

AGENDA
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
July 24, 2018
NRCS State Office

- I. 9:30 am.: Call to Order**
- II. Approve Minutes of April 2018**
- III. Clean Water Indiana**
 - a. Clean Water Indiana Grants –Leah Harmon
 - b. Non-SWCD Led Proposals
 - 1. IASWCD
 - 2. Michigan City Sanitary District
 - 3. SICIM
- IV. State Soil Conservation Board Business**
 - a. Open Door Law Presentation- Indiana Public Access Counselor
 - b. Chairman’s Report
 - c. ICP MOU
 - d. Overhead Considerations in Grant Requests
 - e. Soil Health Stamp Letter of Support
 - f. SWCD Regional Meetings Representation
- V. Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
 - a. Franklin SWCD- Tara Wessler-Henry
 - b. Switzerland SWCD- Tara Wessler-Henry
- VI. 10 Minute Break**
- VII. ISDA Updates**
 - a. Director’s Report- Jordan Seger
 - b. Technical Report- Mike Johnson
 - c. Soil Health-Jordan Seger
 - d. Accountability and Technology- Jordan Seger
 - e. District Support-Laura Fribley
 - f. Water Quality and CREP- Julie Harrold
- VIII. Conservation Partner Reports**
 - a. IASWCD Report
 - b. IDEM Report
 - c. DNR Report
 - d. Purdue Report
 - e. FSA Report
 - f. NRCS Report
 - g. CCSI Report
 - h. IDEA Report
 - i. IANA Report
- IX. Public Comment**
- X. Next Meeting:**
2018 Meeting Dates
September 18: NRCS State Office
October 30: TBD District Showcase
- XI. Adjourn**

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State Soil Conservation Board

Meeting Sign-In

Date 7/24/18
Location NRCS

Name/Agency

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Mike Johnson ISDA

Michael Kuss - MCSD

BEN SHOROFKY

LISA HOLSCHER CCSI

JAMIE SCOTT ISDA/ASWCD

Amy Work, IASWCD

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Laura Fibley

Julie Harold / ISDA

Sheryl Vaughn

Jordan Seger

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Tara Henry

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Kenny Cain

Ben Wicker

Jerry R.
Kent
Nathan D.
Alli R.

Name/Agency

Boone Co. SWCD

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IASWCD

INA, LLC

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ISDA

Purdue Extension

Board Member



State Soil Conservation Board

July 24, 2018
Clean Water Indiana Grants



Program Updates

Clean Water Indiana Competitive Grants

2015

- Reviews Completed: Jay, Dubois
 - Projects are complete and went well.

2016

- Reviews Completed: Lawrence, Hamilton, Clinton
 - Projects are going well. Expect to finish on time.
- Projects Expire: 12/31/18

2017

- Reviews Completed: Clark, Jasper, Delaware
 - Projects are going well.
- Reviews Scheduled: Kosciusko, Monroe
 - I do have some concerns about the Monroe grant due to incomplete reporting up to this point. Their current report (due 7/31) has been turned in.
- Project Expire: 12/31/19

2018

- First reports are due July 31st.
 - Conservation project tracking also due for cost share practices
- Projects Expire 12/31/20 (except Hamilton)

2019

- I have been answering questions from districts regarding the 2019 CWI grants. I will once again be hosting Q&A time at the state fair.

Non-SWCD Led Projects

CCSI Operating

- Expires: 9/15/48
- \$89,000 left to be claimed
- I am working with Joe for the process to finalize this project.

CCSI Director

- Expires: 12/31/18
- All funds have been paid due to an error. CCSI/IASWCD is aware.

Grant Writing Workshops

- Expires: 12/31/18
- All funds have been claimed. Grant is closed.

Pathway to Water Quality

- Expires: 2/28/19
- \$3,750 left to be claimed.

SICIM

- Total Amount Claimed: \$30,000 of \$60,000
- Expires: 10/31/18
- Note: 1st report was late, grant will automatically be flagged for review in 2019.

