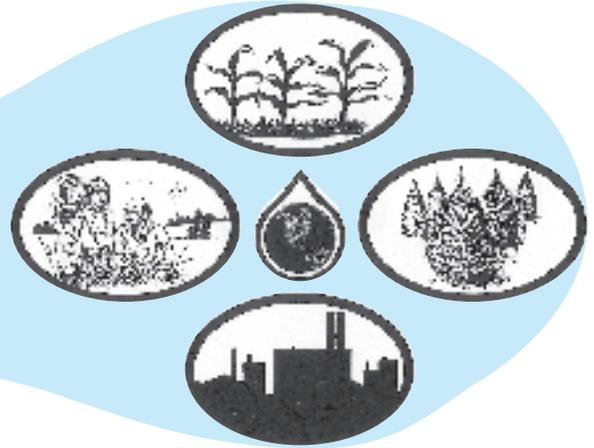




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Speaker from
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February 8th, 2011
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Farm Bureau Mtg. Room
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Charlie Adams is a former sports anchor with Michiana's WSBT Channel 22. After winning awards for more than 20 years in the television sports business, author Charlie Adams is now a corporate motivational speaker and international travel guru who has his own tour named after him called "Travels With Charlie." Currently, Mr. Adams is also the Senior National Speaker for the National Collegiate Scouting Association (NCSA) Recruiting Network and speaks to over 10,000 people a year on how to have success in finding the right fit for college athletics.

**51st ANNUAL
MEETING**

**JOIN US IN OUR CELEBRATION OF SERVING
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FOR 51 YEARS**

at St. Hedwig Parish
331 S Scott St., South Bend, IN 46601
Friday, January 28, 2011
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P. by Thursday, January 20, 2011

Tickets for the **Family-Style Polish Dinner** are available for **\$10 each** from any St. Joseph County SWCD board member or at the office 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. weekdays.
Call 574-291-7444 ext. 3 for more information.

THE EVENING WILL ALSO FEATURE:

Public Election of one SWCD Supervisor
Conservation Awards
The Year in Review
&
Guest Speaker, Charlie Adams

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Meet Andrew, the New St. Joseph County SWCD County Conservationist



Hello everyone. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself, as several people are not yet aware that the St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation District has a new employee. I proudly accepted the position as County Conservationist on Oct. 25, 2010. I was born and raised on my family's farm in Madison Township here in St. Joseph County, which is why I am very excited to be working with the SWCD here in St. Joe County.

After high school I attended Purdue University, from which I graduated with a Bachelor in Science of Forestry. After college I obtained a job with a utility contractor for about 2 years and now have made the switch back into the conservation field.

I look forward to being able to work in my home county once again, and I am excited to be able to help landowners and producers in my community. So, please feel free to stop by the office or give me a call, to see what I can help you with, or just to say hi. I hope to talk with everyone very soon!

Cheers,
Andrew S. Fox
County Conservationist, St. Joseph County SWCD

Need to Submit a Construction Plan? Is it MS4? ... No? ... Rule 5? Right? Maybe?

Lets face it! Distinguishing between MS4 (which stands for "municipal separate storm sewer system") and Rule 5 submissions has always been kind of a chore. Now with the hiring of a new St. Joseph County SWCD County Conservationist and the designation of a county-level MS4 Conservationist position things may get even trickier. So let's see if we can help break it down just a little bit.

As you may or may not know, the MS4 Conservationist position was originally rolled out after Indiana's implementation of Rule 5, Phase II. This implementation established that any municipality with a certain population level should designate their own person in charge of overseeing the sediment erosion control elements of the required Construction Plans.

Throughout St. Joseph county, several persons have been established by local municipalities for overseeing the sediment control of construction projects that will disturb more than 1 acres of soil. **For projects within the city limits of South Bend**, Storm Water Quality Management Plans (SWQMP's) are to be submitted to John Engstrom (574-235-5933). **Within the city limits of Mishawaka**, SWQMP's are to the Mishawaka Planning Dept., and questions can be directed to Melissa McGuire (574-258-7113). **Most other areas of St. Joseph County, including Osceola and Roseland**, should submit MS4 Storm Water Quality Management Plans (SWQMP's) to Maria Schaefer, MS4 Conservationist with the St. Joseph County Department of Public Works (574-235-9626). **In the remaining areas of the county that are incorporated, but that are either too small to have a designated oversight person, or just elect not to have one at this time**, their Rule 5 Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP's) are to be submitted to Andrew Fox at the St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District (574-291-7444, ext 3). Mr. Fox will also be over seeing the SWQMP's for **projects being conducted by an MS4 entity** (i.e. City of South Bend, City of Mishawaka). **For filing fees and other details, contact the appropriate individual listed above.**

Hopefully this description of how things have been split up will help those of you who will need to be submitting Construction Plans. If you have any questions for any of the designated plan oversight persons please feel free to contact them via the information found above.



