

2000 Environmental Quality Incentives Program



Indiana Summary

Overview

Indiana had a great response to the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in FY 2000. A total of 413 landowners received funding totaling \$1,983,078 for a variety of structural, vegetative, and land management practices. The demand for EQIP funds in Indiana has far exceeded the funds received each year. Currently, 281 applications totaling \$1,011,438 could not be funded because of a lack of EQIP funds in FY 2000.

Accomplishments

A total of 255 landowners in 41 Conservation Priority Areas (CPA's) received \$1,428,936 for installation of conservation practices, such as waste storage facilities, waste utilization, water and sediment control basins, and grassed waterways. In the 41 CPA's, 85 applications totaling \$79,764 could not be funded. In FY 2000, 158 applications totaling \$554,142 were funded in three statewide resource concerns: surface water quality, sheet and rill erosion, and gully erosion. However, 196 applications totaling \$931,674 could not be funded.

Customer Focus

Joe and Angie LeClere own and operate a general farming operation in the scenic hills of Perry County. In the fall of 1997, they were approved for cost share through EQIP to enhance their resources on this tract of land. Numerous conservation practices were planned and installed.

One of their primary goals was to improve their pastureland for their beef cattle operation. A spring was developed to provide a clean livestock watering facility in conjunction with performing a critical area treatment where erosion had taken place from the continuous trickle of this spring. Pastures were improved through fertilization and interseeding grasses and legumes into existing pastures. Fencing was installed to protect steep, sensitive areas from the winter feedlot.

A large gully in one of their pastures was treated by constructing three water and sediment control basins. Another water and sediment control basin was installed in a crop field that is rotated with grain and hay. Joe had constructed grassed waterways, but they had failed in these gullies.

This past August, Joe and Angie hosted the Annual Perry County No-Till Field Day and Summer Picnic sponsored by the Perry County Soil and Water Conservation District. Hay wagons helped transport the 235 people that attended this event. Tour stops included the water and sediment control basins, livestock water systems, and sites demonstrating pasture management, no-till soybean conservation management, and forestry management.

Outlook

EQIP is a popular program in Indiana as indicated by the number of applications that cannot be funded. Many areas throughout the state could benefit from EQIP in Indiana. Additional funding would go a long way toward helping ensure that landowners willing to protect our environmental resources are able to install best management practices that improve water quality and reduce sheet and rill erosion.

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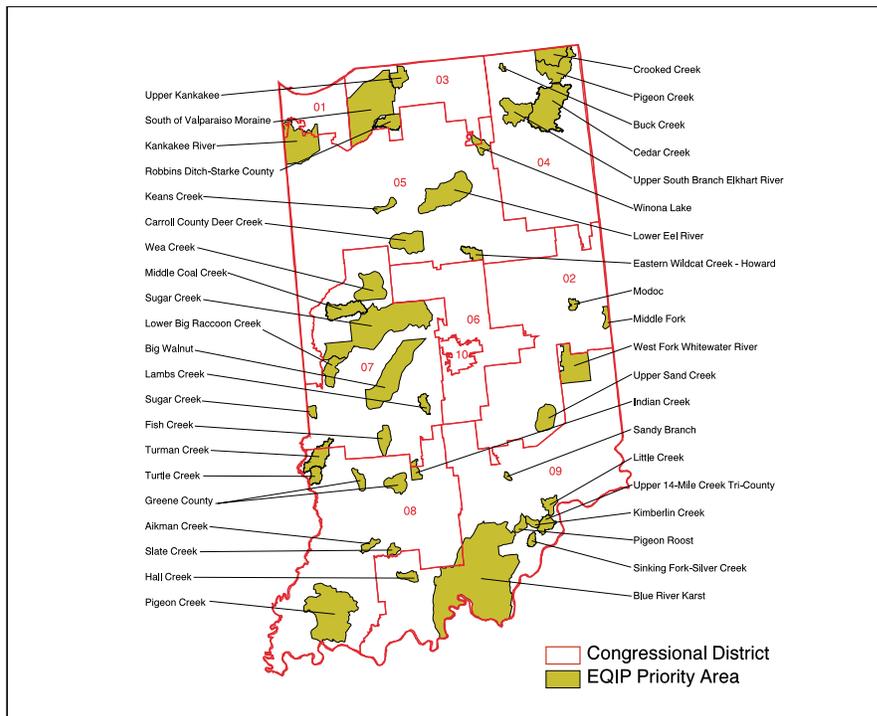
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Joe and Angie LeClere



Indiana EQIP Priority Areas Within Congressional Districts



Indiana EQIP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2000		Cumulative Total (97-00)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 0	\$559,797	162	\$2,459,049	877
District 2	39,098	15	140,523	38
District 3	70,509	19	523,615	102
District 4	204,499	34	710,032	92
District 5	277,207	57	1,222,252	264
District 7	285,735	58	1,500,929	241
District 8	419,158	67	1,985,857	348
District 9	141,874	24	1,073,801	142
State Totals	\$1,997,877	436	\$9,616,058	2,104

Note: EQIP contracts for each Congressional District are estimated from Conservation Priority Areas, which may include more than one district.

Congressional District 0 = EQIP Contracts for Statewide Natural Resource Concerns, which can be in any Congressional District in the state.

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