



Fall/Winter 2016

TTK NEWSLETTER

Cost-Share Now Available in Turman Creek Areas!

Do you live within the boundaries of the **Turman Creek Watershed**? Are you interested in a best management practice (cover crops, filter strips, precision ag, etc.) for your land?

Contact us to review eligibility and options for your property - the TTK "Interest List" is filling up fast and engineering practices need more planning time. We can help with your conservation strategies!

TTK Watershed Management Plan Complete!

The TTK WMP has been completed and approved by IDEM. It is currently undergoing further review by EPA. If you would like a copy, please contact the WCIWA or check the website soon for a link! <http://watershed-alliance.org>

Thanks to the many partners, stakeholders, and committee members who assisted by contributing information, volunteer services, time, and ideas!

New Grants, New Possibilities

See page two of this newsletter for more information on new and potential grants coming to TTK and nearby watersheds!

Pictured Right: Frozen foxtail, courtesy of Laura Fribley, ISDA Resource Specialist



TTK News for the New Year!

Quotes and Quips



"The practices we now call conservation are, to a large extent, local alleviations of biotic pain. They are necessary, but they must not be confused with cures. The art of land doctoring is being practiced with vigor, but the science of land health is yet to be born." - Aldo Leopold

Check us out!

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**Sullivan County Soil and Water
Conservation District**

(Cont.) In addition, it was recently announced that a partnership with the Clay Co. SWCD for a Clean Water Indiana grant proved successful. It will bring \$36,000 to Sullivan Co for conservation practices such as cover crops, pollinator habitat, and HUAPs.

Another notable funding source is through a federal MRBI (Mississippi River Basin Initiative) grant targeting three watersheds within the Busseron Creek watershed. Contact Travis Walters, NRCS for more information about this special EQIP opportunity. MRBI funding brings \$276,000 for cost-share funding into the area.

Overall, there is a lot of water quality work happening in our area!



Carrie Dohner teaches daughter Cailyn about water monitoring methods used to assess stream health.



A species of Glass Shrimp (aka Grass Shrimp) collected from the Kelley Bayou oxbow.

Upcoming Area Events

Sullivan SWCD Annual Mtg.
Monday, Feb. 22 @ 6:30 pm
(Sullivan Civic Center \$12)

Southern IN Grazing Conf.
March 2 -Odon, IN

**Nutrient Loss Reduction
Workshop**
March 3 - Robinson, IL

Sullivan Ag Day
March 12 - Fairgrounds

New Grants to Know:

The WCIWA and TTK 319 grant project have been relatively quiet for the past few months, but much has been accomplished behind the scenes and it is time to make formal announcements!

Within the past two weeks, the final draft of the TTK Watershed Management Plan, along with the Cost-Share Guidelines have received formal approval from IDEM, meaning that 319 cost-share implementation can finally begin in select critical areas. The Turman Creek watershed was selected as a critical area to be targeted for 319 funding.

In order to provide a wider-reaching conservation program, efforts have been made to seek additional funding sources for other areas of the TTK watershed, namely, Turtle Creek. A DNR LARE grant application will be submitted at the end of this month to seek funding for BMPs in this area.



Seasonal Recipe: Spicy Sausage, Potato, Kale Soup

6-8 warm and savory servings

Ingredients

- 1 lb spicy sausage (pork or chicken)
- 2 Tbsp butter or olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp. salt, plus more to taste
- 1 tsp. pepper, plus more to taste
- ½ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes (opt.)
- 2 large bunches of kale, stemmed and chopped - about 4 large handfuls
- ¼ tsp. nutmeg
- 4 med or 2 lg. potatoes, sliced
- 8 cups chicken broth
- ½ cup heavy cream

Instructions

1. Brown sausage in large pot over med-high heat. Remove when crisp, drain well, set aside.
2. Lower heat to med, add butter or oil, onions, garlic. Cook until soft, 3-5 min. Season with salt, pepper, red pepper flakes. Saute until onions have caramelized. Add chopped kale in batches, allowing it to wilt down as it cooks. Add nutmeg and stir. Cook kale for another 3 minutes until it is bright green and wilted down. Add sliced potatoes and cooked sausage.
3. Pour in chicken stock and bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer until potatoes are soft. Add more salt or pepper to taste, if desired. Stir in heavy cream. Serve with crusty bread.

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