

2014 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 2014, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 12 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$724,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).

LEAD DISTRICT: GIBSON
COLLABORATING DISTRICT: PIKE
PROJECT NAME: GIBSON AND PIKE
CONTINUOUS COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP
PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2014-12/31/2016
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$75,000

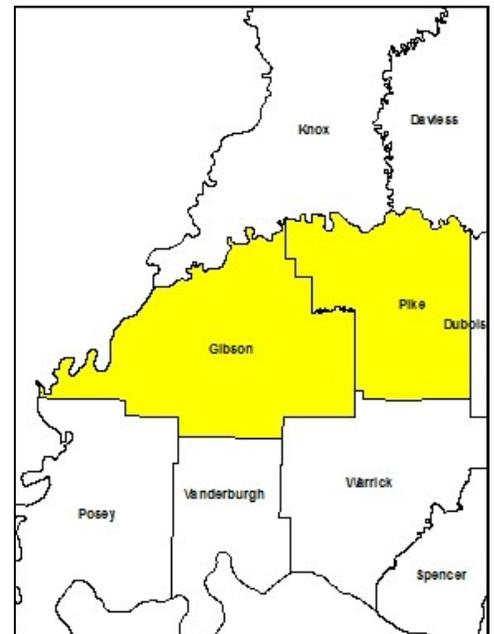


Purpose: Preventative planting of cover crops

The SWCDs of Gibson and Pike Counties continue to have one of the highest conservation workloads in the state of Indiana. All funds from the 2013 combination grant have been allocated and we would like to continue the cover crop, no-till planting combination for the landowners that has been very successful. Due to uncertainties of spring planting weather the districts will be adding a cover crop for preventative planting when farmers can not get their crops planted due to wet field conditions. The cover crop for preventative planting will include a cover crop mixture to promote bee pollination by planting bee friends flowers and crops native to the Midwest. The program will be expanded to all producers in both counties and priority to fields on IDEMS 303d list.

The districts will also schedule adult education opportunities such as a contractors workshop, Southwest Indiana Soil Health Expo and additional adult education opportunities as needed or requested to serve the patrons of the districts.

Vincennes University will assist with Women in Agriculture programming.



PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
GIBSON AND PIKE COUNTIES PURDUE
EXTENSION OFFICES, VINCENNES
UNIVERSITY AND CCSI.