CWI Workshops

- Grants Management
 - Two workshops were held in Seymour and Rochester.
 - A total of 57 people attended the two events.
- Grant Writing
 - These workshops are being held in conjunction with IASWCD.
 - The program feature Amy Shankland formerly of Hamilton SWCD and was very well received by those in attendance.
 - A total of 28 people attended the 2 sessions.
 - Thank you for providing the funding for this workshop.

Videos

- The DSC has developed some videos this summer to promote programs as well as our partnerships.
- CWI was a priority video along with CREP and the Nutrient Reduction Strategy.
- A great thank you goes out to Nathan DeYoung, ISDA intern, who made the videos come to life.
- These videos will be finished by the end of the week and will be showcased on the ISDA YouTube channel and in the Normandy Barn at the state fair.

Please describe why this project is needed. (Maximum 2000 characters)

What are the goals of the project and how will you track progress toward these goals? (Maximum 2000 characters)

Describe all partners and their specific contributions to the project.

Describe how CWI funds will be utilized. (Maximum 2000 characters)

If requesting disbursement of up to 50% of funds at the beginning of the grant, please provide a justification. (Maximum 2000 characters)

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**Clean Water Indiana
Non-SWCD Led Proposal
Application**

**Character counts for the questions below include spaces.*

** If funded, lead entities will need to set up a vendor and bidder profile with the State of Indiana.*

Contact Information

Lead Entity	
Address	
City, State, ZIP	
Lead Entity Contact Name & Title	
Email Address	
Phone	
Project Amount Request	
Signatory Authority	
Signatory Authority Email	

Local SWCD Contact

Cooperating SWCD	
Point of Contact	
SWCD Phone	

Project Information

Project Name
Please describe your project. (Maximum 4000 characters)

Please describe why this project is needed. (Maximum 2000 characters)

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Robert Woodling

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Dear USPS Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee:

We are writing to support the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's proposal for a Soil Health Forever stamp to create awareness of the importance of soil health management. The State Soil Conservation Board provides guidance and coordination to the state's 92 Soil and Water Conservation Districts as they provide local leadership in the protection of Indiana's soil and water resources.

As we face the production and sustainability challenges of the 21st century, focusing on soil health is the right thing to do – and that now is the right time to do it. The world of agriculture is facing enormous challenges ahead.

Healthy soils protect natural resources on and off the farm -- keeping nutrients in place to grow healthier plants – and not in lakes and rivers where they can do harm.

Achieving soil health is part of a systems approach to agriculture production that benefits the landscape, reduces nutrient loading and sediment runoff, increases efficiencies, and sustains wildlife habitat, while providing the potential for cost savings to producers. That's why our board that represents Indiana's soil and water resources is actively seeking ways to make the public more aware of this need. We recommend the USPS Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee issue a Soil Health Forever Stamp to raise the awareness of this important need.

Robert Woodling
Chairman, State Soil Conservation Board

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(c) At the annual meeting immediately following the appointment of an individual to temporarily fill a vacant elected supervisor's position, the position shall be filled through the regular election procedures set forth in sections 6 through 9 of this chapter.

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

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

City, State and Zip

IN

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

Resignation of whose term began in (month, year) and was scheduled to expire in (year)

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

Death of whose term began in (month, year) and was scheduled to expire in (year)

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)

Michael Scwab, David Hartman, Ti... (typed)

Date 7/6/2018

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IC 14-32-4-1

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

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(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

Michael Schwegman

PHONE NUMBER

812-363-2372

DATE OF BIRTH

10/6/1981

ADDRESS

22107 Pocket Road

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Batesville, IN 47006

EDUCATION

College

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS

Product Specialist Capstan Ag

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Was previously a Service Manager

LAND OWNERS OR OPERATORS ONLY

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

Waterways, No-till, Pond livestock watering system

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 Yes

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I currently hold a public office. 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.

