

Indiana Conservation Partnership 2020 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
	Work on incorporating remote sensing technology into tillage transect. Coordinate, share results and trends. Explore improving transect methods with current technology.	
	Review ICP soil health philosophy annually.	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
	Stay engaged on corporate sustainability initiatives and look for opportunities to partner.	
	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
	Target source water and drinking water areas, aligning with the 2018 Farm Bill objectives.	NRCS, IDEM, DNR, ISDA, SSCB
	Support and promote Water Quality Trading Projects	IASWCD, ISDA, NRCS, IDEM
	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

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

	Conduct Tillage and Cover Crop Transects every fall/winter, every other spring.	ICP Leaders
	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 and transect results.	ISDA, ICP Comm
	WLEB Science and Solutions Workshop: Continue to refine common language and messages coming from conservation and research communities	ISDA
	Track progress on IANA goals with assisted practices	
	Look at how to track conservation benefits from invasive species practices	ISDA
FOCUS AREA: Outreach and Communication		
	Reconvene the ICP Communication Subcommittee to assist with ICP news releases, partner with IFOF, maintain ICP website, share success stories, etc.	
	Support and promote Pathway to Water Quality. Ensure representation from ICP organizations serving on Steering Committee. Support employees working the exhibit.	ICP Leaders

	Create a one page summary of the ICP Annual Accomplishments report with info graphics	
	Promote state level field days and meetings with significant impact.	
	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, Region 5 model results and progress on IANA goals 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
	Hold an ICP Leaders Visioning Session	ISDA lead for ICP Leaders
OBJECTIVE - Staffing	ACTIONS	Responsible

	Hold an all employee meeting for NRCS, SWCD and ISDA field staff	ISDA lead
	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
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