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### 36th ANNUAL MEETING

The 36th Annual Meeting of the St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District will be held on Saturday, January 20, 1996 at the Avalon Grotto Club located at 61601 South Ironwood Road, South Bend. Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by a business meeting and entertainment. Contact the St. Joseph County SWCD Office for further details.

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### IF IN DOUBT - ASK

Have you drained that small wet spot on your land yet? Do you have an area you want to clear out and "clean up"?



Before you improve drainage systems, fill a low spot or clear an area of brush or trees, you need to find out if the work site is a protected wetland. Depending on the activity you wish to pursue and/or location of the site, the wetland may be protected by federal or state laws. These laws are enforced by the Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the Natural Resources Conservation

Service (NRCS) or the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). If you intend to do work in an area that may be a wetland, you need to contact one of these agencies to request a wetland determination. If they do not have jurisdiction over the wetland, they will lead you to the agency that does have the jurisdiction.

As some of you may know, NRCS is no longer mass mailing wetland determinations to farm producers. This does not mean the wetland regulations do not have to be followed. It means the landowner or producer must request a wetland determination from the agency before any type of work is done in or near a wetland area. Please don't get yourself in a violation situation. **If in doubt about the work you wish to do, ask.**

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### BIG TREES OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

Is there a big ash, maple or tulip tree growing in your neighborhood? We want to find out!

In January, 1996, we will begin compiling nominations for the biggest native trees growing within the county.

In a cooperative program with St. Joseph County Parks, The Center for History, the Cooperative Extension and SWCD, we will print a list of the Big Trees in our county. Owners and nominators of record trees will receive certificates.

For more information, phone St. Joseph County Parks Interpretive Services Office at 219-654-3155.

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*"California is the leading agricultural state in the U.S. It produces over 50% of the nation's fruit and nuts and 47% of its vegetables"*

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## TIS THE SEASON ... FOR ORDERING TREES

It's hard to believe that October has come and gone; but it has. Temperatures are dropping, leaves are falling, colors are changing and combine engines are hard at work. Scarecrows and skeletons are out and about, while Turkey day is nipping at our heels.

Another sure sign of Fall is always the St. Joseph County SWCD Tree Sales Program. Come every year, around this time, bright, yellow order blanks, offering several varieties of evergreens, deciduous trees, flowering shrubs and groundcovers, can be found nestled in colorful posters at local businesses around the Michiana Area. The flyers are just waiting patiently for the taking.

This year, we are extremely excited about the new format and product line. We have spruced up the order form with additional information on descriptions and site selection for each item. We have also added specific information regarding the District's programs, services and Mission Statement. We hope this will provide you with some insight into who the District is, and what we can do for the residents of St. Joseph County. Based on information we collected from a customer's survey taken last year, we have twenty eight (28); that's right twenty eight items for sale this coming year. By changing the format and adding additional items, we hope we have fulfilled some of our customer's conservation needs.



Basic guidelines for the program haven't been altered:

- March 1st, 1996 is the deadline for ordering
- All orders are pre-paid
- Discounts are available for orders of 500 or more (per species)
- The program has no restrictions and is available to anyone
- Substitution of plants may be necessary

Hopefully by now, your curiosity is raised and you just can't wait any longer. You have to find one of these order blanks, so you can start ordering. Right?

If you don't come across an order blank at one of the local businesses, you can also obtain one by calling the District office at (219) 291-2300.

Don't get blanketed by snow, lost in the Christmas cheer, or blown away by January's squalls, before you get your own personal copy of the St. Joseph County SWCD's 1995-1996 Tree Sales Program.

"HAPPY HOLIDAYS"

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## DO YOU BELIEVE THAT COLOR SELLS BEST?

Why not see for yourself and call the St. Joseph County SWCD office for the brand, spanking new "*Conservation Products Catalog*" that is available through the District, in cooperation with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). The new color catalog consists of over twenty pages of sensational conservation products that are available for sale. There are mushroom kits, groundcovers, border and accent plants, ferns, grapes, beneficial insects, wildflower seeds, bird houses, bat houses, bird feeders and the list goes on and on. Words can't quite describe how exciting this new catalog is, and the assortment of products that are available to purchase.

