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Providing leadership and assistance in the proper use and management of soil, water, and related natural resources in Steuben County.



Steuben County SWCD Free Teaching Resources

The Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) offers a variety of FREE resources for educators in Steuben County. We encourage everyone to take a look at what we have to offer!

CONSERVATION EDUCATION VIDEO SERIES

The Steuben SWCD's conservation education video library continues to grow! Aimee Wentworth, Resource Conservationist, has been working hard with our conservation partners to create and release four new videos over the past few months: *Pollinators*, *Stormwater*, *Invasive Species*, and *Water Pollution*. These videos join *Earth as an Apple* featuring Arthur Franke, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist, and *Macroinvertebrate Sampling* with Bridget Harrison, Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy's Executive Director.

The videos are intended for a general audience, including children. They can also be used to augment classroom instruction by area teachers as each meets certain criteria for State of Indiana 2016 Science Education Standards, as listed with each Video located at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/steubenenvironmentalscience/>.

You can also access the videos on the Steuben County SWCD website by selecting the Educational Resources tab under Conservation Resources (www.steubenswcd.org).

A special thank you to Tami Mosier, 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator with the Steuben County Purdue Extension office, Bridget Harrison, and Blue Heron Ministries Land Steward John Brittenham. Making the videos has been a lot of hard work but it has also been a very creative experience. Please be sure to check out the videos and contact the Steuben County SWCD office with your suggestions for future topics.

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EDUCATION KITS

Our natural resource education kits contain most or all of the supplies needed to conduct a hands-on lesson. Each lesson is designed to be between 30-45 minutes (does not include clean-up time for some lessons). Educators are welcome to use the kits in their classrooms or have a member of the SWCD present to the class. Topics include erosion, food chains and food webs, pollinators, soil, stormwater, trees, the water cycle, wetlands, and worms.

AUGMENTED REALITY SANDBOX (ARS)

The Steuben County SWCD's ARS is available for use by Steuben County Educators and organization leaders (4-H, FFA, Home School Groups) to use in their classrooms or for presentations to their groups. There are lesson plans to use to supplement the classroom educational experience. The ARS combines 3D visualization with the hands on sandbox exhibit to teach earth science concepts such as topography, geography, hydrology, and much more.

Want more information?

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2022 - 2023 Tree Seedling Order



The Indiana Division of Forestry is accepting orders for tree seedlings through May 1, 2023 (depending upon inventory) for standard spring pickup. The State Nurseries offer more than 40 species of tree and shrub seedlings to be planted in Indiana for conservation purposes (timber, windbreaks, wildlife food and habitat, watershed and soil protection, reclamation, and education). Instructions how to order tree seedlings can be found at:

www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/tree-seedling-nurseries/instructions/

The Steuben SWCD will again offer tree pick-up for county landowners. Trees are picked up at the nursery in the spring and delivered to the SWCD Angola office. We do ask for a small donation for this service to help pay our driver for his time and vehicle/trailer use (*overall, this method of pick-up is the least expensive option; a donation is not required for this service*). If you are interested in having us pick up your trees in the spring, complete the **3rd party pickup section** when placing your order (**choose** the Jasper-Pulaski nursery; use the **SWCD & Steuben** as the entity and county picking up the order; SWCD office telephone number is **260-665-3211 x3**).



2022 CONTRACTORS WORKSHOP

Topics

- Construction Stormwater General Permit updates
 - Proper concrete washout techniques
 - Alternatives to commonly used erosion control measures that may be more effective and cost about the same
- *Up to 2.0 Professional Development Hours will be available.

Date

Date: December 9, 2022
 Snow day: December 15, 2022
Time: 9:30 a.m. - noon
Location: Club Z - MTI Center
 Trine University
 1215 Thunder Drive
 Angola, IN 46703
R.S.V.P. required to the Steuben County SWCD by December 1, 2022:
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Speakers

- Jayna Kozlowski, IDEM Stormwater Specialist
- Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association Representative
- Ron Geater, Motz Enterprises, INC Regional Manager

Details

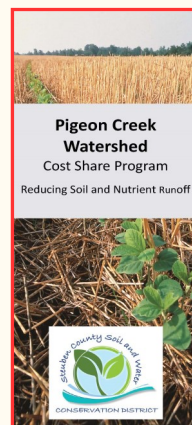
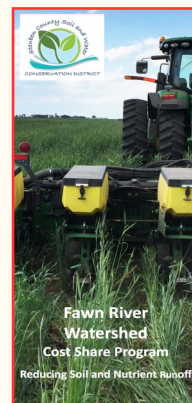
9:00 a.m. - Sign-in begins with light refreshments.
 9:30 a.m. - Workshop begins
 12:00 p.m. - Workshop ends, lunch provided

*Times are approximate

Steuben County SWCD Awarded FY22-23 LARE Grants

The Steuben County SWCD is excited to announce the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program selected both our Fawn River and Pigeon Creek Watershed Land Treatment Project Grant (WLTP) applications for FY22-23 funding. These grants provide cost-share and incentive payments to land users (i.e., landowners or long-term lease holders) to apply or construct a variety of practices on their land that reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients entering lakes /rivers (e.g., critical area plantings, hay plantings, pollinator plantings, tree plantings, grassed waterways, etc.).

For more information or to see if you qualify for cost-share assistance, call or email our office. Program sign-up will be on a continuous basis or until the funding has been obligated.





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All programs and activities of the Steuben County Soil and Water Conservation District and its Partnership Agencies are offered on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program.

Upcoming Events

- November 24 - County Offices Closed
25th Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 3rd Steuben Lakes Council Board Meeting
8:30 AM @ Community
Foundation, Angola, IN
- December 9th Steuben County Contractors Workshop
9:30 AM - Noon (Club Z at Trine
University, Angola, IN)
- December 14th Steuben SWCD Board Meeting
5:00 PM @ Angola USDA
Service Center
- December 15th Contractors Workshop Snow Day
- December 16th Michiana Irrigation Assoc. Winter
Workshop
Middlebury, IN
- December 23rd County Offices Closed
Christmas Holiday
- December 26th County Offices Closed
Christmas Holiday
- January 2nd County Offices Closed
New Year's Day Holiday

****For more events and updates please check our website****

2022 Affiliate Members

Bronze Level

Bill & Diana Clingan (Hudson)
Crowe Forest Management LLC
Daft Erosion Control LLC
Hoham Feed & Seed
Deloris Howarth (Fremont)
Lake of the Woods/McClish
Lake Association
Niann Lautzenhiser (Hamilton)
Peter Mountz (Garrett)
Stroh Farm Supply

Silver Level

Booth Farms—William Booth
Carper Farm Supply
City of Angola/Trine U. MS4
Clear Lake Township Land
Conservancy
Franklin Paul Group, LLC
Beverly Holse (Ashley)
Kenn-Feld Group
Kevin Northup Excavating
Ken Shelton (Angola)
John Williamson, Jr. (Angola)

Gold Level

Aquatic Enhancement &
Survey, Inc.
Holman Excavating
Raymond Lauer (Fremont)
S & P Earthwork

Platinum Level

Angola American Legion
Post #31
Angola Seed & Supply, LLC
Cameron Memorial Hospital
Dailey Farms
DeForest Family (Hamilton)
Edon Farmers Co-Op
Farm Credit Mid-America
Mary Jo Fitzenrider (Fremont)
Tom Green Engineering
Chuck & Nila Howard (Hamilton)
Lake George Conservancy, Inc.
Lake James Lake Association
Steuben County Lakes Council
Stoy Farms
Lynn Wernet (Angola)
The Wilson Farm