

CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM REPORT

December 8, 2009

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Tippecanoe River	489	3849.6	7.9	\$195.46	\$752,454.00	\$11,225,433.60
Upper White River	234	1550.7	6.6	\$402.18	\$623,660.00	\$4,521,841.20
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	122	433.96	3.6	\$213.69	\$92,734.00	\$1,265,427.36
TOTAL	845	5834.26	6.9	\$251.76	\$1,468,848.00	\$17,012,702.16

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November 6, 2009

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TOTAL	844	5831.76	6.9	\$251.91	\$1,469,098.00	\$17,005,412.16

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Clean Water Indiana Report
November 2009

- 2006 CWI

	Awarded	Paid to Districts	Balance	Comments
Clean Water Indiana (CWI)	\$609,257.00	\$528,877.00	\$75,975.00	Recommitted \$4,4405.00. 5 Districts still have a balance.
District Training (DT)	\$69,000.00	\$52,688.41	\$16,311.59	Swept balance to start 2008 CWI funds. Most went to flood relief.
Annual Financial Report (AFR)		\$907,400.00		

- 2007 CWI

	Awarded	Paid to Districts	Balance	Comments
CWI	\$533,662.50	\$497,985.00	\$29,693.06	Recommitted \$5,984.08. 6 Districts still have a balance.
DT		\$96,670.73		Swept balance to start 2008 CWI funds. Most went to flood relief.
AFR	\$920,000.00	\$920,000.00	\$0.00	Completed contract process

- 2008 CWI

	Awarded	Paid to Districts	Balance	Comments
Conservation Marketing Incentive Grant (CMIG)	\$164,000.00	\$162,800.00	\$1,200.00	5 reallocated to flood relief. No report on utilization. 7 Districts still have a balance.
Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant (SNRG)	\$210,500.00	\$206,850.00	\$3,650.00	8 Districts still have a balance and 5 have been extended.
DT	\$135,000.00	\$116,413.01	\$18,586.99	47 Districts received maximum of \$1500. 30 Districts received some part of \$1500. 11 Districts did not submit repayment. 2 Districts did not request DT.
AFR	\$920,000.00	\$920,000.00	\$0.00	Completed contract process

- 2009 CWI

	Awarded	Paid to Districts	Balance	Comments
SNRG	\$284,877.00	\$272,643.00	\$12,244.00	4 Districts have completed contract process
AFR	\$920,000.00	\$920,000.00	\$0.00	Completed contract process
May-June DT				6 Districts have submitted repayment for a total of \$1879.04

RECOMMENDATION FOR VACANT APPOINTMENT POSITION

APPOINTED SUPERVISOR; VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

- Sec. 13. (a) If a vacancy in the position of appointed supervisor occurs during a district's operating year:*
- (1) the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position;*
 - (2) at the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision(1), the board shall act upon the recommendation; and*
 - (3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.*
- (b) The individual appointed to fill a vacant appointed supervisor position under subsection (a) shall serve the unexpired term of the individual's predecessor.*

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

The Supervisors of the Blackford County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that
Name: Clifton Rinker 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 1415e. 075 S.

CITY: Hartford City STATE: IN ZIP: 47348

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- Resignation (enclose) of Don Hardesty or
 Death of

**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)

Rex Baxter, Chairman

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 12/2/2009

**Submit to:
Your District Support Specialist
Via e-mail.**

**Please visit the following website to
access contact information for your
DSS:
<http://www.in.gov/isda/2352.htm>**

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

(c) To hold the position of appointed supervisor, and individual:

(1) must be of voting age;

(2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and

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

NAME: PHONE: () -

DATE OF BIRTH (M/d/yyyy):

ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP:

EDUCATION:

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS:

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES:

Please check one of the following:

NEW APPOINTMENT

REAPPOINTMENT

I currently hold a public service position/office Yes No (If 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

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.

