



Soil Scoop!

Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District

"The vast possibilities of our great future will become realities only if we make ourselves responsible for that future.." ~ Gifford Pinchot

Upcoming Events

December 22nd—
SWCD Board Meets

December 24th—
Christmas Eve, SWCD Closed

December 25th—
Christmas Day—
SWCD Closed.

December 31st—New
Year's Eve, SWCD
Closed

January 1st—New
Year's Day USDA
Service Center Closed

January 16th—RSVP for
Annual Meeting

January 19th—MLK
Day, USDA Service
Center Closed

January 26th—71st
Annual Meeting in
Chrisney, IN

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Mark your calendars for the 71st Annual Meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation District!

The 71st Annual Meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation District will take place on January 26, 2015 at the Youth and Community Center in Chrisney. Please RSVP by January 16, 2015 by calling the SWCD at (812)649-9136 ext 3.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5.00 per person and everyone is invited to attend. The meal will be catered by the Chateau of Mariah Hill. This year's featured guest speaker is Katie Stam Irk, Miss America 2009. Katie was raised on a dairy farm in southern Indiana and grew up understanding the importance of family, relationships and agriculture in her community.

Following the meal, awards will be presented to the 2014 Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year, and the Soil & Water Conservation 4-H Grand Champion. Also, an election will be held for a supervisory position on the Board



Katie Stam Irk photo courtesy of MidwestAg.

2014 IDEA Conference

Amy was able to attend the IDEA Fall Conference in Vevay. She was able to network with other districts sharing ideas between many districts. Amy was also able to go to sessions, like the GPS session, to learn to utilize the tools she has more effectively.



Pictured (left to right): Judi Brown, Dubois SWCD, Darlene Fischer, Perry SWCD, Amy Sims Spencer Co, SWCD and Patti Schroeder, Dubois SWCD

Conservation Selling Skills Workshop

Rita Becker Forler, District Conservationist, and Amy Sims, District Technician, traveled to Bedford, Indiana to attend a conservation selling skills workshop provided by the ICP (Indiana Conservation Partnership) with a grant from the State Soil Board. Chuck Hitzemann from Positive Growth International taught the course.



2012 Clean Water Indiana Grant Completed

This year was the final year for the 2012 Clean Water Indiana Grant for Spencer County, a joint watershed-based project between Dubois, Crawford, Gibson, Orange, Pike, and Spencer Counties. Spencer County consisted of roughly 9% of the watershed. Hunley Creek Watershed is the only portion of Spender which drains into the Patoka.

We were able to fund cost-share assistance on more than 300 acres of cover crops! Jamen Frederick, Resource Specialist with the ISDA assisted Amy with spot-checks.

Bringing conservation funds into our county, helping educate our citizens and helping make our county a better place to live, is part of our mission!