

2014 Clean Water Indiana Grant



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the CWI Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

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

LEAD DISTRICT: KNOX
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: DAVIESS, PIKE
PROJECT NAME: TRI-COUNTY CONSERVATION INITIATIVE
PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2014-12/31/2016
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$22,500

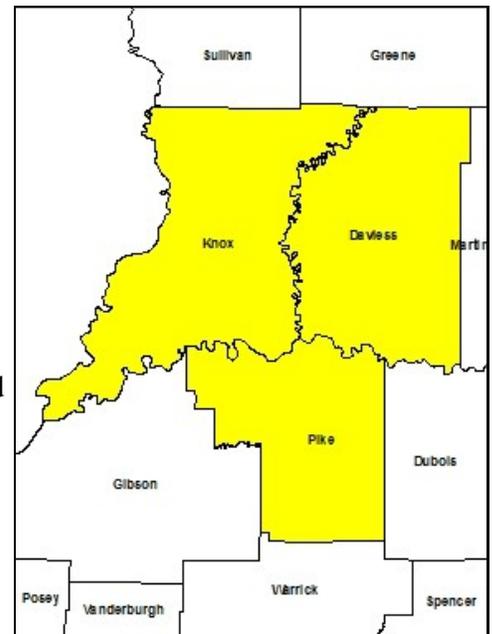


Purpose: Providing technical assistant for conservation

Pike, Daviess, and Knox County SWCDs will continue their successful project, working together to promote local, state, and federal conservation programs and providing technical assistance for conservation practices. Several non-traditional partners will provide cash and in-kind support for various adult education events.

Daviess, Pike and Knox County SWCDs will cooperate in hosting field days and seminars on various conservation topics, e.g. soil health and no till. The SWCDs will also coordinate the promotion of conservation programs, with special attention being given to the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, the Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program, and the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative.

The Nature Conservancy has contracted with the Knox County SWCD through August of 2014 to promote the Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP) in Knox County in an effort to restore wetlands and reduce sediment and nutrient loads in the Wabash River.



PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
INDIANA FARM BUREAU, PRAIRIE FARMS,
BYRON SEEDS, SOLAR SOURCES, SUPERIOR
AG, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AND
CCSI.

The Nature Conservancy will support promotion of the Wetland Reserve Enhancement Program in Knox County.

