

AGENDA
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
July 25, 2017
NRCS State Office

- I. 9:30 a.m.: Call to Order**
- II. Approve Minutes of May 2017**
- III. Clean Water Indiana**
 - a. Clean Water Indiana Grants –Leah Harmon
 - a. CWI Grant Modifications-Leah Harmon
 - b. Grants Committee Report- Nola Gentry
- IV. State Soil Conservation Board Business**
 - a. SSCB Chairman’s Report-Robert Woodling
 - 1. Executive Committee Report
 - b. Business Plan Discussion
 - c. Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management- Troy Hinkle
- V. Soil and Water Conservation Districts**
 - a. Monroe SWCD- Tara Wesseler-Henry
 - b. Shelby SWCD- Tara Wesseler-Henry
 - c. Tippecanoe SWCD- Geneva Tyler
 - d. Wells SWCD-Jennifer Thum
- 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- Deb Fairhurst
 - e. District Support-Laura Fribley
 - 1. Leadership Institute Update
 - 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
- IX. Public Comment**
- X. Next Meeting:**
2017 Meeting Date
September 19- NRCS State Office October 31- TBD

XI. Adjourn

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Clean Water Indiana Grants



Program Updates

Clean Water Indiana Competitive Grants

2018

- Outreach Events Summary
 - 10 Events, 37 Districts
 - I did 3 formal info session and 7 others by request.
- At this time, I am answering questions about proposals and reviewing drafts of applications. There seems to be a lot of interest and innovative ideas out there.
- I will be setting up my office in the Normandy Barn during state fair to review drafts and answer questions. Last year, the state fair was very conducive to meeting with districts and I had a lot of good discussions. I am hoping this year will be the same or improved.
- The grants committee met on July 24th to finalize some logistics for the 2018 cycle. Information from this meeting will be presented in the grants committee report.

2015-2017

- The first financial reports for 2017 grants are due July 31st.
- All active CWI grants that include cost share have conservation project tracking due July 31st.
- All of these reports can be found in SharePoint.

Annual Financial Report Grants

- All grant agreements have been fully executed.
- As of 7/20, we are currently waiting on 3 claim vouchers to be submitted.

Grant Reviews

- Since the May SSCB meeting, we have completed six competitive grant reviews.
 - These reviews were a mix of active and recently closed grants.
 - In general projects are going well.
 - Some require updated reports.
 - No SSCB action is needed.
- The \$89,000 CCSI grant was also reviewed.
 - Because of staff positions being vacant for a portion of 2016, there may be some funding remaining at the end of the grant agreement (September 2018). I am working with Jennifer to firm up what may be left unspent.
- The remaining 2 grant reviews are scheduled for August.



Clean Water Indiana Non-SWCD Led Proposal Guidance

Executive Summary: The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grant Program (IC 14-32-8-5) utilizes the Clean Water Indiana Fund to Support Indiana conservation groups (501(c)(3)s or units or subdivisions of government), in cooperation with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, in efforts to improve water quality by reducing sediment and nutrients from nonpoint sources. The State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) is accepting competitive proposals for targeted projects up to three years in length. The Clean Water Indiana fund is administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) under the direction of the SSCB (IC 14-32-8-6).

Application Process: Applications are available from the Clean Water Indiana program manager (cleanwaterindiana@isda.in.gov) and are accepted on a rolling basis. In addition to the application form, organizations must present their projects for up to 20 minutes at an SSCB meeting of their choosing.

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted on a continuous basis. Funding decisions will generally be made at the September SSCB meeting annually for projects presented at the previous meeting or earlier. The SSCB may approve funding at other times based upon special circumstances. Applications are due at the time of presentation. It is recommended that applications are submitted before the July SSCB meeting.

Eligible Applicants: Applications can be submitted by conservation groups in the State of Indiana. Preference may be given to projects tied to the Indiana Conservation Partnership and its shared goals.

Proposal Guidance: The grant proposal must document how the grant funds will address at least two of the State priority resource concerns referenced in the State Soil Conservation Board's (SSCB's) Business Plan adopted in 2016. The plan can be found at http://in.gov/isda/files/SSCB_Business_Plan_2016_approved.pdf. Proposals that outline how CWI funds will leverage additional funding from other sources as well as engage other partners are strongly encouraged.

Project Dates: All Clean Water Indiana Grant projects shall take no longer than three full years to complete. Projects will start on January 1 and will follow the calendar year.

Project Description: The proposal must identify the current natural resource concern(s) in the selected district(s). The proposal must also identify how addressing this resource concern pertains to both the organization's business plan and the SSCB business plan.

Funds Available: The SSCB is looking for targeted proposals of up to 3 years in length. Proposals can be for any amount that would accomplish the project described. The SSCB may use discretion when awarding grant funds.

Funding Restrictions: Proposals must fall within the funding context allowed under the Clean Water Indiana Law (IC 14-32-8). The law prohibits funds to be used for food, food related paper products, office equipment or self-promotional materials (i.e. mugs, t-shirts, pens, etc.)

Match Requirements: A 50 percent cash and/or in-kind match is required. The match is applicable only if directly related to the purpose of the proposed project. The grants committee may give preference to cash match rather than in kind during the scoring process.

Process of Payments: All funded entities are required to register as a bidder with the State of Indiana. Instructions for registration can be obtained from the CWI program manager. Once the proposal is approved by the SSCB, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) will issue an electronic contract to the grantee. Grantees must return their electronically signed contract to ISDA within 30 days of receipt in order to receive their funds. Funds must be utilized in a timely manner. Up to 50 percent of grant funding may be disbursed at the beginning of the grant, if justified by the applicant in their proposal and approved by the SSCB. All other payments will be made 45 days in arrears upon receipt of an updated report and claim voucher. Organizations may request funds no more frequently than quarterly.

Reporting Requirements: Financial and project status reports are required for the duration of the grant and a final report will be due at the end of the grant. The report form will be provided by the CWI Program Manager and returned digitally to the Program Manager. This report must be completed semi-annually (every 6 months) and summarize the outcomes and achievements of the project. These reports will be due 30 days following the anniversary date of the grant and are cumulative. *Example: grants that begin on January 1st will have reports due July 31st and January 31st of the following year.*

Grant Reviews: ISDA routinely visits with its grantees to ensure projects and grants are proceeding as intended and offer guidance and support if needed. Each year, ISDA will strategically select grants to review. These reviews can include open grants and grants that have been completed in the last three years. Upon completion of a review, ISDA will send a summary of results to the organization involved in the project and their board (if applicable). Failure to make progress on the project or report progress as specified in the grant agreement, as observed in a formal review or routine reporting checks, will be noted in a project's file and may jeopardize an organization's ability to receive competitive grant funds in future cycles.