APPOINTEE:

(typed)

Date

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Kendrick Briggs Jr (typed)

Date 6/15/2018

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NAME

Shawna Andrew

PHONE NUMBER

812-216-8542

DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

9523 Ball Diamond Rd

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Madison IN 47250

EDUCATION

Bachelors of Science

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS

Veterinarian Technician

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

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Forage & Biomass plantings

Cover Crops

Watering Facilities

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APPOINTEE:

Shawna Andrew

(typed)

6/15/2018

Date

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State Soil Conservation Board

July 24, 2018
Director of Soil Health



Program Updates

➤ INfield Advantage

- Field registration has closed. 2018 field enrollment is:
 - 880 GSS corn fields
 - 113 FSS soybeans fields
 - 38 RST fields, both corn and soybeans
- Corn stalk sampling supplies will be distributed at three locations:
 - August 7 – Lawrence Co. SWCD office
 - August 27 – Boone Co. SWCD office
 - September 20 – Fulton Co. Fairgrounds
- We are planning two regional meetings this year. Locations are still being worked out.
- Imagery planes started flying the week of July 9 and will fly to August 15.

➤ Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative

- Working on hiring a second program manager. They will cover the northern half of the state while Ashley Brucker will cover the southern half.

➤ Red Gold Tomato Conservation Stewardship Award

- 2018 winner and runner up will be announce at the Red Gold Field Day on August 3 at their corporate offices.
- The 2017 winner's picture will be posted in the Normandy Barn during State Fair.

➤ USPS Soil Health Stamp Suggestion

- Letters of support have been received from over 60 organizations across the country.
- Over 700 people have signed the general letter posted online.

- The packet with our proposed suggestion will be mailed this week. It takes three years before a new stamp is produced and they receive many more suggestions than they can use.

Appendix General Letter of Support

Dear USPS Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee

I am signing this letter to support the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's proposal to issue a Soil Health Forever stamp to help create a public awareness about the importance of our irreplaceable natural resource – the soil and our ability to continue to provide food, fiber, and fuel for our rapidly growing population across the planet.

As we face mounting production and sustainability challenges of the 21st century, focusing on soil health is the right thing to do – and now is the right time to do it. The world is facing enormous challenges in terms of dwindling farmland acres, extreme and unpredictable weather events, and our ability to sustain our natural resources while trying to produce more.

Millions of people across America make important decisions about their land each day. And, every acre counts when it comes to soil health – whether you have a small backyard garden, a community garden, a forest, or thousands of acres of farmland or rangeland. Protecting and conserving our available natural resources begins with the soil.

Soil health practices such as minimal soil disturbance, planting cover crops, always keeping soil covered with residue, mulch or growing plants, and rotating crops have been shown to increase both organic matter and biological activity which is the lifeblood of healthy soil.

I believe that soil health practices can positively affect the future of our country and I have made a personal pledge to educate those around me about the benefits of changing the way they think about our living and life-giving soil.

As a signatory to this letter, I encourage you to support the resource upon which all terrestrial life depends—our living and life-giving soil. A "Soil Health Forever" stamp will go a long way in communicating this critically important message to our fellow citizens.

Sincerely,

Signed online by 700 unique people representing the following states, territories and one foreign country:

AL (36)	IA (29)	NH (2)	TX (19)
AK (0)	KS (4)	NJ (0)	UT (1)
AZ (2)	KY (10)	NM (4)	VT (2)
AR (4)	LA (4)	NY (9)	VA (5)
CA (4)	ME (1)	NC (20)	WA (5)
CO (1)	MD (3)	ND (0)	WV (4)
CT (0)	MA (1)	OH (9)	WI (9)
DE (2)	MI (21)	OK (4)	WY (2)
FL (6)	MN (11)	OR (8)	GU (0)
GA (2)	MS (0)	PA (23)	PR (1)
HI (0)	MO (9)	RI (0)	VI (1)
ID (4)	MT (14)	SC (8)	
IL (12)	NE (3)	SD (20)	
IN (293)	NV (0)	TN (4)	Spain (1)

Appendix

Letters of Support

National Organizations

American Farmland Trust
Conservation Technology Information Center
Environmental Defense Fund
The Fertilizer Institute
National Association of Conservation Districts

The Nature Conservancy
Noble Research Institute
Soil and Water Conservation Society
Soil Health Institute
Soil Health Partnership

