

# 2013 Clean Water Indiana Grant



LEAD DISTRICT: MARTIN  
 COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: JACKSON, LAWRENCE, ORANGE, WASHINGTON  
 TARGET WATERSHEDS: TWIN EAST FORK WHITE RIVER, GUTHRIE CREEK, LICK BRANCH, SALT CREEK, INDIAN CREEK, LEATHERWOOD CREEK, BOGGS CREEK, DRY BRANCH, LOST RIVER, BARN RUN, EAST FORK WHITE, MILL CREEK, BLUE RIVER, SOUTH FORK SALT CREEK  
 PROJECT NAME: DROUGHT RELIEF INCENTIVES FOR PASTURES  
 PROJECT DATES: 1/1/2013-12/31/2015  
 PROJECT AMOUNT: \$70,000



**Purpose:** Rejuvenate drought stricken pastures through permanent pasture reseeding



The exceptional D4 drought over most of southern Indiana in 2012 has caused extensive damage to local pastures. The devastation of grasses and legumes on the rolling topography of Southern Indiana will effect the soil itself. Rejuvenating drought stricken pastures through permanent pasture reseeding is critical. This reseeding will promote good soil health by lessening nutrient and sediment runoff and promoting water quality. Without this stabilization, increased nutrient and sediment runoff will occur.

The loss of these pastures will affect landowners who depend on these pastures for cattle production. This effect on cattle production can last for up to three years. Districts will assist landowners in the reseeding of pastures through a cost share program and assistance with a conservation plan. The districts will educate the public on watersheds and their importance, through TV, newspapers, websites, flyers, and social media.

In keeping with our mission statements to promote conservation of our soil, water and natural resources and to provide leadership, education and technical assistance to landowners; all participating districts will promote forage and biomass plantings on pastures and HEL which will control nutrient runoff.

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 2013, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded ten Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$612,000. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,500 per year).

**PROJECT GOALS:**  
 530 ACRES OF PASTURE RESEEDING PER YEAR  
 PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO 80 LANDOWNERS PER YEAR



These watersheds were chosen because of extreme drought conditions during the summer of 2012 and the large number of cattle in this watershed area.



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