

Indiana Conservation Partnership 2022 Plan of Work

FOCUS AREA: Soil Health and Nutrient Management			
OBJECTIVE- Utilize Conservation Cropping System Initiative	ACTIONS	Responsible	Percent Complete
	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	Percent Complete
	Work on supporting remote sensing technology with the tillage transect. Coordinate, share results and trends. Explore improving transect methods with current technology.	ISDA	
	Review ICP soil health philosophy annually.	ICP Leaders	
OBJECTIVE - Support IN Ag Nutrient Alliance and IN Ag Nutrient Strategy	ACTIONS	Responsible	Percent Complete
	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.	ICP Leaders	
	Work with IANA to conduct Indiana Science Assessment: Inventory of existing research on nutrients and water quality, and identification of gaps.	ICP Leaders	
Objective: Support Urban Soil Health Programs Across the State.	ACTIONS	Responsible	Percent Complete
	Promote Urban Soil Health Initiatives across the partnership	ICP Leaders	
	Coordination of ICP Urban work	ICP Leaders	
	Develop new partnerships with organizations	ICP Leaders	
	Encourage active participation of local partners with soil health efforts.	ICP Leaders	
FOCUS AREA: Special Projects and Initiatives			

OBJECTIVE: Target dollars and resources to address critical resource needs.	ACTIONS	Responsible	Percent Complete
	Apply for Hypoxia Task Force Infrastructure Dollars	ISDA	
	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 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	
	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. Continue to seek funding.	ICP Leaders	
OBJECTIVE - Communicate and participate in ecosystem service market developments	ACTIONS	Responsible	Percent Complete
	Share information on developing carbon markets and incentives		
	Promote Cover Crop Rebates		
	Promote CRP climate smart practices		
	Promote and share information on Ecosystem Services		
FOCUS AREA: Monitoring, Reporting Outcomes			
OBJECTIVE - Monitoring	ACTIONS	Responsible	Percent Complete
	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 Conservation Survy (Tillage and Cover Crop Transects) annually.	ICP Leaders	
	Support existing edge of field monitoring projects and explore opportunities for additional sites.	ICP Leaders	

OBJECTIVE - Reporting Outcomes	ACTIONS	Responsible	Percent Complete
	Capture and report on special initiative outcomes	ICP Comm	
	Maintain and update watershed storymaps on ISDA 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 control and removal practices	ISDA	
FOCUS AREA: Outreach and Communication			
OBJECTIVE - Internal	ACTIONS	Responsible	Percent Complete

	Reconvene the ICP Communication Subcommittee to assist with ICP news releases, partner with IFOF, maintain ICP website, share success stories, etc.	NRCS, IASWCD	
	Build collaborative projects with water utilities	IDEM, ISDA, FSA	
	Actively recruit ICP volunteers to staff Pathway to Water Quality and assist with work days.	ICP Comm	
	Support and promote Pathway to Water Quality. Ensure representation from ICP organizations serving on Steering Committee. Support employees working the exhibit.	ICP Leaders	
OBJECTIVE - External	ACTIONS	Responsible	Percent Complete
	Create a one page summary of the ICP Annual Accomplishments report with info graphics	IASWCD	
	Promote state level field days and meetings with significant impact.	ICP Leaders	
	Promote success of conservation efforts through success stories.	ICP Comm	

	Monitor proposed legislation and take action if needed. Educate legislators.	IASWCD and other ICP Partners	
	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	
	Recognize Conservation Leaders and Innovators, or ICP Programs	ICP	
	Promote and Assist with mentorship of youth leaders in the area of natural resources and conservation.		
FOCUS AREA: Coordinating and Optimizing Conservation Delivery			
OBJECTIVE - Training	ACTIONS	Responsible	Percent Complete

	Support ICP Training Subcommittee	ICP	
	Hold new ICP Employee Training(s)	ICP Leaders	
	Hold an ICP Leaders Visioning Session	ISDA lead for ICP Leaders	
OBJECTIVE - Staffing	ACTIONS	Responsible	Percent Complete
	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 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		