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2023 Annual Report

Celebrating 64 Years of Conservation in St. Joseph County!

Following the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, a nationwide movement began to encourage farmers to adopt agricultural practices that protect our natural resources with the creation of the Soil Conservation Service (now known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service). The St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation District was established in 1959 to implement conservation programs at a local level, addressing the unique needs of St. Joseph County.

From the beginning, supervisors and staff have worked together to encourage farmers to use practices to protect soil and water. The District has worked with federal agencies to educate farmers and provide them with access to federal funds to install conservation practices. With the 1985 Farm Bill came many new programs such



as the Conservation Reserve Program, Environmental Quality Incentive Program, and Wetland Reserve Program, bringing more funding for conservation practices. Since then, programs available to our property owners have increased and evolved. We have grown from thousands to billions of dollars in federal and state funding available to property owners throughout Indiana, and over the past year we have been

able to help residents with many services, including more cover crops, high tunnels, and wildlife habitats.

Over the years, while practices have evolved with the needs of the county, the focus of the St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation District has remained the same: to educate. In 1977, the District moved to make education a higher priority with the intent of giving people a deeper understanding of the need for protecting our natural resources. The goal for our staff and board is to teach residents of all ages and all backgrounds that their choices impact the quality of our soil and water. We provide technical support and education to local farmers, large and small, rural and urban. We teach about the impact of invasive species and the benefits of composting and rain barrels. We talk to students about soil, water, wildlife and more, to encourage the next generation of conservationists.



2023 saw many outreach events and educational opportunities, from workshops and field days, to expos, to school field trips, as you will see in the following pages. And 2024 is looking to be even busier as we strive to reach every St. Joseph County resident about soil and water conservation.

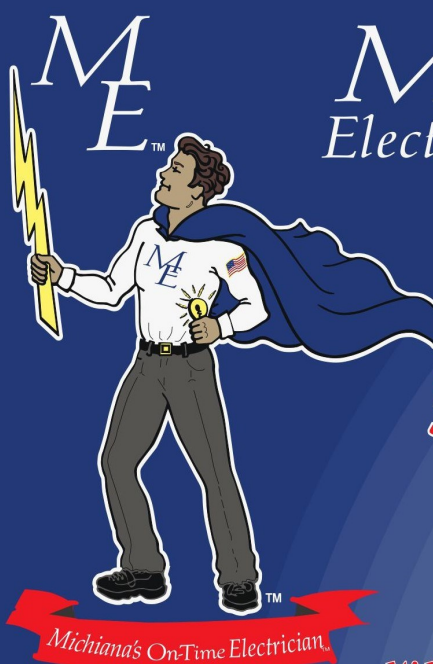


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AND 26 SCHOOLS!

SCHOOL PROGRAMS,
FIELD TRIPS, OUTREACH,
WORKSHOPS, DAY CAMPS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2023:

- SCIENCE ALIVE!
- 2023 AG DAYS
- EARTH DAY AT IUSB
- GIRLS AMBITIOUS ABOUT LEARNING SCIENCE (GALS)
- 4TH GRADE ENVIRO DAYS AT THE RES
- HOOSIER RIVERWATCH TRAININGS
- A DAY IN THE WATERSHED FIELD TRIPS
- PROJECT WILD WORKSHOP AT SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
- STEAM EXPO NIGHT AT KENNEDY ACADEMY

A Year of Conservation Education All Over St. Joseph County!

Education and outreach are key components of the St. Joseph County SWCD Mission. We believe in extending conservation education to all ages. In 2023, we hosted educational opportunities for adults, visited many classrooms with our school programs, and attended community events, all to bring awareness and appreciation for our natural resources. Each of us plays a pivotal role in the health of our soil and the quality of our water.