State Organizations

Suzanne Crouch, Lt. Governor of Indiana
Agribusiness Council of Indiana
Indiana Agriculture Nutrient Alliance
Indiana Association of Conservation Districts
Indiana Corn Marketing Council/Indiana Soybean Alliance
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Indiana Farm Bureau
USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service, Indiana
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
Georgia Association of Conservation Districts
Conservation Districts of Iowa
Iowa Chapter, Soil & Water Conservation Society
Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts

Maine Association of Conservation Districts
Michigan Association of Conservation Districts
Minnesota Association of Conservation Districts
Montana Association of Conservation Districts
Montana Salinity Control Association
Nevada Association of Conservation Districts
New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts
New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts
New York Association of Conservation Districts Empire Chapter, Soil & Water Conservation Society
Ohio AgriBusiness Association
Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts
South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts

Local Organizations

Brown County, IN, Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)
Clinton County, IN, SWCD
Gibson County, IN, SWCD
Parke County, IN, SWCD
Wabash County, IN, SWCD
Washington County, IN, SWCD
Wells, County, IN, SWCD
Franklin County, AZ, Conservation District
Prima (Tucson), AZ, Natural Resource Conservation District
Center, CO, Conservation District
Rio Grande, CO, Conservation District
Hall County, GA, SWCD

Clayton County, IA, SWCD
Guthrie County, IA, SWCD
Mills County, IA, SWCD
Hartford, MD, Soil Conservation District
Coronado, CO, SWCD
Genesee County, NY, SWCD
Clinton County, PA, Conservation District
Haakon County, SD, Conservation District
Hamlin County, SD, Conservation District
Jeauld, SD, Conservation District
Marshall County, SD, Conservation District
Concho, TX, SWCD
Northern Neck, VA, SWCD

Individuals

Gregory Biberdorf, IN
Karl Langlois, Jr, FL
Denise Troxell, WA



State Soil Conservation Board

July 24, 2018

District Support Specialist (DSS) Report: 4/28/18 to 7/13/18



Grants Management Workshops: representatives from ISDA, IDNR, and IDEM presented in the morning and the afternoon focused on group discussion. Evaluations averaged 7.86 out of 10 and participants when asked how they'll use what they learned, many comments focused on adopting ideas, suggestions and tips they learned during the workshop.

Grant Writing and CWI Networking Sessions: two workshops were held. Amy Shankland, Grants Consultant, provided grant writing tips in the morning, and the afternoon focused on CWI grant proposal discussions with ISDA. Evaluations averaged 8.45 and participants reported they'll use the information for future grant writing, finding grants, and attending additional trainings suggested in the workshop.

August/September Region Meetings: IASWCD, IDEA and ISDA representatives combined efforts this year to merge the traditional March trainings sessions and fall region meetings. Deadline to register is one week prior to meeting date. To get more information and to register visit: <https://tinyurl.com/RegionMeetings2018>

- August 20, Southwest, Washington
- August 22, Southeast, North Vernon
- August 30, Northwest, Fair Oaks
- September 10, Northeast, Roanoke
- September 13, Central, Indianapolis

DSS Activities Statewide For This Reporting Period	Total
Assistance With SWCD Business Plans/Annual Plans of Work	5
Input, Assistance & Attendance At SWCD Board Meetings	20
Visits With SWCD Supervisors/Staff For Training, Assistance, Guidance, Input, etc.	29

SWCD Regional Meetings



Please join us for an evening of beneficial training, discussion, networking and helping others!

A light-hearted competition between Regions will take place this year with each region receiving "points" for their attendees! Every district staff and supervisor who attends = 1 point; and, a chairman = 2 points.

While we are at it, why don't we help others in the community?

Each person attending the meeting who brings at least one canned/non-perishable good = 1 point.