But we can tell you that all the items are top quality, have a one year, 100% replacement guarantee, and the lowest prices possible for this variety of conservation products. Another great feature of the program is that your purchases will be sent directly to your home. You won't have to worry about standing in lines, or about scheduling problems with pick up dates or picking up the wrong order. There's just no other way to say it. Ordering from the "*Conservation Products Catalog*" is a simple and convenient method to purchase all of you conservation products.

If you fish, bird watch, hike, go boating, camp, eat vegetables, garden, drink water, swim, or breathe, you already benefit from the work your local conservation district does. How can you resist from not picking up your phone today, and calling the District at (219) 291-2300 or 1-800-825-5547 for your "*Conservation Products Catalog*"? Why wait? Call now!!!

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**SPECIAL OFFER - ALL SEASON PERENNIAL GARDENS FOR SALE**

Limited Supply - Order Early

The St. Joseph County SWCD is offering three different all-season perennial garden packages for sale. Each garden package consists of live plants (not bulbs) and an individual planting diagram. You can transform that empty dull corner into a stunning flower bed, filled with a rainbow of colors all season long. The following three gardens are available:

**BUTTERFLY AND HUMMINGBIRD GARDEN -** (covers approximately 125 square feet; nine different species for a total of 26 plants)

COST: \$55.00 (GARDEN A)

**CUT GARDEN -** (covers approximately 137 square feet; thirteen different species for a total of 40 plants)

COST: \$80.00 (GARDEN B)

**SHADE GARDEN -** (covers approximately 88 square feet; nine different species for a total of 27 plants)

COST: \$56.00 (GARDEN C)

All orders must be placed no later than December 31, 1995 for May, '96' delivery. All orders must be pre-paid to be accepted. As we mentioned in the beginning, there are limited supplies for each garden, so if you are interested in purchasing one or more of the garden packages, we encourage you to do it early and avoid the last-minute crunch.

Perennials return bigger and more beautiful every year, so for one small investment now, you will be able to reap benefits for years to come. By planting perennials, you save time from digging up and planting new flowers each year. There will also be a tremendous savings to you by investing in perennials. So, just close your eyes and create an illusion of what your garden will look like next year, if you purchase one of these special garden packages. You can slowly open them now and see the array of beauty. Don't miss this great opportunity. **PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW!**

NOTE: For variety of plants and planting instructions for each package, please call the District office at (219) 291-2300.

**PERENNIAL GARDEN ORDER BLANK**

Please return no later than 12/31/95

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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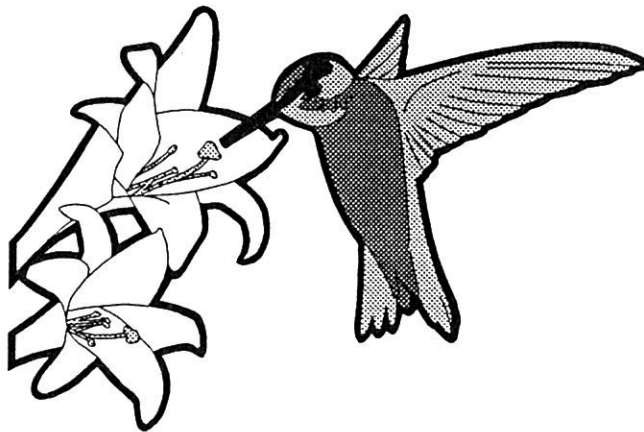
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OFFICE USE ONLY:

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INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_



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*"A five-year U.S. EPA survey of U.S. water wells has revealed that about half of the nation's wells contain nitrate. However, only about 1.2 percent of community wells and 2.4 percent of rural domestic wells are estimated to contain nitrate in amounts exceeding the federal maximum contaminant level of 10 mg/l."*

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## TIMBER MARKETING AND HARVESTING WORKSHOP FOR WOODLAND OWNERS

A Timber Marketing and Harvesting Workshop for Woodland Owners will be held on Saturday, November 16, 1995 at the Marshall County REMC Building on U.S. 31 South, near Plymouth, Indiana. This Workshop is sponsored by the Indiana Forestry Woodland Owners Association, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service and Arrow Head Country Resource, Conservation and Development (RC&D).