Watch for more programs, workshops, field days and community events throughout 2024!
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- Dave Straughn - 6 Years
- Ryan Lee

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- William Millar

A big heartfelt thank you to all of our Supervisors & Associate Supervisors, as well as our partnership staff. Without all of you we would not be able to accomplish all that we have this year and in the years to come!

St. Joseph County Soil And Water Conservation Partnership



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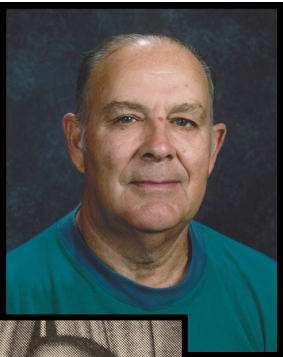


Misty Sorchevich
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1 Year of Service

In Memory of Jerry Knepp

December 28, 1945 - September 29, 2023

Jerry was a long-time member of the St. Joseph County SWCD. He was selected as an Associate Supervisor in 1980 and became a Supervisor in 1982. Over his years on the Board he served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and remained an honorary Board Member upon stepping down. Jerry is survived by his wife, Deb. He was a retired carpenter, school bus driver, and farmer, and served as a volunteer firefighter for Liberty Township for 53 years. He was a great support to the District and will be missed.



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Soil Health for Everyone!

By Terri Theisen, Urban Soil Health

In the grand view of life on this little blue planet, it is humbling to acknowledge that much of our existence hinges on just a few inches of minerals, air, water, and organic matter. Let’s grab our shovels and explore the often unsung hero in our farming and gardening adventures: soil.

If you own or manage any amount of land, I invite you to consider soil health and what you can do to support the soil where you are and with what you have. Whether you grow corn, cattle, cucumbers, or cosmos. Or you are in rural Indiana with 100s of acres or on a small urban lot. Soil health has many benefits to you, your business, our community, and our ecosystem.

First, when we talk about soil health, four key principles help guide the practices recommended for soil health:



- Minimize disturbance
- Maximize soil cover
- Maximize continuous living roots
- Maximize biodiversity

Let’s take a step back and look at the big-picture benefits of having healthy soils. As outlined by the USDA, managing soil health reduces erosion, maximizes water infiltration, improves nutrient cycling, saves money by

reducing inputs, and improves the resiliency of your land. Wow! Those are all great benefits, so why isn’t everyone doing all the practices already? Great question! Sadly, some people just haven’t heard about them yet. Maybe these practices are different from the ones that have been used for generations on their land. Or other folks may not understand how to use the practices or why they are important.

These reasons are completely valid and that’s where we come in! By the way, hello! I would like to introduce myself: My name is Terri Theisen and I am the newest addition to the Urban Soil Health team as part of the IASWCD. I started in Oct 2023, but I am no stranger to diversified farming and soil health. I have worked on and managed diversified farms, and I’ve been dabbling in farming and food systems for almost 15 years.

A little bit about our team, we are a small but mighty group of regional soil health specialists who strive to improve soil health on

Indiana’s urban and small-scale, diversified agricultural land. How do we do it? We increase the use of soil health practices by providing education to farmers and gardeners and enhancing local conservation partnerships. Soil health is for everyone and there are steps that all of us can take to better support the precious resource under our feet.



Getting down to brass tacks, there are a few things you can implement today to get you on your way toward soil health rockstar status. First and foremost, test your soil. Soil testing is like a health checkup for your farm or garden. The results tell you what you need more of and if you are overindulging in others. If you want some help with testing, drop me a line and I can help!

But wait, there is more! Beyond testing your soil, there are a few practices you can start planning for today:

- practice no-till or reduced till
- plant cover crops
- integrate livestock with rotational grazing
- use diverse crop rotations
- apply natural mulch
- nutrient management
- integrated pest management (IPM)

Do you want to bring more of these to your farm or garden and are not sure how to start? I can help; let’s talk! Do you own or operate a small-scale, diversified farm? Let’s meet! I would love to learn more about what you are doing and how you are doing it. We provide many services including soil testing and technical assistance on a variety of topics that support soil health on your diversified farm or garden.

