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TTK NEWSLETTER

[Hard Work in Busseron Watershed a Success - Waterbodies Improved!](#)

The United States Environmental Protection Agency recently released a Nonpoint Pollution Success Story highlighting the Busseron Creek watershed in Sullivan County! The publication follows the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) 2016 reassessment of water quality in Busseron. In the past, increased nutrient levels from nonpoint source pollution caused the watershed to be impaired for aquatic life use, resulting in the listing of nearly 27 miles of stream as impaired. IDEM's findings when revisiting the area found nutrient levels in the watershed are no longer a water quality threat and that the biologic community has significantly recovered! Multiple partners within Indiana collaborated to restore water quality and overall stream health in Busseron. Combined grant resources from IDEM's Clean Water Act 319 grant program, the WCIWA, and the Sullivan County SWCD resulted in \$795,635 for the sole purpose of improving water quality in Busseron!

For more details or to check out the full article, visit: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-12/documents/in_buck_busseron_1655_508.pdf



Pictured Above: Buck Creek-Busseron Creek Watershed located in Sullivan County. WCIWA provided Cost-Share for BMP Implementation in the watershed from 2008-2014. Map courtesy of the United States EPA

Quotes & Quips



“Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour.”

-- John Boswell

Upcoming Area Events

Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District

Annual Meeting

Monday, February 26th, 6:30 pm
Sullivan Civic Center

Join us for an evening of dinner, entertainment, and door prizes! Sullivan County producers will be awarded for conservation efforts and the WCIWA will be presenting the 2017 "Friend of the Watershed" award.

Entertainment provided by "America's Funniest Farmer" Jay Hendren, Authentic Ohio Farmer & Comedian

Dinner provided by Salt & Strings Custom Catering

For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, contact the Sullivan Co. SWCD at 812-268-5157, ext. 3

Come Rain, Snow, or Ice!



Despite frigid temperatures and plenty of ice, WCIWA Watershed Coordinator Laura Demarest hit the ground running and is seen above, participating in water monitoring practices near a bridge in the TTK Watershed this past January.

Check us out!

<http://watershed-alliance.org>

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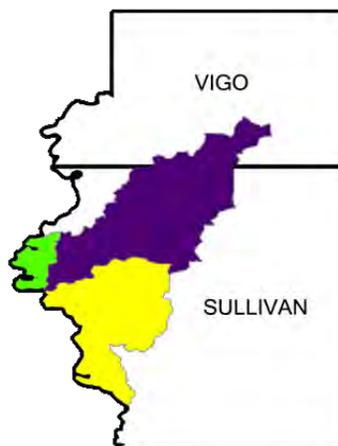
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Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District

Cost-Share Funding for Cover Crops and more!



Eligible participants must live or farm in the **Turman Creek Watershed** (purple on map above) to qualify for the TTK 319 program. **Funding is available until Spring 2019 (or all grant money is obligated)**. Schedule an appointment to review eligibility and apply for conservation practices today!

Cost-Share Program information available:

<http://watershed-alliance.org/index.php/ttk-cost-share-program-guidelines/>



Seasonal Recipe **Chicken Mug Pie**

Total Time: 40 Minutes
Yields: 4 Mugs

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds chicken breast pieces
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 ribs celery, chopped
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled and diced
- Salt and pepper
- 2 teaspoons poultry seasoning
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup shredded potatoes
- 1 pint cream
- 1 quart chicken stock
- 1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 1 cup frozen green peas

Directions

1. Preheat oven according to package directions. Arrange biscuits on cookie sheet and bake for 10 to 12 minutes.
2. In a medium pot over medium heat, cook chicken in butter for 2 minutes. Add veggies and season with salt, pepper, and poultry seasoning.
3. Cook 5 minutes more, add flour, and cook another minute. Add potatoes, then whisk in cream and chicken stock. Add nutmeg.
4. Bring soup to a boil by raising heat, then turn heat back to simmer and cook soup another 10 minutes. Adjust seasonings. Add peas and stir in to warm them through.
5. Serve mugs of soup with biscuits on top to cap the mug: chicken mug pies!

(foodnetwork.com)