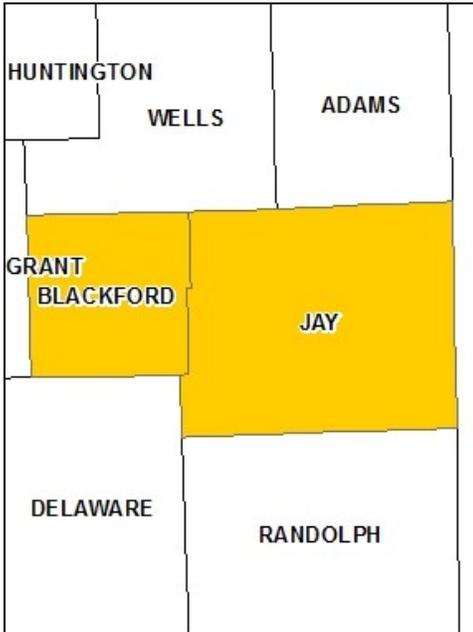




2015 Clean Water Indiana Grant Program

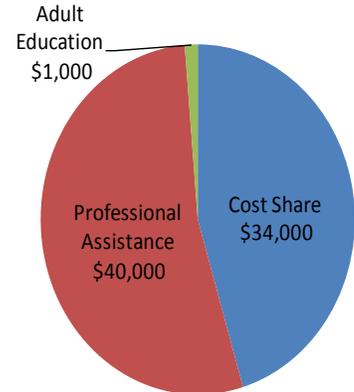
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Purpose: Promote agricultural best management practices

This project aims to promote agricultural best management practices (BMPs) including cover crops and filter strips to reduce the loss of top soil, increase soil organic matter content, reduce compaction and improve soil biology. In addition, water-quality issues in the watershed that have been shown to be problematic will be addressed including sediment and nutrients. Targeted implementation will be based on critical areas defined by the Upper Salamonie River Watershed Management Plan (presently under development, and scheduled for completion in November 2015). The watershed plan is being developed under a Federal 319 Grant administered by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. As part of the education and promotion of the project, a cover crop demonstration site (2 to 5 acres) will be developed and promoted during field days.

PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:
JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, JAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, AND TAYLOR UNIVERSITY



Taylor University will provide outreach and social indicator studies for the project including landowner interviews.

LEAD DISTRICT: JAY
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: UPPER SALAMONIE RIVER WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT
PROJECT DATES: 5/1/2015-4/30/2017
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$75,000

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 2015, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 14 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,020,900. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).