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LARE Helps Promote Good Conservation Practices

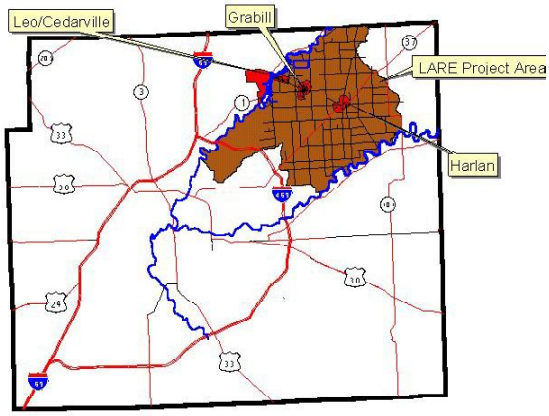
and Puts Money in Your Pocket

Kevin Breit, LARE Technician

The Lake and River Enhancement project targets a part of the St. Joseph and Maumee watersheds focusing on the Harlan-Grabill Community. LARE is funded through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil Conservation, for the improvement of Indiana's lakes and rivers. The project goal is to improve water quality by reducing soil erosion, as well as nutrient, pesticide and animal waste runoff.

Through the LARE program, landowners are offered cost share funds or incentive payments for the adoption of the conservation practices. Listed in the chart below are some cost-share and incentive payments available through LARE.

Under LARE, many projects can receive up to 80% cost share for installation, (for approved projects only). For questions and additional information regarding LARE and other cost-share programs please contact Kevin Breit at the Allen County SWCD office, 426-4637 ext. 3



LARE	Cost Share	Contract Term	Other Important Information
Filter Strips	$650/acre Incentive	10 years	No Grazing, Can Hay, 20-66 feet wide
Waterways	65 - 80%	10 years	Can Hay
Exclusion Fencing	65 - 80%	15 years	Should be done with filter strips
Livestock Alternative Watering Facility	65 - 80%	10 years	Done with livestock exclusion fences
Waste Management Utilization	65 - 80%	1 year utilization 15 years for containment structure	Not for expansion only for existing manure management problems
Integrated Crop Management	$8.00/Acre Incentive	1-3 years	Nutrient and pest management
Conservation Tillage	65 - 80%	1-3 years	Adoption of no-till and mulch-till
Cover Crops	$12/Acre Incentive	1-3 years	Helps with planting and killing crop
French Drain	$350 Incentive	10 years	Alternative to open risers
Tile Grass Riser Buffer	$250 Incentive	10 years	Needs at least a 66ft wide grass buffer
Grade Stabilizing Structure	65 - 80%	10 years	Often done with waterways
Pasture and Hayland Planting	65 - 80%	5 years	Must use a grass – legume mix
Tree Planting	65 - 80%	15 years	Reduces erosion and improves wildlife
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Filter Strips	90% + Yearly Payment	10 years min 15 years max	No haying or grazing, can be 20-120 feet wide
Waterways	90% + Yearly Payment	10 years min 15 years max	No Haying or grazing

Allen County Partnership for Water Quality

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St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative

WOW: Wonders of Water

Allison Van Zandt, ACPWQ

The Allen County Partnership for Water Quality will be hosting a water education tent at this summer's Three Rivers Festival and Allen County 4-H Fair. The WOW: Wonders of Water tent will be part of the Kid's Days at both events. Parents and grandparents, bring your kids to the festivities and make water cycle bracelets, work the Ecoscape watershed model, and take home the new Storm Water Activity Book. Many other fun things are happening at both the Three Rivers Festival and Allen County 4-H Kids Days, including face painting, crafts and carnival games.

Visit us this year at these events!

What: Three Rivers Festival Kids Fest

Where: IPFW Campus

When: July 18 & 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What: Allen Co. 4-H Fair Kids Day

Where: Allen County Fair Grounds

When: July 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Allen County SWCD Hires LARE Project Technician

Kevin Breit, LARE Technician

Kevin Breit recently started working for the Allen County Soil & Water Conservation District as a Lake and River Enhancement project technician (LARE). Kevin is a 2002 graduate of Purdue University, with a Bachelors degree in Agronomic Business and Marketing.

"I am interested in soil fertility and soil nutrient management in the surrounding area," says Breit, "So of course I am very excited at the opportunity to work on LARE as a project technician."

The LARE project targets a part of the St. Joseph and Maumee river watersheds, focusing on the Harlan-Grabill community. LARE is funded through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil Conservation, for the purpose of improving Indiana's lakes and rivers.

