

**AGENDA**  
**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**  
**9:30a.m. (CST), 10:30(EST) Wednesday October 12, 2011**  
**Rico's**  
**1400 St Gaspar Dr, Rensselaer, IN**

- I. 9:30CST AM: Call to Order**
- II. Approve Minutes of August 2011**
- III. Clean Water Indiana**
  - a. CREP Update- Jon Mangles
  - b. Grants Report - Jennifer Pinkston
    - i. Fulton County SWCD Extension Request
    - ii. Adams County SWCD Extension Request
    - iii. Wayne County SWCD Extension Request
    - iv. Greene County SWCD Extension Request
  - c. CWI Budget- Jerod Chew
  - d. 2012 Grant Applications—Grants Committee
- IV. Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
  - a. Temporary Supervisor Appointments – Jennifer Pinkston
    - i. Marshall County SWCD
    - ii. Pulaski County SWCD
  - b. Election Deadlines – Jerod Chew
  - c. Upcoming Dates – Laura Fribley
- V. SSCB Board Reports and Discussion**
  - a. SSCB Chairman's Report – Larry Clemens
- VI. ISDA Reports**
  - a. Division of Soil Conservation Report
    - i. Technical Support Update –Jerod Chew
    - ii. Tillage Transect Report—Jim Lake & Deb Fairhurst
    - iii. District Support Update – Jim Lake
    - iv. Water Quality Update – Jerod Chew
    - v. Accountability and Technology Update – Deb Fairhurst
    - vi. 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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## **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**

### **October 2011 Report**

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a federal-state natural resources conservation program that addresses agricultural-related environmental concerns at the state and national level. CREP participants receive financial incentives to voluntarily enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in contracts of 14 to 15 years. Participants remove cropland from agricultural production and convert the land to native grasses, trees and other vegetation.

The Indiana CREP is a partnership of the Indiana State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB), Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and The Nature Conservancy (TNC). The program currently targets the enrollment of 26,250 acres of land in 11 watersheds where sediments, nutrients, pesticides and herbicides run off from agricultural land.

The program will improve water quality by creating buffers and wetlands that will reduce agricultural runoff into the targeted watersheds. Installing buffer practices and wetlands will enhance habitat for wildlife, including State and Federally-listed threatened and endangered species. The program will also reduce nonpoint source nutrient losses.

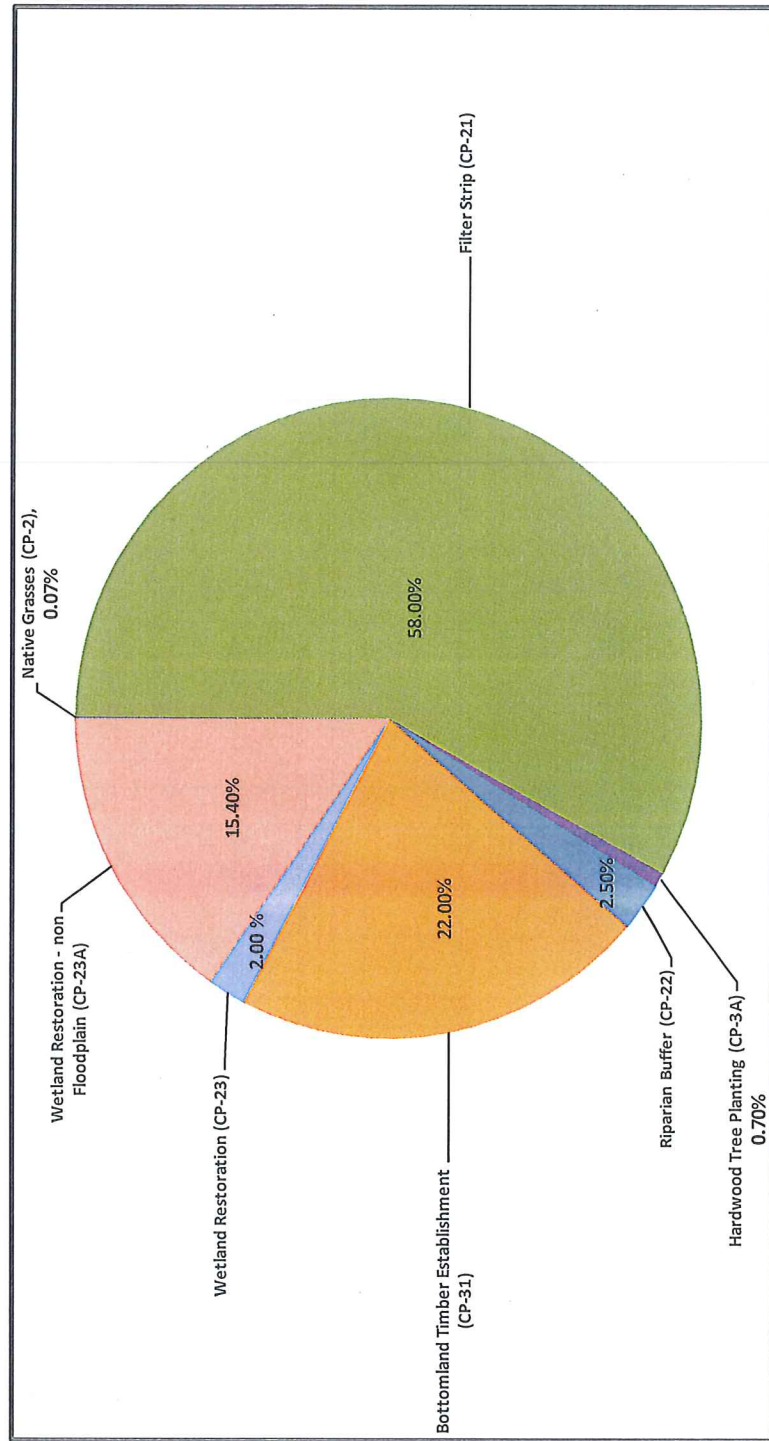
**Table 1. COMPLETED CREP AGREEMENTS AND AMOUNT AS OF OCTOBER 3, 2011**

Watershed	SWCD CREP Administrators	Completed Contracts	Completed State Funds	SWCD Administrative Fees (since expansion)
Upper White River Watershed	Hamilton Co.	239	\$649,140.00	\$5,596.50
Tippecanoe River Watershed	Fulton Co.	519	\$755,365.00	\$1,573.00
Highland-Pigeon Watershed	Gibson Co.	108	\$78,114.00	\$3,087.50
Lower East Fork	Orange Co.	2	\$10,440.00	\$1,044.00
Lower Wabash	Gibson Co.	1	\$2,504.00	\$250.00
Lower White	Daviess Co.	1	\$6,960.00	\$696.00
Middle Wabash Busseron	Sullivan Co.	1	\$41,040.00	\$4,104.00
Middle Wabash Deer	Howard Co.	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Middle Wabash Vermillion	Parke Co.	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Upper East Fork White	Decatur Co.	1	\$13,360.00	\$1,336.00
Upper Wabash	Huntington Co.	2	\$8,520.00	\$852.00
<b>Current Reporting Period (ending on October 3, 2011)</b>		<b>874</b>	<b>\$1,565,443.00</b>	<b>\$47,508.00</b>
<b>Previous Reporting Period (July 2011)</b>		<b>848</b>	<b>\$1,493,062.00</b>	<b>\$14,402.00</b>

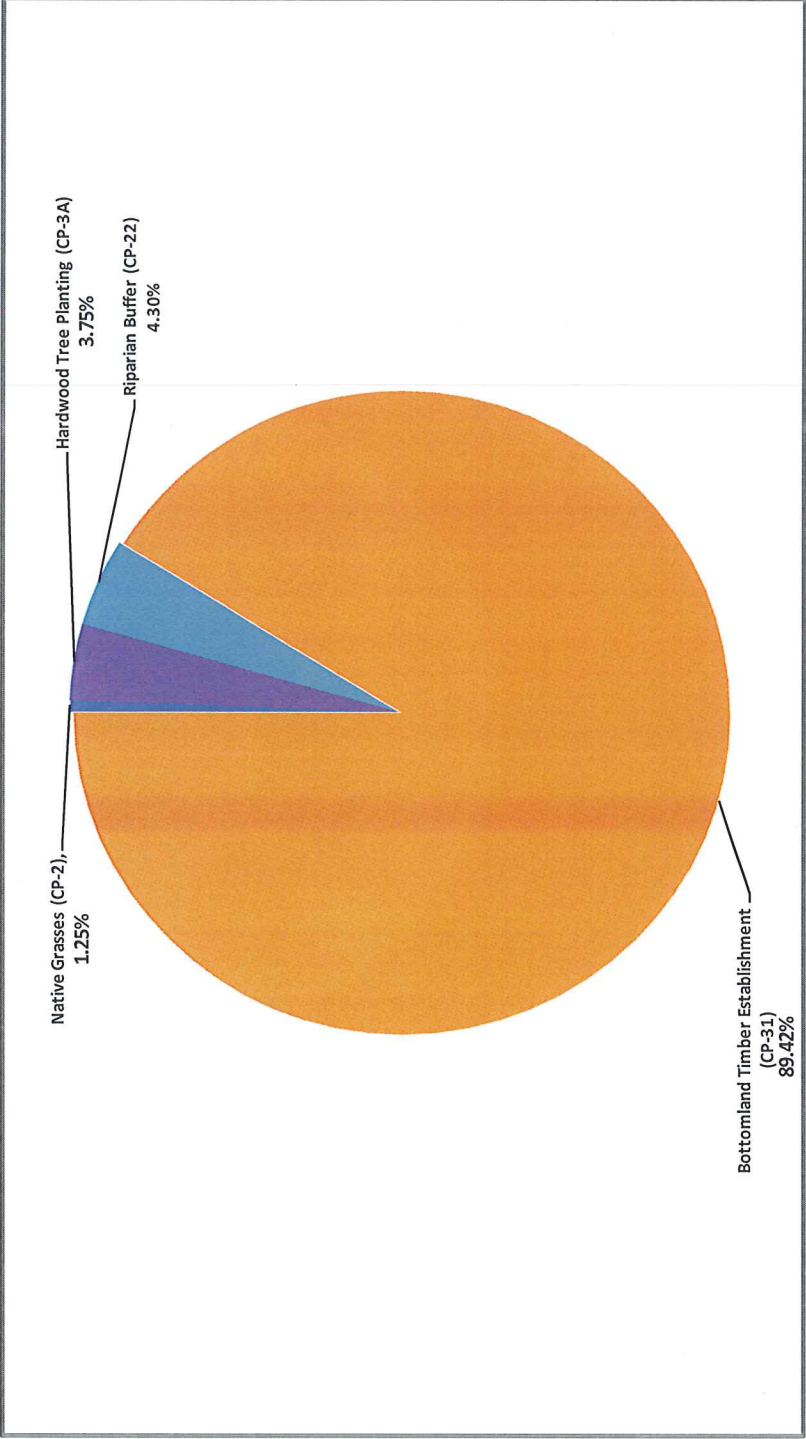
**Table 2. ENROLLED ACREAGE BY WATERSHED AS OF OCTOBER 3, 2011**

