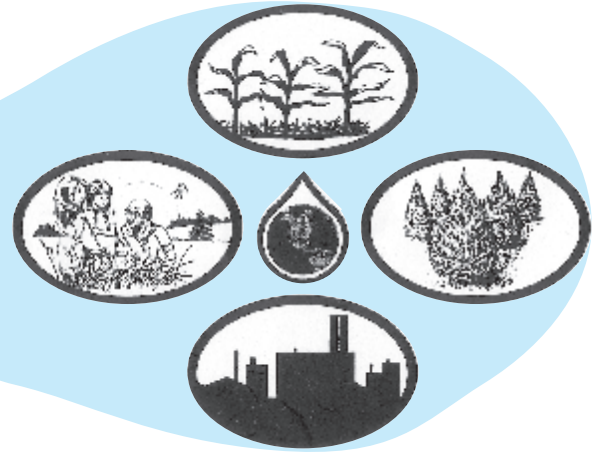




St. Joseph  
County  
Soil & Water  
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District



**Today's Visions for Tomorrow's Future**

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### What's Going On...

Events hosted by the St. Joseph County SWCD  
& Our Partners in Conservation

#### January

1st - New Year's Day - Office Closed

20th - Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed

21st - St. Joseph County SWCD Board Meeting (7:00 pm @ Centre Township Library)

24th - St. Joseph County SWCD's 54th Annual Meeting - 6:00 pm @ Hedwig Memorial Center, South Bend (if hazardous weather, this event will be postponed until January 31)

#### February

1st - Science Alive I - 10:00am - 4:00 pm @ the St. Joseph County Public Library, 304 S. Main St., South Bend

12th - Tree Selection and Planting Seminar (6:00 pm @ Centre Township Library)

17th - President's Day - Office Closed

18th - St. Joseph County SWCD Board Meeting (6:30 pm @ Centre Township Library)

Annual Producer's Breakfast  
Please check our website for the time and date

#### March

1st - TREE ORDER FORMS POSTMARKED TODAY!



### Have You Heard? ...

#### Sign Up Begins for Environmental Quality Conservation Projects!

Sign up period for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) has started. The Environmental Quality Incentive Program provides farmers with financial and technical assistance to install conservation practices on their land to address specific concerns that might affect our natural resources. EQIP applications are accepted through a continuous sign-up process. NRCS encourages customers to apply and periodically announces cutoff dates when applications are ranked for funding. EQIP is open to all eligible ag. producers. Our agency is accepting applications for the general EQIP which includes practices such as:

- Soil health practices including no-till and cover crops,
- Irrigation scheduling,
- Nutrient and pest management,
- Animal watering systems,
- Pasture planting,
- Wildlife habitat,
- Erosion control structures,
- Manure storage structures,
- Wetland restorations

Farmers have until **February 21, 2014** to submit an application.

Information on the EQIP program is also available on the Indiana NRCS webpage at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/programs/financial/eqip/>

For more information on any of these EQIP opportunities, please visit or contact us at:

Marshall/St. Joseph Co. Service Center  
2903 GARY DR. SUITE 1  
Plymouth, IN 46563-0000  
Phone: 574-936-2024 ext. 111  
Fax: 855-496-7861  
Deb Knepp – District Conservationist

#### Soil Health Masters Series

January will mark the half-way point in a new endeavor for the St. Joseph County SWCD. On July 18, 2013 the SWCD held its first class in what is being called the Soil Health Masters Series. The series is a yearlong course of classes in which 5 local farmers are meeting once every other month to learn about soil health. The classes usually last for a full day and meet at various locations, including some field days outside of the county. Each class covers a different topic that is timely for the season, such as cover crop planting in late summer, planter setup in late fall, and cover crop termination in the spring. The goal of the class is to try to provide the producers with the information and skills they need to try to utilize a production system that promotes healthy soil. If you think that you would like to take part in the next series, contact the SWCD at 574-936-2024 ext. 4.

