Coming Events

June 21……Allen County SWCD Board Meeting—8:00 AM
June 23……Eagle Marsh Open House...11:00 am —3:00 pm
July 4……4th of July Holiday—SWCD Office is Closed
July 7—14……Noble County 4-H Fair
July 13-26 ……Huntington County 4-H Fair
July 14-19……Wells County 4-H Fair
July 14……1st Annual Pasture & Hayland Field Day @ Milan Center Feed and Grain
July 17-22 ……Allen County 4H Fair
July 20-26……Whitley County 4-H Fair
July 22-26……Adams County 4-H Fair
July 24 ……Allen County SWCD Board Meeting—8:00 AM
August 30……"Getting into the Zone" Field Day— Variety Plots
Sept 24-29……DeKalb County 4-H Fair

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1st Annual Pasture and Hayland Management Field Day

The 1st Annual Pasture and Hayland Management Field Day will be held Saturday, July 14th at Milan Center Feed and Grain on Doty Road. The day will begin at 7:30 am with registration and a light continental breakfast. The program will kick off with a presentation by Bill Lambert, District Conservationist of DeKalb County, on State, Federal and Cost Share programs avail-



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Have you heard……?

Do you have a filter strip on your property? Did you know that Indiana assesses only $1.00 per acre for any land classified as a filter strip? The following list of requirements must be met for the land to qualify as a filter strip.

1. The parcel must be adjacent to A) an open water course (ditch, creek, or river), or B) an open body of water (wetland or lake)
2. The parcel must be 20' wide and no more than 75' wide
3. The parcel does not contain a dwelling or usable building
4. The parcel must not be used

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Allen County SWCD Receives EPA 319 Funding for the St. Mary's Watershed Project.

The Allen County SWCD recently received confirmation that it will be receiving funding through the EPA 319 Grant Program. The grant money will fund a project in the St. Mary's and Maumee River watershed and will work in conjunction with the Districts in Adams and Wells counties. The

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for livestock grazing
5. The parcel is not part of a licensed shooting preserve
6. The landowner must enter into an agreement with
7. A) the drainage board of jurisdiction or
   B) the County Surveyor

With the concurrence of the local Soil & Water Conservation District. For the complete list of requirements for your filter strip classification, visit the web at www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title6/ar1.1/ch6.7.html.

Once you have determined your land is eligible, you will be required to provide a plat showing the section, township, range and county of the site, a copy of the assessment of the land by the county assessor, a letter of concurrence from the Soil & Water District in which the land is located and an application which can be obtained at the County Surveyor's office.

When the application is approved by the Surveyor's office, they will notify the auditor and recorder of your county of your reclassification and you will receive one copy of the approved application. For more information, or a copy of the Indiana Tax Code, visit the website mentioned earlier, or call (260) 484-5848, ext 3. ❋

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able to local producers. Some of the additional topics that will be covered are Equipment Maintenance and Setup, Hay Preservatives and Additives, Hay & Forage Analysis, and Soil Fertility and Insect Management. Lunch will be available beginning at 12:00 noon. Equipment demos are scheduled for the afternoon session, weather permitting. For more information, contact Clint Nester at (260) 484-5848, ext. 3 or Erik Wiegand at (260) 657-5461. ❋





Little River Wetlands Project
2nd Annual

Open House

At Eagle Marsh
Saturday, June 23rd
from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Remember how much fun we had last June at our first Annual Open House? Let's do it again - this coming June 23rd. - and let's make it even better by bringing a friend, family member, co-worker or anyone who wants to learn about all the great things happening with Little River Wetlands Project. Hear about the restoration of Eagle Marsh, learn more about the Little River Valley and our other preserves, tour portions of Eagle Marsh, see a live raptor demo, eat home-style cooking, receive a free nature gift and just plain have fun! So put Saturday, June 23rd on your calendar and plan on meeting at the barn at Eagle Marsh (south side of Engle Road, 1/2 mile east of W. Jefferson Blvd.) anytime from 11AM to 3PM.

For more information, you can call (260) 478-2515 or visit their website at www.lrwp.org. ❋

show an increasing amount of no till corn in the county, no till numbers were especially high in NE Allen County. The results are summarized in the following table. ❋

2007 Allen County Tillage Transect				
	% No Till	% Mulch Till	% Reduced Till	% Conventional Till
Corn	42%	4%	20%	34%
Soybeans	74%	10%	7%	9%
Small Grain	78%	7%	4%	4%

Helping your father

A clergyman walking down a country lane sees a young farmer struggling to load hay back onto a cart after it had fallen off.