Things You May Have Never Wanted to Know!

DUST AND DUST MITES

Every week you go about dusting your house and sooner or later you are going to wonder: **It's winter... The house is closed up... SO WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS DUST THAT I KEEP CLEANING?**

Well the dust is made up of four main components:

1. First on the list is YOU. Well, your dead skin cells, actually. We humans basically replace our skin every month and those dead cells account for the majority of our dust. Every minute of the day we lose about 30,000 to 40,000 dead skin cells off the surface of our skin. It's been calculated that the average human sloughs off over 8 pounds of dead skins cells each year.
2. Second...Dust Mites and their dried feces and desiccated corpses. *More on these guys in a minute.*
3. A third component of most house dust are tiny fibers from our clothing; cotton is a leading culprit and jeans are the worst.
4. Lastly, it might not be surprising to discover that over 60% of dust found indoors originates from outside the home¹. These sources include dirt brought in on the soles of shoes as well as particles blown in on the breeze from outdoors.

Back to Dust Mites ... Any type of bedding, carpet or soft furnishing that is a year old will contain a large colony of Dust Mites. In fact, 10% of a two year old pillow's weight is Dust Mites and their droppings. Dust Mites are a major contributor to allergies and unfortunately they are almost impossible to remove from the home. Moreover, they love to eat dead skin cells. To learn more about Dust Mites, check out the to Environment, Health and Safety Online (ESHS) website at www.ehso.com/ehshome/dustmites.php.

INSECTS AND YOUR FOOD

Do I really eat insects in my food? YES. In fact in an Ohio University fact sheet, it is estimated that every year we eat between one and two pounds of insects.

Here are some interesting facts from the FDA's "Food Defect Action Level Handbook" which establishes maximum levels of natural or unavoidable defects in foods that present no health

hazards for humans². "Action levels" are the point at which the FDA starts an investigation and decides what action is warranted. Sources of "natural or unavoidable defects" includes maggots, thrips, insect fragments, "foreign matter", mold, rodent hairs, and insect and mammalian feces.

The question becomes, if these are the upper limits permitted by law, what can we typically expect to find in our food? Well, the FDA says that typical food contains about 10% of their action level. So some people may call the following numbers extreme.

- Chocolate averaged 60 insect fragments per 100 grams and averaged 1 rodent hair per 100 grams.
- Macaroni and noodle products averaged 225 insect fragments and 4.5 rodent hairs.
- Peanut Butter averaged 30 insect fragments per 100 grams and one rodent hair.
- Popcorn 50% of the samples contained not only rodent hair but droppings.
- Wheat Flour averaged 75 insect fragments per 50 grams and 1 rodent hair

So what does this all mean? Maybe, lighten up a little. We are part of this World and our World is not sterile or as perfect as some us would prefer, but the Dust Mites have been around forever and all those insect parts are just added protein in your diet. **Enjoy life.**

**Don't
Forget to
Recycle
Reuse
Reduce
And
Rethink**



1. Layton, David W., and Paloma I. Beamer. "Migration of Contaminated Soil and Airborne Particulates to Indoor Dust." *Environmental Science & Technology*. 43.21 (2009): 8199-8205.

