



# TTK Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

6:30 – 8:15 p.m. EST

Hoosier Energy Environmental Education Center

**Attendees:** Josh Brosmer, IDEM, Trey Clark, WLRM and Stakeholder, Charles Haney, Hoosier Energy, Bruce Marheine, WLRM, Allison McKain, Sullivan SWCD, Brad Smith, The Nature Conservancy, Laura Demarest, WCIWA Watershed Coordinator

## Introduction

Refreshments provided by Hoosier Energy.

- **Status of Ongoing Projects**

- **TTK Cost-Share Program** – The first round of TTK cost-share was completely utilized before the grant was completed in January 2017. There is funding for the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of TTK implementation to continue in Turman Creek watershed - \$200,000. This funding is available now through April 2019.
- **Clean Water Indiana Grant** – a limited amount of funding is still available for practices outside of Turman; over \$13,000 was used towards fall cover crops. Practices available include pollinator habitat, HUAP, pasture seeding, cover crops, and critical area seeding.
- **LARE Grant application** – The first installment (\$30,000) of the DNR LARE Turtle Creek Watershed Land Treatment has been allocated to several projects, including cover crops completed this fall, a potential tree planting (3 acres), and a wetland project to benefit over 300 acres (engineering underway). The application for additional funding (submitted in January 2017) was funded for another \$30,000!
- **Additional Grant News: TNC + Caterpillar** – Brad Smith of TNC attended the meeting to inform the group about potential upcoming funding for cover crops, courtesy of Caterpillar. The details are still being confirmed, but additional funding is likely as TNC and Caterpillar work to achieve a high acreage goal of cover crops throughout their 'target areas' along the Wabash in Indiana.

## "Housekeeping"

- **Field Day/Planning-** Next Adv. Com. Meeting can be cookout at Lake Sullivan with pontoon rides, courtesy of Bruce Marheine (Date – Sept. 12). Options to partner with other counties and groups for field days. Sullivan SWCD Raft Trip Sept. 26-28
- **Promotional BMP signage** – will use similar design for TTK #1 Demo sign; can give to producers with visible BMPs to install in their fields for better promotion of the cost-share program.
- **Cost-Share Promotion – Fall Cover Crops** – will advertise in Sullivan Daily Times soon – currently have approximately ~\$80,000 in engineering projects earmarked and additional interest in precision ag, cover crops.

## TTK and Beyond...

Discussion regarding the next 'move' for watershed planning: too soon to move to Mariah Creek as 2019 is scheduled for TMDL and baseline studies. A 319 grant would need to follow this study so that the data can be incorporated into the WMP. In the meantime, would it be best to apply for more funding in TTK or Busseron? There are obvious advantages to working in either watershed area and it is obvious that a lot of work is still needed in both. TTK Round 3 would be ideal, if able to adjust to Tier III critical areas (i.e. use implementation funds in Turtle Creek, etc.). Busseron would also be effective, if still able to use existing WMP for implementation. One more round of 319 funding (apply Summer 2018) will allow a 'layover' grant between now and Mariah Creek application.

## Next Meeting Date

Sept. 12 at Sullivan Lake – Cookout and Boat Rides, courtesy of Bruce Marheine

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