



# Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)



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## A Guide to Indiana's CREP



### Federal

- Cost Share: Based on a current FSA cost-share plan (flat rate or % cost) as determined by FSA for eligible reimbursable practice establishment costs.
- Practice Incentive Payment: A one-time payment equal to 40% of the eligible installation for CP-21, CP-22, CP23, CP23A and CP-31
- Signing Incentive Payment: A one-time payment of \$100/acre for newly enrolled CP-21, CP-22, CP23, CP23A and CP-31.
- Annual Rent Payment:
  - Payment for normal maximum CRP weighted average soil rental rate for the three predominant soil types using the current posted applicable local soil rental rates for cropland offers. Marginal pastureland rates are calculated using applicable local marginal pasture land rental rates in accordance with FSA national CRP directives.
  - Incentive payment of 40% of the base rental rate without regard to other incentive payments ("infeasible to farm" acres are not eligible for incentive payments).
  - A maintenance fee equal to the terms of FSA national CRP directives, if applicable.

### State

- A one-time Clean Water Indiana Incentive payment of \$100/acre for CP-2, CP-4D and CP-21.
- A one-time Clean Water Indiana Incentive payment of \$400/acre for CP-3A, CP-22, and CP-31.
- A one time Clean Water Indiana Incentive payment of \$950/acre for newly enrolled CP-23 and CP-23A.
- A one time Clean Water Indiana Incentive payment of \$400/acre for re-enrolled CP-23 and CP-23A.



"It kind of rounds out our whole approach to farming as a way to both benefit the environment and produce quality food."

Rodney Rulon  
Hamilton County

"For new or existing contracts, it is a nice added incentive; 20% bonus on the normal payment for filter strips."

George A. Tebbe  
Tipton County



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## What is CREP?

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a federal-state natural resources conservation program that addresses agricultural-related environmental concerns at the state and national level. CREP participants receive financial incentives to voluntarily enroll in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in contracts for 14 to 15 years. Participants remove cropland from agricultural production and convert the land to native grasses, wetlands, trees and other vegetation.

## What is the Indiana CREP?

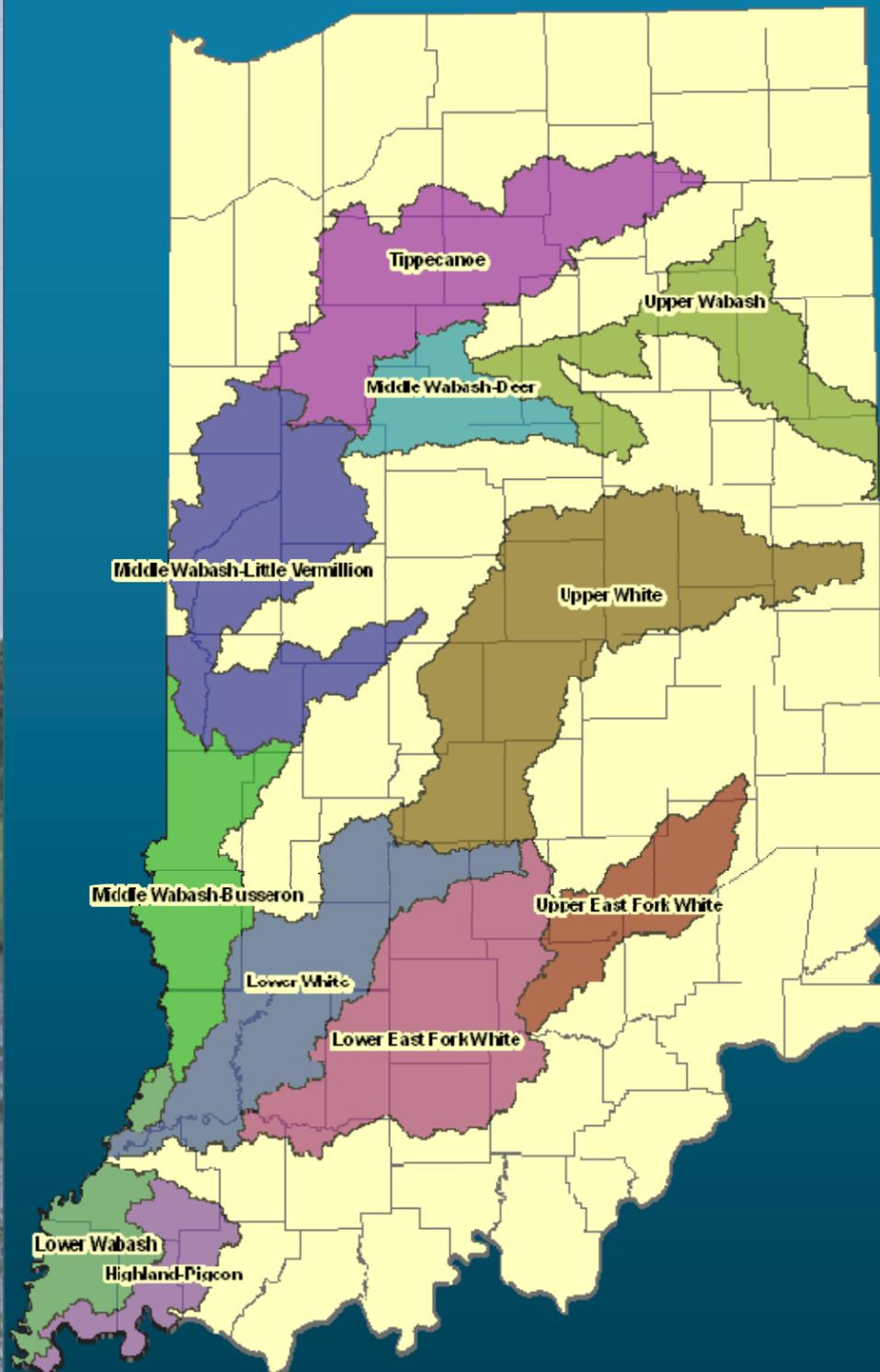
The Indiana CREP is a partnership between USDA and the State of Indiana. The program, first announced in 2005, was originally slated to enroll 7,000 acres of eligible land within three watersheds. The 2010 expansion now covers 11 watersheds and is slated to enroll 26,250 acres.