Questions: Please contact the Leah Harmon, Clean Water Indiana Program Manager at lharmont2@isda.in.gov or (317) 607-4127.



**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 and include information about project costs and timeline. (Maximum 3000 characters)
Who is the target audience for the project, and what efforts will be made to reach them? (Maximum 1500 characters)

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What are the measurable goals of the project and how do these goals relate to your organization's business plan and the SSCB business plan? (Maximum 1500 characters)

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Please provide information describing all project partners. Also, please provide a point of contact for each partner and briefly describe their role in the project and any anticipated cash or in kind match contributions.

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If requesting disbursement of up to 50% of funds at the beginning of the grant, please provide a justification. (Maximum 1500 characters)

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ISDA – DSC Director's Report
Jordan Seger



Indiana Agriculture Strategic Plan

- The plan provides direction for Indiana agriculture over the next 10 years and will help drive success for farmers, the industry and the state's economy
- <http://www.in.gov/isda/3547.htm>

The plan's vision is for Indiana agriculture to "enrich lives through innovation, education, and collaboration." This can be realized by focusing on the plan's seven priorities:

- Economic & Community Development
- Education & Career Development
- Food and Agricultural Innovation
- Infrastructure
- Leadership Development
- **Natural Resources, Stewardship & Environment**
- Public Relations & Outreach

Certified Conservation Planning

- National effort to establish consistency in conservation planning with NRCS staff and partners, 2020 goal
- Working with IASWCD to set meeting with NRCS, identify what job titles need what certification if any
- 107 different SWCD job titles

NASCA/NACD

- I've been asked to serve in NASCA's seat on the NACD Legislative Committee

Sexual Harassment Training For SWCD Supervisors and Staff

- Working with our new Human Resources representative to provide access to State employee training module
- Ideal outcome is shareable link to online training with tracking mechanism

CWI Tax Status

- CFO working with the Dept. of Revenue

SWCD Business Planning

- Handout
- Phil Anderson, ReThink Consulting Group contracted (with ISDA funds) to develop tools to improve SWCD planning - testing completed in six SWCD pilot sessions – Toolkit complete
- Seeking your feedback as DSSs work on roll out

2016 ICP

Accomplishments: <http://www.in.gov/isda/files/2016%20ICP%20Conservation%20Accomplishments%20Report.pdf>

[in.gov/isda](http://www.in.gov/isda)



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DSC Technical Assistance Report



Field Staff Activities

January 1, 2017 – July 14, 2017

Resource Specialist Activities	Total (Pay Period)	Total (Calendar Year)
SWCD Board Meetings/Annual Meetings	14	212
ICP Meetings, Conference Calls, Webinars, etc.	12	233
Field Days	4	48
Trainings	5	140
Conservation Planning	15	283
Survey, Design and Inspections	22	599
Construction	11	167
Technical Assistance	95	1,482
CREP – Met with Landowners	18	120
CCSI Activities	10	51
INFA Activities	2	122
Tillage Transect Activities	2	73
Water Quality Trading Project Certification		2

DSC Conservation Workload

January 1, 2017 – July 17, 2017

Action	Year to Date
Practices Underway	1,410
Completed Practices	327
Cost-share Acres	5,560
Landowner Acres	1,067
Practice Feet	69,646
Field Acres	9,319
Nitrogen Reduction	45,249 lbs./yr.
Phosphorus Reduction	22,989 lbs./yr.
Sediment Reduction	22,163 tons/yr.



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Director of Soil Health



Program Updates

➤ INfield Advantage

- 2017 registration is complete. We have over 1,030 fields enrolled and about 450 growers engaged. This is slightly higher than last year.
- Enrollment struggled this year with late planting issues. The groups in Hendricks and Lawrence Counties opted to go inactive rather than continue to add to growers' stress with repeated requests for registration forms. In both groups, growers who wanted to participate were shifted to a nearby group for the year.
- The End of Summer/Fall staff trainings, and to pick up stalk sampling supplies are scheduled for August 10 and September 11. Corey Gerber, PU DTC, will be speaking about late season scouting.
- The Group Leader Appreciation Lunch is scheduled for November 20 and ICMC/ISA's office.
- About a dozen growers signed up for the pilot soybean project this year. The project protocol is attached. We hope to have fields in every group next year.
- Bob Nielsen and Jim Camberato's post doc has completed her preliminary analysis of the collected INfield Advantage data. When it has been reviewed we will be working to make the information available.
- Four sets of local groups were selected to pilot the new Regional Winter Meeting concept. These meetings will include both a general session (with lunch sponsored by ICMC/ISA) that is open to the public followed by concurrent semi-private group meetings for the participants. The four meetings are:
 - December 14 – NW - Lake, Porter, LaPorte and Jasper Counties (INPK, INLP and INJC)
 - December 15 – NE- Steuben, LaGrange, Whitley, Noble and Allen Counties (INST, INWE and INWL)
 - January 4 – W Central - Vermillion, Parke, Fountain, Warren, Benton and Newton Counties (INVC, INFC and INBC)
 - January 17 – SW – Posey, Vanderburgh, Gibson, Pike, Knox, Sullivan, Greene and Warrick Counties (INLW and INRM)
- Initially this program was possible by expanding Iowa Soybeans' existing contracts and relationships to cover Indiana fields and then paying Iowa for our portion. A number of years ago we began using local agronomists for the winter meetings and shifted the lab work to A&L Labs in Ft. Wayne. This year we are contracting directly with the aerial imagery company, Aeroptics, and ISDA staff are handling the entire

management of the data and production of grower reports. Initial budget estimates predict that ICMC/ISA will see the expense of the program reduced by 25 to 30%.

- At ICMC/ISA's request, an INFA Operations Committee has been created and is meeting regularly to explore and develop future modifications to the program. The committee has member from ISDA, ICMC/ISA and PU Extension and regularly consults with the INFA Agronomist.
- In January the INFA Advisory Committee will begin working on a strategic plan for INFA.

