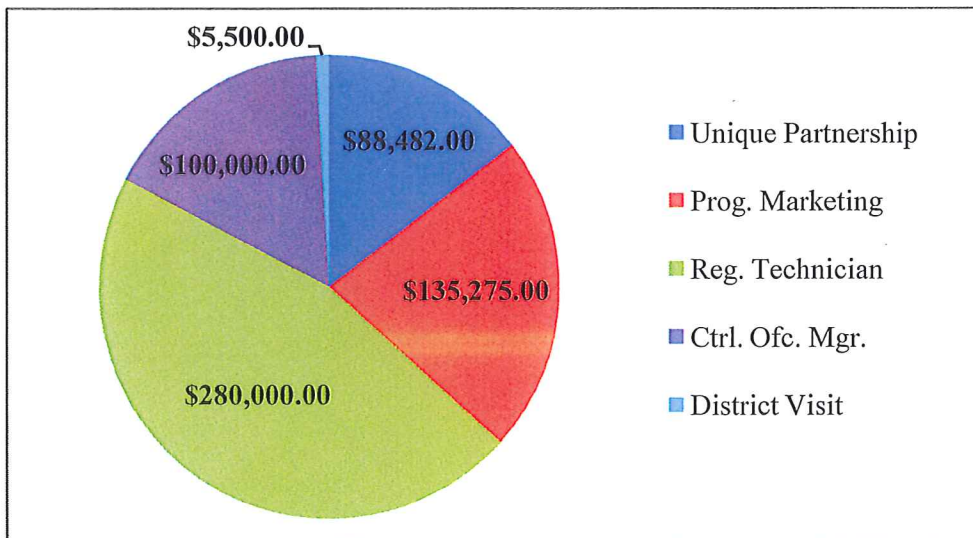
## PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2006, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) set aside funds for the CWI Grant Program. The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) to implement conservation practices to reduce non-point sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost share programs. SWCDs could apply for one or more of the following projects:

- Unique Partnership Program
- Program Marketing Incentive
- Regional Technician Program
- Clearinghouse Coordinator Program
- Supervisor Training Program

110 applications were received from 56 Districts totaling over \$1.8 million. The SSCB awarded 42 applications totaling \$609,257. This includes funding one District Training with the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. All 2006 CWI grants begin December 1, 2005.

## BREAK DOWN OF PROJECT FUNDS:



## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS:

- **Dubois County:** Incentive Partnership for Upland Habitat Buffers (Partnership)
- **Marion County:** Central Indiana Forestry Assistance Coordination Project (Marketing)
- **Decatur County:** Implementation of Agriculture Best Management Practices, From Grassroots Initiatives to Regional Implementation (Technician)
- **Bartholomew County:** The One Stop Shop for Conservation (Ctrl. Ofc. Mgr.)

## STATUS UPDATE:

- Amount paid to Districts: \$552,352.00
- Remaining balance: \$52,500.00
- Recommitted \$4,405
- 2 Districts still have a balance
- Both districts have submitted the final report last week therefore this grant series will be completed.