2. See www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Food_Defect_Action_Levels



SPECIES INFORMATION SHEET

KEY

SOIL DRAINAGE		PLANT PRODUCTS		SUNLIGHT NEEDS		GROWTH RATE	
(W) - Wet	(D) - Dry	C - Cone	FR - Fruit	S - Shade	PS - Full Sun	SL - Slow	F - Fast
(M) - Moist		N - Nut	S - Seed	FL - Flower	PS - Partial Sun	M - Medium	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT USE			
B - Borders, Screens	E - Erosion Control	S - Shade	W - Windbreak
Bs - Beary	H - Home Sites	T - Timber	WL - Wildlife

SPECIES	MATURE HEIGHT	GROWTH RATE	SOIL DRAINAGE	PLANT PRODUCTS	SUNLIGHT NEEDS	SALT TOLERANT	REMARKS
EVERGREENS							
American Arborvitae	30-60'	M	Most Soils	C/S	PS	NO	B, Bs, E, H, W, WL
Blue Spruce	80-100'	SL - M	M, D	C/S	PS	YES	Bs, E, H, W, WL
Canadian Hemlock	40-70'	M	M	C/S	S-PS	NO	B, Bs, E, H, W, WL; Can be grown as a hedge
Douglas Fir	80-200'	M - F	M, D	C/S	PS-PS	INTERMEDIATE	Bs, E, H, T, W, WL; Makes a good christmas tree!
Norway Spruce	50-75'	M - F	M	C/S	PS	NO	B, Bs, E, H, W, WL
Serbian Spruce	50-75'	M - F	M, D	C/S	PS-PS	YES	Bs, E, H, W, WL
White Pine	75-100'	F	M, D	C/S	PS-PS	NO	B, Bs, E, H, T, W, WL
DECIDUOUS TREES							
Black Walnut	70-100'	S - M	M	FL/FR/N	PS	YES	Bs, E, H, T, WL; Valuable timber
Hybrid Poplar	70-80'	Vary Fast	Most Soils	FL/FR/S	PS-PS	INTERMEDIATE	Bs, E, H, S, T, W, WL; 5-8'/year
Red Maple	40-60'	M - F	W, M, D	FL/FR/S	PS-PS	NO	Bs, E, H, S, WL; Great fall color
Red Oak	60-75'	M	M, D	FL/FR/S	PS	INTERMEDIATE	Bs, E, H, S, T, WL
River Birch	60-80'	M - F	W, M	FL/FR/S	PS-PS	INTERMEDIATE	Bs, E, H, S, T, WL
Sugar Maple	60-80'	M - F	M, D	FL/FR/S	PS-PS	NO	Bs, E, H, S, T, WL
Swamp White Oak	50-70'	M	W, M	FL/FR/S	PS-PS	NO	Bs, E, H, S, T, WL; Great for wet sites
Tulip Poplar	70-100+'	F	M, D	FL/FR/S	PS-PS	INTERMEDIATE	Bs, E, H, S, T, WL; State tree
FLOWERING TREES AND SHRUBS							
American Plum	15-20'	M	M, D	FL/FR	PS-PS	INTERMEDIATE	B, BS, H, S, WL; Native Fruit!
Butterfly Bush	4-6'	F	M, D	FL	PS-PS	NO	Bs, H, WL; Attracts birds and butterflies!
Common Lilac	6-10'	M - F	M, D	FL/FR/S	PS-PS	INTERMEDIATE	B, Bs, H, W, WL; Great native wildlife shrub
Red Bud	25'-35'	M	D	FL/FR/S	S-PS	NO	Bs, H, S, WL; Spring Color!!
Roseow Sargent Crabapple	15-20'	SL - M	M, D	FL/FR/S	PS	Limited	Bs, H, S, W, WL; Fruits persist into the winter for wildlife.
Shadblow Serviceberry	10-20'	M	M, D	FL/FR/S	S-PS	YES	Bs, H, S, WL; First to bloom in spring
White Flowering Dogwood	20-25'	M	M, D	FL/FR/S	PS-PS	NO	Bs, H, S, WL; Beautiful flowering native.
GROUNDCOVER							
Pachysandra	10-12"	SL - M	M	FL/FR	PS-S	NO	B, Bs, E, H; Thrives under pines
WILDFLOWER SEED							
American Wildflower Mix	12-36"	SL -M	Most Soils	S/FL	PS-PS	Depending on Variety	Bs, H, WL
Bud & Butterfly Mix	12-36"	SL -M	Most Soils	S/FL	PS-PS		Bs, H, WL

Tree Pick-Up: April 16, 2011 @ the St. Joseph County 4H Fairgrounds

The St. Joseph County SWCD is sponsoring a Tree Selection and Planting Seminar on February 8, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Please call the office for details and to reserve your spot.