Watershed	Native Grasses CP-2 Acres	Permanent Wildlife Habitat CP-4D Acres	Filter Strip CP-21 Acres	Hardwood Tree Planting CP-3A Acres	Riparian Buffer CP-22 Acres	Bottomland Timber Establishment CP-31 Acres	Wetland Restoration CP-23 Acres	Wetland Restoration (non floodplain) CP-23A Acres	Total Acres
Upper White River Watershed	1.6	0.0	413.1	1.0	127.1	1,003.8	0.0	16.0	1,562.6
Tippecanoe River Watershed	0.0	0.0	2,916.8	0.0	7.8	20.4	121.7	924.0	3,990.7
Highland-Pigeon Watershed	2.5	0.0	214.8	10.8	16.0	113.8	0.0	0.0	357.9
Lower East Fork	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.1	0.0	0.0	26.1
Lower Wabash	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.0	6.3
Lower White	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.4	0.0	0.0	17.4
Middle Wabash Busseron	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	102.6	0.0	0.0	102.6
Middle Wabash Deer	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Middle Wabash Vermillion	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Upper East Fork White	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.4
Upper Wabash	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.3	0.0	0.0	21.3
<b>Current Reporting Period (ending on October 3, 2011)</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,544.7</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>150.9</b>	<b>1,311.7</b>	<b>121.7</b>	<b>940.0</b>	<b>6,118.3</b>
<b>Previous Reporting Period (July 2011)</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,515.0</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>138.0</b>	<b>1,188.0</b>	<b>121.7</b>	<b>940.0</b>	<b>5,915.4</b>

**Figure 1. TYPE AND PERCENTAGE OF ALL INSTALLED CREP CONSERVATION PRACTICES AS OF OCTOBER 3, 2011**



**Figure 2. POTENTIAL CONTRACTS TO BE SIGNED BY DECEMBER 31, 2011, WILL ADD 873.0 ACRES FOR SPRING PLANTING**





October-2011  
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

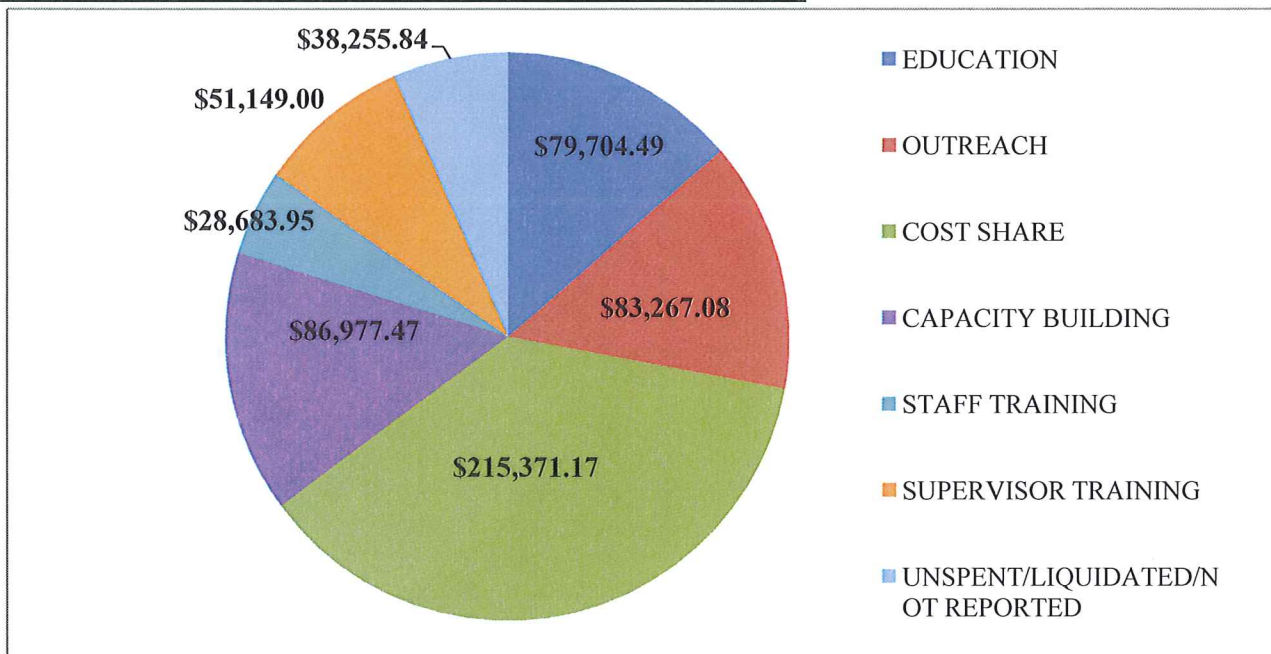
## PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2010, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) designated \$550,000 for this grant cycle, as well as provided 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 \$583,409. 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 (REPORTED SPENDING)



## STATUS UPDATE:

- 83 Districts have submitted a final report and final payment has been issued. \$559,981 has been paid. \$20,950.71 has been liquidated.
- The following counties have extensions on the 2010 grants: Hancock (10/31) and Tippecanoe (11/30)



# 2011 CWI GRANT

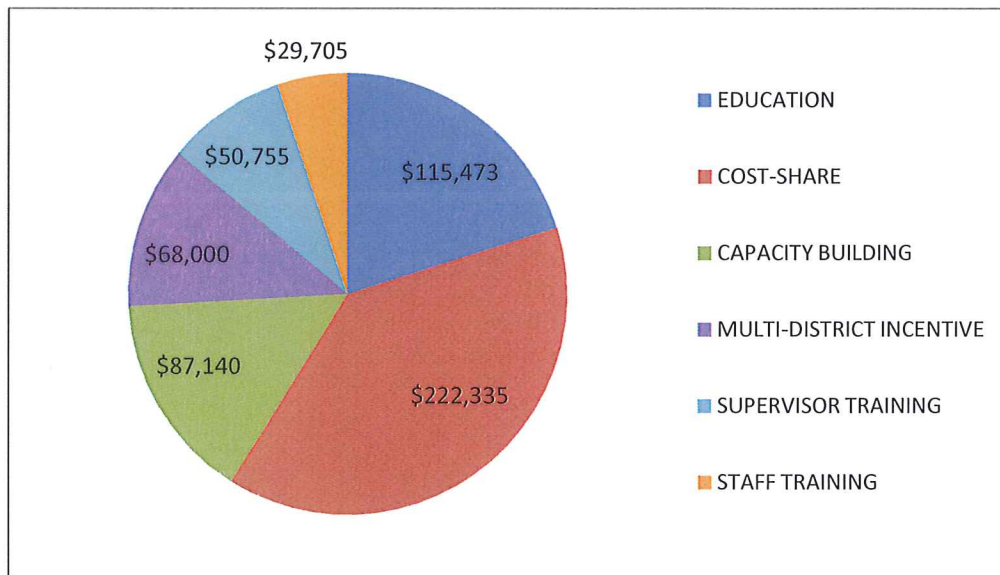
## PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2011, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) designated \$644,000 for this grant cycle, as well as provided 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
- Multi-District Initiatives
- Capacity Building
  - Staffing
  - Leadership Development Training

88 SWCDs applied for the 2011 CWI grant totaling \$573,408. The SSCB approved all grant applications and funded the total amount applied. All 2011 CWI grants have one year to complete their project which starts January 1, 2011 and must be completed by December 31, 2011.

## BREAK DOWN OF AWARDED 2011 CWI GRANT FUNDS:



## STATUS UPDATE:

- 88 Districts have received the initial 75% of their grant request.
- All districts have submitted their 6 month reports

# 2011 CWI WATERSHED GRANT

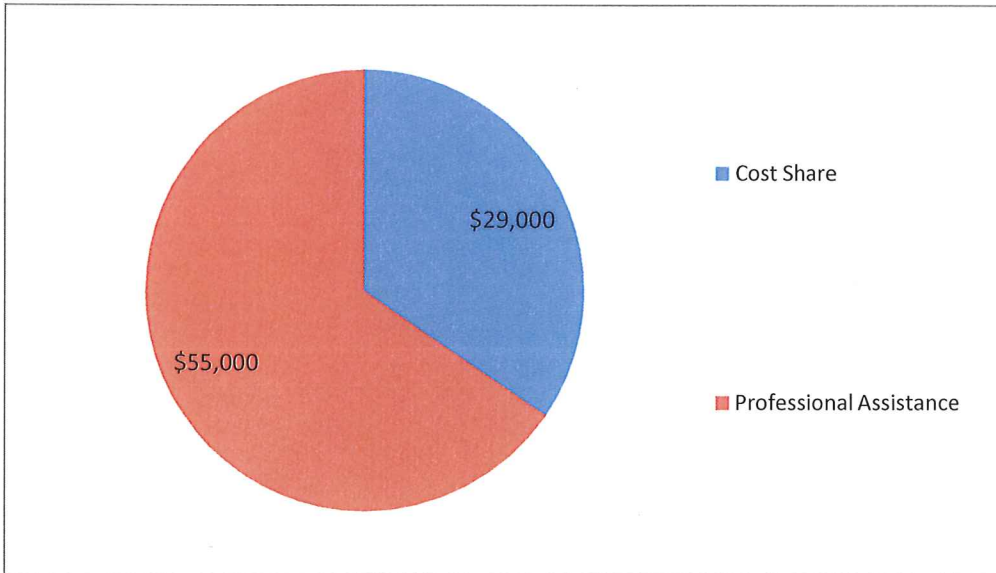
## PURPOSE OF GRANT:

For 2011, the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) awarded \$84,000 for competitive watershed-based grants. Projects are to fund one or more of the categories listed below:

- Cost Share/Incentives/Demonstrati
- Increase Direct Professional Assist

18 applications were received for the 2011 CWI grant totaling over \$500,000. The SSCB approved 5 grant applications and awarded a total of \$84,000.