➤ **Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative**

- In preparation of strategic planning, an electronic survey was distributed in June to 347 individuals representing Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP) staff, SWCD Supervisors, farmers, NGOs, agribusiness and past workshop attendees. The overwhelming majority both in distribution and response represented ICP staff. The survey had a response rate of 37%. Another 30 were interviewed in depth.
- The strategic planning process next step is a retreat lead by a trained facilitator on July 21.
- Building Resiliency to Extreme Weather Conditions Across Indiana Farmlands Seminar will be held August 8, 9 and 10. The speakers include: Dr. Jerry Hatfield, NRCS-ARS Dan DeSutter, Indiana Farmer and Eisenhower Fellow, Blake Vince, Ontario Farmer and Nuffield Scholar. The locations have been chosen to attract wide interest.
- Between early June and now held a number of field days, including: Media Skills Training and Advanced Cover Crops Specialty Crops (both labor intensive and mechanized), over 110 people attended.
- Held an Ag 101, Intro to the Basics of Conservation Cropping Systems and Equipment, for ICP staff. It was attended by 20 people.
- Held one formal and one informal top farmer round tables that were attended by growers from around the state. About 30 people attended one or both events.
- Supplied and sponsored two speakers to the 38th Annual Indiana Water Resources Association Symposium

➤ **Red Gold Tomato Conservation Stewardship Award**

- Dave Lefforge and I visited seven finalist operations in late June and early July. The finalists were in Indiana (3) and Ohio (4).
- The winner and runner-up will be announced at Red Gold's Grower Meeting on August 3.
- Red Gold's discounted cover crops program appears to have more of the growers trying cover crops in their rotations.



INfield Advantage Soybean Sulfur Project 2017 Program Protocol

Shaun Casteel, Purdue University
Version: June 8, 2017

I. **SOYBEAN SULFUR – FOLIAR**

A. **Background:** Purdue Soybean has documented soybean yield response to sulfur near LaCrosse Indiana in 2015 based on a “Rescue” study (6 bu) and in 2016 (6 to 12 bu depending on treatment).

Treatments were granular ammonium sulfate (AMS) to supply 20 lb S/acre (83 lb of granular AMS/acre) prior to soybean emergence. In-season foliar treatments were made with spray-grade AMS to supply 5 lb S/acre (20 lb of spraygrade AMS/acre) with 15 gallons of water (i.e., 15 GPA). The foliar treatments are nutrient solutions alone. Growth stage targets were V4 (4 trifoliates), R2 (Full Bloom), R4 (full pod), and R6 (full seed) with individual applications and various combinations. The most responsive foliar treatments were based on the V4 and R2 timings.

B. **Objective:** To determine the distribution of soybean-responsive fields to sulfur based on a single foliar application between V4 to R3 (First Pod).

C. **INFA Field Application**

1. Each grower will be able to register one soybean field this year. Fields will need to be registered by the same dates as the corn fields (June 16 or 30, south and north respectively).
2. At least one pass of a foliar application of sulfur, but multiple passes throughout the field will improve the data on yield responsiveness. Areas that have not been sprayed are needed for yield and leaf nutrient comparisons.
3. **Timing:** Between V4 to R3.
4. **Rate:** 5 lb S/acre, which is 20.8 lb of spraygrade AMS/acre
5. **Source:** Spraygrade AMS.
6. **Carrier:** 15 to 20 GPA of water is suggested. Lower rates may be more prone to crop injury.
7. **Do Not Tank Mix** with herbicide, insecticide, fungicides, etc.
8. **Avoid applications when temperatures are above 90F.**
9. “Ideal conditions” - usually in the morning or late afternoon/evening



D. **Data Collection**

1. **Note growth stage and date of application.** Other details like temperature, time of day, etc. are bonus
2. **Imagery of the field** will be collected at the same time the local corn fields are being flown
3. **Leaf Samples for Nutrient Tests:** encouraged, but not mandatory
 - a. Group leader will arrange for two tissue samples to be collected from the field for analysis 10 to 14 days after the AMS application. Please note the growth at the time of sampling.
 - b. One sample will be within the area where AMS is applied. One sample will be elsewhere in the field.
 - c. The group leader will log on their office GPS, or smart phone, the sampling locations and transmit those locations to the State Coordinator or Special Projects staff. (lat-long coordinates are acceptable) – *Instructions for smart phones coming*
 - d. At each location the field crew will collect the most recently fully developed trifoliolate leaf, not including the petiole. They will collect 25 trifoliate leaves at each location.
 - e. Each sample will be bagged in a paper bag and labeled with field and application. It can be sent directly to A&L, or it can be allowed to air-dry then sent, for PT2 nutrient analyses.
 - f. More details of the leaf sampling procedure will be provided through a pictorial guide as well as a video. Special leaf submission forms will be provided, so A&L can track and quickly query the analyses.
4. Each field will have a field report generated from the imagery and lab results that will be included in their Winter Grower Meeting binder.





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March 21, 2017

Accountability and Technology



Program Updates

Region 5 Model Nutrient Load Reductions – Quality Control

ISDA-DSC has been using the Region 5 Model to calculate load reduction values for conservation practices implemented across Indiana since 2013. After noticing varying degrees of miscalculations the Division decided to take a deeper look into the data. The first step in the process was to build a model that would allow us to batch process practices to check and fix miscalculated load reductions.

The Division used the model to quality control check the 2016 ag field and filter strip practices that did not require a drainage area. These practices are the majority of the ICP workload, ultimately making up 88 percent of the practices. Of the 11,008 practices examined 9,713 were quality control checked using the new model. All conservation practice data were modeled using values recommended within the “Conservation Practices Guidance for Region 5 Model” document.

The table below shows the difference between the numbers before and after running the quality control model. The load reductions were found to be overstating by 10% for sediment, 11% for phosphorus, and 11% for nitrogen, respectively.

After discovering these discrepancies, the Division has since run the model on the 2013, 2014 and 2015 ICP conservation practices to correct miscalculated nutrient load reductions. The corrected nutrient load reductions were then used to re-analyze the 2013-16 cumulative nutrient load reductions.

2017 Spring Cover Crop and Tillage Transect Survey

Currently, 89 of 91 counties have completed their tillage transect surveys. Crawford, Jefferson and Ripley are scheduled to complete their survey within the next week. The Division will begin compiling the statewide results at the end of July and hopes to post the 2017 results on the [Cover Crop and Tillage Transect](#) webpage in August.

Basin Story Maps

Efforts continue to build the story maps for Indiana’s 10 major watershed basins. Currently, final revisions are being made to the Patoka River Basin and Whitewater River Basin story maps with hopes of publishing the story maps by the end of July. The Division hopes to have all 10 basins completed by the end of September.



