



THE STEWARD

Bartholomew County Soil & Water Conservation District

Volume 4, Issue 8

September 2009

Bartholomew County Soil & Water Conservation District

SWCD Supervisors:

Brett Glick, *Chair*
Adam Hall, *Vice-Chair*
Shane Meier
Ed Engelau
Daryn Romine

District Coordinator:

Melissa Sporleder

District Conservationist

Adam Heichelbech

Soil Conservation Technician

Cheryl Wright

Clifty Creek Watershed Project Manager:

Heather Siesel

Resource Specialist

Christine Goldstein

Points of Interest

CSP Sign-Up

Equipment Rental

New Employee

Pasture Walk

Fall Workshop

Environmental Practices

Community Dinner

The 2009 Conservation Stewardship Program sign-up will take place August 10 to September 30, 2009.

The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is a voluntary program that encourages agricultural producers to improve conservation systems by improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities and undertaking additional conservation activities. The Natural Resources Conservation Service administers this program and provides financial and technical assistance to eligible producers. CSP is available on Tribal and private agricultural lands and non-industrial private forestland (NIPF) on a continuous application basis.

CSP offers financial assistance to eligible participants through two possible types of payments:

- **Annual payment for installing and adopting additional activities; and improving, maintaining, and managing existing activities.**
- **[Conservation Activity List](#)**
- **Supplemental payment for the adoption of resource-conserving crop rotations**

Payments will be made for conservation performance payments points estimated for each agricultural operation by the Conservation Measurement Tool (CMT). Conservation performance points are unique for each agricultural operation and will be based on existing and proposed conservation activities.

Contracts cover the eligible land in the entire agricultural operation and are for five years. For all contracts entered into, CSP payments to a person or legal entity may not exceed \$40,000 in any fiscal year, and \$200,000 during any five-year period. Each CSP contract will be limited to \$200,000 over the term of the initial contract period.

ADDITIONAL CSP INFORMATION ON [NRCS NATIONAL CSP WEB SITE](#) INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING, AND MORE.

- **Conservation Activity List**
 - **CSP Fact Sheet**
 - **CSP Interim Final Rule -- Public Comment period is open until September 28, 2009**
 - **CSP Self-Screening Checklist**
- Public Meetings Stewardship and CSP Kick Off presentations**

enrollment. Equipment can be available for the District office for simply call the office to make arrangements for rental. very
The that time contract the equipment is available to 24 weeks, so as well for working will be added to a waiting list for rental. If you wish
to rent any of the following equipment please call the office 24 hours in advance of needing the equipment:

- No-Till Drill—
- Straw Blower—
- Box Scraper—
- Sub-soil Plow—

District office phone—812890-378-1280 ext 3. Nathan Arnholt -equipment manager—812-371-2689

Hello from the District's new employee

By Cheryl Wright

I have been working for the district for two months now. I'm really enjoying it and learning a lot. I graduated 5 years ago with a degree in Environmental Science, and am currently doing a postgraduate diploma in Environmental Management on a part-time basis. My studies gave me a good grounding in soil and water conservation, but this summer has helped me to learn a lot more about agriculture and local flora and fauna. It has been nice to get a chance to see conservation practices out in the field and see the benefits they bring. As a Canadian who has only recently moved to this country, I have learned a great deal about how conservation programs are operated here in the US.

I started with the district in June as an intern, but the job has since developed into a Soil Conservation Technician. When I started, most of my time was spent digitizing 5 years worth of aerial photos of the county, as well as helping out with filing and shadowing the District Conservationist on field visits. Now I can assist with wetland determinations, preparing folders for new CRP contracts and re-



The Bartholomew County Soil & Water Conservation District will host its annual Fall Workshop for the 4th grade students in Bartholomew County. The workshop will be Sept 29th, 30th & October 1st. Each day student's will be able to go through 6 stations and learn about topics ranging from water conservation to animals and their natural habitats. This workshop will take place at the Outdoor lab that belongs to the Sycamore Land Trust, leased by the SWCD.