## BREAK DOWN OF 2011 CWI WATERSHED GRANT FUNDS:



- To date, all 5 districts have received the initial 75%



1252 E. 100 S., Suite D  
Rochester, Indiana 46975

Mr. Larry Clemons, Chair  
State Soil Conservation Board  
1 North Capital Avenue, Suite 600  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
September 1, 2011

Re: Request for Extension on 2011 CWI Grant

Our original multi-district initiative/project was to partner with Marshall County SWCD to hold a multi-county summer field day event and a follow-up meeting with additional speakers sharing their expertise on cover crops and the benefits achieved.

Our field day will be held in Marshall County on September 15, 2011. We respectfully request an additional three-month extension on our 2010 CWI contract until the end of March, 2012 so we can hold a winter meeting to share the results of our "Healthy Soils" field day and educate participants on the importance of cover crops. We believe a better turn out will be possible if the follow-up meeting is held during the winter months. The follow-up meeting will be held in Fulton County in early spring of 2012.

Please let me know if you need any further documentation.

Sincerely,

Matt Harsh, Chairman  
Fulton County Soil & Water  
Conservation District  
1252 E. 100 S.  
Rochester, IN 46975  
(574) 223-3220 ext 101  
[fultonswcd.org](http://fultonswcd.org)

Enclosure: Minutes of August 23, 2011 SWCD Meeting



# Adams County Soil & Water Conservation District

975 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street

Decatur, IN 46733

Ph: 260-724-3763 ext.3

[www.adamscountyswcd.com](http://www.adamscountyswcd.com)

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to you to request an 8 month extension for the use of our 2011 CWI funds. I am currently finishing up my 4<sup>th</sup> month of employment with the Adams County SWCD, and am trying to put together a cost share plan for the Amish in our county. The Amish have not been very receptive to the current cost share plan using 2011 CWI funds. However, we feel that we have a better cost share plan in place now. We simply need more time to implement it. The plan is to have their seed dealers send our office invoices for the seed, etc. and cost share that way. Then the Amish are essentially buying seed, etc. on sale. The plan focuses on cover crops and pasture renovation. We are approaching the end of the growing season and would like an extension through September of 2012 so that we can use the money to help them with seeding next spring and early fall. I appreciate your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Ryan Noblitt  
Adams County SWCD



Wayne County  
Soil and Water Conservation District

823 S. ROUND BARN RD., SUITE #1, RICHMOND, INDIANA 47374-4717 PHONE (765) 966-0191 EXT. #3

August 31, 2011

Indiana State Soil Conservation Board  
101 W. Ohio St., Suite 1200  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

In regards to: 2011 CWI Grant A337-11-CWI-1185

Dear Indiana State Soil Conservation Board,

This letter is concerning the above referenced CWI grant. The Wayne County SWCD, Grantee, is respectfully requesting an extension of the 2011 CWI Grant A337-11-CWI-1185. The current expiration date is December 31, 2011. The new requested expiration date is June 30, 2012.

The requirements set forth in our grant to cost-share on the installation of a rain garden to be "highly visible to the public" and "provide educational value" gave us few acceptable applications to choose from, thus delaying the decision on awarding the cost-share. We are asking for the extension to accommodate the approved applicant's request for reasonable time to design and install the rain garden at Reid Hospital.

Thank you for your consideration and time regarding our request.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Brown, District Coordinator  
Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District



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**Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District  
104 County Road 70 E, Suite B  
Bloomfield, IN 47424 (812) 384-4781 Ex. 3**

October 4, 2011

State Soil Conservation Board  
Larry Clemens, Chairman

**RE: Request for Extension for #A337-11-CWI-1126 contract**

Dear Mr. Clemens:

Greene County SWCD is requesting consideration for extension of expenditure of the above stated CWI monies until June 30, 2012. Because of late spring planting, our producers had trouble taking advantage of this valuable cost share program. There has been interest shown; however, as you know, a nitrification inhibitor is mainly used for early nitrogen application.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our request for extension.

Sincerely,

*Steve Crowe Rita Sharr Reece Booher Randy Koenig Tim Egnew*  
Greene County Board of Supervisors



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**Kosciusko Soil and Water Conservation District**

217 E. Bell Drive - Warsaw, IN 46582-9350 - Phone (574) 267-7445, Ext. 3 - Fax (574) 269-2875

October 10, 2011

Larry Clemens, Chairman  
Indiana State Soil Conservation Board  
1 North Capital, Suite 600  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Chairman Clemens,

The Kosciusko County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to request a three month extension on its 2011 Clean Water Indiana grant, which provides contractual assistance for the Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI). This extension would take the grant to the end of March, 2012.

Work generated through the MRBI project is very seasonal. With the approach of the fall harvest season, it has become apparent that current work on this project will continue into 2012. An extension of this grant will allow us to complete contacts with the agricultural community, post harvest.

Kosciusko County SWCD appreciates the consideration of the SSCB for this CWI grant extension.

Sincerely,

Jamie Scott, Chairman  
Kosciusko County SWCD

Clean Water Indiana Spending Plan FY12

	Cig Tax Fund June 2011	previously approved budget from June
Appropriation	\$ 3,666,426.00	
Reserve	\$ 366,642.00	10% reserve
<b>Allotment</b>	<b>\$ 3,299,783.00</b>	
Staffing		4 DSS, 4 CREP RS, 1 CREP PM, 1 Admin
Additional Staff from Soil	\$ 650,000.00	
CREP	\$ 120,000.00	2 additional CREP RS
AFR	\$ 660,000.00	
CCSI	\$ 920,000.00	
SSCB	\$ 89,000.00	
	\$ 11,000.00	
SWCAP/Retiree	\$ 50,000.00	
DSS IT	\$ 4,800.00	
DSS ADMIN	\$ 12,240.00	
DSS TRAVEL	\$ 5,000.00	
2 ADDITIONAL WLEB STAFF	\$ 90,000.00	Budgeted in case a grant is not found to support
TRAINING GRANT	\$ 75,900.00	supervisor staff training reimbursement
BALANCE FOR GRANTS	\$ 611,843.00	

	Cig Tax Fund Approved	proposed new budget based on actual budget figures
	\$ 3,666,426.00	
	\$ 558,078.00	total we have been informed we have to utilize from budget
	<b>\$ 3,108,348.00</b>	office
	\$ 636,947.00	4 DSS, 4 CREP RS, 1 CREP PM, 1 Admin
	\$ 281,113.00	4 additional CREP RS
	\$ 660,000.00	
	\$ 920,000.00	
	\$ 89,000.00	
	\$ 11,000.00	
	\$ 83,095.00	higher than originally estimated
	\$ 4,800.00	
	\$ 12,240.00	
	\$ 5,000.00	
	\$ -	funded through USDA contribution agreement
	\$ 405,153.00	

	General Fund Approved	informed by the budget office that these dollars are available this year
	\$ 500,000.00	
	\$ 15,000.00	
	<b>\$ 485,000.00</b>	
	\$ 485,000.00	

Total available for 2012 Grants

**\$ 890,153.00**

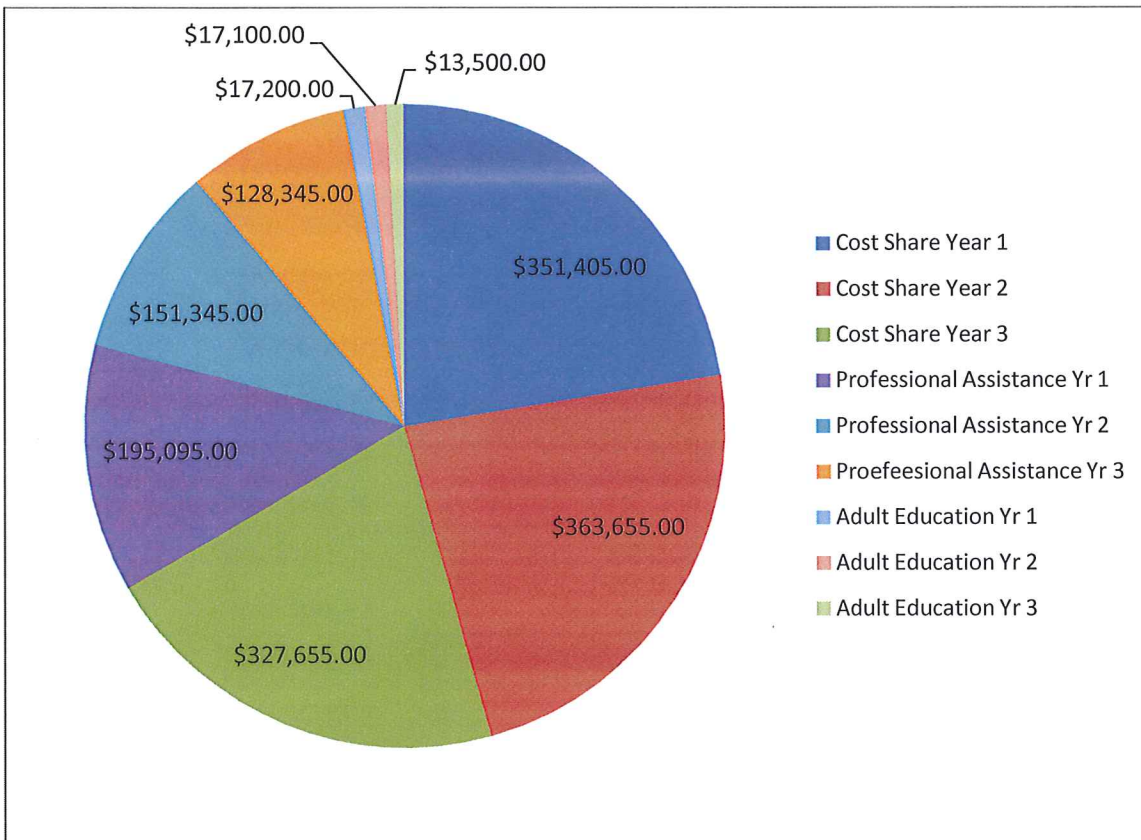




Grants Committee Warren Baird Bill Mann Brett Glick

## Clean Water Indiana 2012 Grant Committee Proposal

30 applications, representing 72 districts, were submitted for the 2012 Clean Water Indiana Grants round for a total of \$1,565,300. (See Table 1) Applicants could apply for up to \$20,000 a year for up to three years in the following categories: Cost Share, Professional Assistance, Adult Education (limit \$1,000 per year). Applications totaled \$1,042,715 in Cost Share, \$474,785 in Professional Assistance and \$47,800 in Adult Education