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District Support Specialist (DSS) Report: 5/6/17 to 7/14/17



DSS Regional Updates: *this report focuses on highlights from two DSSs. Other regions and DSSs will be featured in upcoming reports on a rotating basis.*

- **Nathan Stoelting:** Nathan has worked with Greg Bieberdorf to finish construction on the new greeter stand that will greet guests at the Pathway to Water Quality this year. He also helped oversee the preparation of the final stretch of pervious concrete which has now been installed. Finally, Nathan was able to get assistance from a couple of eager Boy Scouts who needed a project for their merit badges to get all of the crops planted in the ag and cover crop areas. Watermelons, cantaloupes, green beans, sweet corn, peppers, and tomatoes will be on display for the fair this year while the cover crop area will include sorghum Sudan grass, crimson clover, buckwheat, and rye grass.
- **Laura Fribley:** In May, Nathan and I co-hosted a regional SWCD staff meetings focusing on Women4theLand, PSS agreements, and an overview of CCSI. Roughly 30 people attended. A lot of good information was shared by presenters, and there was good dialogue between staff on how their District approaches different items etc. In June, I presented at the Leadership Institute on understanding change and our attitudes towards change. There is so much relevancy to this within everyone’s work (and personal) life. As well, Districts are brainstorming ideas and plans for their upcoming CWI grant applications and I’ve been providing feedback on those. The final highlight is my work with the ICP’s Training and Certification Program. I attended the cropland weed ID training in Jennings County and it was rewarding to see so many various agencies represented. The training need survey results are also back, and we had about 260 responses. I’ll be compiling results soon to be shared statewide.

Key DSS Statewide Activity Updates

- “Leadership in Change” Leadership Institute: 28 participants attended the June 9th workshop, representing 13 SWCDs, IASWCD, and ISDA. The event was successful with an overall average evaluation score of 8.75 out of 10 (ten being the best). When asked what they learned at the workshop, common themes tied to working with different personalities and understanding others.

DSS Activities Statewide For This Reporting Period	Total
Assistance With SWCD Business Plans/Annual Plans of Work	3
Input, Assistance & Attendance At SWCD Board Meetings	31
New SWCD Supervisor & Staff Training	1
Visits With SWCD Supervisors/Staff For Training, Assistance, Guidance, Input, etc.	16
Presentations At Events, Workshops, Trainings, etc.	4

Upcoming Events:

- Supervisor Summit (offered in two locations this year): *Meetings can be productive, efficient and effective. This fast-paced, interactive workshop will provide participants with guidelines and tools that can be applied immediately to any meeting to improve results and maximize benefits. Learn how to*

manage disruptive meeting participants; stay focused on the agenda; engage all the participants and change the negative culture of meetings. You and your SWCD will spend less time in meetings while your productivity and positive outcomes will increase immediately.

- August 17th, Rochester: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supervisor-summit-northern-workshop-tickets-36194593002>
- August 22nd, Mitchell: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/supervisor-summit-southern-workshop-tickets-36196199808>



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ISDA – CREP & Water Quality Initiatives, Julie Harrold



Program Updates

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

- As of Friday, July 21st, there have been 1,621.67 acres enrolled this calendar year. This number has already surpassed the CREP performance goal for this 2017.
- We have \$1.6 million worth of projects signed up for installation, with many of these to be completed yet this year and next spring.
- Thanks to the SSCB for the next appropriation of funds for this fiscal year. These dollars are needed or we would not be able to complete all the enrolled practices.
- For every state dollar that is spent, the federal match is approximately \$7-\$10 for every state dollar.
- CREP enrollment is not affected at this time by the CRP cap.
- Attached to this report is a report on the current status of acres and dollars in CREP.

IN State Nutrient Reduction Strategy (SNRS)

- 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 on the development of the 10 Basin GIS Story Maps is progressing.
- For the last several months, ISDA has been working on quality assurance of the nutrient loads reductions done by staff.

Gulf Hypoxia Task Force (HTF)

- ISDA is working with the LGU's SERA-46 group and members of the HTF Coordinating Committee on a Walton Family Foundation (WFF) project to look at the sharing and measuring of conservation data at a state level, and the framework for how we track nutrient load reductions throughout the Mississippi River Basin. At the end of July, I will be attending the SWCS Conference in Madison to co-present on the State Perspective of Nutrient Tracking, and taut on what Indiana is doing with our NLR tracking.

Western Lake Erie Basin

- The draft Annex 4 Domestic Action Plan (DAP) for Lake Erie is in the final editing stages and will be out for public comment during the second week of August. I will send out a link to the plan to the board members once I receive it.
- The next DAP Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for mid-August.
- To review information about the DAP and the Advisory Committee Meeting agendas and minutes visit the WLEB page on the ISDA website at <http://www.in.gov/isda/3432.htm>

SSCB Meeting - July 24th, 2017 - 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	Total	Goal	Percentage of Goal
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres		
Total Reported Completed on SharePoint as of 7/21/2017	182.23	14.00	3,893.77	18.27	537.69	4,626.21	394.70	1,662.38	11,329.25	26,250.00	43.16%
Total CREP Enrollment	209.92	14.00	4,318.17	33.04	563.40	6,069.63	923.26	2,211.73	14,343.15	26,250.00	54.64%
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	\$ 18,223.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 389,377.00	\$ 7,554.00	\$ 228,505.00	\$ 1,957,609.00	\$ 338,455.00	\$ 1,054,218.50	\$ 3,995,341.50	\$ 258,071.65	\$ 4,253,413.15

Federal Match of \$7-\$10 is between \$ 27,967,390.50
 \$ 39,953,415.00

SSCB Meeting - July 24th, 2017 - 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	454.69	0.00	0.00	454.69
Lower East Fork White	33.50	7.00	0.00	5.40	41.10	567.80	0.00	0.00	654.80
Lower White	10.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.86	791.62	0.00	0.00	861.18
Middle Wabash-Busseron	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	995.97	0.00	0.00	995.97
Middle Wabash-Deer	6.60	0.00	5.80	0.00	0.00	52.49	0.00	0.00	64.89
Middle Wabash-Vermillion	4.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	145.71	171.90	36.80	358.91
Tippecanoe River	89.50	0.00	88.84	0.00	3.41	21.40	73.30	580.98	857.43
Upper East Fork White	0.00	0.00	38.54	0.00	24.70	74.16	0.00	0.00	137.40
Upper Wabash	12.53	7.00	152.34	1.07	0.00	208.66	27.80	43.32	452.72
Upper White	20.80	0.00	63.75	0.00	265.82	152.31	0.00	61.28	563.96
Reported Completed as of 7/21/2017	178.13	14.00	349.27	6.47	396.99	3,568.31	273.00	722.38	5,508.55
Enrolled as of 7/21/2017	205.82	14.00	773.67	21.24	422.70	5,011.73	801.56	1271.73	8,522.45