The workshop will start at 6:30 p.m., EST and conclude at 9:45 p.m., EST. There will be a \$10 charge per person which is payable at the door.

Some of the evening topics will include Timber Prices (trends and factors that affect price), Timber Markets in our Region, Forest Management Plan (including timber inventory), Tree Selection (harvest trees vs. growing stock), Advertising & Conducting a Timber Sale, Writing a Timber Sale Contract, the Logging Operation (what to expect including BMP), Following Up the Timber Harvest (post harvest timber stand improvement) and Assistance Available to Landowners.

For additional information, call Arrow Head Country RC&D at (219) 946-3022

All programs of Arrow Head Country RC&D are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 14: Production Evidence - Farm Services Agency (FSA)
- November 15: Wheat Insurance Fee - FSA  
Wheat Certification - FSA
- Ongoing: Accepting ACP Conservation Practice Requests - FSA

- November 16: Timber Marketing/Harvesting Workshop  
Marshall County REMC Bldg,  
U.S. 31 South - 6:30 p.m. -9:45 p.m. EST
- December 31: SWCD Perennial Garden Order Deadline
- January 7-10: 53rd Annual Conference of Indiana Soil and Water Conservation District, Indianapolis
- January 11: Pesticide Applicators Meeting - daytime - contact Tom Hampton - 235-9604
- January 20: 36th SWCD Annual Meeting - Avalon Grotto Club - 7:00 p.m.
- February 4-8: National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting - Las Vegas, NV
- February 13: Pesticide Applicators Meeting - evening - contact Tom Hampton - 235-9604
- March 1: SWCD Tree Sales Order Deadline  
IDNR State Nursery Order Deadline
- March 14: Pesticide Applicators Meeting - daytime - contact Tom Hampton - 235-9604
- April 10: Pesticide Applicators Meeting - evening - contact Tom Hampton - 235-9604
- Ongoing: "Conservation Products Catalog" Orders

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### A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 1995 AFFILIATE MEMBERS

- A.G.P. Grain, Ltd. - LaPaz
- Al Allsop Construction, Inc. - North Liberty
- Allen's Carpet Outlet - Wakarusa
- Andy Beutter - Farm Bureau Insurance - Mishawaka
- Bearing Service Company - South Bend
- Becker Builders - North Liberty
- Berreth Oil, Inc. - Mishawaka
- Bi-County Service Center, Inc. - Bremen
- Bob's Country Store - North Liberty
- Burket's Emu Farm - Walkerton
- Chemical Tank Distributing - North Liberty
- Cooreman Real Estate Group - Granger
- Custom Body Repair - North Liberty
- D & D Stoner Farms, Inc. - Lakeville



DeCloedt's Floral Place - Mishawaka  
 DeSchepper Farm Supply - Bremen  
 DeWayne Pavay Insurance - Walkerton  
 Eagle Products, Inc. - Mishawaka  
 Ed Trippel - Mishawaka  
 Enyart Electric - South Bend  
 Fair Oil Company - North Liberty  
 Farm Credit Service - South Bend  
 Farmer's Exchange - New Paris  
 First Source Bank - Wyatt  
 Frick Service, Inc. - Bremen  
 Fulton/Marshall County Coop. Assoc., Inc. - Plymouth  
 Gordon & Jeff Peterson-Pioneer Seed Service - South Bend  
 Guy Rizek Plumbing & Heating - North Liberty  
 Hamilton Body Shop - South Bend  
 Hamilton Service Center - South Bend  
 Hoosier Tool Supply - South Bend  
 J & J Matthys Farms - South Bend  
 J & J Rental - Bremen  
 J & K Long Tree Farm - North Liberty  
 Jerry Knepp - DeKalb Seed - North Liberty  
 John Kuharic - Drainage Culvert Sales, Fabrication,  
 Ag-Lime Spreading Service - South Bend  
 Kabelin True Value Hardware - Walkerton  
 Kauffman and Sons, Inc. - Goshen  
 Kelley Manufacturing Corporation - Mishawaka  
 Korbuly-Graf-Weber, Inc. - Architects - South Bend  
 Lake's Farm Service, Inc. - New Carlisle  
 Lakeville Veterinary Clinic - Lakeville  
 LaPorte County Farm Bureau - LaPorte  
 Larry O. Bromley - New Carlisle  
 Lehman & Lehman - Landscape Architecture & Planning  
 - Mishawaka  
 Liberty Drugs & Emporium - North Liberty  
 Lineback Realty and Appraisal - South Bend  
 Martin Automotive Group - Bremen  
 Matthys Milling Service - South Bend  
 Mittler Supply, Inc. - South Bend  
 Myers Deer Country, Inc. - South Bend  
 New Energy Company of Indiana - South Bend  
 North Liberty Elementary School - North Liberty  
 Pick of the Chick Egg Farm - Wayne Schafer - South Bend  
 Pine Grove Nursery - Clearfield, PA