All applications by funding category and year

Table 1-All Applications

Lead District	Other Participating Districts	Project Title	Amt Request
Adams	Jay	Upper Wabash River Watershed Project	\$ 60,000.00
Brown	Monroe	Bean Blossom and Salt Creek Rattlesnake Creek	\$ 15,800.00
Carroll	White	Watershed Nutrient Cover Crop Seeding and	\$ 60,000.00
Clay	Vigo	Field Border Cost Share Pasture Planting Incentive Program	\$ 19,000.00
Crawford	Harrison Perry	Innovative Conservation Implementation Project	\$ 60,000.00
DeKalb	Steuben	OFN Specialist/CREP support Staff Upper White	\$ 60,000.00
Delaware	Madison, Randolph, Crawford, Gibson, Orange, Pike	Cover Crop Incentive Program	\$ 60,000.00
Dubois	Spencer	CREP in the Tippecanoe Watershed	\$ 60,000.00
Fulton	White	Backyard Conservation in the Fall Creek Watershed	\$ 60,000.00
Hamilton	Marion, Hancock, Madison	Mill Creek Watershed Improvement Project	\$ 40,000.00
Hendricks	Putnam	Nutrient Capturing Study with Cover Crops in the Muscatatuck Watershed	\$ 60,000.00
Howard	Carroll, Clinton, Madison, Jefferson,	Incentive Program	\$ 60,000.00
Jackson	Jennings, Scott	Cover Crop Cost Share and Data Collection: Improving Upper Salamonie Watershed Project	\$ 60,000.00
Jasper	Benton, White, Pulaski, Starke,	Conservation System to Improve Soil Health Indian Creek/Stotts Creek	\$ 60,000.00
Jay	Blackford	Watershed Cost Share SW Indiana Conservation Cooperative	\$ 60,000.00
Jennings	Decatur, Bartholomew	Joint Irrigation Efficiency Project	\$ 60,000.00
Johnson	Morgan	Miami Eel River Cover Crop Cost Share and Data Collection: Improving Pike-Gibson Conservation Initiative	\$ 33,000.00
Knox	Sullivan, Greene, Daviess, Gibson,	Two Stage Ditch Mississinewa River Watershed Incentive Water Quality Improvement Project	\$ 60,000.00
LaPorte	Marshall, St Joe, Starke	Cross County Conservation: A Tri-County Watersheds Improvement Projects	\$ 60,000.00
Miami	Wabash, Kosciusko Lake, Porter,	Southwest Indiana Cover Crop Program	\$ 20,000.00
Newton	Newton, Jasper	United for Cleaner Water Working With Producers to Improve Soil Health and	\$ 60,000.00
Pike	Gibson		
Posey	Warrick, Vanderburgh		
Randolph	Delaware		
Spencer	Dubois, Perry, Warrick		
Steuben	LaGrange, Fountain, Parke,		
Vermillion	Montgomery		
Warrick	Gibson, Pike, Posey, Lawrence, Martin,		
Washington	Orange		
Whitley	Allen, Huntington, Wells		
<b>Total Requested</b>			<b>\$ 1,565,300.00</b>

The Grants Committee recommends utilizing \$828,000 of the available funding for this round of grants. After reviewing the applications, the Grants Committee recommends to approve the following applications with adjustments noted. (Tables 2 & 3)

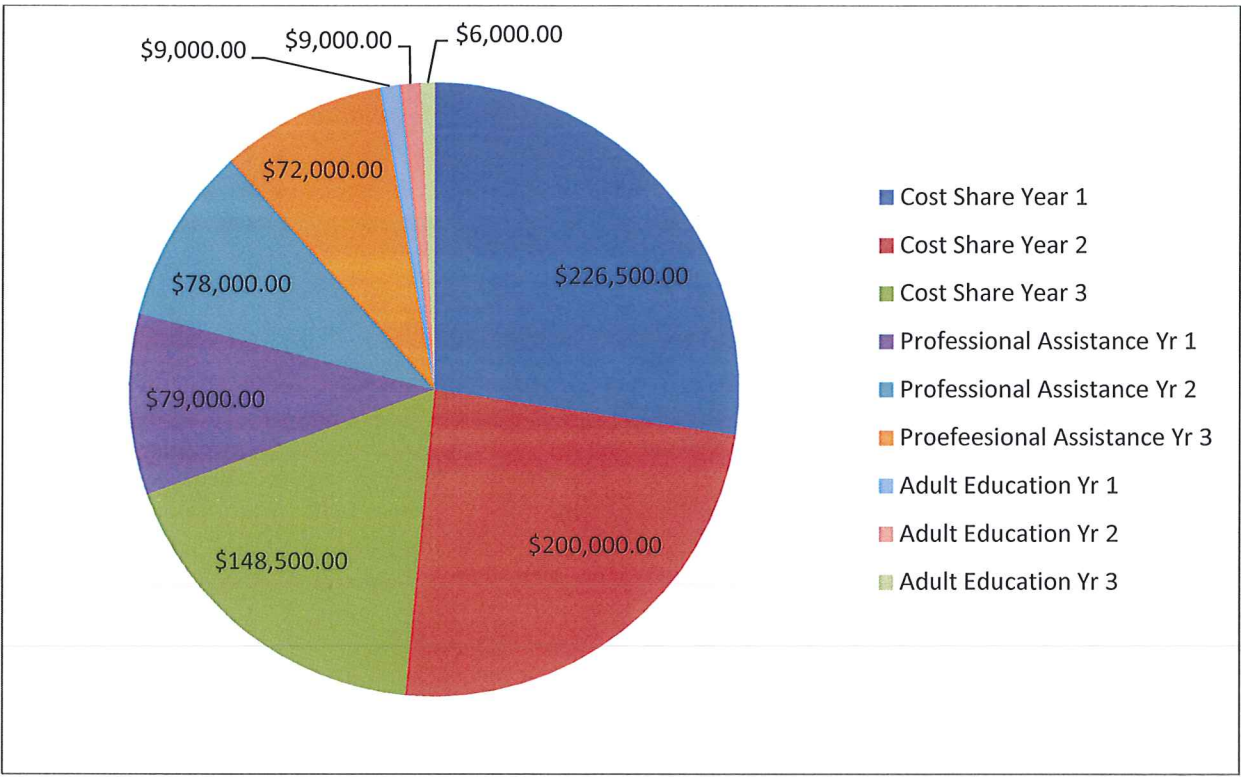
Lead District	Other Participating Districts	Amt Requested	Amt Approved	Notes
DeKalb	Steuben	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	blind inlet with ARS/NRCS cooperator and cover crops
Jackson	Jefferson, Jennings, Scott Benton, White, Pulaski, Starke,	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	CREP cost share for people not eligible for FSA programs
Jasper /Newton	Lake, Porter Benton, White, Pulaski, Starke,	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	cover crop and data collection (2 applications 60k ea combined to one @ 100k)
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Jennings	Decatur, Bartholomew Sullivan, Greene, Daviess, Gibson,	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	CCSI, bundling incentive
Knox	Pike, Dubois, Warrick	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	OFN on released coal lands
Pike	Gibson	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	bi-county/technician
Steuben	LaGrange,	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	BMPs for Amish and English underserved
Vermillion	Fountain, Parke, Montgomery	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	local CCSI contractor
Miami	Wabash, Kosciusko	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	technical assistance
Randolph	Delaware	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	CREP cost share for people not eligible for FSA programs
Whitley	Allen, Huntington, Wells	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	cost share and TA to a new audience
Warrick	Gibson, Pike, Posey, Vanderburgh	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	cover crops on agland and gardens
Hamilton	Marion, Hancock, Madison Crawford, Gibson, Orange, Pike	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	urban coordinator staff--best urban proposal
Dubois	Spencer	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	Cover Crop/Vincennes University rain garden/barrel (Reduced to 2 years)
Johnson	Morgan	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	conservation BMPs (Reduced to 2 years)
Washington	Lawrence, Martin, Orange	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	BMPs in karst area (Reduced to 2 years)
		\$ 908,000.00	\$ 828,000.00	

Recommended for Funding with Adjustments

Table 2

Lead District	Other Participating Districts	Project Title	Amt Approved	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Professional Assistance Yr 1	Professional Assistance Yr 2	Professional Assistance Yr 3	Adult Education Yr 1	Adult Education Yr 2	Adult Education Yr 3
DeKalb	Steuben	Conservation Implementation	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
		Muscatahuck										
Jackson	Jefferson, Jennings, Scott Benton, White, Pulaski,	Watershed Incentive Cover Crop Cost	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 21,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Jasper/Newton Starke, Newton, Lake, Porter		Share and Data Conservation System	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Jennings	Decatur, Bartholomew	to Improve Soil Indian Creek/Storts	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00						
Johnson	Morgan Sullivan, Greene, Daviss,	Creek Watershed SW/Indiana	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Knox	Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Warrick	Conservation Pike-Gibson	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pike	Gibson	Conservation Cross County	\$ 33,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Steuben	LaGrange,	Conservation: A Tri-County	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Vermillion	Fountain, Parke, Montgomery Gibson, Pike, Posey,	Watersheds Southwest Indiana	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Warrick	Vanderburgh	Cover Crop Program United for Cleaner	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Washington	Lawrence, Martin, Orange	Water Working With	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Whitley	Allen, Huntington, Wells	Producers to Improve	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Miami	Wabash, Kosciusko	Miami Eel River Mississinewa River	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Randolph	Delaware	Watershed Incentive Conservation in the	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hamilton	Marion, Hancock, Madison	Fall Creek Watershed	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dubois	Crawford, Gibson, Orange, Pike Spencer	Cover Crop Incentive Program	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
			\$ 828,000.00	\$ 226,500.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 148,500.00	\$ 79,000.00	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,000.00