## What are the Potential Benefits of the Indiana CREP?

CREP is designed to help alleviate some of the concerns of high nonpoint source sediment, nutrient, pesticide and herbicide losses from agricultural lands by restoring buffers and wetlands to improve water quality.

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# CREP Watersheds



### All or a portion of the following counties are eligible for CREP

Adams, Allen, Bartholomew, Benton, Boone, Brown, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Daviess, Decatur, Delaware, Dubois, Fountain, Fulton, Gibson, Grant, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Howard, Huntington, Jackson, Jasper, Jay, Jennings, Johnson, Knox, Kosciusko, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Martin, Miami, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Noble, Orange, Owen, Parke, Pike, Posey, Pulaski, Putnam, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, Starke, Sullivan, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Vigo, Wabash, Warren, Warrick, Washington, Wells, White, and Whitley

### Wetlands Restoration CP23, CP23A



- Restores the functions and values of wetlands
- Removes nutrients and sediments, allows for denitrification
- Attracts waterfowl species native to Indiana

### Native Grasses CP2



- Buffer area filters out sediments and nutrients prior to entering waterway
- Attracts species native to Indiana
- May be used for managed and emergency haying and grazing as authorized

### Wildlife Habitat CP4D



- Enhances wildlife for hunting or enjoyment
- Buffer area filters out sediments and nutrients prior to entering waterway
- Attracts species native to Indiana

- Removes nutrients, sediments, organic matter, and other pollutants
- Provides a buffer area around waterways
- Protects water quality while enhancing the ecosystem of the water body

### Filter Strip CP21



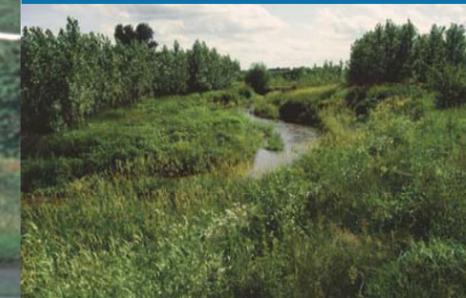
### Hardwood Trees CP3A



- Roots help control surface erosion
- Reduce water, air, and land pollution
- Promotes carbon sequestration
- Provides buffer area along waterways

- Creates a shady area around a waterway, allowing for cooler water temperatures to improve aquatic habitat
- Removes nutrients, sediments, organic matter and other pollutants

### Riparian Buffers CP22



### Bottomland Timber CP31



- Restores the functions and values of a forested wetland
- Roots help control surface erosion
- Promotes carbon sequestration

### What CREP Means for You:

- Landowner maintains ownership rights to enrolled land.
- Enrolling in CREP does not allow the general public access to your property.
- Landowners may use the land for recreational activities such as hunting and fishing, and may charge guests for these activities providing the activity does not interfere with the Conservation Plan of Operation.
- Once the Federal contract expires, trees can be harvested under the state contract if a Forest Stewardship Plan/Reforestation Plan has been written.