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, 2017 - 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 181,876.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 181,876.00	\$ 18,187.60	\$ 200,063.60
Lower East Fork White	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 16,440.00	\$ 227,120.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 249,770.00	\$ 24,977.00	\$ 274,747.00
Lower White	\$ 1,070.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,544.00	\$ 316,648.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 341,262.00	\$ 34,126.20	\$ 375,388.20
Middle Wabash-Busseron	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 398,388.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 398,388.00	\$ 39,838.80	\$ 438,226.80
Middle Wabash-Deer	\$ 660.00	\$ -	\$ 580.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,996.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,236.00	\$ 2,223.60	\$ 24,459.60
Middle Wabash-Vermillion	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,284.00	\$ 163,305.00	\$ 34,960.00	\$ 256,999.00	\$ 25,699.90	\$ 282,698.90
Tippecanoe River	\$ 8,950.00	\$ -	\$ 8,884.00	\$ -	\$ 1,364.00	\$ 8,560.00	\$ 69,635.00	\$ 546,486.00	\$ 643,879.00	\$ 64,387.90	\$ 708,266.90
Upper East Fork White	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,854.00	\$ -	\$ 9,880.00	\$ 29,664.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,398.00	\$ 4,339.80	\$ 47,737.80
Upper Wabash	\$ 1,253.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 15,234.00	\$ 428.00	\$ -	\$ 83,464.00	\$ 26,410.00	\$ 37,056.50	\$ 164,545.50	\$ 16,454.55	\$ 181,000.05
Upper White	\$ 2,080.00	\$ -	\$ 6,375.00	\$ -	\$ 106,328.00	\$ 60,924.00	\$ -	\$ 58,216.00	\$ 233,923.00	\$ 23,392.30	\$ 257,315.30
Upper White Extensions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 1,980.00
Reported Paid as of 7/21/2017	\$ 17,813.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 34,927.00	\$ 2,588.00	\$ 160,596.00	\$ 1,427,324.00	\$ 259,350.00	\$ 676,718.50	\$ 2,580,716.50	\$ 258,071.65	\$ 2,838,788.15

