



WHITEWATER RIVER WATERSHED NEWSLETTER

Whitewater River Watershed in 2018

The Whitewater River Watershed project is halfway through its first implementation grant. Many landowners in the watershed have been able to utilize the cost-share program to install best management practices (bmps) on their land. During the first year of the implementation grant, only applicants in high priority areas identified by the watershed management plan were eligible for funding. In 2018, the cost-share program eligibility was opened up to the medium priority areas as well. The Whitewater River Watershed steering committee reviews all applications and determines



whether to fund the projects or not. If funded, applicants can receive 70% cost-share with not to exceed rates for each practice up to \$8,000. The project started with \$200,000 to fund best management practices in its cost-share program. The majority of the funds have been paid out or allocated but there are still some available to fund a few more applicants

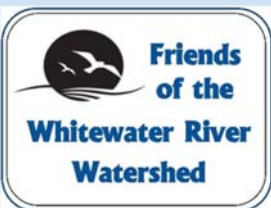


in 2019. The Whitewater River Watershed Cost-share Program has installed the following practices to date, with the load reductions below:

3,615 ft. Fence	21.4 ac. Hay Planting	8,256 sq. ft. Heavy Use Area Protection
3,300 ft. Pipeline	3 Watering Tanks	6,938 sq. ft. Animal Walkway
455.3 ac. Cover Crops	238 ft. Access Road	0.4 ac. Grassed Waterway
1,751 sq. yds. Mulching	15 ft. Riprap Pad	0.4 ac. Critical Area Planting

Load Reductions: Sediment 3,155 T/yr Phosphorus 3,585 lbs/yr Nitrogen 7,177 lbs/yr

Many educational and outreach opportunities occurred during 2018 with the help of the Whitewater River Watershed project. The largest attended event was the Franklin County Annual Conservation Tillage Breakfast with over 120 people in March. In April, the watershed also had a station at Franklin County Ag Day for all county 4th graders and Dearborn County Ag Days for all county 3rd graders. The topics covered during the Ag Days included the importance of water, water cycle, watersheds, point source, nonpoint source pollution, and bmps. In June, the project held a trash clean-up for the annual River Sweep. The Franklin County 4-H Fair was in July and the project had information available at a booth along with its partners SWCD, NRCS, and FSA. Friends of the



Whitewater River Watershed signs were created and will be handed out to project cost-share participants and partners. The final workshop of the year took place in November where representatives of IDEM, IDNR, and USACE reviewed their permitting program and requirements along with stream bank stabilization techniques. More events and opportunities are being planned for 2019 so keep a look out for them in the upcoming watershed newsletters and local newspapers.



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**Burr!! Stay Warm
Out There!!**

13th Annual Franklin County Conservation Tillage Breakfast & Workshop

Saturday, February 23 2019 7:30 - 11:30

Located at: Zimmer Tractor - 405 E. 7th St. Brookville

Agenda

7:30-8:30 am - Breakfast

8:30-9:00 am - Franklin County FSA, SWCD, NRCS, Purdue Extension, Whitewater River and Salt—Pipe Creek Watershed Project, **Conservation Partnership Staff Updates**

9:00-10:00 am - Mary Rodenhuis, Purdue Extension, Franklin County: **Using the Herbicide Classification Chart**

10:00 - 11:00 am - Hans Schmitz, Purdue Extension, Posey County: **Incorporating Climate Information into Farming**

Decisions

11:00 - 12:00 am - Marcelo Zimmer, Purdue

University: **Update on the War on Weeds**



Cost?

Private Applicators: **\$10**

Private Applicators who already have their 3 necessary trainings: **Free**

Non-License Holders: **Free**

Commercial Applicators: **Free**

CCH's for CAT 1 & RT have been applied for



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