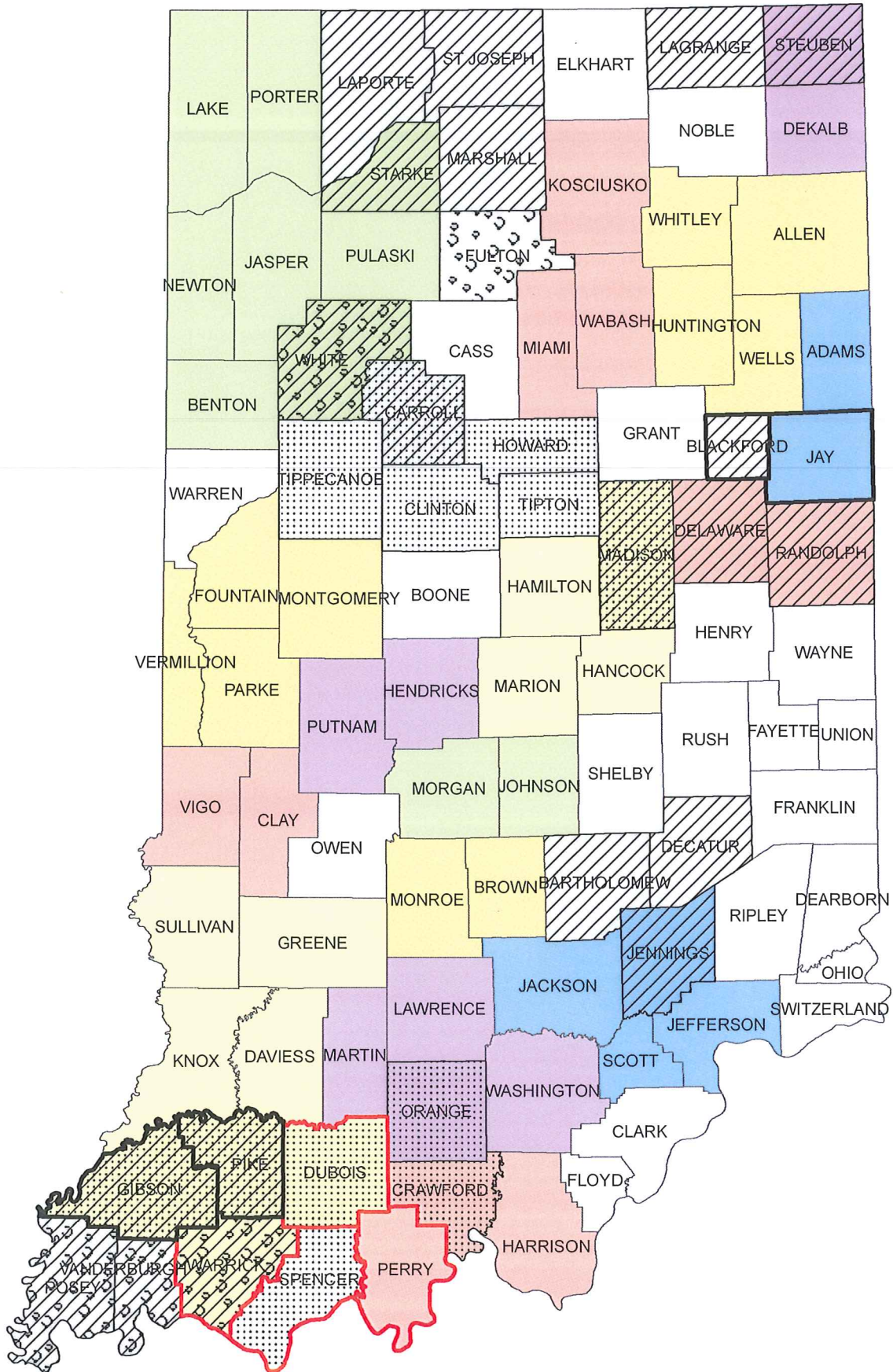
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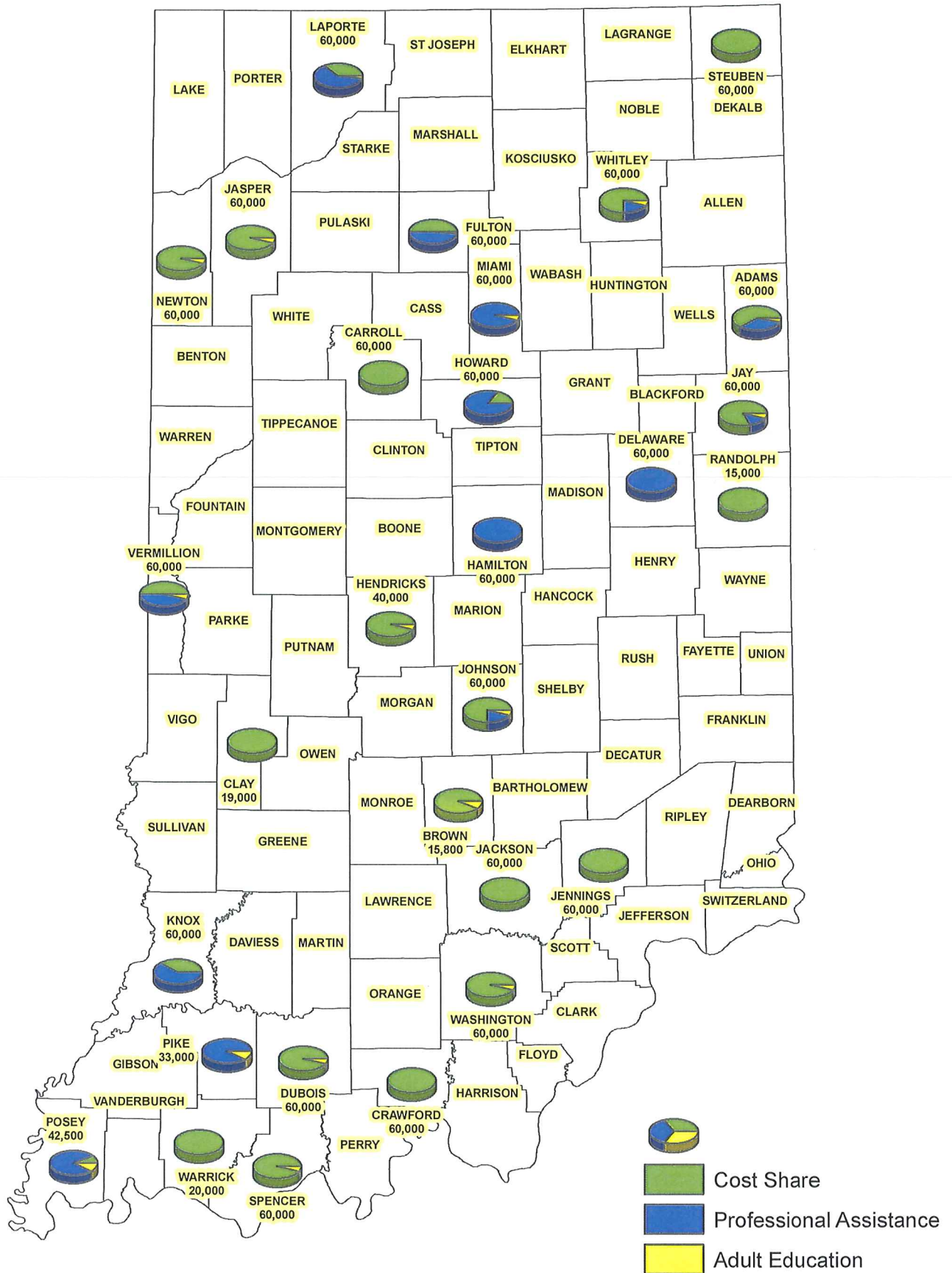
**Grants Committee Recommended Grant Spending by category and year**

The proposal above will offer Cost Share in the amount of \$575,000 (69%), Professional Assistance in the amount of \$229,000 (28%), and Adult Education in the amount of \$24,000 (3%) in 52 districts.

# 2012 CWI Multi-Watershed Grant Applicants



# 2012 CWI Multi-Watershed Grant Requests



Cost Share	Professional Assist.	Adult Education	Total
\$1,042,715	\$474,785	\$47,800	\$1,565,300
66.6%	30.3%	3.1%	

October 7, 2011  
 Deb Fairhurst, ISDA Program Manager



October 5, 2011

Dear Clean Water Indiana Grants Committee,

In June 2010, Governor Daniels announced the Healthy Rivers Initiative (HRI), the state's largest land conservation initiative to ever be undertaken. The goal of HRI is to work with willing landowners to protect approximately 43,000 acres of riparian corridor along the Wabash River and Sugar Creek in west-central Indiana, and another 26,000 acres of the Muscatatuck River bottoms in southeast Indiana. The DNR is joined in this initiative with a broad partnership of natural resource agencies and organizations, including the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, as well as many others.

The benefits of HRI will be far reaching and will provide ecological and economic benefits of state, regional and national importance. HRI will provide the following benefits:

- **Quality of Life-** HRI will provide increased public access to recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, canoeing, bird watching and boating. Research shows outdoor recreation has positive impacts on physical, mental and social health, and can help attract businesses looking to relocate or expand.
- **Economy and community development -** HRI will present opportunities to invest in local communities and to bring nature to citizens through nature tourism. Increased tourism will spur economic development through additional money being spent in communities throughout the project area, creating a strong state economy.
- **Wildlife –** the river systems and riparian corridor will provide necessary habitat for wildlife. The HRI project areas provide habitat for several federal and state endangered species and creating an unfragmented wildlife corridor helps ensure these species have a solid foothold in Indiana; while also providing important wetland habitats for migratory waterfowl.
- **Environment –** through reforestation, wetlands restoration and other conservation land management efforts, HRI will reduce nutrient runoff and sediment, therefore positively impacting water quality, as well as reducing flooding in these watersheds.

The DNR and its partners would like to propose a special project through the Clean Water Indiana Grants program to work with landowners in the HRI Wabash River project area. This area covers approximately 94 miles along the Wabash River through Parke, Vermillion, Vigo and Sullivan counties. Establishment of riparian conservation areas to reduce sediment and nutrients to improve water quality in the Wabash River is an important aspect of both the HRI and CREP programs. We propose hiring a Conservation Program Specialist who would focus on promoting HRI and CREP with landowners and increasing acres enrolled in either of these programs through outreach efforts. In addition to encouraging participation in HRI and CREP, the Conservation



Program Specialist will guide landowner contacts towards local Soil and Water Conservation Districts to assist with opportunities to pursue other fitting conservation programs and initiatives.