Stay connected with the Urban Soil Health team and upcoming events:

Sign up for emails: <https://www.urbansoilhealth.org/contact>
Follow our socials (IG and FB): @urbansoilhealth
Are you looking for more information? We have lots of resources for farmers and conservation partners here: <https://www.urbansoilhealth.org/resources>
Contact me via email (ttheisen@urbansoilhealth.org) or call/text (262-853-4978).

Local Urban Working Group

Calling all small, urban, and backyard farmers!



The St. Joseph County SWCD has helped spearhead the creation of an urban and small farm work group here in St. Joseph County. The St. Joseph County Regenerative Ag Partnership (SCRAP) serves as a resource for other small/urban farmers (or wannabe/future farmers) providing peer based and professional conservation ag training and learning opportunities. We hit the ground running in 2023 holding an all day educational “Soil Summit” in January, on-farm trainings, site visit training and more. We plan to keep this momentum going for 2024! Regardless of skill level or experience, the doors are open for all to learn from each other. If you are interested in more information or getting involved please reach out to us at info@stjosephswcd.org or 574-936-2024 x4!

Why Are Conservation

Here are many of the conservation practices installed in St. Joseph County during the 2023 fiscal year, and why they are beneficial!

Crop Production

552 Acres of Cover Crops

- ♦ Reduce erosion from wind and water.
- ♦ Maintain or increase soil health and organic matter content.
- ♦ Reduce water quality degradation by utilizing excessive soil nutrients.
- ♦ Suppress excessive weed pressures and break pest cycles.
- ♦ Improve soil moisture use efficiency.



- ♦ Minimize soil compaction.
- ♦ Provide food and escape cover for wildlife.

335 Acres of No-Till

- ♦ Reduce sheet, rill and wind erosion.
- ♦ Maintain or increase soil health and organic matter content.
- ♦ Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- ♦ Reduce energy use.
- ♦ Increase plant available moisture.
- ♦ Provide food and escape cover for wildlife.

470 Acres Conservation Crop Rotation

- ♦ Reduce sheet, rill and wind erosion.
- ♦ Maintain or increases soil health and organic matter content.
- ♦ Reduce water quality degradation due to excess nutrients.
- ♦ Improve soil moisture.

- ♦ Reduce the concentration of salts and other chemicals from saline seeps.
- ♦ Reduce plant pest pressures.
- ♦ Provide feed and forage for domestic livestock.



Livestock

Forage and Biomass Planting

- ♦ Reduce soil erosion.
- ♦ Improve soil and water quality.
- ♦ Improve and maintain livestock nutrition and health.
- ♦ Provide or increase forage supply during periods of low forage production.
- ♦ Produce feedstock for biofuel or energy production .

Prescribed Grazing

- ♦ Improve or maintain quantity or quality of forage for grazing and browsing animals health and productivity.
- ♦ Improve and maintain water quality, soil health, and watershed function.

Urban and Small Farm

19,514 Square Feet of Seasonal High Tunnels

- ♦ Improve plant health and vigor.
- ♦ Extend growing season.



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Practices Important?

All of the statistics below are *new* installations in St. Joseph County for 2023.

Forestry

3807 Feet of Windbreak Establishment

- ♦ Reduce soil erosion from wind.
- ♦ Protect plants from wind-related damage.
- ♦ Manage snow deposition.
- ♦ Provide shelter for structures, animals, and people.
- ♦ Provide noise and visual screen.
- ♦ Reduce energy use.

19 Acres of Forest Stand Improvement

- ♦ Improve and sustain forest health and production.
- ♦ Reduce damage from pests and moisture stress.
- ♦ Initiate forest stand regeneration.
- ♦ Restore and maintain natural plant communities.
- ♦ Improve wildlife and pollinator habitat.


