

WOOD—LAND—LAKES

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT



Going Local is a website that provides visitors with information about local Indiana food providers, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), local food festivals, educational programs, conferences, events, and a schedule of expected harvests.

In an effort to encourage Indiana citizens to eat healthfully, locally, and seasonally you will find links, guides, recipes, and information to help discover, celebrate, and savor the abundance of Indiana's fresh, in-season, and local foods. This website provides year-round information and is updated regularly. Visit the website at www.goinglocal-info.com.♦

Fall 2009

See Inside:



- ⇒ National RC&D Week
- ⇒ Recently Adopted Projects
- ⇒ Recently Completed Projects
- ⇒ Indiana 2009-2010 Directory of Professional Foresters
- ⇒ 5 Simple Things YOU Can Do to Protect Your Lake
- ⇒ Council Board Members Wanted
- ⇒ Thank You



2009 Jamboree

Sunday, September 20, 2009
Izaak Walton League of America
Huntertown, Indiana

Bow Shoot 7:30 am to 2:00 pm

Barbeque catered by Costa's Catering 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Raffle, Silent & Live Auction, Kids Games, and Adult & Kids Trick Shots

Contact **Deb Treesh** at 260.541.0365 or treesh@fhfh.org

Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) works with local butcher shops that are USDA or health department inspected and are willing to accept and process deer, cattle, hogs, chickens, and buffalo that are donated by hunters and landowners. After processing the meat, the butchers send their bills to the local FHFH coordinator for payment (about \$50 per deer and \$0.45 per pound for cattle and hogs).

The packaged meat is then taken to Community Harvest Food Bank for distribution to **LOCAL** food pantries, homeless shelters, and soup kitchens.

The local chapter of FHFH raises money through a variety of events and campaigns to cover these expenses. FHFH is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and contributions are tax deductible (see your tax preparer).♦

**For every \$50 donated or raised,
200 meals can be provided to the hungry in northeast Indiana!**

National RC&D Week

Wood-Land-Lakes Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council joins thousands of volunteers and community leaders across Indiana in observing "RC&D Week," September 20-26, 2009. Indiana currently has 10 councils serving 72 of its 92 counties. Each year, Indiana RC&D Councils complete over 100 projects, helping to address local issues.

Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D was established in 1994 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization by local citizens from **DeKalb, Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, and Whitley Counties**. There was interest in bringing people together to find solutions to rural community development issues.

Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D Council is made up of representatives, chosen by each of the six county's **Soil and Water Conservation Districts, County Commissioners, and Extension Services**. Currently, **Jim Penick**, Council President, guides the group as they organize projects concerning natural resource management and improvement; land, water, and forest management; rural community development; land conservation; and education. **Penick** states, "We bring people together to identify needs and foster opportunities in northeast Indiana. We are volunteers working together for responsible stewardship of our natural resources."

Thank you to all of the volunteers and sponsors serving our communities, through the RC&D Councils. **YOU** are making a difference in the quality of life right here in your own backyard.♦

NEW

Recently Adopted Projects:

Hudson Farmland Protection ~ Providing permanent land protection for 27 acres.

2010 Annual Work Plan ~ Planning projects and activities for next year, as well as developing brochures.

Clear Lake Watershed ~ Facilitating watershed group meetings.

Whitley County Farm Protection ~ Providing permanent land protection for 60 acres of farmland and woodland.♦

Recently Completed Projects:

DONE!

5-year Plan ~ Developed long-range plan and brochures.

Tri-State Woodlands & Wildlife Workshop ~ Co-sponsored event.

Tree Planting Workshop ~ Co-sponsored event.

Manure Management Field Day ~ Co-sponsored event.

Annual Report ~ Reported on 2008 activities and accomplishments.♦

Indiana 2009-2010 Directory of Professional Foresters

Foresters are trained to do many diverse things for you such as:

- ♦ Prepare a management plan for your woodland with your objectives.
- ♦ Assist you with management activities like timber stand improvement, tree planting, or timber harvesting.
- ♦ Estimate the costs of timber stand improvement.
- ♦ Help you obtain government cost-sharing.
- ♦ Select, mark, and measure trees.
- ♦ Advise you on the expected sales value of your timber.
- ♦ Identify markets for saleable timber.
- ♦ Assist with advertising your timber for sale.
- ♦ Create a Best Management Practice plan for the harvest activities.
- ♦ Advise you or your accountant on investment cost and tax consequences.

