



# THE STEWARD

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

### Bartholomew County Soil & Water Conservation District

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#### Points of Interest:

- ◆ Stormwater
- ◆ Annual Meeting
- ◆ FSA -Dates to Remember
- ◆ CWI Grant
- ◆ Funding Breakdown
- ◆ Website

### Grazing Conference

February 1, 2012

Odon, Indiana

“Grazing Management-  
Important to small family  
farms”

Call for more  
information about  
registering for this  
informative event!

# Stormwater and You!

#### STORMWATER...WHAT IS AN MS4?

MS4 is short for “Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. An MS4 is a conveyance that is owned by a state, city, town, village, or other public entity that discharges to waters of the U.S., designed to collect/convey storm water, not a combined sewer and not part of a publicly owned treatment plant.

MS4's were put in place to help protect our rivers by making people aware of their watershed. Which brings us to the next question.....

#### WHAT IS A WATERSHED?

A Watershed is the area of land where all of the water that is under it or drains off of it goes into the same place

Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes. They cross county, state, and national boundaries.

In the continental US, there are 2,110 watersheds; including Hawaii Alaska, and Puerto Rico, there are 2,267 watersheds.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOUR WATERSHED

- Keep litter, pet/animal wastes, leaves and debris out of street gutters and storm drains—**these outlets drain directly to lake, streams, rivers and wetlands.**
- Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to directions

- Dispose of used oil, antifreeze, paints and other household chemicals properly—not in storm sewers or drains.

- Clean up spilled brake fluid, oil, grease and antifreeze. Dispose of pesticides, containers, and tank rinsate in an approved manner. Do not hose them into the street where they can eventually reach local streams and lakes.



### WHEN IT RAINS IT DRAINS

- Control soil erosion on your property by planting ground cover and stabilizing erosion-prone areas.

- Have your septic system inspected and pumped, at a minimum every three to five years, so that it operates properly.

- Purchase household detergents and cleaners that are low in phosphorous to reduce the amount of nutrients discharged into our lakes, streams, and coastal waters.

- Protect drinking water by using less pesticides and fertilizers.

- Reduce soil erosion by using conservation practices and other applicable best management practices.

- Use planned grazing systems on pasture and rangeland.

For more information: [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

# 2011 Annual Meeting

**Who?:** All land owners and other interested parties are entitled to attend

**What?:** The Bartholomew Co. SWCD will make a report of their activities for the year 2011, and elect a supervisor for the SWCD board.

**When?:** February 2, 2012 at 6:30PM

**Where?:** 4-H Fairgrounds—Community Building

**Dinner will be provided and door prizes will be given.**

**Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from the SWCD or Purdue Extension Office.**

## FSA Dates to Remember

- ◆ **November 14, 2011:** Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program enrollment for 2010 crop year losses begins
- ◆ **January 23, 2012:** Enrollment for Direct & Counter-Cyclical (DCP) & Average Crop Revenue (ACRE) Programs begins
- ◆ **June 1, 2012:** Deadline to certify wheat & other small grains, including cover crops



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# \$6000 Distributed For Cover Crops

Thanks to the Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grant, our SWCD was able to provide qualified farmers with \$10 per acre for help with applying cover crops! Not only did we help farmers who are seasoned professionals at applying cover crops, we were also able to help some farmers apply cover crops for the first time! A total of 600 acres were funded, and all of the fields were within the MRBI (Mississippi River Basin Initiative).

## Bartholomew County Funding

**LOCAL:** Funding from non-state and non-federal sources, such as county funds, private grants, etc., administered by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts, running on the calendar year.

**STATE:** State funded programs running on the state fiscal calendar July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010.