Through the LARE program, landowners are offered cost share funds or incentive payments for the adoption of conservation practices. "I am looking forward to working with landowners and producers throughout the Harlan-Grabill community to help them with the adoption of conservation practices. LARE gives landowners a chance to fix environmental problems while benefiting themselves economically. By using sustainable agriculture practices, their land's fertility can be ensured for years to come."

Kevin is available at the Allen Co. SWCD office at 426-4637 ext. 3.



Kevin Breit
LARE Project Technician

Pasture Walk Scheduled for Late July

The Allen County Soil and Water Conservation District, in conjunction with the Lake and River Enhancement project, is hosting a free pasture walk, July 26, 2003, starting at 8:00 a.m. at Lake Farms, 9414 Brush College Road, Woodburn, IN 46794. The tentative topics for the walk are rotational grazing, pasture interseeding and weed control. Jerry Perkins, Grazing Land Specialist, will be on hand to answer questions.

To RSVP or for information regarding the walk please contact the District at 426-4637 ext. 3 and ask for Kevin.

St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative to Hold Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

Kirby Thompson, SJRWI

On July 28th the Annual Meeting of the Saint Joseph River Watershed Initiative (SJRWI) will take place at the Fish and Game Club located at the Fish Creek Trail Park in Hamilton, IN. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. with a tour of the Source Water Protection Initiative (SWPI) project and a walk through the Fish Creek Trail. Refreshments and dinner will be provided at the Fish and Game Club from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a brief business meeting and presentations highlighting the various activities and accomplishments achieved by the SJRWI during 2002.

The SJRWI Annual Meeting is open to the public and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Formed in 1995 by local agencies, organizations, and citizens committed to promote economically and environmentally compatible land uses that improve water quality throughout the St. Joseph River Watershed, the SJRWI welcomes new Partners and members.

This meeting is an excellent opportunity to get information on SJRWI projects, meet with our members and staff, and find out how you or your organization can be part of this important work. To reserve your place for part or all of the meeting's activities, please contact our office at 260-426-4637 ext. 3.

The SJRWI, the Allen County SWCD, Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), National Soil Erosion Research Laboratory from Purdue University in West Lafayette, the City of Fort Wayne and other communities will have representatives available to discuss the Initiative's work.

Fall Fish Sale on Now

The District is currently taking orders for the fall sale. Clear Creek Fisheries recommends the following quantities for stocking your pond;

Bass (large mouth) 200 per acre
100/$70.00 1000/$650.00

Bluegill 400 per acre
2-3" 100/$30.00 1000/$250.00

Catfish 100-200 per acre
4-6" 100/$30.00 1000/$250.00

Grass Carp 12 per acre
8-12" $13.00 each (minimum order of six plus $20.00 delivery charge)

Hybrid Sunfish 400 per acre
2-3" 100/$35.00 1000/$300.00

Jumbo Tadpoles 100/$25.00

Fathead Minnows $6.00 per pound

Orders will be accepted until Sept. 12, 2003. Fish will be available for pick-up Sept. 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Order by contacting the District at 426-4637 ext. 3

St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative Staff

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How and When to Stock Your Pond

DNR, Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife

After you have decided what to stock, the next step is to locate a good source. While catching adult fish from a nearby pond or creek and stocking them in your pond may be inexpensive and convenient, it can lead to several problems. Fish identification can be difficult, particularly of small sunfish. Stocking green sunfish that you thought were bluegill or bullheads that were supposed to be channel catfish, will certainly make for unpleasant surprises later on. Other problems include difficulty in catching the proper number and size of fish, as well as increasing the chances of introducing unhealthy fish that may be diseased or injured. To invest a lot of money into the proper construction of your fish pond and follow it with poor stocking practices won't give you the return on your dollars that you expect.

Stocking should not be delayed once a new pond has filled. As soon as the pond has adequate water in it, contamination by unwanted fish is possible before a good fish population develops. Some pond owners believe unwanted fish eggs are carried into their pond attached to birds' feet or within a bird's digestive system. This is simply not true. However, many good fish ponds have been ruined through indiscriminate stocking by others or by emptying unused bait minnows into the pond.

More pond information can be obtained on the web at http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/publications/fsmgt/fishpd.htm

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Purpose of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

To provide information about soil, water, and related natural resource conservation; identify and prioritize local soil and water resource concerns; and connect land users to sources of educational, technical and financial assistance to implement conservation practices and technologies.