156 Acres of Brush Management Invasive Species Control

- ♦ Restore or release desired vegetative cover to protect soils, control erosion, reduce sediment, improve water quality, or enhance hydrology.
- ♦ Maintain or enhance fish and wildlife habitat.

- ♦ Pervasive plant species are controlled to a desired level of treatment that will ultimately contribute to the maintenance of the natural area.
- ♦ Create the desired plant community consistent with the ecology of the site.

23 Acres of Tree and Shrub Establishment

- ♦ Provide forest products such as timber and pulpwood.
- ♦ Provide wildlife habitat.
- ♦ Provide long-term erosion control and improvement of water quality.
- ♦ Store carbon in biomass.
- ♦ Reduce energy usage.
- ♦ Improve and restore natural diversity.




Wildlife Habitat

101 Acres of Conservation Cover (pollinator/monarch habitat) and 51 Acres of Monitoring of Habitat

- ♦ Native Grasses and Forbs.
- ♦ Reduce sheet, rill, and wind erosion and sedimentation.
- ♦ Reduce ground and surface water quality degradation by nutrients and surface water quality degradation by sediment.
- ♦ Reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.
- ♦ Improve soil health.
- ♦ Enhance wildlife, pollinator and beneficial organism habitat.

72 Acres Early Successional Habitat Development

- ♦ To provide habitat for species requiring early successional habitat for all or part of their life cycle.



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Wetlands

5 Acres of Wetland Restoration and 4 Acres of Wetland Enhancement

- ♦ Increases the capacity of specific wetland functions by enhancing hydric soil functions, hydrology and vegetation.
- ♦ Enhances plant and animal habitats.



Indiana Invasive Species Management

By Ronda Spaulding, Regional Specialist, State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management

In both my personal and professional life, I spend much of my time looking for, learning about, identifying, and observing invasive plants at my home and in the areas I work. Honestly, it can be quite discouraging as they are EVERYWHERE and spreading. Once you know them, you cannot help but see them on walks around your neighborhood, on hikes in ‘natural’ areas, moving through our cities, or driving down the highway! It is tempting to throw our hands into the air and declare the cause lost. But... Here’s my story. A few years ago, I heard for the first time the biological word “REFUGIA” and I was captivated. “In biology, a refugium (plural: refugia) is a location which supports an isolated or relict population of a once more widespread species.” (*Wikipedia*) Typically this term refers to those areas that occur naturally, but the idea of fostering, preserving, and protecting an area I have set apart as a refugium is so beautiful and exhilarating to me. I started out declaring a defined space at the entrance to our woodland and took action (with help from my family) to remove invasives one by one, season by season, year by year. And I called it The Refugium. There, I witnessed first-hand that with planned effort – thoughtful, timed, strategic and consistent, CHANGE happens! Wonderful changes in the landscape occur where effort is made. Not instant success, not once and done, but a steady transformation. I see native plants reappearing in a woodland previously crowded, shaded and totally dominated by invasive plants. I did not plant, I only removed what was displacing the native plants. When the invasive plants were removed, the natives were able to grow once more – a refuge, a protected remnant. Changes in the landscaping around your home can have an equally visible outcome. It means removing the plants we purchased or were gifted (wince!) and learning what plants belong in our soil and benefit our local ecosystem. As I have begun this process in our yard and garden, I see a home garden buzzing with activity, both the bee kind and the busy kind. More birds, more bees, more insects, more healthy activity. Years ago, what I thought I wanted my garden to be was constantly colorful, lush, and tidy. Great, but all of that served only my desires and contributed very little to the ecosystem I inhabit, and sadly, in some cases was harmful. My journey started with a free Landowner Survey and Invasive Management Plan from the State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management (SICIM). SICIM is a statewide nonprofit that is working to protect, restore, and enhance Indiana’s landscapes by coordinating efforts to identify, prevent, and control invasive species. SICIM directs the *Indiana Invasives Initiative* – a project that addresses the detrimental causes of invasive species. As part of this initiative, SICIM employees and partners conduct invasive species surveys at no cost for private landowners and provide management plans and information on local resources. The more you learn about the things you can do in your own space regardless of size, the more energized and empowered you will feel! There are solutions and there are resources for you to begin restoring a place where natives can grow and thrive where you live. If you are interested in learning what invasive plants may be in your yard or property, contact your Regional Specialist at SICIM. In St. Joseph County, that’s me! Ronda Spaulding, Regional Specialist, State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management - Ronda@sicim.info





