

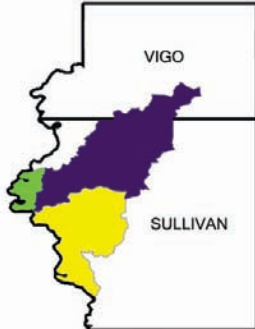


Winter 2014

TTK NEWSLETTER

TTK Grant Update

As we enter a new year, the Turman Creek, Turtle Creek, and Kelley Bayou 319 watershed project (TTK, for short) continues to progress. Water monitoring of 29 stream sites within the watershed is slated to begin this spring. The Advisory Committee has had several productive meetings to gather input on resource concerns in the area. The group is still currently seeking interested individuals to participate in the Advisory Committee and weigh in on any environmental concerns they have for the TTK region.



The next TTK Advisory Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30 pm. Meetings are held at the Hoosier Energy Environmental Education Center, south of the Turtle Creek Reservoir.



NRCS Area Meeting, December 2013

Winter in the Watershed

The cold weather can't keep the conservationists indoors for long! Even in sub 10° temperatures, NRCS and partner agency employees make their way into the snowy terrain to evaluate pasture stands and make recommendations on fence placement for optimal grazing conditions. If you have questions about resource concerns on your land, you can schedule an appointment with a conservation planner to make recommendations about ways to correct these issues. You may even qualify for cost-share programs. Feel free to give the Soil and Water Conservation District office a call for more information on available programs, technical resources, and answers to general conservation questions!



Quotes and Quips

"One swallow does not make a summer, but one skein of geese, cleaving the murk of March thaw, is the SPRING." -Aldo Leopold

"I grow very fond of this place, and it certainly has a desolate, grim beauty of its own, that has a curious fascination for me." - Theodore Roosevelt

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Conservation Planning Training - NRCS

Upcoming Area Events

January 24th, Purdue Ext. Pesticide Training 9-12, Sullivan Fairgrounds

January 29th - Cover Crop Management, Brocksmith Farm, Vincennes, Indiana

February 17th - Sullivan County SWCD Annual Meeting, Sullivan Fairgrounds

WLRM wins State 'Corporate Friend of Conservation' Award

Wildlife, Land, and Resource Management (WLRM), the recipient of this year's IASWCD Corporate Friend of Conservation award is a local company, founded in 2006, by Bruce Marheine and Trey Clark, focused chiefly on restoring wildlife habitats.

WLRM has been instrumental in the planning, construction, and continued management of several projects for the Busseron Watershed 319 Grant, including a prairie plot of several acres at Hymera Elementary School and a wetland classroom at Union Junior/Senior High School.

Bruce and Trey have generously donated thousands of dollars worth of time and labor expenses during the construction and management of these projects, which helps meet 'match' goals for the 319 Grant. They also serve on the TTK Advisory Committee, and have offered a wealth of useful input for the Watershed Management Planning portion of the grant, to date.

In addition, they have also completed projects for various other conservation



Winter in the watershed

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programs, such as CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) and WRP (Wetlands Reserve Program), helping to make Sullivan County a leader in conservation.

WLRM provides services such as maintaining, installing or rehabilitating grasslands, wetlands, and forests. With Bruce's background in wildlife biology and Trey's forestry experience, they make the perfect team for tackling various natural resource challenges in the area. We are very happy to have this team on our TTK team and look forward to their continued assistance with the 319 watershed project in upcoming years!

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Southwestern White Chicken Chili

Seasonal Recipe

Winter is the perfect time to warm up with your favorite soup. Try this variation of the traditional chili for something spicier!

Southwestern White Chicken Chili

Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients

- 1 cup onion, chopped
- 5 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. dried oregano, crushed
- ½ tsp. dried red pepper flakes
- 46.5 oz great northern beans, drained and rinsed (3 cans)
- 8 oz. green chili peppers, diced
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 3 cups cooked chicken, chopped
- 8 oz. Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

- Toppings (optional): Sour Cream, diced chili peppers (fresh) or green onions, tortilla chips

Instructions

1. In a 3.5 to 6 quart slow cooker, combine onion, garlic, cumin, oregano, red pepper, beans, 8 oz. chili peppers, broth, and chicken. Stir to combine.
2. Cover and cook on low for 7-8 hours or high for 3.5-4 hours.
3. Stir in Monterey Jack cheese until melted.
4. Ladle into bowls, add toppings as desired and enjoy!

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