Upcoming Events

January 2012
SWCD Annual Tree Sales
Watch for our Spring Newsletter or visit our booth at the Fort Wayne Farm Show and Home & Garden Show to place your seedling order!

January 17th - 19th
2011 Fort Wayne Farm Show
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

March 10th
Allen SWCD Annual Board Meeting

March 13th
Tri-state Conservation Farming Expo
Montpelier, OH

Mark Your Calendars!

Don't forget! ...

2012 SWCD Annual Meeting

Free Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Saturday, March 10th @ 8:00 am
M & J Farms
4311 Girard Road, New Haven, IN

Guest Speaker: Bart Lomont

Bart will share his experiences while serving on special assignment with the Army National Guard and their "Agri-Business Development Team" in Afghanistan!

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FORT WAYNE FARM SHOW

Join us at the 2012 Farm Show
January 17-19

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Special Edition
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Celebrate Cost-Share Programs

and Help to Kick-off the GLC Grant

Join us **Wednesday, at 6:30pm, January 18th** in the Appleseed Room at the Memorial Coliseum to celebrate the initial phase of the Great Lakes Commission grants for portions of the Upper Maumee River watershed.

The Allen SWCD has been awarded cost-share funds up to 75% through this GLC grant which are available to provide financial assistance to producers and landowners within the **Black Creek, Marie-DeLarme and Gordon Creek Watersheds.**

For those of you within these watersheds help us make a difference in the water quality, land use, and agricultural productivity.

For more information regarding eligibility for these funds, please contact Greg Lake at the Allen SWCD at (260) 484-5848 x 3.

Great Lakes Commission des Grands Lacs

COST-SHARE PRACTICES INCLUDE:

75% cost-share is available on the following items:

- Equipment modifications
- Equipment modifications (RTK)
- Hay / Pasture Planting
- Cover Crops
- Stream Buffer / Filter Strip
- Grassed Waterway
- Two Stage Ditch
- Livestock Exclusion Fencing
- Alternate Water Supply System
- Stream Crossing
- Rotational Grazing
- Controlled Drainage
- WASCOB Systems
- plus bundling options ...

Why You Should Attend the 2012 Farm Show

FREE LUNCH!!! You can also catch up on the discussion around the upcoming Farm Bill and how it might impact you and your future.

If you haven't heard Hans Kok speak about the benefits of cover crops for your productivity and soil-building, you should make it a point to put it on your schedule.

It's the right thing to do. Not just for other people or critters but for you and your family. It's about your drinking water. Believe or not, it's also good business and helps your bottom line. Lend these folks an ear.-we think you'll be glad you did.

Algae- Why is it a problem? What does it impact? Who's responsible? How are we going to solve this problem?

2011 Farm Show Educational Seminars

Schedule of Events

Tuesday – January 17th

(Doors open 9am – 5pm)

10:00 am - Grain Market Outlook

11:00 am - Luncheon Program *sponsored by IN Farm Bureau and your local Farm Bureaus*
- State and Federal Ag Policies

1:30 pm - Cashing In on Cover Crops and the On-Farm Network

2:30 pm - Land Lease Options

3:30 pm - Fertilizer-Are You Thinking Right?

Wednesday – January 18th

(Doors open 9am – 8pm)

10:00 am - Property Tax/Farm Land Assessment

11:00 am - Market Strategies in 2012

1:00 pm - Grain & Livestock Market Outlook

2:30 pm - Selecting a Livestock Enterprise for your Small Farm

3:30 pm - Veggie GAP's: Growing Clean Produce

4:30 pm - Numbers Behind the Forage Tests

5:30 pm - Living On the Land: Marketing What You Produce

6:30 pm - The Latest on Blue-Green Algae

Thursday – January 19th

(Doors open 9am – 4pm)

10:00 am - Grain & Livestock Market Outlook

11:00 am - Estate Planning

12:00 pm - Alternative Energy Sources

Allen SWCD to go Electronic
-Assistance Needed

In an effort to get information to you on a more timely basis as well as minimize cost and waste, the SWCD would like to begin providing you information via the internet through direct emails and electronic newsletters. Your email and other information provided will NOT be shared with anyone else, unless you explicitly give us permission to do so.

By emailing you information we will be able to quickly alert you about new programs and opportunities that often arrive at our office with quick turn-around requirements. You'll also be able to select only those news articles that are of interest to you. In addition, there will be a link that will allow you to respond back to the SWCD if you have questions or would like someone to follow-up with you.

Going electronic will keep your SWCD staff more efficient and reduce the burden of office details such as copying, physical filing and archives. We need your assistance in getting off the paper process wherever possible.

We will have email registration cards available at our booth at the Fort Wayne Farm Show, so stop by and fill one out.

You can also email us at info@allenswcd.org and we'll send you a convenient web-link where you can provide your information as well. You can also just call the office at (260) 484-5848, ext. 3 and provide us the information by phone.

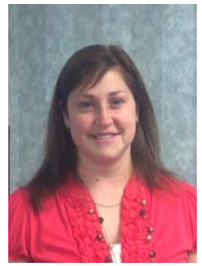
For those who would like to continue receiving information through the mail, the District will consider mailing paper copies of newsletters for the foreseeable future. However, you may miss some of the "quick alerts" that may go out between mailings.

St. Marys River Watershed Project

St. Marys River Watershed Project continues to offer a cost-share program for producers and landowners

This cost-share program, provided through the EPA Clean Water Act Section 319 grant and a Great Lakes Commission (GLC) grant, covers a variety of practices. Among these are: up to 75% cost-share cover crop assistance; no-till equipment modifications; nutrient management, pasture/hay planting and many other best management practices.

SWCD Welcomes New Administrative Secretary



Krista Voors started January 11 as the new Administrative Secretary for the District.

Krista joins us with her Associate's degree in Accounting from Ivy Tech. She is a graduate of Heritage High School and grew up southeast of Fort Wayne near Zulu.

Stating an appreciation for country living, Krista enjoys cooking, four-wheeling and spending time with her family. She has been married for 5 years and has a daughter, aged 2, and another one on the way!

Her ambition is to enjoy her career working with people who work with the land. Please stop by the office, introduce yourself and help us in making Krista feel welcome.

SWCD Board Meetings are held monthly at the SWCD Office.

These meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.

For further information or to confirm a meeting date or time, contact the SWCD office at 260-484-5848 x 3

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