Due to market changes in agriculture, the participation in programs such as HRI and CREP can be challenging. The success of HRI and CREP program participation depends largely on the ability of the Conservation Program Specialist to communicate the benefits of each program. A portion of these proposed grant dollars would be utilized to explore alternative marketing and outreach approaches. These findings will be shared and can be utilized by SWCDs, the Indiana Conservation Partnership, and other conservation agencies and organizations to market current and future conservation programs.

CWI grant funds provided to fund HRI/CREP programming include:

- Hiring a full-time Conservation Program Specialist to work in the Wabash River project area (Parke, Vermillion, Vigo, and Sullivan counties)
- Providing technical assistance to landowners through the promotion and enrollment in HRI and CREP programs
- Working with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts in providing landowner contacts pursuing additional conservation programs and initiatives
- Researching alternative marketing and outreach approaches for conservation programs and sharing these findings with other conservation agencies and organizations.
- Maintaining a tracking system of landowner contacts and results

The DNR and its partners propose a total of \$55,000 from CWI funds over a two year period to accomplish the above deliverables. A cash match of \$65,000 will be provided by DNR and TNC. Total project costs over a 2 year period will be \$120,000.

<b>Proposed Budget: Year 1</b>			
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Requested CWI Funds</b>	<b>DNR Funds</b>	<b>Partner Funds</b>
Conservation Program Specialist Salary	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Specialist Mileage and expenses	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Outreach/Communication Research	\$10,000	\$5,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

<b>Proposed Budget: Year 2</b>			
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Requested CWI Funds</b>	<b>DNR Funds</b>	<b>Partner Funds</b>
Conservation Program Specialist Salary	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Specialist Mileage and expenses	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Outreach/Communication Research			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

We hope that the CWI Grants Committee will consider recommending our CWI Grants proposal to the SSCB. We believe that the goals and objectives of HRI align with the goals, objectives and priority areas of the SSCB and CWI program. We are excited at the possible opportunity to partner with ISDA, the SSCB, CWI and local SWCDS to promote HRI and CREP to establish riparian conservation areas and to reduce nutrient and sediment runoff in the Wabash River. We know with the support of CWI grant funds, together we can work to provide far reaching benefits to enhance the quality of life of Hoosiers, provide a stronger state economy, provide important wildlife habitat, and improve water quality.

Sincerely,

Mark Reiter  
Director, Division of Fish & Wildlife

8/18/2009 A011

Dear Wanda, Troy, and Supervisors of the Marshall County SWCD,

Due to several recent circumstances, I am resigning my post as a Marshall County SWCD supervisor effective immediately. I feel as though my schedule does not allow me to be as active of a member of this board as I should be, and I feel as though my lack of attendance to our monthly meetings keeps me from being informed enough to make any further decisions to direct policies and provisions that we as a board should oversee. I regret this decision, but know that it is the right decision at this time.

Sincerely,



Marc E. Eads

RECOMMENDATION FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

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ELECTED SUPERVISOR, VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

Sec. 13

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("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)

The Supervisors of the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that Craig Hawley (name) maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

Address

9124 Hickory Road

City, State and Zip

Plymouth IN IN

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

Resignation of Marc Eads

**YOU MUST SUBMIT THE RESIGNATION LETTER TO YOUR DISTRICT SUPPORT SPECIALIST AS WELL AS KEEP A COPY IN YOUR DISTRICT RECORDS.**

Death of

No election held

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor. We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS (signatures)

\_\_\_\_\_

Tyson Edwards (typed)

Date 9/14/2011

Keep a signed copy of this form in the District office. Do not send to your DSS.

**IC 14-32-4-1**

**(b) To hold the position of elected supervisor, an individual:**

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**(A) more than ten (10) acres in area; and**

**(B) located within the district;**

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**(3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.**

NAME

Craig Hawley

PHONE NUMBER

574-936-9818

DATE OF BIRTH

2/28/1978

ADDRESS

9124 Hickory Road

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Plymouth, IN. 46563

EDUCATION

High School Education

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS

New home construction (General contractor)  
Farm Drainage (Repairs and new systems)

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

**LAND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY**

If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices you have installed or performed

**TEMPORARY APPOINTEE**

Have you previously served as an SWCD supervisor?

Yes

What was the date of last service?

What was the reason for termination of last service?

How many years did you serve as a supervisor? # Years #Months

No

**I currently hold a public service position/office**

Yes

I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide

Yes

No

No

By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

APPOINTEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

Craig Hawley (typed)

9/14/2011 Date

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Pulaski County SWCD  
309 North West Street  
Winamac, IN 46996

August 28, 2011

Dear Friends,

I am very sorry to have to write this letter informing you that I will be unable to continue to be part of the Soil and Water board. My family commitments are such that I will be traveling to Kokomo every Tuesday and Thursday evening throughout the school year, to receive tutoring services for one of our daughters who is having some difficulty in reading and spelling.

I have certainly enjoyed my years on the board and perhaps will be able to join it again in the years ahead. It has really been a lot of fun!

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Cords".

Sharon Cords

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("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)

The Supervisors of the Pulaski County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that

Kevin Podell (name) maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

Address

4642 W 500 S

City, State and Zip

Winamac IN 46,996

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

Resignation of Sharon Cords

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Death of

No election held

We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor.

We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS (signatures)



Paul Kline, Larry Grieger, David H... (typed)

Date 10/1/2011

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**(3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.**

NAME

Kevin Podell

PHONE NUMBER

574-595-7201

DATE OF BIRTH

6/10/1967

ADDRESS

4642 W 500 S

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Winamac, Indiana, 46996

EDUCATION

Graduate of Eastern Pulaski High School

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS

Full time grain farmer; farms approxiately 1400 acres

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

**LAND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY**

If applicable, list some of the soil and water conservation practices you have installed or performed

CRP filter strips on ditches

Plants cover crops

**TEMPORARY APPOINTEE**

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Yes

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No

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Yes

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Yes

No

No

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APPOINTEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

Kevin Podell (typed)  
10/1/2011 Date

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## Forms to be Completed Prior to Annual Meeting & Elections

All forms are available on the SharePoint website: <https://myshare.in.gov/isda/swcd>

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1.     **Legal Requirements** – (Not a form) **Due Date: October 1**  
This is to be delivered to each SWCD upon notification of elected and appointed supervisors up for election.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2.     **Election Committee Appointment** – **Due Date: November 1**  
This is to be filled out electronically on SharePoint (original signature not needed- please just type in name). A separate copy may be printed out and signed and kept on file at the Districts' office.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3.     **Recommendations for Supervisor Appointment** – **Due Date: November 1**  
This is to be filled out electronically on SharePoint (original signature not needed- please just type in name). A separate copy may be printed out and signed and kept on file at the Districts' office.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4.     **District Annual Meeting Information** – **Due Date: December 1**  
This is to be filled out electronically on SharePoint.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5.     **Nominees for Election** – **Due Date: December 1**  
This is to be filled out electronically on SharePoint (original signature not needed- please just type in name). A separate copy may be printed out and signed and kept on file at the Districts' office.

**Note:** Districts failing to submit the Nominees for Supervisor Election form by **December 1** will be ineligible by law, to hold an election at their Annual Meeting.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6.     **Notice of Annual Meeting** – **Due Date: TBD by SWCD**  
IC 14 – 8 – 2 – 80 “Due Notice,” for purposes of IC 14-32, means a notice given through publication at least two (2) times, with an interval of at least six (6) days between the two (2) publication dates, in a newspaper or other publication of general circulation within the appropriate area.

This is for the SWCD's personal use. It does not need to be submitted. (*Note:* please download this to your computer first before typing in your information; the copy on SharePoint is an original for all SWCDs to use.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 7.     **Recommendations for Vacant Appointment** –  
**Due Date: Within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs**  
This is to be filled out electronically on SharePoint (original signature not needed- please just type in name). A separate copy may be printed out and signed and kept on file at the Districts' office. Please also email the letter of resignation to your District Support Specialist.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. **Ballot – Due Date: Prior to Annual Meeting and Election**

It is the Districts' responsibility to customize these forms for the election. Please make sure you have enough ballots for all voting landowners present at the meeting. (*Reminder:* even if only one person is on the ballot, you still need to hold the election and pass out ballots.)

This is for the SWCD's personal use. It does not need to be submitted. (*Note:* please download this to your computer first before typing in your information; the copy on SharePoint is an original for all SWCDs to use.)

### **Forms to be Completed After Annual Meeting & Elections**

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\_\_\_\_\_ 1. **Certification of Election of Supervisors –**

**Due Date: Immediately after annual meeting**

This is to be filled out and returned electronically to the SWCD's District Support Specialist (original signature not needed- please just type in name). The original signed copy should be kept on file at the Districts' office.

(*Note:* please download this to your computer first before typing in your information; the copy on SharePoint is an original for all SWCDs to use.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. **Oath of Office – Due Date: Immediately after annual meeting**

This form is to be printed, filled out and signed by the newly elected or appointed supervisors at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the district. This form shall remain on file at the Districts' office (do not submit).

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. **Supervisor, Staff, and Office Directories–**

**Due Date: Within thirty (30) days after annual meeting**

These sheets are to be filled out and/or updated completely on the SharePoint website. (*Note:* please also update these throughout the year as there are changes.)

**For any questions you can e-mail or call your District Support Specialist:**

<http://www.in.gov/isda/2352.htm>

**Draft Task Force Charter on SWCD  
Consolidation/Cooperation Opportunities in Indiana  
October 6, 2011**

**Background:** The State Soil Conservation Board at the August Board meeting discussed the current economic situation SWCD's are facing due to local and state budget cuts. The board discussed several factors that are impacting local SWCD's at this time including: technical capacity for program delivery, budget impacts at federal, state and local levels, USDA rental costs, CWI grant program focused on multi county projects, CWI funding remaining relatively flat while operational costs go up for SWCD's, and overall delivery of high quality conservation in a changing world. The SSCB in an effort to be proactive has determined a task force should be formed to look into these challenges and recommend conservation delivery options that the SSCB along with the Indiana Conservation Partnership could consider as we move into the future. In addition The State Soil Conservation Board's Business Plan has a goal of:

**By 2015 SWCD's with limited resources are actively pursuing the benefits of and opportunities to consolidate.**

- Provide education to districts regarding benefits and opportunities of merging.
- Provide special CWI incentive grants to limited resource districts that are willing to merge to increase program capacity and effectiveness. Consider offering an incentive of two times the current state match for each of the merged districts for first year and then 1 ½ times the combined matching grant each year thereafter if funds are available.