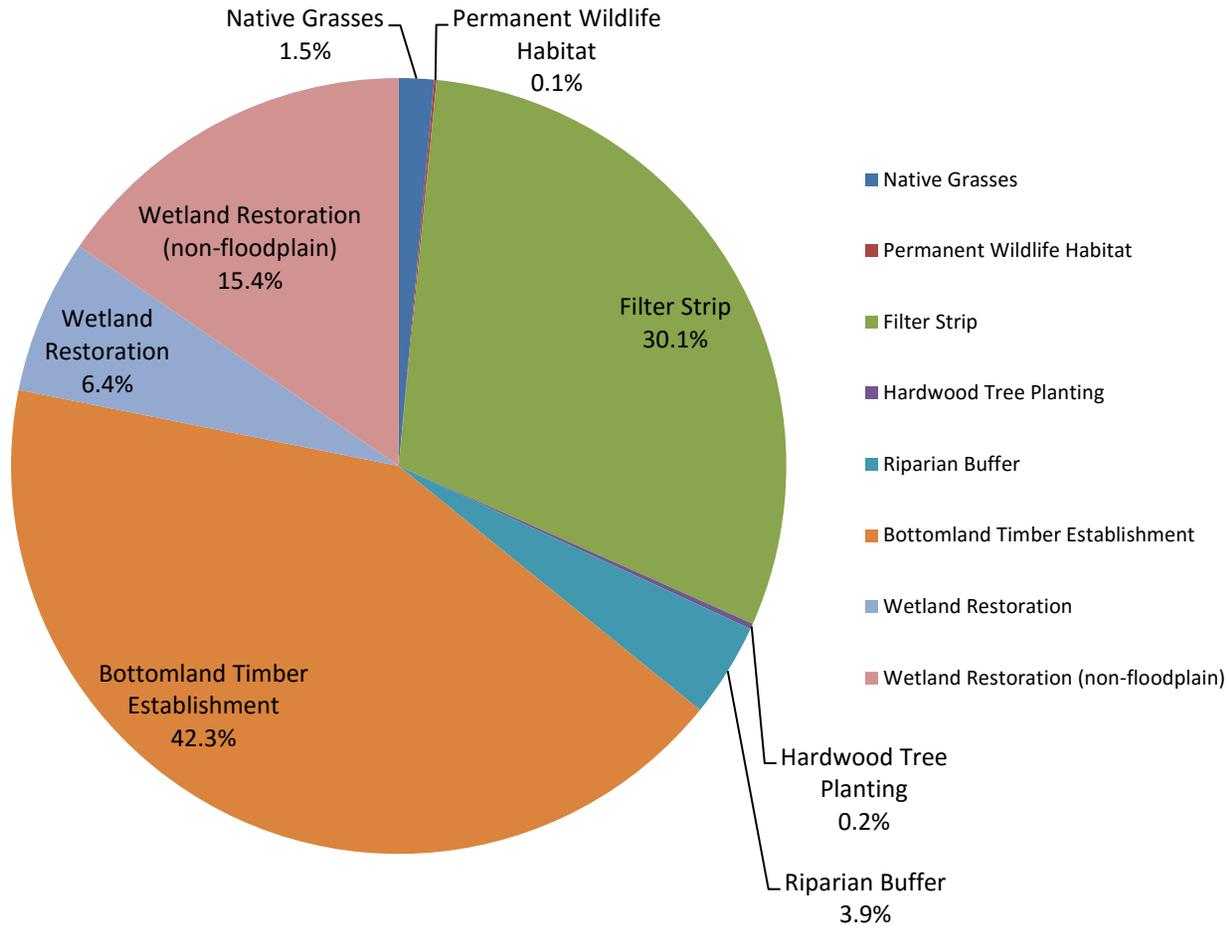
Pre-Expansion Dollars

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

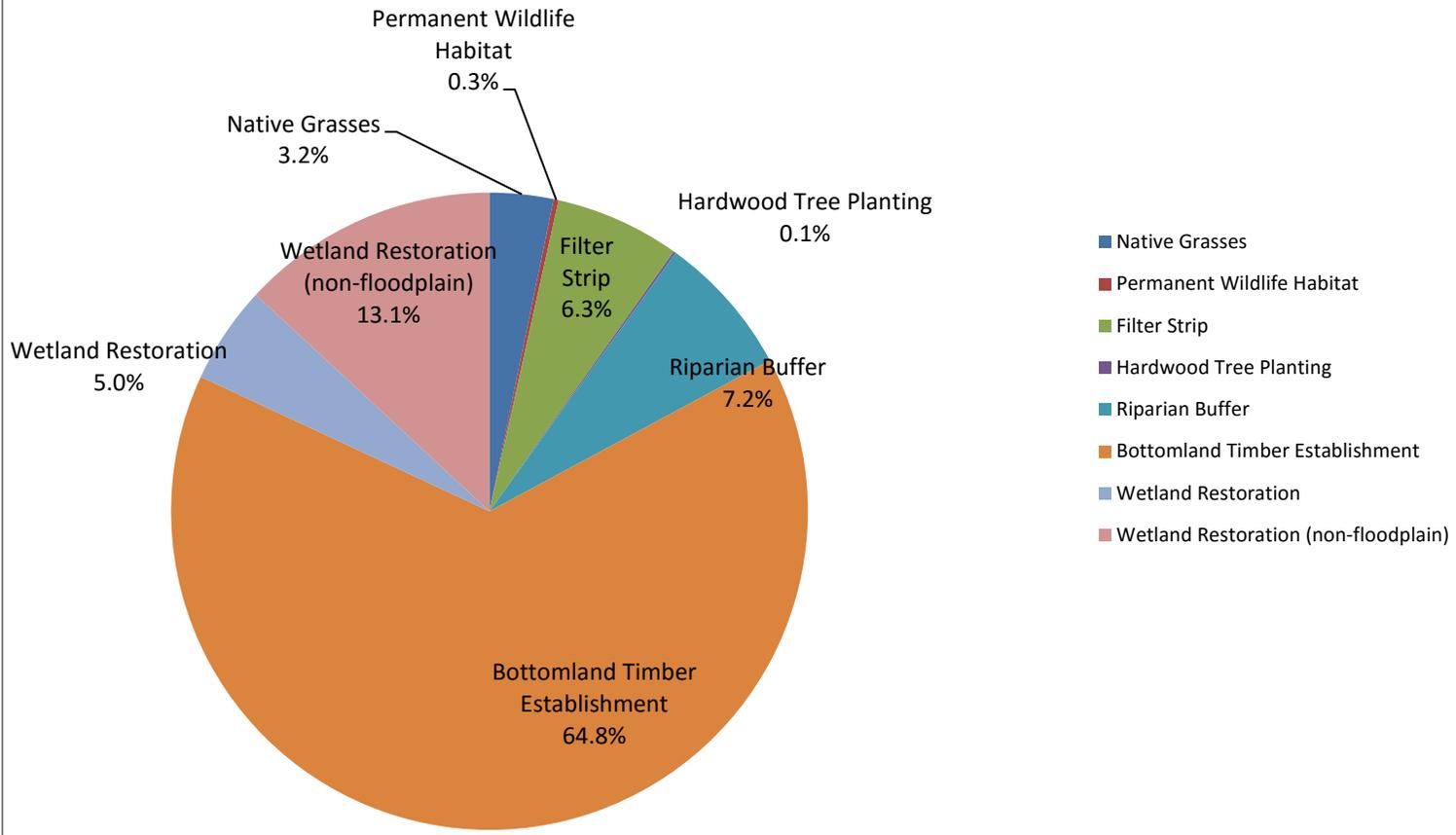
Total Acres

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	19.50	212.70	0.00	0.00	460.50
Lower Wabash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	454.69	0.00	0.00	454.69
Lower East Fork White	33.50	7.00	0.00	5.40	41.10	567.80	0.00	0.00	654.80
Lower White	10.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.86	791.62	0.00	0.00	861.18
Middle Wabash-Busseron	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	995.97	0.00	0.00	995.97
Middle Wabash-Deer	6.60	0.00	5.80	0.00	0.00	52.49	0.00	0.00	64.89
Middle Wabash-Vermillion	4.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	145.71	171.90	36.80	358.91
Tippecanoe River	89.50	0.00	3005.64	0.00	11.21	41.80	195.00	1504.98	4848.13
Upper East Fork White	0.00	0.00	38.54	0.00	24.70	74.16	0.00	0.00	137.40
Upper Wabash	12.53	7.00	152.34	1.07	0.00	208.66	27.80	43.32	452.72
Upper White	22.40	0.00	476.45	1.00	382.32	1080.61	0.00	77.28	2040.06
Reported Completed as of 7/21/2017	182.23	14.00	3893.77	18.27	537.69	4,626.21	394.70	1662.38	11,329.25
Enrolled as of 7/21/2017	209.92	14.00	4318.17	33.04	563.40	6069.63	923.26	2211.73	14,343.15

