

2001 Environmental Quality Incentives Program



Customer Focus

Charles Landis, a landowner in northern Carroll County, has a house that is located within a wood lot on his farm. There is a large gully in this woods that passes by his house. During heavy rainfall, water will rush through the gully and erode away additional soil. Over the years, this has caused the gully to encroach closer and closer to his house.

Mr. Landis has tried to stabilize the gully by planting grass, but the dense tree cover did not provide enough light for the grass to grow. He also tried stabilizing the gully with rolls of old fence wire and pieces of concrete debris, but these did not solve the problem either.

Finally, Mr. Landis learned that his land was located in an EQIP Conservation Priority Area (CPA) that was established by the Carroll County Local Work Group. Gully erosion, such as that on Mr. Landis's farm, was one of the concerns that the CPA was established to address.

Mr. Landis applied for and received assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The NRCS staff in Carroll County recommended and designed a rock lined waterway to address the gully problem. The lined waterway was installed in the summer of 2001. Several large rainfall events have occurred since then, and the waterway has safely conveyed the water past his house. Mr. Landis is extremely pleased with the assistance provided by NRCS to solve his erosion problem.

Indiana Summary

Overview

In Indiana, strong interest and participation in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) continued through FY2001. Indiana received 615 applications requesting Federal cost-share funds totaling over 4 million dollars that were submitted by NRCS clients in FY2001. The Indiana FY2001 allocation for financial assistance was \$2,231,000. This is a shortfall of about \$1,769,000 needed to meet current client needs. Indiana NRCS staff and our partners developed and approved 472 EQIP conservation plans and contracts, which obligated most of our allocated financial assistance funds.

Accomplishments

EQIP financial assistance was distributed in Indiana through 34 Conservation Priority Areas (CPA's) and three Statewide Natural Resource Concerns, which were Gully Erosion, Sheet & Rill Erosion and Animal Waste/Water Quality. Cost-share dollars obligated into 300 (CPA) contracts totaled \$1,639,307. Also, \$587,093 cost-share dollars were obligated into 172 Statewide Resource Concerns contracts. Indiana presently has 85 counties with active EQIP contracts covering about 460,685 acres.

Outlook

There will be continued strong interest for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program for FY 2002. The total dollars still needed to fund EQIP applications in both CPA's and Statewide Resource Concerns amounts to \$1,769,000. These figures indicate the need for continued program support to address significant resource concerns in Indiana.

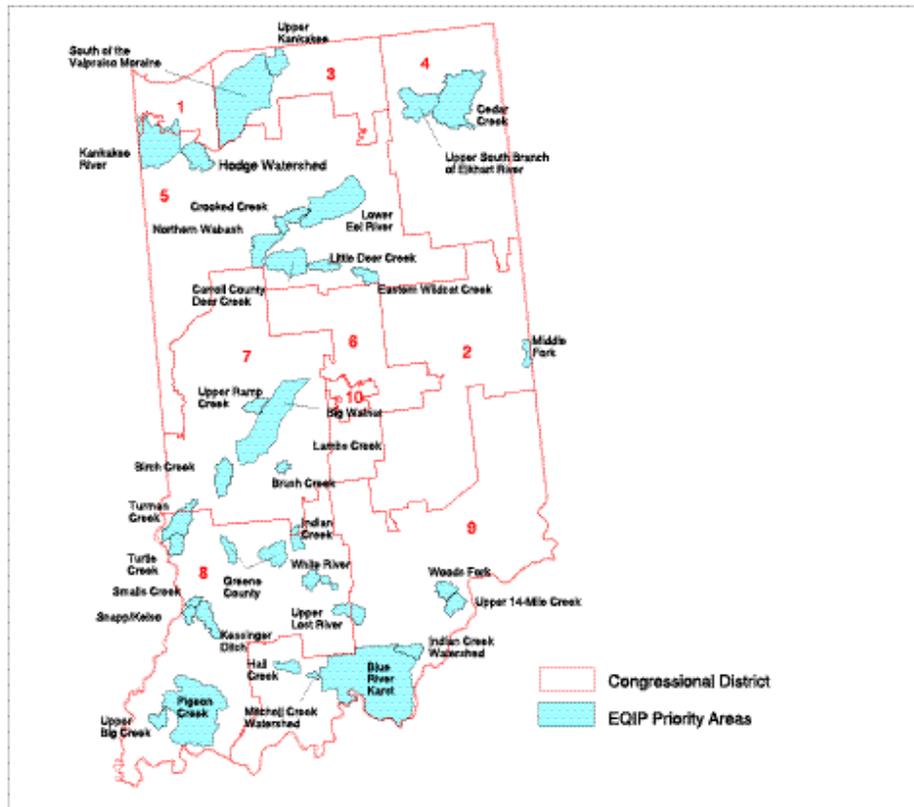
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Indiana EQIP Priority Areas Within Congressional Districts



Indiana EQIP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2001		Cumulative Total (97-01)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 1	\$141,211	23	\$2,600,260	900
District 2	44,409	23	184,932	61
District 3	68,083	16	591,698	118
District 4	195,598	39	905,630	131
District 5	459,046	124	1,681,298	388
District 6	5,715	4	5,715	4
District 7	206,372	37	1,707,301	278
District 8	727,811	117	2,713,668	465
District 9	378,155	89	1,451,956	231
District 10	0	0	0	0
State Totals	\$2,226,400	472	\$11,842,458	2,576

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