(Food will be donated to a local pantry.) The winning region will be announced and recognized at the 2019 Annual Conference of Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

NORTHWEST

August 30, 2018

Tour: Fair Oaks Farm (optional)
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm (CDT) \$20/tour

Region Meeting:

Fair Oaks Farms

856 N 600 E

Fair Oaks, IN 47943

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm (CDT)

Cost: \$25.00 (meeting only)

Contact: Geneva Tyler

317.518.4036

NORTHEAST

September 10, 2018

Tour: Down To Earth Industries
(optional worm farm tour)

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm (EDT)

Region Meeting :

Cottage Event Center

9524 US 24 N @ Locust

Roanoke, IN 46783

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (EDT)

Cost: \$25.00

Contact: Jennifer Thum

260.341.6966

CENTRAL

September 13, 2018

Region Meeting:

Indiana Farm Bureau

225 S East St.,

Indianapolis, IN 46202

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm (EDT)

Cost: \$25.00

Contact: Geneva Tyler

317.518.4036

View specific meeting agendas and updates on the [IASWCD website Conservation Calendar.](#)

Deadline to register is one week prior to meeting date.
Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/RegionMeetings2018>

SOUTHWEST

August 20, 2018

Tour: Nolan Farms (optional)
3:45 pm – 5:30 pm (EDT)

Region Meeting:

Antioch Christian Church

3007 E US Hwy 50,

Washington, IN 47501

5:45 pm - 8:00 pm (EDT)

Cost: \$25

Contact Laura Fribley

812.595.5641

SOUTHEAST

August 22, 2018

Region Meeting:

Jennings Education and Training Center

1200 West O & M Avenue,

North Vernon, IN 47265

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm (EDT)

Cost: \$25

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State Soil Conservation Board

July 24th, 2018

ISDA – CREP & Water Quality Initiatives, Julie Harrold



Program Updates

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

- With the SSCB appropriation, the support dollars from TNC, and the additional dollars from the ISDA budget and Fish Kill dollars, we will have \$918,167.00 allocated to CREP in the fiscal year 2019. I am very thankful for all of these support dollars.
- The current contracts that ISDA has with the 10 SWCD Administrators are due to expire at the end of the 2018 calendar year. We will create new 4-year contracts with all of the administrating districts, which will include the allocation of the additional support dollars.
- Attached to this report is a report on the current status of acres and dollars in CREP, including total completed acres and total enrolled acres since the beginning of the program, and total dollars paid out through the CREP program. To date, the state has paid out more than \$5.6 million. For every state dollar that is spent, the federal match is an average of \$7-\$10 for every state dollar.

IN State Nutrient Reduction Strategy (SNRS)

- As part of the SNRS and the work of the Gulf Hypoxia Task Force, ISDA is going to be working with Purdue University this year in support of developing a Nutrient Reduction Estimation Framework Workshop. The goal is to convene a statewide group to discuss and develop a framework for establishing nutrient reduction estimates from the implementation of conservation practices in Indiana. This could be a step in the direction of having an Indiana Science Assessment. IANA is in full support of this effort as well.
- The Strategy can be found on the ISDA webpage at <http://www.in.gov/isda/2991.htm>.
- Comments on the SNRS can be sent to ISDANutrientReduction@isda.in.gov.
- Work in 2018 will focus on an update to the SNRS document.
- To view the Basin Story maps, visit the ISDA webpage at <http://www.in.gov/isda/2991.htm>.

Gulf Hypoxia Task Force (HTF)

- The next HTF face-to-face meeting will be in September in Baton Rouge, LA and ISDA will be attending as a representative and support for the work of the task force.

Western Lake Erie Basin

- To view the Indiana WLEB Domestic Action Plan (DAP) and other information, visit the following webpage, <http://www.in.gov/isda/3432.htm>.
- To view the National Lake Erie DAP, visit <https://www.epa.gov/glwqa/us-action-plan-lake-erie>
- IANA and ISDA have submitted a proposal to EPA for GLRI funds to continue and expand upon the current phosphorus soil sampling and manure sampling program in the WLEB. One of the focuses of the grant is to work more with Certified Crop Advisors (CCAs) and Ag Retailers.

