

# WAYNE COUNTY URBAN S.O.I.L. GARDEN

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## *Greetings S.O.I.L. friends!*

We have **a lot** going on at our garden site. The next few months will be busy and we will need your help!

**Please take some time to look over our newsletter, events and volunteer opportunities!**

### ..... **FIRST: THE NITTY GRITTY**

## **WHAT IS URBAN S.O.I.L?**

Urban S.O.I.L. is a working group created by the **Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District.**

This working group's purpose is completion of a CWI grant awarded to build an Urban Ag Demonstration Garden. Then putting the garden to use as a learning tool for the community.



WAYNE COUNTY  
**Soil & Water**  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## **WHAT IS A CWI GRANT?**

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program (IC 14-32-8) was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. Through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs, the program supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution.



**Meet Vermi the Earthworm**

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE:



In 2022, the pollinator habitat was marked and sprayed. This work was done thanks to our District Technician, Raquel Baker and Wayne County's NRCS District Conservationist, Vince Pitstick.

Mulch was donated by Miller's in Cambridge City.



**POLLINATOR  
BORDER**

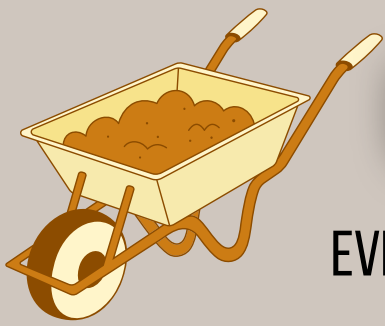


Megan Ayers (Urban Soil Health Specialist, Southeast area) met with the SWCD to discuss forming a working group. This was the birth of S.O.I.L.! With this working group, we will be able to join forces and have extra funding for our workshops going forward.

Thank you Megan!



Beds were installed!!  
Thank you to Allison Steele and her plant health class at IVY Tech!



# UP NEXT:

EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

## Volunteers needed:

- Spreading Mulch along the border of the inside fencing.
- Laying cardboard down in beds
- Spreading soil and compost in beds
- Installing interior split rail fencing
- Tilling pollinator area
- Planting pollinator plugs and seeding



If you or your group would like to help in any of these areas, **please contact the SWCD at 765-966-0191 x 3 or [swcdwaynecounty@gmail.com](mailto:swcdwaynecounty@gmail.com).**

We are open to all groups and encourage students!

## SAVE THE DATES:

**JUNE 3RD - VERMICOMPOSTING WORKSHOP -**  
4PM, Demo Garden, Wayne County Fairgrounds

**JUNE 6TH - SPLIT RAIL FENCE INSTALLATION -**  
9-NOON, Demo Garden, Wayne County  
Fairgrounds



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## WHERE WE WILL BE:

APRIL 22 - EARTH DAY Celebration at Hayes  
Arboretum

APRIL 29 - E-Waste Recycling - Precision Wire  
Assembly in Hagerstown

JUNE 3 - Vermiposting workshop - Demo Garden,  
Wayne County Fairgrounds

JUNE 10 - Richmond Farmer's Market - Kid's Market -  
Jack Elstro Plaza

JUNE 17 & 18 - Wayne County 4-H Fair, Wayne  
County Fairgrounds

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for more details on  
upcoming events!



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