

SWCD offers NEW Conservation Program

The Vanderburgh County SWCD has received \$10,000 from Clean Water Indiana and has developed a NEW incentive Program to help Vanderburgh County farmers implement conservation practices which will intern improve local water quality.

The SWCD is receiving applications for the following practices and guidelines:

Nutrient Management –High Management (590)

\$20.00/ac.

- Must meet the following requirements of Nutrient Management:**
- Intensive Sampling (Grid or Soil Management Zone)
- Intensively Managed Nutrient Application Placement (variable rate for P, K, and lime) for all years on all applications. Variable rate does not apply to starter fertilizer (corn/wheat) or N side dress applications and/or small grain top dress (N or P).
- No fall Nitrogen application for spring seeded crops (corn/soybean). Fall N application for wheat is permitted. Fall applications of DAP and MAP are permitted.

No Till Residue Management, No Till (329)

\$20.00/ac.

- A STIR rating of less than 10 must be documented to receive this Payment.
- Applicant must have no-tilled for less than 3 consecutive years in order to be eligible (based on the Indiana 329 Practice Standard).
- The rotation for the contract period must include at least two years of no-till corn.
- Must implement nutrient management (590) and pest management (595) the fall prior to the implementation of no-till. This is to address issues that may limit the success of no-till implementation.

Energy Conservation System (329 ESC)

\$20.00/ac.

- Available for implementing 329 (No-till) + 590 (Nutrient Management) + 340 (Cover crops) within a field as a system.
- Cover crops must be installed on all enrolled acres to receive the full payment.

Cover Crop (340)

\$22.50/ac.

- The cover crop can not be harvested for grain or silage

Farmers can apply for any or all of the above listed practices. Enclosed is an application form which can be completed and returned to the Vanderburgh Service Center. Questions can be forwarded to the office staff at 867-0582 ext 3.

THIS WENT TO TWO FARMERS EACH RECEIVING \$5,000 FOR THEIR PROJECT