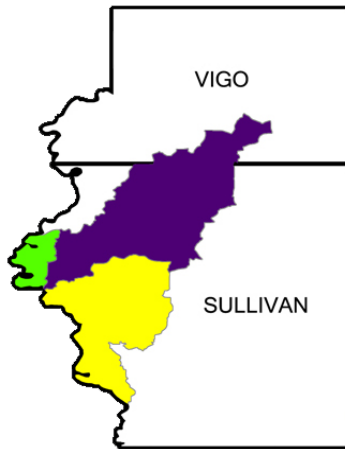




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TTK NEWSLETTER

Cost-Share Funding for Cover Crops and more in the Turman Creek Watershed and other areas!



Eligible participants must live or farm in the **Turman Creek Watershed** (purple on map above) to qualify for the TTK 319 program. Funding for Best Management Practice (cover crops, filter strips, precision ag equipment, etc.) 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/>



Pictured Above: Soil infiltration test conducted in M.Bell's cover crop field

Sullivan County Offers a Mix of Grant Programs for Stakeholders

The Sullivan County SWCD and WCIWA are fortunate to administer a number of unique programs which facilitate conservation on local land, including the 319 program, which has been in effect continuously since 2008 (Busseron and TTK watersheds). Other programs (Clean Water Indiana, LARE, and the **new TNC-Caterpillar Cover Crop Initiative**) have also been made available to eligible producers through generous grant awards and partnerships. **Refer to details on pg. 2 to learn more about each program available NOW!** Cover crops have been 'all the rage' the past few years, so if you're thinking of giving them a try, check out our latest funding opportunity brought to you by The Nature Conservancy and Caterpillar!

Quotes & Quips



"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."

-- Robert Louis Stevenson

Upcoming Area Events

TTK Advisory Committee Mtg.

Tues. Dec. 12th 6:30 pm

Hoosier Energy Env. Ed. Center
Light refreshments available!

National Conference on Cover Crops and Soil Health

December 7-8, 2017

Indianapolis, IN

Daylight Savings Time

November 5th

Don't forget to 'Fall Back' 1 hour!

Current Cost-Share Program Breakdown

Navigating the various conservation programs can be a bit confusing, so here are a few details that may help:

TTK Watershed IDEM 319 Grant

- **Funding AVAILABLE** until Apr. 2019
- Over \$100,000 still available for land only in Turman Creek. Cost-share for cover crops is 75% of submitted bills for seed and labor. No acreage cap.
- The 319 program has additional funding for other BMPs including certain precision ag. upgrades (i.e. Autosteer, sidedress implements; must be new to the operation and generate a nutrient application reduction) WASCObS, grassed waterways, critical area seedings, livestock practices, and more!
- The 319 program is funded through EPA's nonpoint source program and administered through IDEM.

Clean Water Indiana Grant

- Funding **WAITLIST** currently
- \$72,000 awarded
- Application for additional funding submitted Fall 2017
- Sullivan and Clay Counties
- Practices include cover crops (\$20/acre), pollinator habitat (75% seed and labor), pasture seeding \$38/acre), critical area seeding (75% materials and labor), and HUAP (Heavy Use Area Protection for livestock - 75% materials and labor)
- CWI is funded through a portion of Indiana's state cigarette taxes.

Turtle Creek DNR LARE Grant

- Funding **WAIT LIST** currently
- \$60,000 allocated for projects within

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Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District

(Cont.) the Turtle Creek watershed (two back-to-back grants awarded).

- Boating registrations throughout Indiana fund the LARE program.

TNC-Caterpillar Cover Crop Grant

NEW

- Funding **AVAILABLE NOW** until the end of the year (2017)
- The Nature Conservancy is administering a donation from Caterpillar (\$100,000) to be used for cover crops throughout the Wabash River Valley. Sullivan Co. and several other groups are participating.
- **ALL ACRES IN SULLIVAN COUNTY are ELIGIBLE**
- Cover Crops \$20/acre
- Cap 200 acres total per customer
- Call ASAP to get on the list!

Federal and State Programs

- There are more conservation programs available through NRCS, FSA, DNR, ISDA and other agencies.
- Funding available for forestry practices such as invasive species control, pasture, farmland, conservation easements, wildlife, etc.
- **Deadline to apply for NRCS EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) - Dec. 15th** (Contact: Travis Walters or your county's NRCS District Conservationist).
- Contact your local USDA office to learn more!



Seasonal Recipe

Uncle Bob's Fresh Apple Cake

Adapted from Paula Deen, Serves 8-12

Ingredients

(Honey Glaze)

- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- 2 Tbsp. milk

(Apple Cake)

- 3 cups diced (tart) apples, peeled or not
- 1 cup lightly toasted chopped walnuts
- 2 Tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 Tsp. ground cinnamon
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Tsp. baking soda
- 1 Tsp. salt
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 ¼ cups vegetable oil
- 3 eggs

Directions

Prepare the Honey Glaze

Stir all ingredients together in small bowl until smooth. Cover, set aside to thicken.

Prepare the Apple Cake

Preheat oven to 325°F. Lightly grease bundt or coffee cake pan (*baking times may vary). In bowl, mix diced apples, walnuts, vanilla, cinnamon. In separate bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, and salt. Use electric mixer to beat sugar, oil, and eggs in a large bowl. Add in the dry ingredients and beat until combined. Fold in the apple mixture. Batter will be thick. Scrape into prepared pan and bake. (*Coffee cake pan on center rack - bake 60 minutes. Bundt pan 1-1.5 hours or until a tester inserted in the middle comes out clean.) Let cool 1 hour and turn onto plate. Drizzle with honey glaze and serve.

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