



Soil Scoop!

Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District

"There are more living organisms in a tablespoon of highly organic soil than there are people on the planet." Howard Warren Buffett

Upcoming Events

- April 5 - Public Meeting at the Dale Public Library 6:00 PM Central
- April 6 - Springtime on the Farm at the 4-H Center.
- April 22 - Celebrate Earth Day!
- April 28 - Chrisney Library Earth Day Program
- April 27 - Board of Supervisors Meet at the USDA Service Center
- May 9-13
AEP Earth Week Program - the SWCD will be out of the office.
- May 23 - Board of Supervisors Meet at the USDA Service Center
- May 30 - Memorial Day USDA Service Center is closed
- June: 4-H Fair 24-26
- June 25th: Adventures with Nature—Tipsaw Lake, Hoosier National Forest

Spencer County SWCD

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Rockport Elementary

The Spencer County SWCD participated in the Science Night at Rockport Elementary. This year, we demonstrated the recipe for soil, including many "ingredients" in soil!

Springtime on the Farm

The Spencer County SWCD was asked to present to third grade students again at Farm Bureau's event at the Spencer County 4-H fair. Ashley and Courtney spent the day teaching 3rd grade students about soil! We are always excited to be able to participate in agriculture education events!



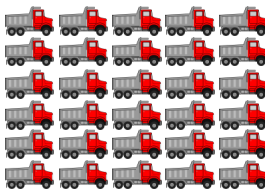
Cost Share Available!

The SWCD will be providing cost-share on cover crops, heavy use area protection pads, watering facilities and pasture and hayland renovation. If you would like an application for one of these cost-share projects, please contact the office: 812-649-9136 ext. 3.

Funds for this program are provided by Clean Water Indiana and the Spencer County SWCD.

A Little Perspective

Imagine being the owner of a 150 acre farm in Spencer County. Every year, 30 dump trucks and a front-end loader show up to "just a little" of your topsoil for free.



Would you be upset? Would you call the police and file charges? That is your farm; your livelihood!

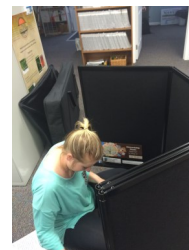
When living roots aren't kept in soil year-round, topsoil is lost at an alarming rate! If you began adding cover crops, you could lose as little as 5 dump trucks of soil. It's not perfect, some erosion will happen; but what a difference a root makes!



Are you interested in becoming an Affiliate Member?

Affiliate Memberships are monetary donations which help support our educational programming, cost-share funding for grants, and many other activities which stay within the county.

If you are interested, please contact Courtney at the office. Your farm or business will be recognized at many events including the 4-H fair, newsletters, our Annual Meeting and Spencer County SWCD the website. Affiliate Members will also receive one free ticket to our Annual Meeting in January 2017.



Ashley Schaus preparing for Science Night

Press release:

All interested individuals are invited to a public meeting on April 5th at 6:00 PM at the Lincoln Heritage Public Library (105 Wallace St, Dale, IN 47523) Hoosier Room to discuss a watershed diagnostic study which is sponsored by Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District and completed with Indiana Department of Natural Resources Lake and River Enhancement Funds.

Melissa Clark and Sarah Powers from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs have been contracted for this study. The watersheds involved in this study are: the North Fork Little Pigeon, Headwaters Little Pigeon and Buckhorn-Little Pigeon Creek watersheds in Spencer, Warrick and Dubois Counties. For more information, please call 812-649-9136 ext. 3.