SSCB Meeting - July 24th, 2018 - CREP Summary

	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Total		
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A			
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Goal	Percentage of Goal
Total Reported Completed on SharePoint as of 7/20/2018	208.61	14.00	4,347.09	34.43	570.11	6,069.00	800.44	1,940.46	13,984.14	26,250.00	53.27%
Total CREP Enrollment	209.58	14.00	4,810.53	34.43	592.97	6,963.74	1013.68	2,925.80	16,564.73	26,250.00	63.10%
Total Acres in Extension				1.00	53.70	428.50	121.70	6.00	610.90		

	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Practice Total	SWCD Administrative Fee	Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A			
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Total CREP Dollars	\$ 20,861.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 434,709.00	\$ 14,018.00	\$ 241,473.00	\$ 2,534,725.00	\$ 723,908.00	\$ 1,310,711.00	\$ 5,281,805.00	\$ 386,718.00	\$ 5,668,523.00

Federal Match of \$7-\$10 is between \$ 36,972,635.00
 \$ 52,818,050.00

SSCB Meeting - July 24th, 2018 - CREP Acres (broken down by watershed)

Post-Expansion Acres

CREP Watershed	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Highland-Pigeon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.10	103.50	0.00	0.00	106.60
Lower Wabash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	530.24	0.00	0.00	530.24
Lower East Fork White	33.50	7.00	38.37	13.10	41.10	637.40	0.00	0.00	770.47
Lower White	10.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.86	1516.11	16.00	0.00	1601.67
Middle Wabash-Busseron	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.29	1238.36	238.80	0.00	1480.45
Middle Wabash-Deer	6.60	0.00	24.60	0.00	0.00	57.99	0.00	0.00	89.19
Middle Wabash-Vermillion	4.50	0.00	30.91	6.97	13.20	384.08	278.85	122.70	841.21
Tippecanoe River	93.84	0.00	191.73	0.00	3.41	21.40	73.30	739.73	1123.41
Upper East Fork White	0.00	0.00	106.13	0.00	24.70	106.50	0.00	0.00	237.33
Upper Wabash	20.28	7.00	343.21	2.56	12.23	218.53	71.79	66.85	742.45
Upper White	35.09	0.00	67.64	0.00	269.52	196.99	0.00	71.18	640.42
Reported Completed as of 7/20/2018	204.51	14.00	802.59	22.63	429.41	5,011.10	678.74	1000.46	8,163.44
Enrolled as of 7/20/2018	205.48	14.00	1266.03	22.63	452.27	5,905.84	891.98	1985.80	10,744.03

Pre-Expansion Acres

CREP Watershed	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Highland-Pigeon	2.50	0.00	215.00	10.80	16.40	109.20	0.00	0.00	353.90
Tippecanoe River	0.00	0.00	2916.80	0.00	7.80	20.40	121.70	924.00	3990.70
Upper White	1.60	0.00	412.70	1.00	116.50	928.30	0.00	16.00	1476.10
Total Acres Prior to Expansion of CREP	4.10	0.00	3,544.50	11.80	140.70	1,057.90	121.70	940.00	5,820.70

	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	Total Extension Acres
Extension Acres -Tippecanoe			14.80	121.70		136.50
Extension Acres -Upper White		1.00	53.70	413.70	6.00	474.40
Total Extension Acres		1.00	53.70	428.50	121.70	610.90

SSCB Meeting - July 24th, 2018 - CREP Dollars (broken down by watershed)

