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Cost-Share Opportunities Available for Conservation Practices in Steuben County

The Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District has cost-share opportunities available for landowners throughout the county to assist with the installation of conservation practices. Conservation practices not only help reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by flooding, but also assist with agricultural operations.

The current funding available comes from a variety of grants we received over the last several years. The next two pages provide a summary of the grants we offer, listed by the watershed it is offered within and the practices the program funds.

If you are interested in any of the programs, call our office and we can work with you to develop a plan for your farm or urban residence. Conservation can improve the soil health of your property and local water quality, it can also help with increasing agricultural yields and decreasing input costs.

FAWN RIVER



Fawn River

St. Joseph River West (Fawn River, Pigeon Creek)

Location: Priority sub-watersheds including Snow Lake, Lake James – Crooked Creek, Tamrarak Lake, Town of Orland, and Himebaugh Drain in Steuben County.

Funding: Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife, Lake and River Enhancement Program. Available - \$35,000 (2018 - 2020; additional funding appropriated in 2018).

Eligible Conservation Practices

- blind tile inlets
- cover crops*
- critical area plantings
- fencing
- field windbreaks
- filter strips
- grade stabilization structures
- grassed waterways
- livestock watering facilities
- pest/nutrient management
- pasture/hayland plantings
- streambank protection
- tree plantings

**funds prioritized to those landusers who have not already adopted this practice*

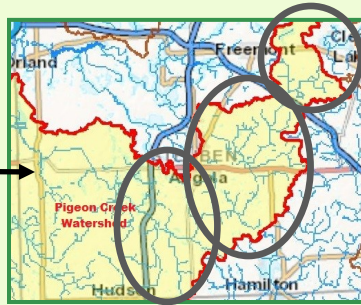
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PIGEON CREEK

St. Joseph River West
(Fawn River, Pigeon Creek)



Pigeon Creek

Location: Priority sub-watersheds including Pigeon Lake - Pigeon Creek, Mud Creek - Pigeon Creek, and Long Lake - Pigeon Creek (circled in grey above).

Funding: Great Lakes Commission (GLC) Great Lakes Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Program for the Pigeon Creek Watershed. Available - \$71,665 (2017 to 2020).

Eligible Conservation Practices:

- blind inlets
- cover crops*
- critical area plantings
- fencing
- filter strips
- grassed waterways
- livestock watering facilities
- nutrient management
- pasture/hayland plantings
- tree plantings

**funds prioritized to those landusers who have not already adopted this practice*

COUNTY-WIDE

Location: Steuben County

Funding: Indiana State Department of Agriculture Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Grants:

- 2017 Agricultural Conservation Implementation, Education, Innovation. Available - \$19,500 (2017 to 2019)
- 2018 Rethink Your Property/Reduce your Environmental Impact - Urban Conservation. Available - \$20,500 (2018 to 2020)

Eligible Conservation Practices:

2017 grant

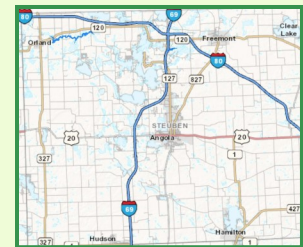
- blind inlets
- cover crops*
- gypsum

2018 grant

- filter/buffer strips
- native-scaping (planting using native & non-invasive adapted plants)
- rain gardens
- tree/shrub plantings

**funds prioritized to those landusers who have not already adopted this practice*

Steuben County Watersheds
(Fawn River, Prairie River, Pigeon Creek, W. Branch St. Joseph River, Nettle Creek and Fish Creek)



Farm Service Agency Updates Please call the office (260-665-3211, X2) for more details.

- 1.) 2019 Hay and Wheat Certification Deadlines:** Producers who have fall-seeded **hay or pasture** need to certify this crop by **November 15, 2018**, to avoid late filing penalties. Any fall-planted **wheat** needs certified in our office by **December 15, 2018**. Michigan has a November 15, 2018 deadline for wheat, so please keep this in mind if you farm any Michigan ground.
- 2.) Wheat Marketing Assistance Loans:** March 31, 2019 is the deadline to apply for a loan on your 2018 wheat. The loan rate for wheat is \$2.94 per bushel.
- 3.) Corn and Soybean Marketing Assistance Loans:** The deadline to apply for a loan on your 2018 crops is May 31, 2019. The loan rate for corn is \$1.95 per bushel, and soybeans is \$5.00 per bushel.