"You look hot, my son," said the cleric. "why don't you rest a moment, and I'll give you a hand."

"No thanks," said the young man. "My father wouldn't like it." "Don't be silly," the minister said. "Everyone is entitled to a break. Come and have a drink of water."

Again the young man protested that his father would be upset.



Losing his patience, the clergyman said, "Your father must be a real slave driver. Tell me where I can find him and I'll give him a piece of my mind!"

"Well," replied the young farmer, "he's under the load of hay." ❋

Cost Share Money Available for the St. Mary's, Maumee and Auglaize Watershed

The Allen County SWCD has a limited amount of funds available for landowners located in the St. Mary's, Maumee and Auglaize watersheds. Cost sharing is available for:

> Stream buffer strips

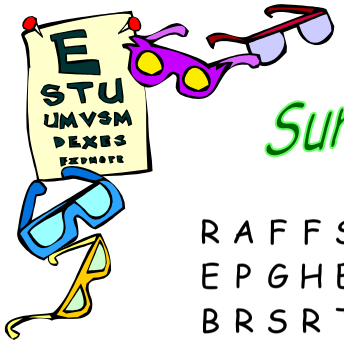
> Cover crops (Approved cover crop in soybean stubble to corn, or corn silage to beans)

> Waterway (Only available to non-CRP eligible land)

> Special Demonstration Project (Livestock exclusion from stream with crossing, Alternate Water Supply, Riparian Wetlands). If you are interested in these conservation programs please contact Clint Nester at (260) 484-5848 for further information. ❋

The 2007 Spring Tillage Transect has been completed for Allen County. The transects are completed by District staff traveling a predetermined route throughout the county. At approximately 500 points, the present crop, type of tillage, and percent of surface residue are recorded. This years results

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Summer on the Farm



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A new feature in the Conservation Challenge newsletter is the puzzle you can find on page 3. Depending on the response we receive, each future issue will include a puzzle for you to solve and return to the SWCD office to be entered in a drawing for a prize. At the end of July we will draw for a prize worth $20.00 from the Milan Center Feed and Grain. Just solve the puzzle on the page 3 (circle all the words listed below the puzzle), complete the form below with your name, address, and phone number and return the solved puzzle to Bridget Witte, 3718 New Vision Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46845. Your **correct** entry will be entered in the drawing. If your name is the winning entry drawn, we will contact you to pick up your prize. That's all there is to it!!! Good Luck!! A big Thank You to Milan Center Feed & Grain for providing this month's gift!

Name_____

Address_____

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Phone #_____ Age_____

E-Mail Address_____

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initial goal of the project will be to develop a Watershed Management Plan which will identify and address water quality issues in the St. Mary's River watershed. Following completion of a draft plan, the project's focus will shift to public education and implementation of conservation practices within the watershed. The Districts are anticipating the project to begin in early September 2007. If you would like to be involved in the project or would like to receive more information, contact Clint Nester at the Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District office by calling (260) 484-5848, Ext 3. ❋

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"A Watershed Mentality"

The premiere of **"A Watershed Mentality"** was held at Cinema Center Tech in the Indiana Tech/Andorfer Commons on May 31st. Approximately 250 people attended the event. We also premiered this insightful documentary at the first ever Indiana Rivers Rally June 7th. Many responded favorably to this project and inquired about showing this on local PBS affiliate stations.

"A Watershed Mentality" debuts on WFWA PBS39 Fort Wayne June 28th at 10:30 p.m. and June 29th at 7:30 p.m.

This WFWA PBS39 Fort Wayne documentary about the problems of sediment and erosion in the Maumee River Basin was the result of a project undertaken by the Fort Wayne City Utilities, the Allen County (IN) Partnership for Water Quality, and WFWA PBS39 Fort Wayne and was partly funded through a grant from the Great Lakes Commission and the USDA.

The Maumee River is the largest tributary and watershed in the Great Lakes and deposits millions of cubic yards of sediment into Lake Erie yearly.

Sedimentation and erosion are not unique to the Maumee River; it plagues all of the tributaries of the Great Lakes, the Mississippi River and many other Eastern watersheds. The overhead of remediation and cleanup of the sediment alone is very costly.

The DVDs will be provided on a first-come, first-served, basis but will not be released until after the initial airing dates. If you would like to have this program presented at your public meeting, service organization, school or church group, contact me at:

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The purpose of conservation: The greatest good to the greatest number of people for the longest time."
- **Gifford Pinchot**,
first Director of the U.S. Forest Service