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St. Joseph/Marshall Counties Invasive Plant Partnership

The St. Joseph and Marshall Counties Invasive Plant Partnership (SMIPP) has continued to grow and help spread information about invasive species throughout 2023! SMIPP held two Weed Wrangles® this year, finishing up their third consecutive year at Marshall County Memorial Forest and completing their second consecutive year at Potato Creek State Park. Additionally, SMIPP had educational booths at some local outreach events, including South Bend Wild Ones' Native Plant Sales in May and October and South Bend VPA's Arbor Day Tree Giveaway. Some changes have occurred in leadership this past year. SMIPP is excited to welcome Ronda Spaulding, regional specialist with the State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management (SICIM), as one of their newest partners!

SMIPP wants to thank Mandi Glanz for all the work that she has done to help SMIPP get started!

There are many upcoming opportunities that SMIPP is planning, so keep an eye out to see what's in store for 2024!

To learn more about SMIPP and how you can get involved, please contact SMIPP co-leader, Ally Pudlo, at Allison.pudlo@in.nacdn.net or SMIPP co-leader, Jodie Overmyer, at Jodie.Overmyer@in.nacdn.net.



Partners for Fish & Wildlife U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The Partners for Fish & Wildlife (PFW) program offers technical and financial assistance to private landowners interested in restoring, managing, or enhancing high-quality wildlife habitat. Private Lands Biologists work closely with landowners in designing on-the-ground habitat restoration projects that will provide benefits to federal trust species and work towards the goals outlined in the Indiana PFW Strategic Plan.

Project habitat types include wetland restorations, native prairie and grassland plantings, reforestation, and educational/outreach projects. By working together, biologists can help landowners realize their vision for their property while providing valuable wildlife habitat in Indiana.

Apart from the vital habitat benefits for wildlife species, healthy ecosystems also provide many ecological services to all of us. Wetlands help to filter pollutants and provide flood storage. Deep rooted native vegetation can build healthy soil structure, sequester carbon, and improve infiltration. Wildlife habitat projects can result in positive impacts to overall water quality as well as offer fantastic recreational opportunities.



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Spring Weed Wrangle, Marshall County Forest



Conservation Stewardship Program

A Good Option for Good Woodland Owners

By Dan Shaver, *The Woodland Steward*

There are multiple conservation programs offered through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) as part of the Farm Bill that is approved every five years to impact farming livelihoods, how food is grown, and how timber is managed. The variety of programs can often be confusing, but there is a strong network of conservation planners working in every county in Indiana to help landowners understand the programs and navigate the enrollment and application process. To find your local NRCS Service Center, follow this link – <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/find-a-service-center>) and enter your state and county or just stop but your local county office.

Some conservation programs like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) are aimed at fixing problems on the farm or the forest. The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is a program designed for woodland owners and farmers that are practicing good conservation but want to build on existing conservation efforts and strengthen their operations.

For woodland owners that have a forest management plan and have done some forest management in the past, CSP may be a program that will help you manage your forest and provide some financial assistance to improve your property.

A Commitment to Conservation – How CSP Works

CSP represents a genuine commitment to conservation and requires a landowner to enroll all of their forested acres in the programs as part of a 5-year contract with opportunities to compete for contract renewal at the end of five years.

