

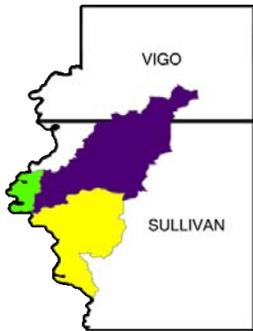


Summer 2014

# TTK NEWSLETTER

## **Important: Input Needed from Stakeholders to Determine Critical Areas!**

At this stage of the TTK Grant, we are currently collecting your resource concerns. Attend an Advisory Committee meeting and voice your opinion! This important input from stakeholders will be combined with monitoring data and 'windshield' surveys to help create a comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for this area.



*Carrie Green, Sullivan SWCD Coordinator/Educator records data for TTK water monitoring.*

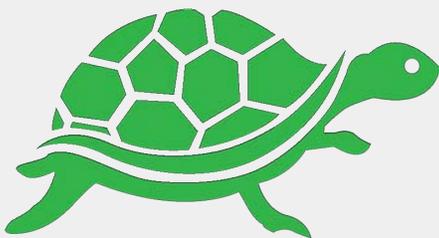
**The next TTK Advisory Committee meetings will be Tuesday, July 22nd and August 19th at 6:30 pm.**

Meetings are held at the Hoosier Energy Environmental Education Center, south of the Turtle Creek Reservoir with refreshments.

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## **TTK Heats up this Summer!**

The TTK 319 Planning and Implementation grant is almost one year old! At this time we are in the process of applying for another 319 grant for cost-share funding to follow the current TTK grant. Water monitoring on 30 sites has commenced (an additional site in the Kelley Bayou oxbow is being funded by The Nature Conservancy) and windshield surveys are currently being conducted (volunteers welcome!). This information will be vital to the development of the comprehensive TTK Watershed Management Plan (WMP). Once the WMP is approved, cost-share funding can commence, hopefully in time for spring 2015. If you or someone you know lives in the TTK watershed and may be interested in a conservation practice, please contact us so we can start planning right away! The list is growing!



### **Quotes and Quips**

*"Everyone should believe in something; I believe I'll go fishing."  
- Henry David Thoreau*

*"My garden is my most beautiful masterpiece."  
- Claude Monet*

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*Tiny turtle found in Kelley Bayou watershed*

## Upcoming Area Events

July 12-18 - Sullivan Co. Fair Week

July 22 - TTK Advisory Committee Mtg.

Aug. 1-17 - Indiana State Fair

August 6 - CCSI Soil Health Expo and Precision Ag field day, Evansville, IN

Aug. 19 - TTK Advisory Committee Mtg.

## The Role of an Advisory Committee Member...

If you receive these email updates or read the Sullivan Daily Times, you may be aware that there are regular Advisory Committee meetings associated with this grant. What does a member of the Advisory Committee *do*, you may wonder?

Anyone can be an Advisory Committee member; all it takes is some interest in the happenings of this particular watershed, whether you are a farmer, hunter, forester, or resident of the area. There are no dues to pay and time commitments are relatively small; meetings typically occur every 3 months and email updates (including this newsletter) are sent periodically.

In the world of watershed conservation we often say: *We all live downstream*, meaning that we all have a stake in the quality of water resources, since they are shared by everyone. 319 grant funding became available as a result of concern for water quality in the Gulf of Mexico. Indiana lies within the Mississippi River Basin, a huge watershed that drains the land of 31 states and 2 Canadian provinces before flowing into the Gulf of Mexico.



*Jeff Mann adjusts precision ag equipment*

*(Cont.)*

The theory is that if conservation efforts can be concentrated and managed at a local level, we can collectively improve water quality on a large scale.

That's where YOU, the Advisory Committee member can help! We have been fortunate enough to be awarded a sizeable 319 grant for environmental planning and cost-share funding in the TTK area (which is comprised of Turman Creek, Turtle Creek, and Kelley Bayou watersheds). The Advisory Committee decides what types of best management practices will be funded and which areas of the watershed will have highest priority.

To reiterate, that means we are able to make many important decisions regarding the utilization of grant funds *locally*. Therefore, the guidance of stakeholders, landowners, and other interested parties is vital to the success of this grant. If you would like to learn more, please contact us! We encourage your participation and are eager to hear your opinions about the natural resources in our watershed!



*Lemon Icebox Pie*

## Seasonal Recipe

A refreshing, no-bake contribution to a summer cook-out or pool party.

### *Lemon Icebox Pie*

Yield: One 9-inch pie

#### Ingredients

- 1 - 9" graham cracker crust
- 2 8oz. packages of cream cheese or Neufchatel, softened
- 1 14oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 lemons
- 1 tsp. lemon zest

#### Optional

Cool Whip, additional sliced fruit and/or mint leaves for garnish

#### Instructions

In a medium mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add condensed milk, lemon juice, and lemon zest. Mix until smooth. Pour mixture into crust. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving. Garnish with whipped cream and mint leaves if desired and serve chilled.

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*Curious onlooker found in the TTK watershed*