

Indiana Conservation Partnership 2019 Plan of Work

FOCUS AREA: Soil Health and Nutrient Management		
OBJECTIVE- Utilize Conservation Cropping System Initiative	ACTIONS	Responsible
	Collaborate with CCSI Oversight Committee to support continued funding	ICP Leaders
	Support CCSI Strategic Plan and Goals. Ensure ICP representation on oversight committee. Promote training opportunities. Ensure CCSI coordination on statewide outreach and communication. Share results and outcomes.	ICP Leaders
OBJECTIVE- Continue Soil Health Efforts	ACTIONS	Responsible
	Review ICP soil health philosophy annually.	ICP Leaders
	Conduct Tillage and Cover Crop Transects every fall/winter, every other spring.	ICP Leaders
OBJECTIVE - Support IN Ag Nutrient Alliance and IN Ag Nutrient Strategy	ACTIONS	Responsible
	Support the Indiana Ag Nutrient Alliance and assist in achieving IANA goals.	ICP Leaders
	Work with ag retailers, Agribusiness Council of IN to grow 4R adoption/certification statewide, to reach potential new conservation farmers.	ICP Leaders

	Hold a bi-annual research forum to share latest findings in soil health and other water quality topics.	PU Ext
	Work with IANA to conduct Indiana Science Assessment: Inventory of existing research on nutrients and water quality, and identification of gaps.	ICP Leaders

FOCUS AREA: Special Projects and Initiatives		
OBJECTIVE: Target dollars and resources to address critical resource needs.	ACTIONS	Responsible
	Apply for new funding and/or leverage funding, coordinate efforts on submitting proposals for initiatives	ICP Leaders
	Support landscape initiatives and partnership projects by providing staff and other resources. Promote results.	ICP Leaders
	Support implementation of partner-led special projects	ICP Leaders
	Implement State Nutrient Reduction Strategy: share data for nutrient and sediment reductions.	IDEM, ISDA
	Implement the GLWQA Domestic Action Plan for the WLEB.	ICP Leaders
	Promote CREP: hold training, develop communication plan, explore additional funding opportunities	ISDA, FSA, SWCDs
	Support and promote CORRIDORS	ICP Leaders
	Support and promote SAFE.	FSA, NRCS, DNR, ISDA
	Support and promote CRP Grasslands	FSA, NRCS, DNR, ISDA
	Support and promote Water Quality Trading Projects	IASWCD, ISDA, NRCS, IDEM

	Support and promote Pathway to Water Quality.	ICP Leaders
	Integrate pollinator issues into existing programs and initiatives.	ICP Leaders
	Support National Conservation Planning Partnership Campaign.	ICP Leaders
	Integrate priorities to control Invasive Species into existing programs and initiatives.	ICP Leaders
FOCUS AREA: Monitoring, Reporting Outcomes, Outreach and Communication		
OBJECTIVE - Monitoring	ACTIONS	Responsible
	Analyze IDEM fixed station data annually. Support additional monitoring to look at trends at state pour points (auto samplers and stream gages).	IDEM
	Deploy auto samplers and super gages at critical areas.	IDEM
	Target future water quality monitoring in areas of heavy conservation implementation to inform progress on State Nutrient Reduction Strategy.	IDEM, NRCS, ISDA
	Support School Branch Watershed Project.	IDEM, NRCS
	Support existing edge of field monitoring projects and explore opportunities for additional sites.	ICP Leaders
OBJECTIVE - Reporting Outcomes	ACTIONS	Responsible
	Capture and report on special initiative outcomes	ICP Comm
	Maintain and update watershed storymaps on ICP website.	ISDA
	Explore measuring conservation benefits to pollinators.	ISDA, NRCS, PU Ext

	Tie ICP efforts to TMDL implementation, share ICP data to show success.	IDEM, ISDA
	Identify practice and reduction trends by watershed, further align conservation data with past, current and future water quality monitoring data.	IDEM, ISDA
	Report and promote ICP accomplishments annually, including Region 5 modeled reductions	ISDA, ICP Comm
OBJECTIVE - Outreach and Communication	ACTIONS	Responsible
	Build collaborative projects with water utilities	IDEM, ISDA
	Promote success of conservation efforts through success stories.	ICP Comm
	Monitor proposed legislation and take action if needed	IASWCD
	Track and share information on national soil health efforts	NRCS Public Affairs
	Promote transect results to internal and external customers.	ICP Comm
	Actively recruit ICP volunteers to staff Pathway to Water Quality and assist with work days.	ICP Comm

	Recognize Conservation Leaders and Innovators	ICP
FOCUS AREA: Coordinating and Optimizing Conservation Delivery		
OBJECTIVE - Training	ACTIONS	Responsible
	Utilize ICP Training Subcommittee to evaluate ICP training needs and ensure needed training is offered	ICP
OBJECTIVE - Staffing	ACTIONS	Responsible
	Evaluate staff placement needs to optimize ICP staffing	ICP
319	Grant Program of Section 319 of the Clean Water Act	
4R	Right Source, Right Rate, Right Time, Right Place	
CCSI	Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative	
CEAP	Conservation Effects Assessment Project	
CES	Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service	
CIG	Conservation Innovation Grants	
CORRIDORS	Conservation on Rivers & Roadways Intended to Develop Opportunities for Resources & Species	
CTIC	Conservation Technology Information Center	
CWI	Clean Water Indiana	

DAP	Domestic Action Plan	
DNR	Indiana Department of Natural Resources	
EPRI	Electric Power Institute	
FSA	Farm Services Agency	
GLRI	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	
HRI	Healthy Rivers Initiative	
IANA	Indiana Ag Nutrient Alliance	
IASWCD	Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts	
ICP	Indiana Conservation Partnership	
IDEM	Indiana Department of Environmental Management	
ISDA	Indiana State Department of Agriculture	
LARE	Lake and River Enhancement Program	
LCC	Landscape Conservation Cooperative	
MRBI	Mississippi River Basin Health Watersheds Initiative	
NACD	National Association of Conservation Districts	
NFWF	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service	
OISC	Office of the State Chemist (Purdue)	
PU Ext	Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service	
R5	Region 5 (EPA) Model for calculating nutrient reductions.	
RCPP	Regional Conservation Partnership Program	
SAFE	State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement	
SWCD	Soil and Water Conservation District	
SICIM	Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management	
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load	
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture	

USFS	United States Forest Service	
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service	
WLEB	Western Lake Erie Basin	