WOODLAND TIMES

Forestry News Updates for St. Joseph County

<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Telephone _____</p>		<p align="center">Terms and Conditions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Orders of 500 or more trees per species receive a discount. Call for pricing information. 2. Orders must be postmarked no later than: March 10, 2011. Orders will be filled on first come first served basis. 3. Trees are available to anyone and may be planted without restriction. 4. We reserve the right to make alterations if necessary. 5. We DO NOT furnish replacements. 6. Sizes may vary due to weather conditions beyond our control. <p>Make all checks payable to: St. Joseph County SWCD 5605 U.S. 31 South, Suite 4 South Bend, IN 46614 (574) 291-7444, Ext. 3</p>				
Order # 2011-		Order confirmations will be mailed in late March 2011				
Fill in Number of packages and Total	Pack of 5	Pack of 10	Pack of 25	Pack of 50	Pack of 100	Total \$
American Arborvitae 20-32"	x \$ 9.00	x \$ 19.00	x \$ 40.00	x \$ 80.00	x \$ 160.00	
Blue Spruce 10-20"	x \$ 9.50	x \$ 18.00	x \$ 42.50	x \$ 85.00	x \$ 170.00	
Canadian Hemlock 10-18"	x \$ 11.50	x \$ 22.00	x \$ 52.50	x \$ 105.00	x \$ 210.00	
Douglas Fir 20-30"	x \$ 8.00	x \$ 15.00	x \$ 35.00	x \$ 70.00	x \$ 140.00	
Norway Spruce 20-30"	x \$ 11.50	x \$ 22.00	x \$ 52.50	x \$ 105.00	x \$ 210.00	
Serbian Spruce 18-24"	x \$ 10.50	x \$ 20.00	x \$ 47.50	x \$ 95.00	x \$ 190.00	
White Pine 12-20"	x \$ 8.00	x \$ 15.00	x \$ 35.00	x \$ 70.00	x \$ 140.00	
Black Walnut 14-20"	x \$ 5.50	x \$ 10.00	x \$ 22.50	x \$ 45.00	x \$ 90.00	
Hybrid Poplar 18-24"	x \$ 9.50	x \$ 18.00	x \$ 42.50	x \$ 85.00	x \$ 170.00	
Red Maple 18-24"	x \$ 7.80	x \$ 14.60	x \$ 34.00	x \$ 68.00	x \$ 136.00	
Red Oak 18-24"	x \$ 8.00	x \$ 15.00	x \$ 35.00	x \$ 70.00	x \$ 140.00	
River Birch 18-24"	x \$ 8.10	x \$ 15.20	x \$ 35.50	x \$ 71.00	x \$ 142.00	
Sugar Maple 18-24"	x \$ 9.30	x \$ 17.60	x \$ 41.50	x \$ 83.00	x \$ 166.00	
Swamp White Oak 18-28"	x \$ 9.30	x \$ 17.60	x \$ 41.50	x \$ 83.00	x \$ 166.00	
Tulip Poplar 18-24"	x \$ 8.30	x \$ 15.60	x \$ 36.50	x \$ 73.00	x \$ 146.00	
American Plum 18-24"	x \$ 6.80	x \$ 12.60	x \$ 29.00	x \$ 58.00	x \$ 116.00	
Butterfly Bush 18-24"	x \$ 8.40	x \$ 15.80	x \$ 37.00	x \$ 74.00	x \$ 148.00	
Common Lilac 18-24"	x \$ 7.60	x \$ 14.20	x \$ 33.00	x \$ 66.00	x \$ 132.00	
Red Bud 18-24"	x \$ 8.70	x \$ 16.40	x \$ 38.50	x \$ 77.00	x \$ 154.00	
Roselow Sargent Crabapple 18-24"	x \$ 8.10	x \$ 15.20	x \$ 35.50	x \$ 71.00	x \$ 142.00	
Shadblow Serviceberry 18-24"	x \$ 10.00	x \$ 19.00	x \$ 45.00	x \$ 90.00	x \$ 180.00	
White Flowering Dogwood 18-24"	x \$ 8.70	x \$ 16.40	x \$ 38.50	x \$ 77.00	x \$ 154.00	
Pachysandra (25 plants)			x \$ 15.00			
American Wildflower Mix (1 oz.)	x \$ 7.00					
Bird & Butterfly Mix (1 oz.)	x \$ 7.00					
** For OFFICE USE ONLY **						Total Order \$
CK# _____ Date _____ By _____ ** All prices include sales tax **						

The programs and services of the St. Joseph County SWCD are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, age or disability. We are an equal opportunity employer.