Date (M/d/yyyy) :

Signature of appointee: _____

December 02, 2009

I, Don Hardesty, after serving 51 years on the SWCD board am resigning the position of supervisor from the Blackford County Soil and Water Conservation District due to failing health.

Don Hardesty



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October 21, 2009

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Marvin Brethauer
Paula Baldwin
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Frederick Bein
Mark Brehob
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Robert Eddleman
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Joshua Goode
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**SUPERVISORS
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Glenn Lange
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**USDA-NRCS
STAFF**

Henry Wallis

Nola Gentry, Chair
State Soil Conservation Board
Division of Soil Conservation
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Ms. Gentry:

At our last regularly scheduled Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board Meeting on October 20, 2009 a motion was made, seconded, and properly passed by an appropriate majority to request a waiver of the ten (10) acre requirement for the position of elected supervisor for the Marion County SWCD Board.

Because our SWCD assists a variety of land users, land owners, and land operators in the county we feel that such action was required to properly allow for the diverse representation of land operators on our District Board.

We are requesting a waiver for our current Supervisor J. Dennis Slaughter for re-election to the Board. Dennis is a city planner for the City of Indianapolis and serves as co-chair of the Urban Committee for the Hoosier Heartland RC&D Council. He also is involved in administration of stormwater, subdivision and zoning regulations.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us for any additional clarification. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mark Kautz, Chair
Marion County SWCD

Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District

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December 2, 2009

Nola Gentry
State Soil Conservation Board President
101 West Ohio, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Nola,

The Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District is requesting a one year extension to its 2009 Clean Water Indiana Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Grant (09-CWI-02). The grant focused on providing cost-share incentives to producers who were interested in trying cover crops. The District enrolled eight producers which obligated all of the available funds.

Due to the limited cost-share funds available and the desire to maximize the probability of successful seeding establishment, the District Board elected to encourage producers to direct seed the cover crop in lieu of aerial application. Producers in and around Allen County have had marginal success with aerial application for the past three or four years, presumably due to our northern latitude.

Seven of the eight producers were successful in getting their cover crops seeded as planned and stand establishment appears to be very good considering the wet planting conditions this fall. However, one producer was unable to get the seeding accomplished. He was enrolled for 150 acres at a \$20.00 per acre cost-share rate.

In speaking with him recently he expressed interest in maintaining the seeding contract if the grant could receive an extension which would enable him to seed his cover crop in the fall of 2010. I shared with him the District's willingness to make the request for the extension but could not commit that the State Soil Conservation Board would support the extension request. He understood the situation and indicated that he would be comfortable with whatever decision the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) made.

If the SSCB elects not to extend the grant for a full year, the District would like to offer the following as an alternative. The District would use the remaining funds to cover facility rental and speaker expenses for a winter producer meeting to discuss cover crops as well as other related topics such as no-till and nutrient management. The meeting would be used to launch a Farmer to Farmer Network program where experienced no-tillers and cover crop enthusiasts would join other producers who are just beginning to utilize these practices. The event would be held in February, 2010. Two options appear to be feasible regarding this alternative. The first being the SSCB grant an extension until March 15, 2009 which would enable the event to be held and all expenses incurred. The second would be for the District to prepay two contracts one with the speaker, Jill Clapperton, and the second with the facility where the event will be held. This option would not require a grant extension.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

Richard Crowl
Richard Crowl,
District Chairman



**APPLICATION FOR 2009 CWI GRANT:
 SEDIMENT AND NUTRIENT REDUCTION GRANT
 INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

This application **MUST** be typed and **MUST** be submitted electronically to Amy Eizinger at: Aeizinger@isda.in.gov

Grantee Name	Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District
Address	3718 New Vision Drive
City/State/Zip	Ft. Wayne IN 46845

Contact Name	Greg Lake
Title	District Director
Address	3718 New Vision Drive
City/State/Zip	Ft. Wayne IN 46845
County	Allen
Telephone	(260) 484-5848
E-mail	greg.lake@in.nacdnet.net

