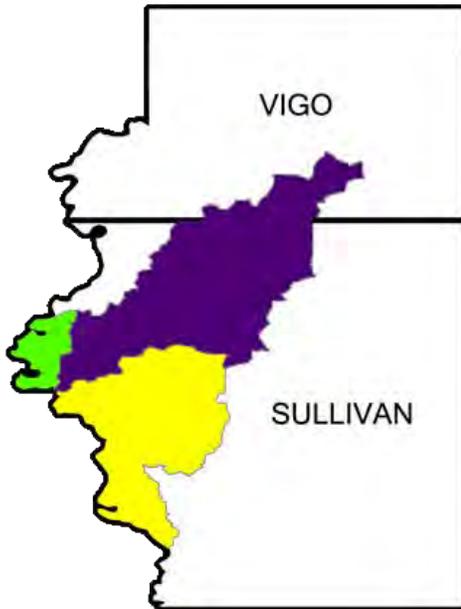




Phase I Wrap-Up: 2017

TTK NEWSLETTER



Pictured Above: WCIWA Coordinator, Laura Demarest and Turman Creek farmer, Travis McKinney pose with newly-installed TTK Conservation sign at his farm.

319 Cost-Share Funding will continue in the Turman Creek Watershed until April 2019

Do you live in the Turman Creek Watershed? Are you interested in a best management practice (cover crops, filter strips, precision ag, etc.) for your land? Contact us now to review eligibility and available options.

Visit our website or office for Cost-Share Program information

Conservation Demonstration

McKinney Farm BMP Showcase

Despite cold, windy weather, Travis was generous enough to allow visitors tour his farm in January, viewing a multitude of conservation best management practices, including aerially seeded cover crops, field borders, an alternative waterway, fiberglass exclusion fence, rotational grazing management, cattle stream crossing structure, and a renovated pond with pumping plant and sediment basins. In the past 2 years, Travis has worked hard to implement these projects as a part of programs such as EQIP, TTK 319, and DNR Lake and River Enhancement. He sets a great example for landowners throughout the watershed as he continues to improve water quality and soil health throughout his farm!

Quotes and Quips

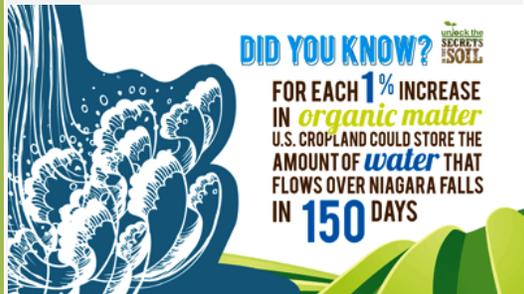


"Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished."

- Lao Tzu

"There are always flowers for those who want to see them."

- Henri Matisse



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Upcoming Area Events

March 8th, 2017

Southern IN Grazing Conference, Odon, IN

March 10th, 2017

LaMotte Creek Nutrient Management Strategies, Palestine, IL



72nd Sullivan Co. SWCD Annual Meeting

Monday February 27, 6:30
Sullivan Civic Center

Dinner, Entertainment & Door Prizes

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District, along with the West Central Indiana Watershed Alliance, will host an evening with Dr. Peter Coppinger, Associate Professor at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology and regular Nature Contributor to local news station, WTHI.

Along with a dinner presented by *Mike's Custom Catering*, the Annual Meeting will feature a public election for the SWCD Board of Supervisors as well as year-end reports. In addition, awards will be presented to the 8th Grade River Expedition Essay winners, *Friend of Conservation*, *Friend of the Watershed*, and *Conservation Farmer of the Year*.

Door prizes will also be awarded at the end of the evening. Tickets can be purchased by contacting SWCD District Coordinator Allison McKain at 812-268-5157, ext. 3.



Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District

TTK Phase I Wrap-Up

In January 2017, the first phase of the TTK grant quietly came to a finish, seamlessly segueing into Phase II: TTK Implementation.

The TTK 319 Planning and Implementation grant officially started in August 2013 with the formation of a dedicated Advisory Committee and a water monitoring initiative. Once sufficient data had been collected, a Watershed Management Plan was developed and reviewed by IDEM and EPA. The approved WMP allowed for cost-share projects throughout designated critical areas (Turman Creek) to be 'green-lit'. At the close of the TTK Planning and Implementation grant, the \$263,700 award had been entirely utilized and the match goal of \$177,500 healthily exceeded. Many best management practices were installed including:

- 2,155.35 acres of cover crops
- 3,600+ acres of Nutrient Management
- 1 Alternative Waterway
- 2 WASCoBs

This TTK 319 grant enrolled 22 unique participants and utilized over \$140,000 in cost-share funding. Match was tabulated in the form of producer commitment (financial and labor) as well as through additional grants sought for non-critical areas. Overlapping grants included a Clean Water Indiana grant in partnership with Clay County SWCD as well as a DNR LARE Watershed Land Treatment grant. Overall, Phase I was a huge success!

Seasonal Recipe

THE Mac & Cheese

A classic comfort food for winter!

Ingredients

- 1 lb. pasta of your choice
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup flour
- 4 cups milk
- 6 cups freshly shredded sharp or white Cheddar
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- up to 1 Tbsp. pepper
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1/2 cup Panko bread crumbs

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Boil pasta according to package directions. Melt butter in large saucepan over medium heat. Sprinkle in flour; whisk and cook 2-3 minutes. Add in salt and pepper. Slowly pour in 4 cups milk, whisking until smooth and heating to a low boil until thickened. Do not stop until thick. Remove from heat.
2. Add the hot pasta to a greased 9x13" baking dish. Sprinkle the 6 cups grated cheese over the top. Pour the thickened cream sauce over the hot pasta and cheese and allow to melt. Stir together.
3. Melt 2 Tbsp. butter over medium heat. Add in Panko bread crumbs, stirring constantly 3-5 minutes or until golden brown. Pour over the mac and cheese.
4. Bake 12-15 minutes.

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