Post-Expansion Dollars

CREP Watershed	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Practice Total	SWCD Administrative Fees	Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A			
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Highland-Pigeon	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 41,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,640.00	\$ 4,264.00	\$ 46,904.00
Lower Wabash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 212,096.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 212,096.00	\$ 21,209.60	\$ 233,305.60
Lower East Fork White	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 3,837.00	\$ 5,240.00	\$ 16,440.00	\$ 254,960.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 284,527.00	\$ 28,452.70	\$ 312,979.70
Lower White	\$ 1,070.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,544.00	\$ 606,444.00	\$ 15,200.00	\$ -	\$ 646,258.00	\$ 64,625.80	\$ 710,883.80
Middle Wabash-Busseron	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,316.00	\$ 495,344.00	\$ 226,860.00	\$ -	\$ 723,520.00	\$ 72,352.00	\$ 795,872.00
Middle Wabash-Deer	\$ 660.00	\$ -	\$ 2,460.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,196.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,316.00	\$ 2,631.60	\$ 28,947.60
Middle Wabash-Vermillion	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ 3,091.00	\$ 2,788.00	\$ 5,280.00	\$ 153,632.00	\$ 264,907.50	\$ 116,565.00	\$ 546,713.50	\$ 54,671.35	\$ 601,384.85
Tippecanoe River	\$ 9,384.00	\$ -	\$ 19,173.00	\$ -	\$ 1,364.00	\$ 8,560.00	\$ 69,635.00	\$ 693,795.00	\$ 801,911.00	\$ 80,191.10	\$ 882,102.10
Upper East Fork White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,613.00	\$ -	\$ 9,880.00	\$ 42,600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,093.00	\$ 6,309.30	\$ 69,402.30
Upper Wabash	\$ 2,028.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 34,321.00	\$ 1,024.00	\$ 4,892.00	\$ 87,412.00	\$ 68,200.50	\$ 55,230.00	\$ 253,807.50	\$ 25,380.75	\$ 279,188.25
Upper White	\$ 3,509.00	\$ -	\$ 6,764.00	\$ -	\$ 107,808.00	\$ 78,796.00	\$ -	\$ 67,621.00	\$ 264,498.00	\$ 26,449.80	\$ 290,947.80
Upper White Extensions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 1,980.00
Reported Paid as of 7/20/2018	\$ 20,451.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 80,259.00	\$ 9,052.00	\$ 173,564.00	\$ 2,004,440.00	\$ 644,803.00	\$ 933,211.00	\$ 3,867,180.00	\$ 386,718.00	\$ 4,253,898.00

Pre-Expansion Dollars

CREP Watershed	Native Grasses	Permanent Wildlife Habitat	Filter Strip	Hardwood Tree Planting	Riparian Buffer	Bottomland Timber Establishment	Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration (non-floodplain)	Practice Total
	CP-2	CP-4D	CP-21	CP-3A	CP-22	CP-31	CP-23	CP-23A	
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Highland-Pigeon	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 4,316.00	\$ 6,564.00	\$ 43,680.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,310.00
Tippecanoe River	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 291,680.00	\$ -	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 8,160.00	\$ 48,680.00	\$ 369,600.00	\$ 721,240.00
Tippecanoe River Extensions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 30,425.00	\$ -	\$ 34,125.00
Upper White	\$ 160.00	\$ -	\$ 41,270.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 46,600.00	\$ 371,320.00	\$ -	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 466,150.00
Upper White Extensions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 11,625.00	\$ 103,425.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 116,800.00
Total Acres Prior to Expansion of CREP	\$ 410.00	\$ -	\$ 354,450.00	\$ 4,966.00	\$ 67,909.00	\$ 530,285.00	\$ 79,105.00	\$ 377,500.00	\$ 1,414,625.00



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Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI)

- Currently interviewing for a second Program Manager under the NRCS Cooperative Agreement for 2 field positions. Interviews conclude at the end of July.
- CCSI partnering with the Indiana Agriculture Nutrient Alliance (IANA) on Ag Retailer roundtable events and outreach to Non-Operating Landowners (NOLO).
- Several Amish soil health outreach events scheduled for August.
- Oversight Committee meeting scheduled for August 9.

Pathway to Water Quality

- Difficulty getting slots filled this year (approximately 23 open on July 16) – huge thank you to everyone for volunteering.
- Big thank you to committee for all their hard work in preparing for the fair.

Other

- Marc Roberts and Tom Crowe will be attending the NACD summer meeting in Williamsburg, VA, in August.
- River Friendly Farmer awards event is August 15 at 1 pm in the 4-H building. All are welcome to attend. Over 45 winners and their families will attend.
- The fall region meetings are set for August 20 (SW), August 22 (SE), August 30 (NW), September 10 (NE) and September 13 (Central). Please see the attached flyer for more details.
- The SWCD Funding Task Force met on July 2. The Committee decided to pursue a municipal water tax as the first priority for conservation funding.
- Award applications for Conservation Farmer of the Year, Friend of Conservation, Supervisor of the Year, and District Showcase are all available at www.iaswcd.org. Resolutions can be submitted before September 8 and sponsorship and exhibitor space is now available.
<http://wordpress.iaswcd.org/events-2/2019conference/>
- District Showcase applications are due by July 31. Please encourage districts to apply for this award.