We want to thank everyone that participated in the Clifty/Flatrock-Haw Creek Watershed Pasture Walk. The main speakers included Robert Zupanic, NRCS; Keith Johnson, Purdue, and Adam Heichelbech, Bartholomew County District Conservationist. Event topics included rotational grazing, heavy use area protection, and watering systems for livestock. Event sponsors included Bartholomew County Soil & Water Conservation District, Cattleman's Association, Purdue Extension, and Country Mart. Finally, we

Romine Tile Service

Daryn N. Romine
9943 NORTH 600 EAST
Hope, IN. 47246
Office: (812) 546-5952

Haubry
Forestry Consulting

Rob Haubry
Consulting Forester

- Timber Sales
- Appraisals
- Marketing
- Timber Management Plans
- Timber Stand Improvement
- Wildlife Management Plans
- Tree Planting

112 Kerry Hill Drive ■ Seymour, IN 47274 ■ (812) 523-1960
www.haubryforestry.com • rhaubry@verizon.net

Assistance available to install environmental
protection practices!



Pasture/hayland planting, pipeline, watering facilities, waste utilization, equipment modifications, rain gardens, porous pavement

These are just some of the practices assistance can be provided on if you live in Clifty Creek Watershed. A watershed is an area of land that drains into a common waterway, such as a stream, lake or wetland. Everyone lives in a watershed and land management decisions directly affect the quality of water. By addressing water quality concerns at the watershed level, the Clifty Creek Cost Share Program can focus funds toward projects that will directly improve water quality and the community in which we live.

Conservation practices help to reduce the potential damage to natural resources from human activities. These practices can be installed by most people with technical assistance provided by the project. The purpose of the program is to provide resources to landowners that are considering implementing practices that will have a positive, long term impact on water quality

The program is voluntary and can provide participants with financial as well as technical assistance installing conservation practices. The cost share program is now accepting applications. For more information about the program or to learn how to participate, please contact: Christine Goldstein at (812) 343-6683 or christine.goldstein@in.nacdnet.net or check out our website at www.cliftycreek.org.

SOYBEANS & WHEAT

STS SOYBEANS

AN INDEPENDENT SEED COMPANY

CONVENTIONAL SOYBEANS &
ROUNDUP READY® SOYBEANS

SEED CORN HYBRIDS AVAILABLE
THROUGH GLICK SEED SERVICE

L&M GLICK
SEED

TREVOR GLICK (C) 812.343.8119
BRETT GLICK (C) 812.371.5532
LYNN GLICK (HM) 812.579.6924

15120 EAST BASE LINE ROAD, COLUMBUS, IN 47203



Engelau Excavating

Waterways—Field Tile—General Excavating

Agriculture, Residential, Commercial Demolition

Adam Engelau 17241 S 450 W
(812) 521-5225 Seymour, IN 47274



**Wick
Buildings**
by Wick Building Systems, Inc.

**Post Frame Buildings
Excavation Work**

Larry Mohr Construction Inc.
1092 W Flat Rock Rd., Flat Rock, IN 47234

Cell 812-350-5216
FAX 812-587-5551
e-mail: larry@larrymohrconstruction.com

Larry Mohr
812-587-5216
1-800-340-5216



**Bartholomew County
Soil & Water
Conservation District**

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

www.iaswcd.org
www.nacdnet.org
www.in.gov/isda/
www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome
www.nrcs.usda.gov
www.fsa.usda.gov

Reminder: The district holds it's monthly meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm at the district office located at 1040 Second Street in Columbus, Indiana.. The meeting is open to the public.

Due to the nature of the work performed by the District and NRCS staff, occasionally there are times when no one will be in the office. Please call before making a special trip to the office. 812-378-1280 extension3

September 9 – Venison Workshop 6:00 p.m. Family Arts building

September 16 Ag Outlook meeting 6:30 p.m. Extension Office.

September 17 Bartholomew County Community Dinner, 6:30 p.m. 4-H Community Building. QG. Noblitt award to be presented

☞ Please check out our new website at

☞ bartholomewswcd.org..

E-mail: melissa.sporleder@in.nacdnet.net

Fax: (812) 378-1213

Phone: (812) 378-1280 ext. 3

Columbus IN 47201

1040 Second Street

Bartholomew County SWCD

PERMIT NO. 139

COLUMBUS, INDIANA

PAID

U.S. POSTAGE