Pit Stop Restaurant - North Liberty  
 R & D Excavating - North Liberty  
 Raders Equipment, Inc. - Bremen  
 Red Hen Turf Farms, Inc. - New Carlisle  
 Red's Sunoco Service Station - South Bend  
 Richard E. Liechty Insurance - South Bend  
 Rick Stoner - Hay - Bremen  
 Ritschard Brothers, Inc. - Excavation & Demolition  
 - South Bend  
 River Bend Hose Specialty - South Bend  
 Ron Martin Seed & Supply - Elkhart  
 Ronald & Janice Ivkovich - Granger  
 Shady Lane Farm - South Bend  
 Shoemaker's Welding - North Liberty  
 SitesScapes, Inc. - Landscape Architecture - Mishawaka  
 Stanley Clark School - South Bend  
 St. Joseph County Farm Bureau Insurance - South Bend  
 St. Joseph County Farm Bureau, Inc. - South Bend  
 Tom Molnar's Septic Tank Installation/Pumping  
 - South Bend  
 Tractor Shop Video - North Liberty  
 Trobaugh Auto Parts, Inc. - North Liberty  
 Urey Middle School - Walkerton  
 Waggoner's Oil Company - South Bend  
 Weaver Electric and Heating Corp. - Mishawaka  
 Weiss Prestaining, Inc. - North Liberty  
 Wilson Agri-Service - Lakeville  
 Wyatt Farm Center - Wyatt  
 Zahl's Elevator and Feed Mill - New Carlisle

The individuals and organizations listed above were financial supporters of the conservation programs of the St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation District for 1995. We would like to sincerely thank each and every one of them for their support and cooperation towards the District's Programs. Without their continued financial assistance, it would be extremely difficult for the District to grow and expand into new areas such as adult and youth education, water quality and general conservation practices.

We encourage the residents of St. Joseph County to patronize these worthy and thoughtful representatives of the business community, and help them to have a successful and prosperous New Year.

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**1995 AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP  
CAMPAIGN**

The St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District's programs are continually expanding to address local environmental concerns of residents in St. Joseph County. As we continue to expand into areas of water quality, environmental education, urban erosion control and resource management, additional funding is a must. Having adequate funding to maintain a high quality staff to help administer these important programs, as well as funds for office operating expenses is an absolute necessity, if soil and water concerns of St. Joseph County are to be addressed.

One of the major ways the District is able to carry on a successful resource management program is through Affiliate Memberships. As an Affiliate Member, you will be able to help the District continue their existing programs, and allow them the opportunity to develop new and innovative programs for St. Joseph County.

For a donation of \$25.00, you will receive an Affiliate Membership Certificate in your business or

or home, be listed in one issue of the District's Newsletters, and receive copies of the District and Education Newsletters. Whether you are an individual, business or a local school, everyone is welcome to become an Affiliate Member and help support YOUR soil and water conservation district.

Detach the following and mail into the SWCD Office at 60455 U.S. 31 South, South Bend, IN 46614, by January 10, 1996.

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I would like to become an Affiliate Member of the St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Enclosed is my check/money order for \$25.00

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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South Bend, IN**