Name of District Chairperson:	Richard Crowl
Project Title	Reducing Soil Erosion and Nutrient Loss While Improving Soil Quality with Cover Crops
Sediment and/or Nutrient Reduction Practice	Cover Crops

Describe your proposed project and how it will address sediment and nutrient management. Be sure to include key steps, benchmarks and desired outcomes. (500 words or less)

The Allen County SWCD desires to increase the use cover crops by providing educational, technical and cost-share assistance to landowners/farmers. The District would conduct at least two field days and/or promotional events on the benefits of cover crops and provide \$20 per acre cost-share assistance for the establishment and management of cover crops. Producers would be encouraged to attend the educational events via the District's newsletter, web-site, press releases, and direct mailers. One field day would showcase the wide array of cover crop species available and how and when to seed the various types. The field day would also focus on how to manage cover crops, such as how and when to apply herbicides. The second promotional event would be a bus trip to Toledo, Ohio and the Port of Toledo. The trip would showcase one of the detrimental impacts of the tremendous amount of sediment that leaves farmland throughout the Maumee River watershed and deposits downstream in the Maumee River and Lake Erie, choking off the shipping channel and nearby fisheries in Maumee Bay. The trip would also provide the opportunity for day long one-on-one dialogue with key ag producers throughout the county on how and what producers, such as themselves, can do to reduce soil erosion and nutrient and pesticide losses while improving soil quality. The Key Steps necessary to accomplish the objective of this grant would be early, widespread and ongoing promotion of the educational and cost-share opportunities provided by the grant focusing heavily on the point that "We All Live Downstream". The District would establish at least one cover crop demonstration site that showcases various cover crop plant species. The demonstration site would be used for a field day to provide producers the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the options and management techniques associated with cover crops. Another key step would be the establishment of clear criteria by which producers could apply for cost-share assistance that would provide up to 75% of the cost of establishment and management of cover crops. The District would provide technical assistance to those participating in the program and would culminate the project by collecting and summarizing the response producers had from utilizing cover crops in their farming operation. The District would provide the necessary manpower to implement the project, along with assistance from our Conservation Partners. In addition to the funds provided by this grant, the District would utilize financial support provided through the Western Lake Erie Basin Project to support, in part, the educational component of this proposal. Costs associated with project promotion, such as newsletters, mailings, etc. would be provided as in-kind match by the District. The desired outcome of the project will be at least 500 acres of additional cover crops by December 2009, 2 successful field days and/or special promotional events, a clear concise summary on the results and responses producer had on utilizing cover crops and producers having a greater understanding and appreciation that "We All Live Downstream".

How does this project tie into and advance your Districts business plan? (50 words or less)

The Allen SWCD Business Plan identifies degraded surface water quality and degraded soil quality as the two highest Critical Natural Resource Concerns. Sedimentation, excessive nutrient and pesticide loss, and lack of the use of cover crops are primary contributors. The plan calls for increasing cover crop use by 2,500 acres.

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution			
Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
*Western Lake Erie Basin Proj.	\$3,000		
*Funds will be used to cover costs associated with summer field days and/or special promotional events.			
		Total	3000

CIT Region	NE		
14-digit HUC Code(s)	All 14-digit HUCs lying totally or in part within Allen County		
Grant Amount Requested	\$10,000.00		
Budget			
Expense Item(s)	In-Kind Match	CWI Funds Requested	
Personnel	6,000		
Fringe Benefits	2,000		
Travel	800		
Equipment (Itemize Below)			
None			
Supplies (Itemize Below)			
Paper, envelopes, folders, etc	200		
Other (Itemize Below)			
Cost-share for cover crop establishment / management		10,000	

Total CWI Funds Requested	10000
Total SWCD In-Kind Match	9000
Total Partner Funds Contributed (J:77)	3000
Total Project Cost	22000