



# CONSERVATION FOCUS

**Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District**

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**Cathy Becker, Chairperson**  
**Scott McCarty, Vice Chairperson**  
**Eric Snyder, Secretary**  
**Pam Earlywine, Member**  
**Steve Hayes, Jr., Member**

**OFFICE PERSONNEL:**

**Brett Stewart,**  
**District Coordinator/Treasurer**  
**(SWCD)**

**Raquel Baker,**  
**District Technician (SWCD)**

**LuAnne Holeva,**  
**Conservation Education Coordinator**  
**(SWCD, SWMD, & City of Richmond**  
**Sanitary District)**

**Zachary Lee,**  
**Watershed Coordinator (SWCD)**

**Colt VanNatta,**  
**Acting District Conservationist**  
**(NRCS)**

**Dates to remember:**

**January 18, Office Closed**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,**  
**February 1, Annual Banquet,**  
**6:30pm**  
**February 2, Board Mtg. 8:00 am**  
**February 15, Presidents Day,**  
**Office Closed**  
**February 18, Conservation**  
**Farming Workshop**  
**March 2—East Central Regional**  
**Envirothon Contest**

MISSION STATEMENT

**SWCD MISSION**

*Dedicated to assisting and educating our citizens  
in conservation management through proper use  
of the soil, water, and natural resources*

## **68th Annual Banquet and Election**

The Wayne County SWCD invites you to come enjoy dinner and an evening of fellowship and fun at their 68th annual banquet. The banquet will be held on Monday, February 1, 2016, at the Kuhlman Center located on the Wayne County 4-H Fairgrounds. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with a buffet-style dinner catered by Rihm's of Cambridge City. The doors will open at 6:00 pm. Conservation award presentations and the election of supervisor will be held following dinner.



We are pleased to announce our guest speaker for the evening will be Scott Ham, the outgoing Chairman of the Indiana State Soil Conservation Board! Scott is the Manager of Silver Creek Water Corporation where he has worked for 26 years. He has served in the State of Indiana as a certified water operator since 1988 and is active in many local and industry organizations. He is a retired Command Sergeant Major with 27 years of experience in the military. Scott has been deployed to Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq. He is also an entertainer and he and his wife Heidi live in New Albany and have two children, Harvest & Hickory Ham.

Tickets can be purchased for \$10.00 by mailing in the form on the back page or by stopping in the district office Monday-Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm at 823 South Round Barn Road, Richmond, IN. Tickets can also be purchased from any of the following supervisors: Cathy Becker, Scott McCarty, Eric Snyder, Pam Earlywine, and Stephen Hayes, Jr.

The election of a District Supervisor for a three-year term will be conducted at the SWCD Annual Meeting February 1st at the Kuhlman Center located on the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Persons attending the meeting who are of voting age and a resident of the county may cast a vote for the supervisor of their choice. The Board of Supervisors is made up of two appointed and three elected individuals who are willing to help promote conservation through activities of the district. The term of Eric Snyder, elected supervisor is expiring. Eric has chosen to run for a third term. On the ballot for “elected” supervisor will be Eric Snyder and Brad Bihl. Scott McCarty of Washington Township has chosen to serve another term of appointed supervisor. He will also take the oath of supervisor at the annual meeting. Scott is the Agriculture Department Manager at The Bath State Bank.



Candidate Eric Snyder has a cow/calf operation and is a contract grower for Maxwell Farms of Indiana. He operates 100 acres in Abington Township in southern Wayne County. Conservation practices include tile drainage, grassed waterways, pasture seeding, fencing, watering system, heavy use protection areas and a mortality composting facility.

Eric is a graduate of Centerville High School and has a degree from Purdue University in Animal Agri-Business. He is a past 4-H director and Extension Board member and is a member of the Indiana Farm Bureau as well as the Centerville United Methodist Church. Eric and his wife Lori have four children: two sons ages ten and seven months, and two daughters, ages six and four.

Eric has served as a supervisor on the Soil and Water Conservation District’s board since 2010. He is very interested in protecting our natural resources and staying active as a supervisor with the Soil and Water Conservation District.



Candidate Brad Bihl has operated his family’s 420 acre farm in New Garden township for the past three years. Conservation practices include no till and cover crops.

Brad is a graduate of Northeastern High School and has a degree in Forestry from Purdue University. He is a member of St. Andrews Church in Richmond, IN. He is married to Lisa Bihl, who works for an environmental consulting firm that does water quality work, among other things. They have two children, Aubrey, age six, and Ethan, age 5. When Brad can find

spare time he enjoys wood working. He also volunteers his time at Conservation Days as a presenter at the Combine learning station. Brad states that “he never imagined he would be a candidate in an election” but that when the opportunity presented itself he decided it was a good time for a new challenge.