**FEDERAL:** Federally funded programs running on the federal fiscal year (FFY), October 1, 2009, to September 30, 2010.

**CWI:** Clean Water Indiana (State Soil Conservation Board, State). Funding for new projects in the State FY 2010.

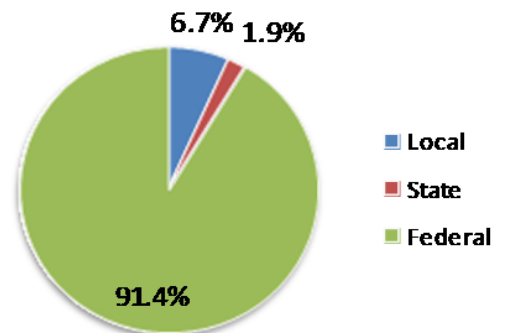
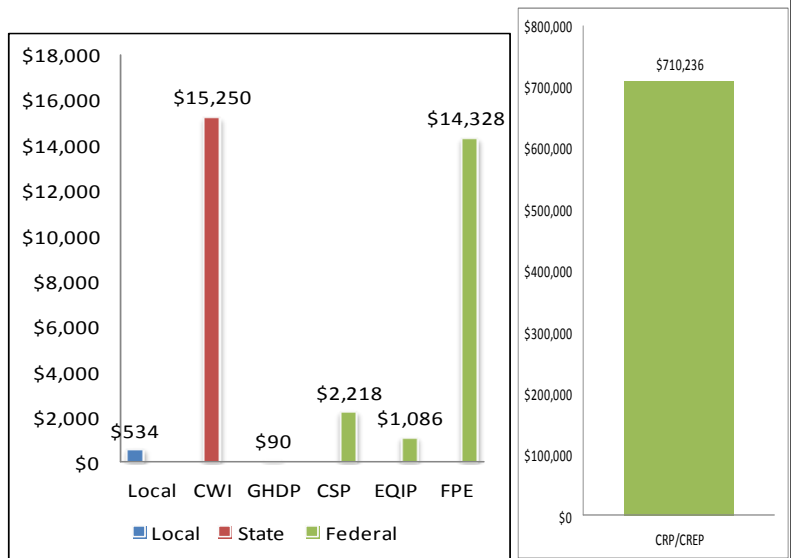
**CRP/CREP:** Conservation Reserve Program & Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (Farm Service Agency, Federal). Funding paid out in FFY 2010.

**CSP:** Conservation Stewardship Program (Natural Resources Conservation Service, Federal). New contracts in FFY 2010.

**EQIP:** Environmental Quality Incentives Program (Natural Resources Conservation Service, Federal). New contracts in FFY 2010.

**FPE:** Floodplain Easement Program (Natural Resources Conservation Service, Federal). New contracts in FFY 2010.

**GHDP:** Game Bird Habitat Development Program (IN Dept. of Natural Resources, State). Dollars represent projects funded and completed during the State FY 2010.



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Conservation District**

# Check us Out!

The district holds it's monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 5pm at the district office located at 1040 2nd Street in Columbus, Indiana. The meeting is open to the public.

*We are committed to providing our customers with quality service through effective communication, professional integrity, and mutual respect.*



## Think Before You Print

If you would like to receive our newsletter by email (**and in color!**) please send us an email at: [heather.shireman@in.nacdnet.net](mailto:heather.shireman@in.nacdnet.net) and we will gladly add you to our email list. Also, if you have changed addresses, moved or wish to stop receiving the newsletter please let us know.

P.S. Our newsletter is also available on-line.

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[www.bartholomewswcd.org](http://www.bartholomewswcd.org)



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- ◆ 2009 plat books: **SALE: \$15.00 each**
- ◆ Marking Flags: 20¢ per flag  
(Pink, Green, Orange)  
*Bundle of 100 flags = \$20*

- ◆ Rain Barrels : \$75
- ◆ Composters : \$120

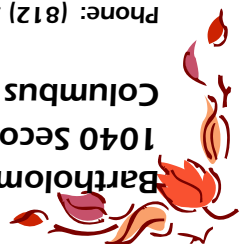
**\*\*All items are available at the District Office\*\***

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