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NRCS State Conservationist's Report

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FARM BILL

EQIP and CSP Local workgroups

The Local Workgroups bulletin will be out soon to discuss local resources concerns for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). The bulletin will have a due date of November 2, 2018 and require counties to prioritize the highest 10 resource concerns in the county.

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) - Easement Application Due Date Change

ACEP applications for the FY-2019 funding period will now be due August 17, 2018. This earlier date will allow the field staff more time to complete ranking and application follow up information. Please get the word out to potential applicants and partners.

USDA Opens Up Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Enrollment

CRP is an important component of a suite of programs that help improve natural resources on private lands by encouraging agricultural producers to set aside unproductive, marginal lands that should not be farmed to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, provide habitat for wildlife and boost soil health.

FSA stopped accepting applications last fall for the CRP continuous signup (excluding applications for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and CRP grasslands). This pause allowed USDA to review available acres and avoid exceeding the 24 million-acre CRP cap set by the 2014 Farm Bill (current enrollment is approx. 22.7 million acres). New limited practice availability and short sign up period helps ensure that landowners with the most sensitive acreage will enroll. Eligible landowners can sign up by August 17, 2018 at the FSA office. Field offices have been provided the following details:

- There will not be a CRP General Signup in FY18;
 - Existing CRP participants with contracts set to expire September 30, 2018 may enroll into a 1-year contract extension. Note - this does not apply to CREP since enrollment for CREP never ceased and they are continually eligible for re-enrollment options.
 - Enrollment for CRP (new enrollments and re-enrollments) will be accepted until August 17th with the following changes:
 - Soil rental rates will be based on the National Agricultural Statistics Service rental rates and are lower than previous CRP rental rates (these new rates do apply to CREP offers not currently signed prior to June 4th)
 - Only the following practices are eligible:
 - CP8A, Grass Waterways, Non-easement, CP9, Shallow Water Area for Wildlife, CP21, Filter Strips, CP21B, Denitrifying Bioreactor on Filter Strips, CP21S, Saturated Filter Strips, CP22, Riparian Buffer, CP22B, Denitrifying Bioreactor on Riparian Buffers, CP22S, Saturated Riparian Buffer, CP23, Wetland Restoration on Floodplain, CP23A, Wetland Restoration, Non-floodplain, CP27, Farmable Wetlands Pilot Wetland, CP28, Farmable Wetland Pilot Buffer, CP37, CP39, FWP Constructed Wetland, CP40, FWP Aquaculture Wetland restoration, CP41, FWP Flooded Prairie Wetland



- Several of the incentive payments are not available with this sign up (excludes CREP)
- A CRP Grasslands opportunity is available

MRBI/NWQI INFORMATION SESSIONS

NRCS is kicking off a new round of Mississippi River Basin Initiative and National Water Quality Initiative projects. There will be opportunities for planning projects in Fiscal Year 2019, and for targeted financial assistance through Farm Bill Programs beginning in Fiscal Year 2020. Indiana NRCS will be holding three information sessions on these opportunities:

- Central Session: August 2, NRCS State Office, 6013 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46278, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Northern Session: August 7, Fulton County Library, 320 W. 7th Street, Rochester, IN 46975, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- Southern Session: August 8, Harrison County Purdue Extension Office, 247 Atwood Street, Corydon, IN 47112, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

For additional information please contact Jill Reinhart, ASTC Partnerships at jill.reinhart@in.usda.gov or at 317-295-5883.

NRCS AND FSA NEW AGREEMENT

Through a new agreement between NRCS and FSA, partners and contractors working with NRCS programs will soon have access to print and generate producer farm data reports and subsidiary records for NRCS program purposes. NRCS is working to grant access to those partners who already have ProTracts permissions. State guidance and training materials for getting permissions and using the systems is being drafted. Partners and contractors will be notified when access has been granted.

COOPERATIVE WORKING AGREEMENTS

The current partnership Cooperative Working Agreements expire on December 31, 2018. The Indiana Conservation Partnership leaders are reviewing the agreement. SWCDs will receive the new agreements soon with a return date of early September.