Program Helps Plant Cover Crops in St. Joseph County

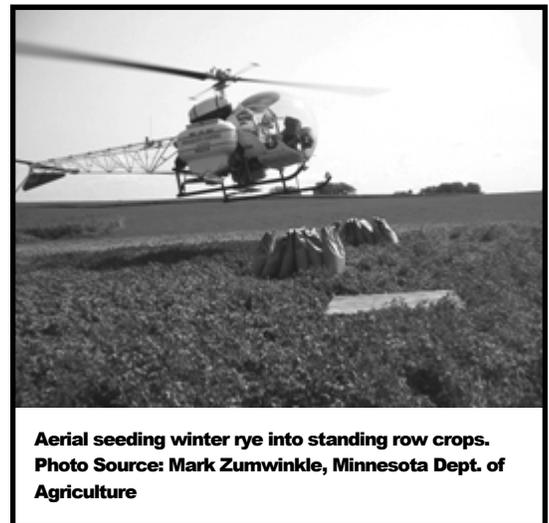
Locally led conservation programs — these are what local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) dedicate their time and talents to. SWCDs are governed by five publicly elected volunteer board members, or Supervisors, as they are sometimes called. The Supervisors (with additional advice non-elected board members called Associate Supervisors) set the direction for the SWCD based on that county's conservation needs. The St. Joseph County SWCD **“Cover It Green”** cover crop cost-share program is an example of how a locally-led program went from an idea to conservation on the ground. Some farmers in St. Joseph County have attended meetings or read articles about cover crops, and many understand that the benefits of planting cover crops after harvest includes minimizing soil erosion, improving soil structure, increasing water infiltration, reducing compaction, suppressing weeds, fixing nitrogen in the soil, among other things.

A Local Conservation Need...

Experts in soil conservation strongly encourage farmers to plant cover crops. However, in 2009 the St. Joseph County SWCD board concluded that planting of winter cover crops wasn't being done in the county on a wide-spread basis. The questions turned to “why not?” and “how can we encourage the use of cover crops?”

An Idea is Born...

Even among SWCD board members, it became evident that while they bought into the concept of cover crops, when it comes to the actual implementation of this conservation practice there are a lot of questions and issues that can come up. The potential for failure during the first few tries could dissuade farmers from even trying cover crops out in the first place. Time constraints and the availability of seed at a reasonable price may also be barriers to seeding cover crops. The discussion turned to whether there was an opportunity for the SWCD to provide a program that would help educate farmers about cover crops and reduce the financial burden of planting cover crops through a cost-share program. By providing financial and technical assistance, farmers may decide to try aerial application which would help with the time-sensitive issue of planting cover crops into corn and soybean ground.



Aerial seeding winter rye into standing row crops.
Photo Source: Mark Zumwinkle, Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture

Funding the Program...

In 2009, the St. Joseph County SWCD applied for a grant administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil Conservation under the Clean Water Indiana Fund. In 2010, this grant helped fund the first year of our **“Cover It Green”** cover crop cost-share program. Farmers simply had to fill out a brief application by July 1st and with a few weeks they were notified of whether their request was funded. Since we had enough money in the “pot” for all the applicants in 2010, all six (6) St. Joseph County producers who applied received cost-share funding through **“Cover It Green.”**

Getting the Conservation on the Ground...

In 2010, the Clean Water Indiana Grant enabled us to provide \$5,140.00 cost share dollars to six (6) St. Joseph County producers to establish winter cover crops. In total, there were 257 acres of cover crops planted in the county with funding from our cost-share program. Planting methods for the 6 funded producers included aerial seeding, manure slurry seeding, drilling, and a combination of disking/drilling. 239 acres consisted of annual ryegrass, and 18 acres consisted of a an annual ryegrass/clover/radish mix.

At an average soil loss of 4.1 ton/acre on these “Cover It Green” cost-share fields, that translates to 1,054 tons of soil saved through this program in one year. (Cont. on pg. 7)



(Cont. from pg. 6) To address the educational needs of farmers considering cover crops, the St. Joseph County SWCD also held a Spring Producers' meeting in March 2010 and cover crop workshop in August 2010. We anticipate holding a Spring Producers' Meeting on March 16, 2011 and a Cover Crop Field Day in late summer/early fall of 2011.