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4.) Cash Rent statements for 2018 ARC-Co: If you have cash rent statements or leases on one of your farms that is not on shares, you can still get this turned in and receive a subsidy payment. Please turn these in as soon as possible. If you are on shares with your landowner, signatures should have been turned in by August 1st. We can still run any late-filed signatures through our County Committee until August 31st.

5.) Mid-management activities on CRP acreage can begin after August 1st. Please make sure you turn in your bills before October 1, 2018, so you can get reimbursed for your costs.

6.) Make sure you vote for a County Committee member when the ballots come in the mail. Voting will be for a representative from the northern portion of the county this year.

2018 Steuben County Life

The Steuben County SWCD and Steuben County Lakes Council will again offer the popular Steuben County Life Program. Program registration is currently full; however, if you have an interest in attending please contact the SWCD. We will add your name to our waiting list and can contact you if an opening becomes available.

2018 Schedule:

Kasota Island Tour (September 11)

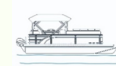
G.W. Stroh Orchard (September 18)

Communications Session (September 25)

Community Development Session (October 2)

Judicial Session (October 9)

Trine University Athletics Facilities Tour (October 16)



Steuben SWCD 2018 Activities - a busy year so far!



May 19, 2018 Urban Rain Garden Workshop & Installation
Fremont, IN
2018 Urban CWI Grant
Steuben SWCD Photo



Critical Area Planting & Filter Strip
2017 Fawn River LARE Grant
Steuben SWCD Photo



July 17, 2018 Conservation Camp
Pokagon State Park, Angola, IN
Macro-invertebrate Sampling
Jennifer Walker Photo

2018 Stewardship Week School Presentations & Pollinator Seed Ball Activity
Steuben SWCD Photo



July 17, 2018 Conservation Camp
Pokagon State Park, Angola, IN
Terrarium Craft
Jennifer Walker Photo





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Upcoming Events

August 7 th	Conservation Camp - Whitley County 9-2:30 PM @ Camp Whitley
August 8 th	Steuben SWCD Board Meeting 7:00 PM @ USDA Service Center
August 13 th	<u>John Kempf Meeting (Improving Soil Health)</u> LaGrange, IN - call for details.
August 14 th	Pesticide Clean Sweep Day 9-3:00 PM @ Steuben Co. Fairgrounds
August 14 th	<u>Northwest OH Precision Planter Day</u> 8-3:30 PM, Wauseon, OH - call for details
August 27 th	<u>Northern IN Forage Tour, Steuben/LaGrange</u> 8:30-4:00 PM - call for details
September 1 st	Steuben County Lakes Council Meeting 8:30 AM at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola
September 3 rd	Labor Day Holiday County Offices Closed
September 11 th	Youth Conservation Field Day 8-2:30 PM @ Pokagon State Park
September 11 th	2018 Steuben County Life Program Begins
September 12 th	Steuben SWCD Board Meeting 7:00 PM @ USDA Service Center

For more events and updates please check our website
Times and places of meetings subject to change.

2018 Affiliate Members

Angola Seed & Supply, LLC (Angola, IN)
Aquatic Enhancement & Survey, Inc. (Angola, IN)
Carper Farm Supply, Inc. (Ashley, IN)
City of Angola/Trine University MS4
Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy (Fremont, IN)
Jerome & Lynn Chandler (Angola, IN)
Bill & Diana Clingan (Hudson, IN)
Daft Erosion Control LLC (Ada, OH)
Tom & Marilyn Deweese (Angola, IN)
Edon Farmers Co-Op (Edon, OH)
Mary Alice & Tom Filbrun (Angola, IN)
Tom Green Engineering (Angola, IN)
Hoham Feed & Seed (Auburn, IN)
Mel & Sandy Hathaway (Fremont, IN)
Kevin Northup Excavating (LaGrange, IN)
Lake George Conservancy (Coldwater, MI)
Lake James Association (Angola, IN)
Moody and Crew, LLC (Fremont, IN)
Peter Mountz (Garrett, IN)
Sue A. Myers (Angola, IN)
Sandhill Environmental Services, LLC (Angola, IN)
Sheets LP Gas, L.P. (Angola, IN)
Steuben County Lakes Council (Angola, IN)
Stroh Farm Supply (Stroh, IN)
John Williamson (Angola, IN)