The 5-year contract includes two parts. The annual payment based on the acres enrolled and land use included in the contract and the current level of existing stewardship (minimum \$1500 per year), and payments to implement additional conservation activities on all or part of the landowner’s property.

What additional conservation activities are available to woodland owners?

In CSP, additional conservation activities are called enhancements. For woodland owners there are enhancement related to tree planting, brush management, and forest stand improvement. A complete list of CSP enhancements for Indiana can be found at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/csp-conservation-stewardship-program.indiana/conservation-stewardship-program>.

Example of some Enhancements for Woodland Owners:

Brush Management to Improve Wildlife Habitat: Controlling low levels of woody invasive plants to improve understory composition and wildlife habitat (\$20.86 per acre*).

Sugarbush Management: Establish or maintain a diversity of trees

and shrubs in an active sugarbush operation to enhance pollinators and wildlife habitat (\$874.50 per acre*).

Adding food producing trees and shrubs to existing plantings: Plant additional food producing trees and shrubs in existing tree planting for human consumption and wildlife food (\$212.24 per acre*).

Crop Tree Management for Mast Production: 3-4-sided release of crop trees to increase mast production and improve growth and quality (\$386.29 per acre*).

Summer Roosting Habitat for Native Forest-dwelling Bats: Create new and potential roost trees for bats by deadening trees in various size classes to create dead and dying snags (\$222.46 per acre*).

There are many more enhancements to help meet landowner objectives and fulfill your conservation goals. All enhancements require the landowner to update their forest management plan and fulfill all the national requirements. The enhancement payment includes the cost to update the plan and implement the land management practices. Indiana CSP practice rates can be found at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-by-state/Indiana/payment-schedule>. Your local NRCS Conservation Planner can assist you with the application and enrollment process and work with you and your forester to understand which enhancement may be right for you and your woodland.

*Rate listed in this article are based on FY2023 rates for CSP in Indiana.

Dan Shaver is the Indiana NRCS State Forester and works to develop technical guidance tailored to woodlands in Indiana for USDA Conservation Programs.



Food Access: A Path to Home Horticulture

Article Courtesy of Emily Evers, Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator, Purdue Extension St. Joseph County

As an office, our staff are all relatively new to the county and Extension. As such, we have spent the past year establishing relationships and conducting a needs assessment in the county. What we found was a noticeable disconnect from agriculture within city limits. Understanding where our food comes from and the importance of agriculture is crucial to continued legislative support of agriculture in our community. Additionally, more and more families are struggling with access to fresh, local produce. St. Joseph County has approximately 34,870 residents who are food insecure, meaning they lack access to fresh and local foods. There are 11 areas in St. Joseph County where people live more than a mile from the nearest source of fresh and affordable food. Additionally, sometimes the nearest grocer may not have the quality of produce needed to sustain healthy access.

To target these disparities, Purdue Extension is looking forward to offering a number of programs to help provide education on home horticulture. A Purdue Extension Master Gardeners program will be offered this spring. Individuals in the course learn the science behind growing and become sources of educational support in the county. As part of their certification, they are required to donate 12 hours of education to the community annually. Additionally, we will offer a

vegetable workshop and virtual series on fruit to expand the understanding of produce production.

In the spirit of 4-H, we are looking to offer a project to address food waste in our school systems. 4-H was initially implemented to help bring education to agricultural communities on safety and production best practices. Since it's start, it has grown into a positive youth development program aimed at supporting youth to be stewards in the community. We are looking to offer Juntos, a college and career readiness program that predominantly supports Hispanic youth. Oftentimes, these youth are the children of migrant farm workers. Additionally, we hope to support food waste elimination education to youth in schools via a national 4-H grant. More to come on that!

Purdue Extension strives to support the needs of the community used evidence-based research and best practices. From farm to home, we truly exist to support our local community. Be sure to keep up to date with our program offerings and sign up for our monthly newsletter: <http://tinyurl.com/PurdueExtensionStJoe>



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