**Note to the reader:** The SSCB is not endorsing SWCD consolidation at this time but we do believe it is important to investigate and have good information that can help guide the board and SWCD's if this becomes an issue in Indiana.

**Task Force Chartered Purpose:**

The purpose of the task force will be to develop a report that 1) summarizes the experiences of other Midwestern States regarding SWCD consolidation/cooperation/delivery models and 2) develop a set of recommendations for Indiana to follow if consolidation is needed within Indiana. In addition we are interested in investigating new approaches to conservation delivery that might improve our overall effectiveness.

**Task force members will include:** State Soil Conservation Board (2), IASWCD (2), IDEA (2), NRCS (2), ISDA (2)

**Questions to be answered: (Task Force will finalize)**

1. What other states have consolidated SWCD offices/functions? Share examples/case studies etc....such as shared Multi-County District Manager
2. What was the impact to delivery of conservation pros/cons?
3. Were cost savings realized along with improved conservation delivery?
4. How were local units of government involved in multi county SWCD functions including funding?
5. How were the other key conservation partners involved?
6. How did consolidation impact other partners and their programs?
7. What types of support would the SSCB need to provide to districts? As determined recommend a pilot test of the concept and how SSCB would support it.
8. Recommend next steps as appropriate to improve overall conservation delivery within Indiana. .

# INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Division of Soil Conservation



## Technical Assistance

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil Conservation is committed to provide the information and assistance needed to enhance environmental stewardship. To support this commitment, the Division of Soil Conservation employs field technical staff, Resource Specialists, located throughout Indiana to directly help land users identify and resolve soil and water resource problems and/or capitalize on opportunities. Services available to land users and managers include: Provide up-to-date information to create or revise conservation management plans, evaluate on-site erosion and water quality concerns, help land

owners identify specific conservation practice needs, and survey, design, and supervise the installation and maintenance of conservation practices. Resource Specialists work with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts and alongside various conservation partners in regionally-based Conservation Implementation Teams with access to a variety of soil and water conservation expertise.

## On-Farm Network®

The On-Farm Network® is a group of crop producers interested in economics, stewardship, and reducing their environmental footprint. Participating farmers use precision ag tools and technologies to conduct research on their own farms. Through the On-Farm Network®, farmers use this data from their own farms and others in their area to evaluate the effectiveness and economic pros and cons of different management practices, such as nutrient application rates, timing, and form. Farmers not only evaluate the effectiveness of different practices on their own farm, but benefit from aggregate data across multiple farms and years.

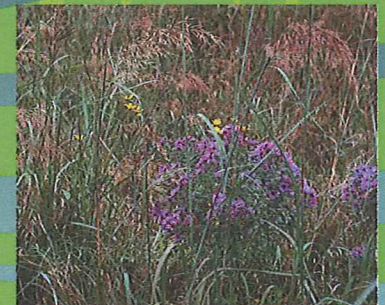


## Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative

The Indiana Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI) promotes a systematic approach to production agriculture focusing on Continuous no-till/strip-till, nutrient and pest management, precision farming, and cover crops. This will result in improved soil quality, water quality and profitability on Indiana cropland. The CCSI is a resource for the 92 Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts to carry out their conservation cropping systems goals and objectives.

## Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a federal-state natural resources conservation program that addresses agricultural-related environmental concerns at the state and national level. CREP participants receive financial incentives to voluntarily enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in contracts of 14 to 15 years. Participants remove cropland from agricultural production and convert the land to native grasses, trees and other vegetation. The Indiana CREP is a partnership between USDA and the state of Indiana.



# INDIANA

STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE  
Division of Soil Conservation



## District Support

District Support Specialists work cooperatively with soil and water conservation districts and other conservation partners in the design of programs that reach landusers, the general public, governmental officials, and primary and secondary educational institutions on the husbandry and management of soil and water resources. Services provided to SWCDs by District Support Specialists include detailed information, guidance and direct on-site assistance in carrying out legal and operational responsibilities. District Support Specialists also assist SWCDs in expanding their capacity to fulfill their roles in their respective communities, and prepare and conduct training for SWCD supervisors and staff.

## Leadership Institute

Leadership Institute is a statewide leadership development program established for Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors. Key District staff are invited to participate along with their supervisors. The program intends to improve District capacity to increase the quality of Indiana's soil, water and related natural resources. Vital leadership skills gained from the program become even more effective when they are combined with the principles and concepts learned through training programs that join instruction, experiences and reflections on their learning.



## Clean Water Indiana

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices designed to reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost-sharing programs. 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.



For more information on the Indiana State Department of Agriculture-Division of Soil Conservation, please visit our website at:

<http://www.in.gov/isda/2343.htm>

**Agricultural Affairs Report – R.Leeck**  
*State Soil Conservation Board Meeting*  
October 12, 2011

Indiana On-Farm Network® - Program focusing on production agriculture, working with farmers to examine management techniques improving profitability and the environment.

*2011 Crop Year Participation:*

- 10 Groups\*
- 126 Farmers\*
- 265 Guided Stalk Sampling Fields\*
- 26 Replicated Strip Trial Fields\*

\* due to a glitch in technology, Kosciusko County will not have data this year. 8 farmers, 13 GSS fields, 7 RST

*Funding Sources:*

- MRBI Conservation Innovation Grant (USDA/NRCS) - \$150,000/yr for crop years '11, '12, and '13
  - Corn Check-off (ICMC) - \$50,000/yr
  - Soybean Check-off (ISA) - \$25,000/yr
  - In-kind match (ISDA and partners) - \$75,000/yr
- WLEB Contribution Agreement (USDA/NRCS) - \$38,968.90 for 2011
- CWI Grant to Howard/Tipton SWCDs – \$20,000
- EQIP in MRBI priority watersheds

*2012 Plans*

- Continue with existing groups in MRB portion of state
- Increase participation in replicated strip trials
- Expand as funding and interest allow
- Refine processes, including engagement with EQIP 590
- Identify funding mechanism for WLEB participants

Other Activities – CCSI, CLPP, etc.

*CCSI*

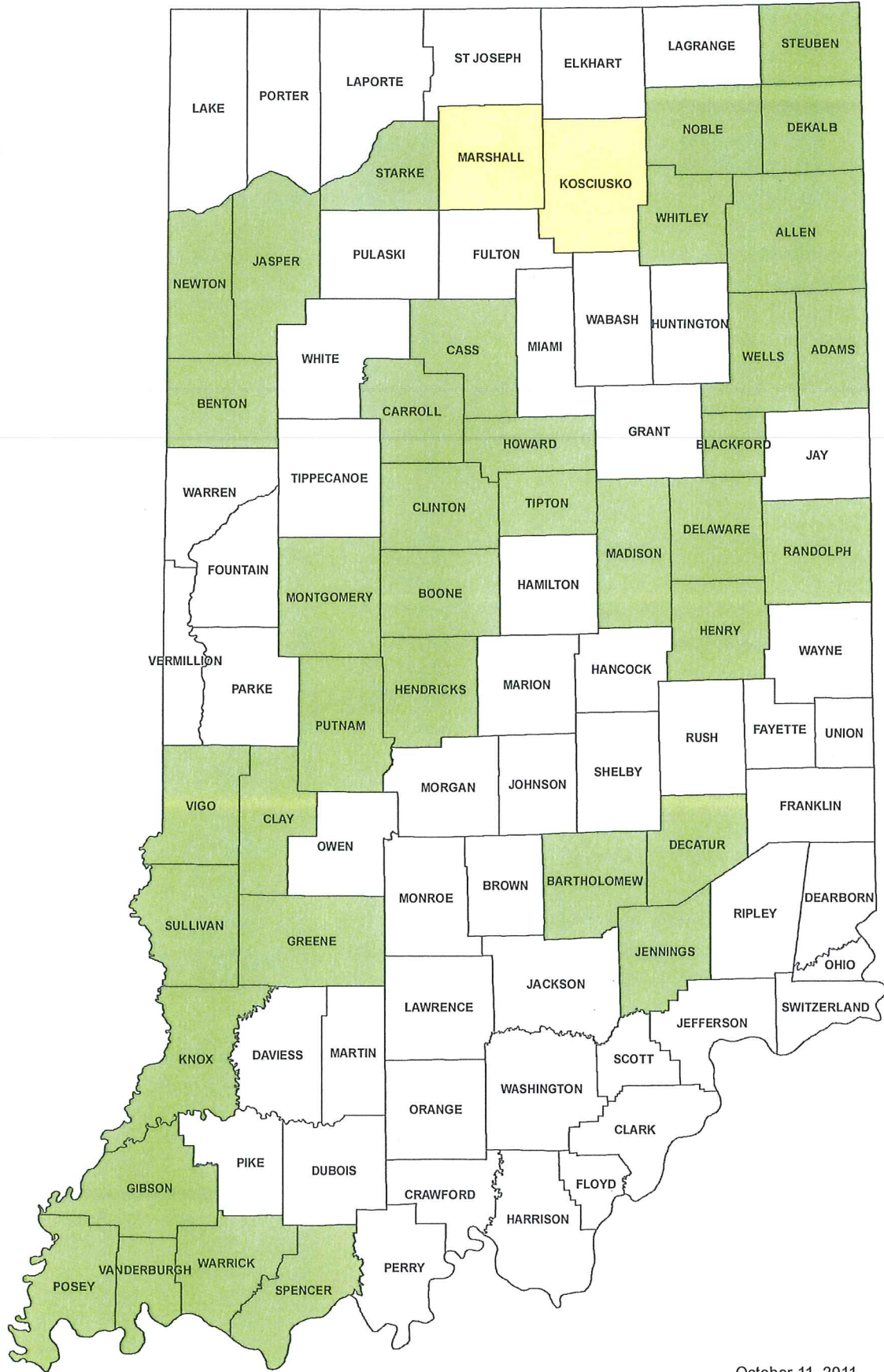
- Oversight committee meeting Friday, October 14
- Working with partners to secure future funding

*CLPP*

- Over 60 farmers have been certified by ISDA
- Trainings will begin late November and continue through spring



# 2011 On-Farm Network® Project Area



**State Soil Conservation Board Meeting**  
**October 2011**

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**USDA Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act (RCA) Data Viewer**

The RCA Data Viewer is an interactive website that allows anyone with a web connection to view and download a variety of conservation-related information. With just a few clicks of the mouse, the RCA Data Viewer provides information on how natural resource conservation program dollars have been obligated, information on conservation applied by program and by resource concern, Natural Resources Inventory and Conservation Effects Assessment Program (CEAP) reports, and state-level Census of Agriculture data summaries. Users can tailor the information available on the RCA Data Viewer to their own needs and interests, as data are available at the State, Regional (Farm Production Region, or CEAP Region), and National levels.