# 2014 TREE SALE

## SEEDLING & PLANT SPECIES INFORMATION SHEET (Source: ArborDay.org)

SOIL DRAINAGE		PLANT PRODUCTS				SUNLIGHT NEEDS				GROWTH RATE							
W - Wet	D - Dry	M - Moist	C - Cone	FR - Fruit	N - Nut	S - Seed	FL - Flower	S - Shade	PS - Partial Sun	FS - Full Sun	SL - Slow	M - Medium	F - Fast				
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT USE																	
B - Borders, Screens		Be - Beauty		Fc - Fall Color		E - Erosion Control		H - Home Sites		S - Shade		T - Timber		W - Windbreak		WL - Wildlife	
SPECIES	MATURE HEIGHT	GROWTH RATE	SOIL DRAINAGE	PLANT PRODUCTS	SUNLIGHT NEEDS	SALT TOLERANT	REMARKS	PRICING INFORMATION									
								1-PACK PRICE	5-PACK PRICE	10-PACK PRICE	25-PACK PRICE	50-PACK PRICE					
<b>EVERGREEN SEEDLINGS</b>																	
American Arborvitae	30-60'	M	Most Soils	C/S	FS	NO	B, Be, E, H, W, WL	N/A	\$9.50	\$18.00	\$42.50	\$85.00					
Canacian Hemlock	40-70'	M	M	C/S	S-FS	NO	B, Be, E, H, W, WL;	N/A	\$10.40	\$19.80	\$47.00	\$94.00					
Fraser Fir	30-40'	S	M	C/S	PS-FS	NO	B, Be, E, H, T, W, WL;	N/A	\$9.90	\$18.80	\$44.50	\$89.00					
Norway Spruce	50-75'	M-F	M	C/S	FS	NO	B, Be, E, H, W, WL	N/A	\$9.50	\$18.00	\$42.50	\$85.00					
White Pine	75-100'	F	M, D	C/S	PS-FS	NO	B, Be, E, H, T, W, WL	N/A	\$9.00	\$17.00	\$40.00	\$80.00					
White Spruce	40-60'	M	M, D	C/S	FS	INTERMEDIATE	B, Be, E, H, W, WL	N/A	\$6.80	\$12.60	\$29.00	\$58.00					
<b>DECIDUOUS SEEDLINGS</b>																	
Black Walnut	70-100'	S-M	M	FL/FR/N	FS	YES	Be, E, H, T, WL; Valuable timber	N/A	\$6.00	\$11.00	\$25.00	\$50.00					
Common Persimmon	50-70'	SL-M	W, M	FL/FR	PS-FS	INTERMEDIATE	Be, E, H, S, T, WL Edible Fruit	N/A	\$8.20	\$15.40	\$36.00	\$72.00					
Sycamore	60-100'	M-F	W, M	FL, FR, S	FS PS	YES	Be, E, H, S, T, WL	N/A	\$8.20	\$15.40	\$36.00	\$72.00					
White Oak	50-80'	SL-M	M	FL/N	PS-FS	YES	H, S, T, WL, Be	N/A	\$6.00	\$11.00	\$25.00	\$50.00					
Paper Birch	50-70'	M-F	M	FL/S	FS	Moderate	Be, H, S, WL, T	N/A	\$8.20	\$15.40	\$36.00	\$72.00					
Sugar Maple	60-80'	SL-M	M, D	FL/FR/S	PS-FS	NO	Be, E, H, S, T, WL	N/A	\$9.20	\$17.40	\$41.00	\$82.00					
Tulip Poplar	70-100+'	F	M, D	FL/FR/S	PS-FS	INTERMEDIATE	Be, E, H, S, T, WL; State tree	N/A	\$8.30	\$15.60	\$36.50	\$73.00					
<b>FLOWERING &amp; SHRUB SEEDLINGS</b>																	
Arrowwood	6-15'	M	M, W	FL/FR	FS	YES	B, Be, H, WL	N/A	\$9.50	\$18.00	\$42.50	\$85.00					
Butterfly Bush	4-6'	F	M, D	FL	PS-FS	NO	Be, H, WL;	N/A	\$6.30	\$15.60	\$36.50	\$73.00					
Common Lilac	6-10'	M-F	M, D	FL/FR/S	PS-FS	INTERMEDIATE	Attracts birds and butterflies!	N/A	\$7.80	\$14.60	\$34.00	\$68.00					
Ninebark	5-10'	M-F	M, D, W	FL/FR	PS-FS	NO	B, Be, H, W, WL;	N/A	\$8.20	\$15.40	\$36.00	\$72.00					
Red Bud	25-35'	M	D	FL/FR/S	S-FS	NO	Great native wildlife shrub	N/A	\$8.70	\$16.40	\$38.50	\$77.00					
Shadblow Serviceberry	10-20'	M	M, D	FL/FR/S	S-FS	YES	Be, H, S, WL; Spring Color!!!	N/A	\$10.00	\$19.00	\$45.00	\$90.00					
White Flowering Dogwood	20-25'	M	M, D	FL/FR/S	PS-FS	NO	Be, H, S, WL;	N/A	\$8.50	\$16.00	\$37.50	\$75.00					
<b>GROUNDCOVER</b>																	
Pachysandra	10-12"	SL-M	M	FL/FR	FS-S	NO	B, Be, E, H; Thrives under pines	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$15.50	N/A					
<b>WILDFLOWER-SEED</b>																	
American Wildflower Mix	12-36"	SL-M	Most Soils	S/FL	FS-PS	Depending	Be, H, WL - 1 oz package/250 ft <sup>2</sup>	\$7.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Bird & Butterfly Mix	12-36"	SL-M	Most Soils	S/FL	FS-PS	on Variety	Be, H, WL - 1 oz package/250 ft <sup>2</sup>	\$7.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A					

Please complete this order form, using a separate sheet of paper if necessary, and return it to:  
 St. Joseph County SWCD • 2903 Gary Drive, Suite 1 • Plymouth, IN 46563  
 and post-marked by the APPLICABLE DEADLINE (see Terms & Conditions #2 & #3)

\* Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Main Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use: ORDER # 2014- \_\_\_\_\_

\* Required Information

By providing your e-mail address above you are electing to receive next year's tree sale flyer, and any other tree sale news, by email. SWCD respects your privacy and will never sell or share your information. You may opt out at any time.