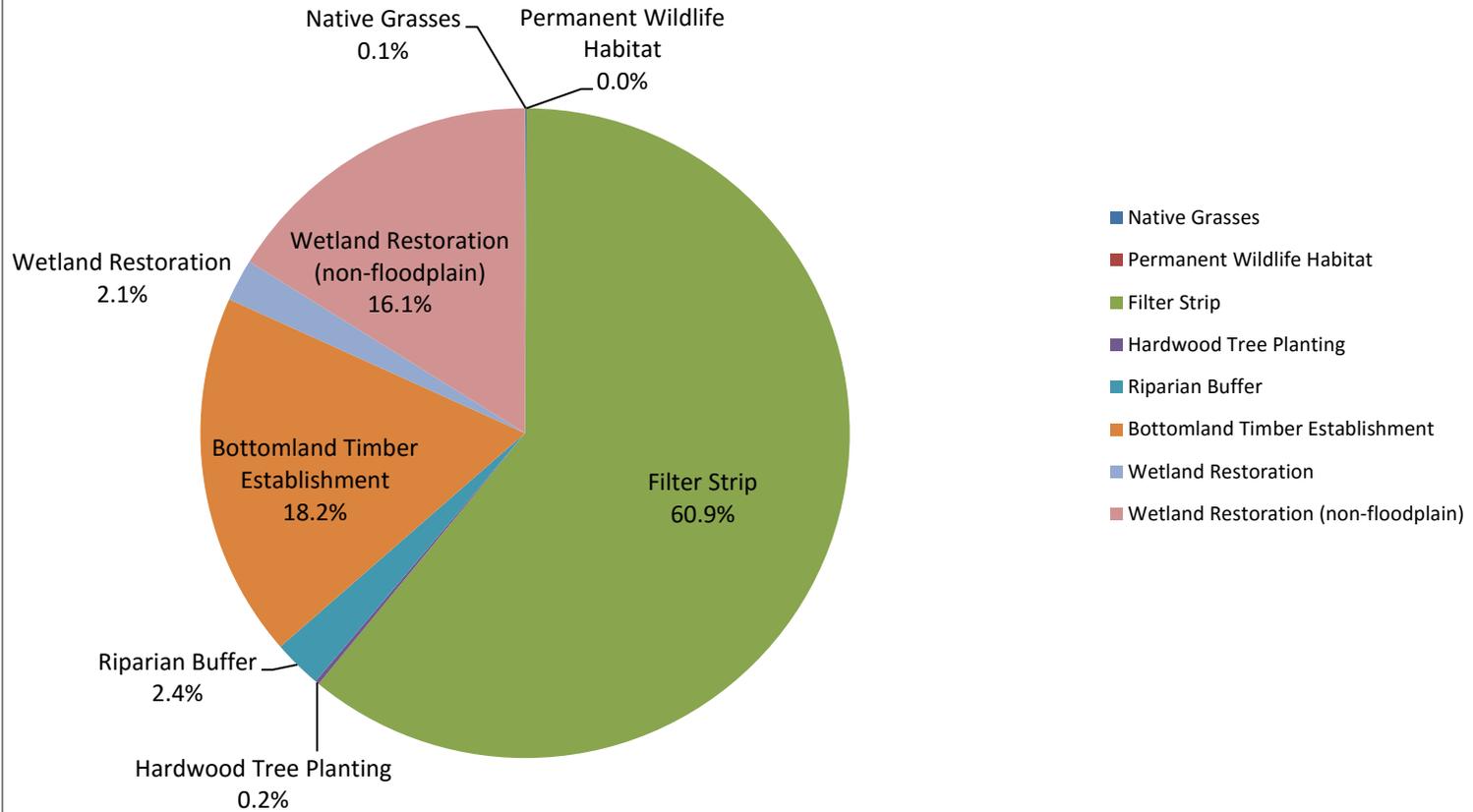
Total CREP Practice Percentages



Post-Expansion Practice Percentages



Pre-Expansion Practice Percentages





**Indiana Association of
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Protecting and enhancing Indiana's soil
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To: State Soil Conservation Board
From: Jamie Scott, President, IASWCD
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI)

- Strategic planning session held July 21
- Oversight committee mtg August 14
- Extension of agreement with NRCS for Director and Communication positions

Pathway to Water Quality

- 25th anniversary celebration in 2017 – rededication on Friday, August 4 at 9:30 am. All invited and welcome to attend.
- Almost 100% of slots filled – huge thank you to everyone for volunteering
- Big thank you to committee for all their hard work in preparing for the fair

Other

- Jamie Scott, Marc Roberts, and Roger Wenning attended a national partnership leadership workshop in Lincoln, NE on June 22. Marc Roberts attended the NACD summer meeting in Iowa in July.
- River Friendly Farmer awards event is August 16 at 1 pm in the 4-H building. All are welcome to attend. Over 45 winners and their families will attend.
- 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 Sept. 9 - <http://wordpress.iaswcd.org/events-2/2018conference/>
- Fall regions meetings will be scheduled for September – December depending on the region. Topics of discussion will include an update on CCSI strategic planning, contribution agreements, and others.
- IASWCD is supporting the Ag Nutrient Task Force and the new organization developments with a \$1,000 per year for 5 years pledge. This will help support the match for an NRCS contribution agreement.
- Two ICP leaders' visits were conducted in Dubois and Warrick counties.

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Indiana Department of Environmental Management Report

To The State Soil Conservation Board

July 25, 2017

GLWQA Domestic Action Plan (DAP)

IDEM is making final edits to the DAP for a quick review by the advisory committee and plan to put it out for a 60-day public comment period by mid-August. The public will be able to provide comments online and the advisory committee will address those comments and/or incorporate them into the final DAP, which is due February of 2018. There will be public engagement meetings at the end of August and early September (TBD) at the following locations:

- Fort Wayne
- Auburn (scheduled for August 24th)
- Decatur
- Indianapolis

For more information, please contact Lou Renshaw mrenshaw@idem.IN.gov or Jessica Faust jfaust@idem.IN.gov

NPS Program

- The final FFY17 §319(h) grant award was \$3,608,000, slightly higher than anticipated.
- The final FFY17 §205(j) grant award was \$323,000
- 20 total Notices of Intent were received for the FFY17 §319(h)
- Planning – 3
- Planning & Implementation – 1 (Lower East Fork White TMDL/watershed characterization)
- Implementation – 15
- The Clean Lakes NOI is in there too, but it's not classified as planning or implementation.
- The final applications are due by September 1st.

TMDL Program

- The South Fork Blue River TMDL report for *E. coli* is drafted and the public meeting will be held at the Palmyra Community Center July 27th. The public comment period ends August 7th. The details may be found at: <http://www.in.gov/idem/nps/3942.htm>
- The St. Joseph River EPA-led multi-state TMDL developed for nutrients, impaired biotic communities (IBC), dissolved oxygen (DO), total suspended solids (TSS) and total phosphorus (TP) has finished a 2nd public comment period and is being finalized. More information may be found at: <http://www.in.gov/idem/nps/4003.htm>

Success Story

It was our pleasure to co-present with NRCS on the Flowers Creek success story at the Indiana Water Resources Association (IWRA) conference in June. This is another example of how our ICP works together to make real improvements on our land that result in improved water quality! IDEM thanks you for aligning your strategic plan with the overall goals of the ICP and for the support from the ISDA on this project as well as the \$106,500 in CWI funds for it!

Watershed Effort Restores Aquatic Community in Flowers Creek

Nonpoint source pollution from agricultural sources caused increased nutrient levels in Flowers Creek. As a result, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) added this waterbody to its 2006 Clean Water Act (CWA) section 303(d) impaired waters list for nutrients, dissolved oxygen, and biological impairment. Implementing a variety of best management practices (BMPs) in the watershed improved nutrient and dissolved oxygen levels in Flowers Creek. As a result, Indiana is proposing to remove Flowers Creek from its 2018 CWA section 303(d) list of impaired waters. More information on this project may be found at: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/in_flowers_creek_508.pdf All success stories may be found at: <http://www.in.gov/idem/nps/3360.htm>

Rule 5 for Construction to a Master General Permit – an advisory workgroup is in place, but is in its early stages of action. More information to come in future meetings.

