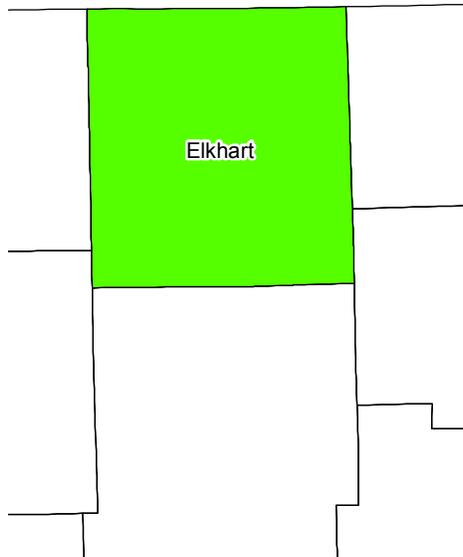




Clean Water Indiana 2016 Competitive Grants



Elkhart County is unique: according to Indiana Agriculture Statistics for 2013-2014, we have more total cattle than any other county. Elkhart ranks second in dairy cattle, third in sheep, sixth in chickens, and sixteenth in turkeys. Although we have high livestock numbers, our average size farm is only 100 acres (ranking 88th in the state) and ranks sixth in population with approximately 50% of land in agriculture. Many producers are very conservative and unwilling to commit to a federal government program. The goal is to reach out to livestock farmers who graze, make hay, and apply manure; and those who are raising specialty crops for farmers markets. Promoting cover crops will be key to this outreach.



Program Overview

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program (IC 14-32-8) was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs).

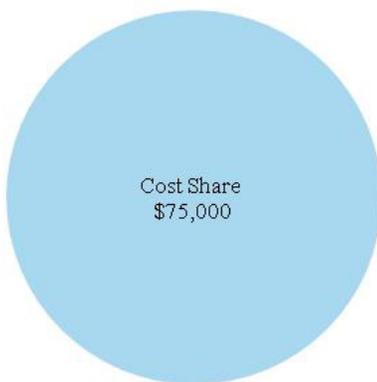
Through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs, the program supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution. CWI also provides matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (CCSI).

Program Administration

The CWI fund is administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB). The fund is derived from a portion of cigarette tax funds. (IC 6-7-1-29.3) The cigarette tax fund is 4.22 percent of total cigarette tax revenue, and the CWI fund receives one sixth of this amount. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's SWCDs.

LEAD DISTRICT:
Elkhart
PROJECT NAME:
Enhancement of Soil Health and Water Quality on Agricultural/ Urban Land
PROJECT DATES:
1/1/2016 - 12/31/2018
PROJECT AMOUNT:
\$75,000

Total Funds Awarded:



Key Partners:

- Elkhart County Surveyor
- Purdue Extension
- Seed Dealer
- St. Joseph River Basin Commission
- Headwaters Yellow River Project

For more information about CWI, please visit: in.gov/isda/2379.htm.
Email questions or comments to cleanwaterindiana@isda.in.gov.
To find your local SWCD: please visit: in.gov/isda/2370.htm.