The RCA website can currently be reached from the NRCS homepage ([www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov)) and by scrolling down the page to "Features", then click on "Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act (RCA) Data Viewer". Employees are encouraged to bookmark this site for easy future reference. More information will be added as needs are identified and as additional data become available.

**Plain Writing Act**

Last year, the Plain Writing Act of 2010 was enacted to promote "clear Government communication that the public can understand and use." Plain writing is concise, simple, meaningful, and well-organized. It avoids jargon, redundancy, ambiguity, and obscurity. It does not contain unnecessary complexity.

Beginning October 13, 2011 NRCS is expected to use plain language in all new or substantially revised documents. There is currently an Ag Learn training titled "Business Writing: How to Write Clearly and Concisely", and a new Plain Language Ag Learn training module is under development. For more information on plain language, go to: <http://www.plainlanguage.gov/howto/guidelines/bigdoc/TOC.cfm>

**SARE Farmer/ Rancher Grants**

SARE grants are for farmers to carry out Sustainable Agriculture research, demonstration, and education projects on their farms. Proposals may include a variety of possible areas of focus such as issues impacting economic sustainability- including production and/or marketing and a variety of issues that foster or examine environmental or social sustainability.

Individual farmers may apply for up to \$7,500 while groups of three or more cooperating farmers (not of the same farm) may apply for up to \$22,500. Or, two farmers can work together on a project and apply for up to \$15,000 in funding. More information is available at

**Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy**

Sign up for the 2012 class is now open. The Academy, organized by Purdue University with support from the Indiana Conservation Partnership, gives participants the chance to:

- Engage in basic and advanced level watershed topics covering leadership principles, watershed science, organization and communication, technology and GIS, stakeholder involvement techniques and policy skills
- Meet, learn from, and build a network of peers
- Interact with topic experts
- Gain strategies, skills, and resources for successful watershed management
- Earn a Professional Certificate in Watershed Management

Enrollment deadline: November 1, 2011

Web site: <http://www.purdue.edu/watersheds>

**Key FY11 Indiana NRCS Accomplishments**

- 90% of WRP restoration work is complete
- 99% allocation/contract obligation rate (we are putting our dollars into landowner contracts)
- 33% decrease in landowner contract cancellations/terminations (we are getting conservation done)
- 100% accuracy in quality assurance for WRP tracking

**MINUTES**  
**STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING**  
**9:00 a.m. Monday August 1, 2011**  
**The Nature Conservancy**  
**602 E Ohio St**  
**Indianapolis, IN**

**Members in Attendance:**

Warren Baird  
Larry Clemens  
Bob Eddleman  
Bill Mann  
Nola Gentry

**Others in Attendance:**

Jerod Chew ISDA  
Jon Mangles ISDA  
Laura Fribley ISDA  
Jennifer Pinkston ISDA  
Jennifer Boyle-Warner, IASWCD  
Jim Lake ISDA  
Roz Leeck ISDA  
Ray McCormick IASWCD  
Tara Henry ISDA  
Jane Hardisty NRCS

**I. 9:01 AM: Call to Order**

**II. Draft Minutes of June 2011**

*Nola Gentry moved to approve minutes as presented. Bill Mann seconded. Motion carried.*

**III. Clean Water Indiana**

**a. Clean Water Indiana Grants Report—Jennifer Pinkston (See Attachment)**

83 districts have submitted final reports. The remaining five districts have extensions. Just over \$20,000 of the 2010 CWI grant funds were reported as unspent. Those funds have been returned to the Clean Water Indiana fund and grants have been closed out. The 2011 CWI grant report form has been updated. While most districts have submitted their six month report, with the change in the form, detailed spending to date is not available at this time.

Several districts were late in reporting on the 2010 and 2011 CWI grants. A letter to district chairpersons from Larry Clemens regarding timely reporting will be sent out soon.

**b. CREP Report- Jerod Chew and Jon Mangles (See Attachment)**

As of July 19, 2011, 848 CREP contracts have been paid, totaling \$1,493,062.10 in State funds, within four watersheds. Over \$14,000 has been paid to SWCDs for administering contracts since the 2010 expansion. Sullivan County SWCD received \$4104 in administrative fees for a 102.6 acre tree planting in the Middle-Wabash-Busseron watershed. Sullivan has opted to share 40% of their fee with the district where the practice was installed; in this case-Vermillion County SWCD. In June, Vermillion County SWCD held a ceremony recognizing the first CREP payment of the expansion with a check from Sullivan County SWCD to the landowner as well as a presentation of the shared administrative fees from Sullivan County to Vermillion County SWCD.

The attached CREP report shows the practices statewide. Due to the new guidelines, we are anticipating a decrease in filter strips. Bottomland timer is growing the fastest. ISDA intends to continue marketing the CREP program in all watersheds to promote interest. The current SWCD CREP contracts are up in September. We are working on renewing these contracts and adding funds to those who anticipate needing it. We are also proposing 16 month contracts, with an ending date of January 30, 2013.

**c. Clean Water Indiana Grant Requests**

Allen County SWCD has requested a one year extension on the 2011 CWI grant. Bob moved to approve. Warren seconded. Motion carried.

**d. CWI Budget-Jerod Chew**

The 2012 budget has been submitted, along with the complete ISDA budget. The agency budget has not yet been approved.

**IV. Soil and Water Conservation Districts**

**a. Temporary Supervisor Appointments (See Attachments)**

**i. Vanderburgh County-approved**

**b. Election Deadlines**

As a reminder, the Election Committee selections are due on November 1, 2011, as well as Appointments. Nominees are due December 1.

**c. Upcoming Dates**

The District Support Specialists will offer information sessions for the 2012 CWI Watershed Grants in August. The next Leadership Institute will be September 9-10 in French Lick. The IDEA fall conference will be in the end of September in Jeffersonville. December 14, ISDA will host an informational session with topics including reporting requirements with the IRS and new AFR procedure with State Board of Accounts.

**V. SSCB Board Reports and Discussion**

**a. SSCB Chairman's Report – Larry Clemens**

Larry Clemens has requested the Executive Committee meet to formulate 2011-2012 goals and action plan for business plan implementation.

Larry noted last year at NASCA several states had some consolidation of Districts. Most started at local level. Bob Eddleman asked Task force for "Future of Conservation" in Indiana to be created, consisting of District supervisors, state and local agencies, to look at consolidation options. Larry will put together ideas of what the task force will look like and send out to Board Members for a later discussion.

**VI. ISDA Reports**

**a. Division of Soil Conservation Report**

**i. Technical Support Update – Jerod Chew**

ISDA-DSC has been awarded \$430,250 grant from the 319 Program within IDEM, Office of Water Quality. This grant will provide 3 contract Resource Specialists in the field for three years focusing on three specific watersheds which feed the upper reaches of the Wabash River. The Resource Specialists and SWCDs have implemented or assisted with the implementation of 1191 practices since January 1, 2011. These practices are helping to protect nearly 34,000 field acres.

**ii. District Support Update – District Support Specialists**

All but 12 counties have reported the Tillage Transect information. Statewide reports should be available soon. Nathan has been working with Pathway to Water Quality exhibit at the State Fair.

**iii. Water Quality Update-Jerod Chew**

Jerod and Jon will be attending Water Quality/Hypoxia Task Force meeting in New Orleans this week. Jerod will talk about Indiana's Nutrient Reduction Plan development.

**iv. Accountability and Technology Update-Jerod Chew**

We are working on the accountability levels. We are currently waiting on the legal opinion on enforcing less funding on the AFR if districts do not meet Level 1 requirements.

**v. Agricultural Affairs Update-Roz Leeck**

On Farm Network has increased from 18 farmers last year to 9 groups totaling 136 farmers this year.

**VII. Conservation Partner Reports**

**a. DNR Report**

No Report

**b. IDEM Report-Randy Braun (See Attachment)**

No Report

**c. Purdue Report**

No Report

**d. IASWCD President's Report – Ray McCormick**

Ray attended the Dekalb County Soil Health field day. Partners in attendance include ISA, IWF, and NRCS. Ray Archuletta and Barry Fisher spoke at the event which was well attended by farmers and Ag media. The Illiana AgriNews had a front page article on the event.

**e. FSA Report**

No Report

**f. NRCS State Conservationist's Report – (see attachment)**

This year, NRCS is asking the Local Working Groups to meet earlier in the year than in the past, and to discuss how well Indiana's current technical information and programs address the local resource concerns. The NAPPC and NACD are seeking nominees for the 2011 Farmer-Rancher Pollinator Conservation Award. Nomination forms are due August 15. IN NRCS is soliciting nominations for the 2011 Civil Rights Award through August 30. IASWCS is accepting nomination for Conservation Farmer of the Year through September 1, 2011. State Conservationist, Jane Hardisty, sent out a letter to all SWCDs in July regarding space reimbursement in 2011 and 2012. Meetings will be held this fall to all direct communication and answer questions about space reimbursement.

**VIII. Public Comment – no public comment**

**IX. Next Meeting: October 12. Location TBD**

**X. Adjourn 12:25 PM**

Minutes Prepared By: Jennifer Pinkston

Approved By:

<i>Larry Clever</i>	<i>Wanda J. Hardisty</i>
<i>William Mann</i>	
<i>Bob Edleman</i>	
<i>Swanon Baird</i>	