Tree / Plant / Item Pick-Up: Sat, April 12, 2014 @ the St. Joseph County 4H Fairgrounds Pre-Order Confirmations/Receipts will be mailed in late-March 2014							
SECTION A. EVERGREEN, DECIDUOUS, & FLOWERING/SHRUB SEEDLINGS							
ENTER QUANTITY							
LINE #	1-PACK	5-PACK	10-PACK	25-PACK	50-PACK	SPECIES NAME	SPECIES TOTAL
Sample	N/A		1	1		Can Hemlock	\$60.50
1A	N/A						
2A	N/A						
3A	N/A						
4A	N/A						
5A	N/A						
6A	N/A						
7A	N/A						
8A	N/A						
9A	N/A						
10A	N/A						
SECTION B. GROUND COVER							
ENTER QUANTITY							
LINE #	1-PACK	5-PACK	10-PACK	25-PACK	50-PACK	SPECIES NAME	SPECIES TOTAL
1B	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	Pachysandra	
SECTION C. WILDFLOWER SEED							
ENTER QUANTITY							
LINE #	1-PACK	5-PACK	10-PACK	25-PACK	50-PACK	SPECIES NAME	SPECIES TOTAL
1C		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
2C		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
SECTION D. RAIN BARRELS, ACCESSORIES, & COMPOSTERS							
ENTER QUANTITY							
LINE #	QUANTITY	ITEM NUMBER	ITEM NAME			ITEM TOTAL	
Sample	1	W15	50 Gal. T-Cotta Barrel			\$66.50	
1D							
2D							
3D							
4D							
5D							
6D							
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>						\$	
<b>+7% SALES TAX</b>						\$	
<b>ORDER GRAND TOTAL</b>						\$	

For OFFICE USE ONLY

CHK# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_

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I am a previous customer

Advertising  
 Craigslist

The Farmers Exchange

South Bend Tribune

www.stjosephswcd.org

Facebook

Printed Flyer

Word of Mouth

Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

**Terms & Conditions**

- Orders of 500 or more trees per species are eligible for a discount. Call for pricing information.
- Orders for Trees/Plants must be postmarked by: March 1, 2014
- Orders for Rain Barrels, Rain Barrel Accessories, & Composters must be postmarked by: March 17, 2014
- Orders will be filled on first come first served basis.
- Trees are available to anyone and may be planted without restriction from the St. Joseph County SWCD. Please check with you local government for possible planting restrictions.
- We reserve the right to make alterations if necessary.
- We DO NOT furnish replacements on Trees/Plants. If you have problems with your trees please call our office before June 1st.
- Tree/Plant sizes may vary due to weather conditions beyond our control.
- 10% re-stocking fee for Rain Barrels, Composters, & Accessories that have not been picked up during the designated (or pre-arranged) date and time.
- 10% re-stocking fee for Rain Barrels, Composters, & Accessories that are returned for reasons unrelated to the Manufacturer's Warranty.
- Arrangements by the SWCD for Rain Barrels, Accessories, & Composters returned under the Manufacturer's warranty may take 1-3 weeks to complete.
- Make your Check payable to:  
 St. Joseph County SWCD  
 2903 Gary Drive, Suite 1  
 Plymouth IN 46563  
 Questions? Call 574/936-2024 EXT 4



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## St. Joseph County Soil And Water Conservation Partnership



### St. Joseph County SWCD's 54th Annual Meeting

Save the date!!  
Friday, January 24, 2014 @ 6:00 pm  
Hedwig Memorial Center  
331 Scott Street, South Bend

speaker: Sara Stewart, founder & executive director of  
The Unity Gardens  
Family Style Polish Dinner •  
Silent Auction • Supervisor Election  
\$12.50 per person

**Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Supervisors:**  
John Dooms, Chair  
Jeremy Cooper, Vice Chair  
Mike Burkholder, Member  
Arlene Schuchman, Member  
Stacey Silvers, Member

**SWCD Associate Supervisors:**  
Dave Craft  
Jan Ivkovich  
Melvin Kulwicki  
Jim LaFree  
Charles Lehman  
Joe Long  
Randy Matthys  
Eugene Myers  
Carole Riewe  
Richard Schmidt  
Dale Stoner  
Dave Vandewalle  
Paul Williams, III  
Dru Wrasse

**SWCD Honorary Members:**  
Bernard Byrd  
Al Gostola  
Jerry Knepp  
Keith Lineback  
William Millar

**St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation Partnership Staff:**  
Debbie Knepp, NRCS  
Rick Glassman, SWCD  
Andrew Fox, SWCD  
Sarah Harville, SWCD  
James Rodriguez, NRCS

**Farm Service Agency Staff:**  
Gideon Nobbe, CED  
Linda Bentele  
Abby Curtis  
Kathie Kensinger  
Aldona Martin  
Cindy Slonaker

**Are you ready to "GO GREEN" and help us save money and natural resources? We can deliver your "Conservation Kaleidoscope" newsletter by email ... Give us a call or send us an email and tell us you'd like to "GO GREEN" (: THANK YOU!!!!**

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