



## 70th Annual Meeting

### DELPHI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Monday, January 27th, 2020  
6:30 p.m.  
(Snow date 2/3/20)

Traditional Beef-n-Noodle Dinner  
Compliments of the SWCD and it's Sponsors:

**O'DONNELL BROTHERS  
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Celia Tharp, USDA, NRCS  
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**Board of Supervisors:**

Mike Beale, Jeff Crowel, Brett Skiles, Doug Mears and Neil Mylet

*\*Board Meetings are held 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the SWCD Office\**

**EXCEPTIONS: January 27th at 8 p.m. (following the annual meeting)  
February 12th @ 7 p.m.**



# **NRCS Conservation Programs Annual Report**

## **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) –**

CSP is for working lands. It is the largest conservation program in the United States with 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled in CSP. Thousands of people have made the choice to voluntarily enroll in the program because it helps them enhance natural resources and improve their business operation.

**Total overall CARROLL COUNTY CSP contracts – 16**

**Total acres – 18,146.8**

**Total Obligation Amount – \$969,849**

## **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) –**

Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers receive financial and technical assistance to implement structural and management conservation practices that optimize environmental benefits on working agricultural land.

**2019 new contracts – 12 covering 1,785.3 acres with total obligation of \$218,649**

Practices include:

### **On Cropland**

Cover Crops – 1,875.5 acres

Nutrient Management—515.2 acres

Residue and Tillage Management—515.2 acres

Conservation Cover—3.5 ac.

Pest Management—1030.4 ac.

### **On Forested land**

Brush Management – 35.6 acres

Tree and Shrub Establishment—0.4 ac.

### **Grazing Operations**

Animal Mortality Facility—1

Watering Facility—1

Roofs and Covers—1

Heavy Use Area Protection—1

**Total overall CARROLL COUNTY EQIP Contracts – 31**

**Total Acres – 4,879.6**

**Total Obligation Amount – \$594,411**

## **USDA Announces Signup for Conservation Reserve Program**

USDA opened signup for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on December 9, 2019.

Farmers and ranchers who enroll in CRP receive a yearly rental payment for voluntarily establishing long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as “covers”) to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands.

The 2018 Farm Bill prioritizes water quality practices, CRP continuous signup will focus primarily on water quality with the Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers (CLEAR) Initiative.

USDA will also be working with Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) partners to relaunch CREP continuous options in each state under new statutory provisions. CREP will continue to target high-priority local, state or regional conservation concerns

### **CRP Enrollment Options**

#### ***General Signup***

CRP general signup will be held annually. The competitive general signup will now include increased opportunities for enrollment of wildlife habitat through the State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative

**This year's General signup runs from December 9, 2019 – February 28, 2020**

#### ***Continuous Signup***

CRP continuous signup will focus primarily on water quality with the Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers (CLEAR) Initiative. Prioritizing water quality practices such as contour grass strips, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetlands and a new prairie strip.

**These practices can be applied for at any time throughout the year.**

# Annual Bi-County Soil Conservation Workshop



**February 18th, 2020**

9 a.m.— noon  
(Registration 8:30-9:00 a.m.)

**White Co Extension—Fairgrounds**  
1030 N Washington St.  
Reynolds, IN

## PROGRAM

### **“Building Resiliency in a Changing Climate ”**

Melissa Widhalm, Purdue Climate Change  
Research Center,

### **"Extreme Weather Conditions: Setting up a Durable System"**

Eileen Kladviko, Purdue Professor of Agronomy  
& founding member of the Midwest Cover  
Crops Council

### **“Building a Resilient Plan for Nutrient Management ”**

Ben Wicker, Executive Director Indiana Agri-  
culture Nutrient Alliance

**RSVP's appreciated**  
765-564-4480 ext #3

CCA-CEU's (Pending):

CEUs :

Nutrient Management: 1  
Soil & Water Management: 1  
Professional Development: 1

CCHs:

2 points -Category 1, 14, & RT

## **2020 Speech Contest**

The Annual Demonstration/Speech  
Contest will be held at the office on  
2/12/2020 at 7:30 p.m. Any Carroll  
County resident in grades 9-12 is  
invited to participate. Demonstration/  
Speech can be on **any** natural  
resource topic.



## **Environmental Quality Incentives Program **EQIP** & Conservation Stewardship Program **CSP****

NRCS's natural resources conservation programs help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters.

Financial and technical assistance is available to eligible agricultural and woodland landowners to improve resource conditions, by implementing conservation practices, or activities on their land.

**For further information contact, Celia Tharp, District Conservationist, NRCS - 765-564-4480 ext**

**3.** Lets get started planning for an application!  
Applications taken throughout the year!

## **You're Invited!**

### **To apply for Deer Creek-Sugar Creek Watershed Cost-Share Program Funds**

Landowners in critical areas of the Deer Creek-Sugar Creek Watershed are eligible to apply for cost-share funding to

implement best management practices.

Eligible practices include those that will reduce loading of Nitrogen and Phosphorus *E. coli*, and Total Suspended Solids in water runoff. Additional practices to keep livestock out of creeks are also eligible for funding.

Targeting Little Deer Creek and Sugar Creek areas of the watershed.

### **Cost Share Applications Due:**

February 1, 2020 (Round 1)

August 1st, 2020 (Round 2)

### **For more information please contact:**

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(765) 564-4480 ext 3

or

**Sara Peel, Watershed Coordinator**

speel@arionconsultants.com

(765) 337-9100

**Equipment Available For Rent**

Brillion Grass Seeder \$10/ac (\$75 min)  
12 cu. yd. Earthmover-\$100/day  
No Till Drill w/seeded-\$10/acre (\$75 min)  
**(NEW ONE COMING IN 2020)**  
Power Seeder—\$25/day  
access our contracts online at our website  
www.swcdcc.org or email: swcdcc@ffni.com

**FLAGS**  
\$10/bundle (100)

**TILE PROBES**  
\$25.00 ea.

**TILE PROBE TIPS**  
\$7.00 ea.

**PLAT BOOKS**  
Carroll County  
\$20 ea.

**WALL MAPS**  
\$35 plus s/h

For loan: Tree planting bars



**Dates To Remember:**

**January 27th—ANNUAL MEETING**  
Delphi UMC 6:30 p.m.  
(2/3/20-snow date)

**February 1st— cost share deadline**

**February 12th— Board Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
(Speech Contest 7:30 p.m.)

**February 18th—Soils Workshop**  
9-12 noon, Reynolds, IN

**March 19th— AG DAY**



4-H is for youth in grades 2 - 12 in Carroll Co. We, the SWCD, encourage participation in Natural Resource projects of Geology, Wildlife, Forestry, and Soil & Water, and would be glad to assist in these projects with 4-H'ers!!



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