## Keep watch for information on the Spring Flower Sale!

List of available flowers will be coming soon. Kiln-dried cedar nest boxes and feeders will also be available

Funds raised go towards the many educational programs provided by the Wayne County SWCD

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**THE RAIN GARDEN AT THE WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
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**CRITICAL NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES OF WAYNE COUNTY**

- Water Quality
- Soil Health and Soil Erosion
- Woodlands / Wildlife
- Land Use

Have a Green Winter      Plant Cover Crops

# **LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR THE COST-SHARE PROGRAM!!!!**

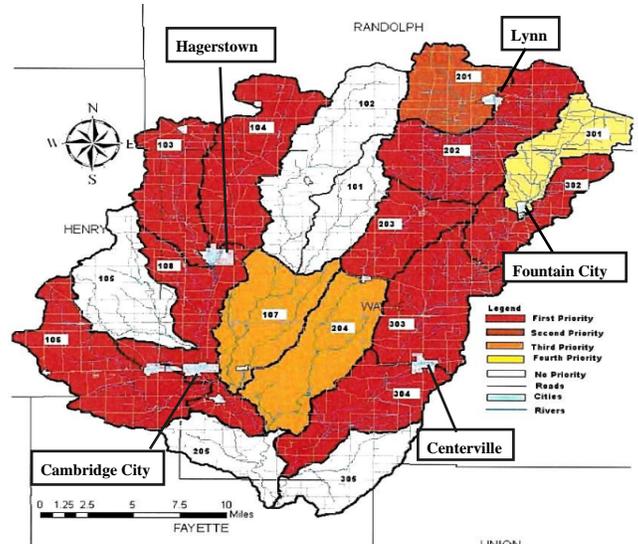
Have you ever wanted to make a positive impact on your land and the ecosystem? This is your chance to do it without using too much of your hard earned money. A 319 Grant was awarded to the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) to help reduce the amount of non-point source pollutants from entering our rivers and streams. This grant will only provide funds and services in the priority areas in the watershed, which can be found on the map below. **The deadline for applications is on February 5, 2016!!!**

## **The Review Process:**

- The plot of land has to be in one of the priority areas or colored areas on the map.
- Applicants need to go to the SWCD office to pick up and fill out both the Eligibility and Ranking Applications.
- Applications will be reviewed by the Ranking Sheet.
- The lands that have the highest rankings will be funded first.
- Once approved, we will start on BMP's Construction.
- After the BMP's construction is completed, you will be reimbursed the percentage of the cost share or the maximum cap for that BMP.

## **A Cost-Share Contract Example:**

If you are interested in implementing a fence costing \$4,000, the grant would cover 75% of the \$4,000, so you would only pay \$1,000. If the 75% of the sale price were to equal more than \$5,000, the maximum cap of \$5,000 would apply.



For more information about the Cost-Share Program go to [www.waynecountyswcd.org/watershed/cost-share-program/](http://www.waynecountyswcd.org/watershed/cost-share-program/) or contact Zach Lee, Watershed Coordinator, at (765) 966-0191 Ext. 3.

## **CONSERVATION DAYS 2015—THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE!**

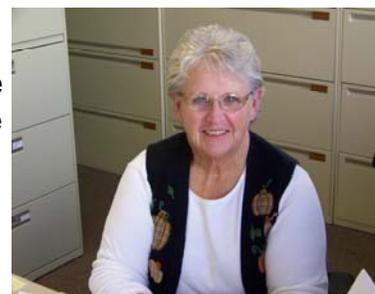


## Introductions & Farewells at the USDA Service Center



2015 has been a year of transition at your local USDA office. With the retirement of long-time coordinator Sheryl Brown, a new coordinator has been hired. Brett Stewart joined the SWCD office in July, coming from the Wayne County Clerk's office where he worked as a deputy clerk for the juvenile court. Brett grew up on 20 acres of woods, meadowland and stream outside of Lynn, but has called Richmond his home for the past nine years, along with his wife, Sarah, and daughters, Grace and Melody.

In addition to Sheryl's retirement, Farm Service Agency program technician, Jan Burk, retired at the end of October after nearly 29 years of service. Jan administered the Conservation Reserve Program in Wayne County, helping farmers and landowners conserve natural resources and wildlife habitat by implementing a variety of conservation practices on their land.



Also in October, the office said goodbye to District Conservationist (DC), Nathan Lind, after two years of service in the county. Nathan accepted a position as the DC of Warrick County, in Boonville, IN. Nathan and his wife Suzanne welcomed their first child, Emmett, in August 2015, and are now living closer to their families in Southern Indiana. Until a new DC is hired, Fayette County DC Colt VanNatta will be the Acting DC for Wayne County. Some of you may also have the opportunity to work with Franklin County DC, Evan Divine, who is working with the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), or his wife, Soil Conservationist Lori Divine, who is working with the Conservation Stewardship Program. We thank them for their hard work on behalf Wayne County.

Watch for  
further details!

**SAVE the DATE! \*February 18, 2016\***

### Conservation Farming Workshop

~ 8:30am ~ Kuhlman Building, Wayne County Fairgrounds ~

FREE LUNCH provided by area agri-businesses

RSVP required for meal count by February 12th ~ 765-966-0191 x3 or raquel.baker@in.nacdn.net

Topics:  
Herbicide residual in  
cover crops & more!

## 2015 Challenge Match Initiative

In November 2015, the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District participated in the Wayne County Foundation's 2015 Challenge Match Initiative. Thanks to your generous support, the District received sufficient funding to offer a \$50 voucher toward a septic pumping service call for approximately 40 properties. This program will be open to Wayne County residents in Spring 2016, so please remember to check our website or Facebook page in the coming months to learn how you might take advantage of this opportunity.



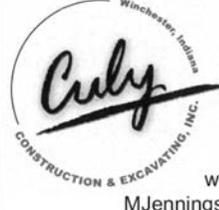
### **Wayne County SWCD Newsletter is going Digital!**

**Conservation Focus** will be sent out through e-mail beginning later this year, so please be sure to contact the office with your e-mail address! You can also now find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/wayneINswcd/>



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## Wayne County SWCD Annual Banquet & Meeting

**Monday, February 1, 2016**

*(Reservations Due by: Thursday, January 28, 2016)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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