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Final Countdown: Busseron 319 Grant

A little over a month remains for the Busseron 319 Implementation Grant and projects have started to wrap up in the watershed.

Cost-share funds have all been utilized; approximately \$370,025.00 have been spent on conservation practices such as cover crops, WASCObS, improved roadside ditch design, HUAP, No-Till planter upgrades, and precision ag implements. At this time, total load reductions are being calculated, along with other pertinent data—this information will be included in the final newsletter next month!

Overall, we are very proud of the success of the Busseron 319 project and look forward to continuing this momentum in the next-door TTK watershed (Turtle Creek, Turman Creek, and Kelley Bayou combined watersheds). Currently, a Planning and Implementation 319 grant is underway in the TTK watershed, with hopes that funding will continue in the form of an

additional IDEM 319 grant for further cost-share implementation (application is currently under review).

Many partners, landowners, businesses, volunteers, and stakeholders have donated their time, money, and labor into making these 319 grants a success in our region. It is truly remarkable to be able to log over \$377,000 worth of in-kind and match donations, a goal that this project has met and exceeded! We wish to thank everyone who has been involved!

A final Advisory Committee meeting will be held after our final workshop: "Wanted: Invasive Species Control" on Oct. 30th. This event will be at the Hoosier Energy Environmental Education Center, from 10:00-2:30, with lunch provided (please RSVP). The meeting will be held afterwards, around 3:00. We hope to see you in attendance and thank you for all of your support!





Above: 8th grade students listen attentively to Carrie Green, Sullivan SWCD, at the 14th Annual Raft Trip on the Wabash River.

Below: Bob Hagemeier and Carrie Green assist students at the sandbar, where they break for lunch and visit educational stations to learn about the Wabash.





Above: Fishing poles at the Fishing Station on the sandbar during the 8th Grade Raft Trip on the Wabash River

Below: Kevin Orpurt and his crew park their raft at the sandbar for a lunch break.





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Events and Important Dates

Oct. 18—Southern Indiana Outdoor Festival
Sullivan Fairgrounds, 8:30-5:00

Oct. 21—TTK Boat Cruise on Turtle Reservoir
Hoosier Energy Env. Ed. Center, 5:00—Please RSVP

Oct. 30—“Wanted: Invasive Species Control” workshop
Hoosier Energy Env. Ed. Center 10:00-2:30
Speakers include: Bob Eddleman, CWMA, Keith Ruble, Pond Specialist, Travis Walters, NRCS
Lunch included—Please RSVP and dress for outdoors

Oct.30 - FINAL Busseron Steering Committee Mtg.
Following Invasive Species Workshop ~3:00pm
Hoosier Energy Env. Ed. Center
Wrap-up details, Assessment of Goals Achieved

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