Rule 5 MOU with SWCDs:

Randy Braun has been in touch with Jennifer Boyle at IASWCD about revisiting the MOU with SWCDs. IDEM is trying to get away from 92 MOUs and would like to get to one with you, the SSCB that would cover the SWCDs. Then, IDEM could allow the SWCDs to submit a separate document that would identify their participation level. Randy Braun is lead on this project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia A. Wickard
*Director of Government Affairs and Agricultural Liaison
Indiana Department of Environmental Management*

State Conservationist's Report

August, 2017

USDA TOP POSITION NOMINATIONS

Deputy Secretary - Stephen L. Censky has been nominated to serve as the new USDA Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Censky is the American Soybean Association's (ASA) Chief Executive Officer. As ASA's top executive, Censky is in charge of managing ASA's legislative, trade policy, international market development, communications, and leadership development programs. Originally from Missouri, Censky was a corn/soybean farmer and worked with USDA on the 1990 Farm Bill.

Undersecretary for Trade and Foreign Agriculture Affairs - Indiana's State Department of Agriculture Director Ted McKinney has been selected as the new Undersecretary for Trade and Foreign Agriculture Affairs. The position that McKinney will assume is a newly created post as part of USDA's reorganization. McKinney has been director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture since 2014. His international experience comes from serving with Elanco Animal Health and Dow AgroSciences as communications director. McKinney was raised on an Indiana farm and is a Purdue alumni. USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue said, "For our new undersecretary position emphasizing international trade, I have always said that I want someone who wakes up every morning asking how we can sell more American agricultural products in foreign markets. Ted McKinney is that person."

EQIP SIGN-UP STATUS AND ADDITIONAL FUND REQUEST

Indiana NRCS staff has processed for obligation 1,060 applications for the EQIP Program. The obligation of these contracts uses the original allocation of \$20 million dollars that Indiana received for EQIP. Indiana has requested an additional \$1.1 million dollars for the EQIP program. National Headquarters has approved this funding and Indiana will receive those dollars. The approximate distribution of the additional funds will be as follows: \$850,000 for EQIP General, \$150,000 for EQIP-WLEB and \$150,000 for EQIP-Joint Chief's Initiative (Forestry). Area Staff will be notified when the funds are available for use.

NATIONAL CONSERVATION PLANNING PARTNERSHIP WEBINARS

The National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCP) has developed a strategy that ensures partnership field staff have the right expertise, are stationed in the right locations, and have enough time to work one-on-one with our diverse customer base. The NCP is introducing a new peer-to-peer web conference series to support conservation planning staff and partners. Each month, a new state will host a conversation focused on hot topics and creative solutions surrounding nationwide efforts to put conservation planning first.

The NCP strongly supports the concept of providing consistent training throughout the country, not only the required certification training that planners will need to attain or maintain their status, but also opportunities such as this series of webinars for the entire conservation partnership. In this peer-to-peer series you will hear from those states, district conservationists, conservation districts, resource conservationists, and others in various geographical areas that are doing a good job or have wisdom to share.

This series of online workshops, along with an upcoming series of podcasts will be recorded for those that cannot attend the live workshop. Below is a tentative schedule for upcoming online interactive workshops – topics will be announced later on. All workshops will be held at 1:00 p.m. (eastern)



July 25 – Louisiana

Aug 22 – Indiana (Indiana's Deb Knepp and Jennifer Kipper will be the guest speakers, along with Shannon Zezula)

Sep 26 – South Dakota

Oct 24 – Oregon

Nov 28 – Maine

Dec 19 – New York

PATHWAY TO WATER QUALITY 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Pathway to Water Quality would not be the premiere water quality exhibit in the country without the work and perseverance the Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP) staff have put into it. Our celebration will be complete if you can join us! Join Pathway to Water Quality's Steering Committee, members of the ICP, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Indiana State Fair officials and others on Friday, August 4, at 9:30 a.m. We will celebrate 25 years of conservation education as we dedicate the green roof gazebo, the newest conservation practice on display at PWQ. The celebration will be held at the entrance to Pathway in front of the Green Roof gazebo.

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY DATA COLLECTION

The latest NRI data collection cycle will begin on July 10th and will run through November. Field offices could receive questions from the NRI Data collectors during that time period. Any assistance the field office staffs can provide to the collectors would be greatly appreciated. Questions from the field should be directed to Rick Neilson, Assistant State Soil Scientist at rick.neilson@in.usda.gov or at 317-295-5875.

PSS AGREEMENT SURVEY

In 2016, Indiana NRCS began piloting the opportunity to work with SWCDs to provide administrative and program support services (PSS) to carry out NRCS' responsibilities for implementing the requirements of the Farm Bill. These services primarily consist of data entry, contract management, preparing files and reports, gathering data, mailing follow up letters, etc. In January of 2017 we expanded this opportunity to SWCDs statewide and added the CRP components. To give us a better idea of how this process is working, NRCS will survey district conservationists and area staff in late July and early August. Feedback on training needs will be provided to those administering the agreement.

FFA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The FFA National Convention and Expo will be returning to Indianapolis this year and will run from October 25-28, 2017. As in years past, NRCS will be supporting the Natural Resources and Environment Judging events and is asking for volunteer assistance from partnership staff. Please see the volunteer opportunities below.

Natural Resources and Environment Judging Event Volunteer

The purpose of the environmental and natural resource career development event is to foster student interest and promote environmental and natural resource instruction in the agricultural education curriculum.

This event will take place on October 25th at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Judges are separated into two categories: verbal and teamwork. All volunteers should report to the fairgrounds at 10:00 AM for orientation and will be released of their duties at approximately 3:00 PM. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

Verbal Judging:

Students will be provided a scenario that addresses an environmental/natural resource problem from soils, water, ecosystems and waste management. Teams are required to develop a statement that addresses the



questions in the scenario and give an oral presentation justifying the decisions made by the team. Each team will have eight minutes to make their presentation. There will be an additional five minutes given to each team to address questions from the judges. We need approximately 45 volunteers for verbal judging.

Teamwork Judging:

While the students are preparing their oral presentations, a group of 12 judges will evaluate how well the team members work together to develop their statement and presentation. Judging will be based on the following areas:

- Managing team dynamics
- Awareness of personality styles of others
- Using positive and mature language and mannerisms
- Reacting to changes
- Handling tasks

If you would like to volunteer for one of these events, please contact Kris Vance at: kris.vance@in.usda.gov.

RIVER FRIENDLY FARMER WINNERS

This year's River Friendly Farmer winners will be honored at the Indiana State Fair August 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the 4-H Exhibit Hall. The list of 2017 River Friendly Farmers and their counties is available on the IASWCD website/RFF page here: <http://wordpress.iaswcd.org/river-friendly-farmer-award/> There, the list can be viewed on the site page or click to a link for a pdf version.