The SWCD board and staff learned a few lessons from last year and expect an even more successful program this year.

Applying to "Cover It Green" in 2011...

Have you been thinking about utilizing cover crops to compliment your no-till or filter strip practices? Have you heard about the nutrient holding and balancing capabilities that cover crops provide, and want to try them for yourself? Now may be the perfect time!

The St. Joseph County SWCD will be taking applications for its "**Cover It Green**" cover crop cost-share program again this year. The SWCD has once again obtained a grant that will allow us to supply funds to farmers who utilize the cover crop practices. The grant will again be based on a competitive point system, and will be awarded based upon point rankings. A farmer who is eligible for the grant may be provided up to \$25 per acre with a maximum of 23 acres being enrolled.

For producers who may already be receiving funding for cover crops through another USDA conservation program like EQIP, the SWCD's "**Cover It Green**" cost-share funds may be awarded in addition to any funds the producer is eligible for under another USDA program

The deadline to apply for the "**Cover It Green**" cost-share program is July 1, 2011.

To find out more about the benefits offered by using the cover crop practices as well as eligibility requirements for "**Cover It Green**" and other conservation programs; please contact Andrew Fox, County Conservationist with the St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District. The phone number is 574-291-7444 ext. 3. Feel free to stop by the office and talk to Andrew in person at the St. Joseph County USDA Service Center located in the Farm Bureau Insurance Building at 5605 US 31 South, Suite 4, in South Bend.

Your Opinion Counts...

This is just one example of the conservation programs going on in every soil and water conservation district in Indiana and in the United States.

What conservation needs are on your farm or in your county? Contact your local SWCD office for assistance or give them your ideas.

No-Till/Warm Season Grass Drill Available

Have you thought about installing wildlife, pasture or hay plantings on your property? Last year, thanks to the warm season grass drill available to **residents of Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties**, through the St. Joseph County SWCD office, area landowners planted about 100 acres of these plantings. **How much does it cost?** If you are interested in planting **pastures and hay**, there is a \$50 flat fee for the first five acres, and over five acres entails an additional \$5 per acre charge. If you'd like to plant **warm season grasses, food plots, and/or filter strips**, there is a \$25 flat fee regardless of how many acres you plant. These fees are used to help maintain the drill for future use. **What kind of drill is this?** The drill is a Truax FLEX Series Grass Drill. It has a planting width of 6 feet and has three seed boxes for a variety of seed plantings: (1) Front Seed Box -- for **small seeds** like wildflowers, clover, and alfalfa; (2) Middle Seed Box -- for **warm season grasses or prairie grasses** like Indian grass, Big Blue Stem, and Little Blue Stem; and (3) Back Seed Box -- for **cool season grasses** like Orchard Grass, Timothy and Ryegrass and food plot seed like sunflowers and sorghum. Using a tractor to pull the drill requires a minimum horsepower rating of 50, with a place to hook up two hydraulic hoses for raising and lowering the drill. **How do you get started?** *Simply give us a call at 574-291-7444, ext. 3 and ask for Andrew Fox, the St. Joseph County SWCD County Conservationist, who can answer any additional question you may have and get you on the schedule for using the drill.*



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JANUARY

17 - VETERAN'S DAY (Office Closed)
 18 - **SWCD Monthly Board Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Farm Bureau Mtg Rm.
 28 - St. Joseph County SWCD Annual Meeting @ St. Hedwig Parish in South Bend @ 6:30 PM (see pg. 1)

FEBRUARY

7 - Tree Selection & Planting Seminar, 6:30PM, Farm Bureau Mtg Rm.
 21 - PRESIDENTS' DAY (Office Closed)
 22 - **SWCD Monthly Board Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Farm Bureau Mtg Rm.

MARCH

10 - Deadline to Pre-Order Trees (see pg. 1)
 16 - 2011 Spring Producers' Breakfast and Pesticide Recertification Meeting, 8AM-Noon, Esther Singer Bldg, 4H Fairgrounds (see pgs. 6-7)
 21 - **SWCD Monthly Board Meeting**, 7:00 PM, Farm Bureau Mtg Rm.

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OUR MISSION

To provide guidance and education to the youth and adults of St. Joseph County and to administer programs to preserve, protect and improve soil, water, air, plant, and animal resources for future generations.