How do you view your woodland? Are you primarily interested in wildlife, recreation, or aesthetics? Will you want timber sale revenue to finance major expenditures such as college, a car, or a house? Or do you want to let the timber increase in value for use to supplement other income during retirement?

Contact a forester to help you plan for the future. The current **Directory of Professional Foresters** is now available through our office or our website.♦



5 Simple Things YOU Can Do to Protect Your Lake

1. Use Phosphorus Free-Fertilizer

- ◆ Grass needs mostly nitrogen for green growth.
- ◆ Use phosphorus-free fertilizer, which is widely available. The 2nd number on a fertilizer bag shows the % P...it should be "0".
- ◆ Leave at least a 10-foot wide, unfertilized grass strip at the water's edge. Fertilizer will migrate to make this unfertilized strip green.

2. Create a More Natural Shoreline Habitat

- ◆ Seawalls reflect waves that scour and damage native plants. Manicured grass near the water creates a habitat for unwanted geese.

3. Properly Maintain Your Septic Tank / Field

- ◆ A water-logged system will not purify the wastes.
- ◆ Keep vehicles off of your drainfield.
- ◆ Have your tank pumped annually.
- ◆ Grass over the septic system should not be greener than the rest of your lawn.

4. Keep Grass Clippings & Leaves OUT of Your Lake

- ◆ Grass and leaves contain nitrogen and phosphorus --nutrients that stimulate algae growth.
- ◆ Grass clippings and leaves build up organic muck on the lake bottom.

5. Plant NATIVE Plants on Your Lakeshore

- ◆ Control of non-native species is one of the most serious problems in lakes and streams.
- ◆ Native plants help provide essential habitats.
- ◆ Many non-natives, while attractive, can be invasive which can crowd out beneficial native plants and wildlife.◆

Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D
www.wood-land-lakes.org

Indiana Clean Lakes Program
www.indiana.edu/~clp

LaGrange County Lakes Council
www.lagrangecountylakescouncil.org

Council Board Members Wanted

Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D is directed by 21 Council Board Members, and we currently have several vacant Council positions which need to be filled.

Education, Forestry, Land, Water, and Rural Community Development are the resource committees that conduct diverse projects and activities benefiting rural areas within the six-county area. Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D helps to identify needs, agrees on a plan of action, secures resources, implements the plans, and then evaluates the results of these activities.

Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D brings people together to find solutions to rural needs which then become opportunities for improving our area's environmental, economic, and social well-being. The key to the Council's success is the commitment of local citizen volunteers solving our own natural resource problems.

If you are interested in becoming a Council member, please contact any of the Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D Council Board Members or our office.◆

Thank You

Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D is successful due to the support of Volunteers, Contributors, and Sponsors. . . .

Individuals

Barbra Frymier
Bob Ledgerwood
Brian Campbell
Deanna Vazquez
Don Minter
Dwight Fish

Gene Lightner
Jim Penick
Leon Bontrager
Renee Campbell
Richard Neff
Rick Meyer

In Memory of

In Memory of Peg Waring from Don & Gretel Smith

Consider making a donation to Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D in **Memory or Honor** of a friend or loved one. What better way to honor an outdoor, nature loving person than to contribute to an organization that will help improve the natural environment that he or she holds so dear! We will notify the honoree or family of your donation.



1220 N 200 W, Suite J
 Angola, IN 46703-9171
 260.665.3211, ext. 5
office@wood-land-lakes.org
www.wood-land-lakes.org

**NONPROFIT ORG
 U.S. POSTAGE
 PAID
 ANGOLA, IN
 PERMIT NO.
 28**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

RC&D Council Members

Jim Penick, President **Dwight Fish**, Vice President
Barbra Frymier, Secretary **Brian Campbell**, Treasurer

Deanna Vazquez **Jenny Spitzer** **Michael McCoy**
Gene Haskins **John Hulewicz** **Richard Taylor**
Greg Hughes **Kathy Adams** **Ron Smith**
Jack Herendeen **Lucy Miner** **Steve Provinces**
Janet Ordway **Mike Dirig** **Ted Gilliom**

This newsletter is a publication of Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D, a non-profit organization. If you do not wish to receive this newsletter or have an address change, please contact Kathy Latz, Coordinator, at 260.665.3211, ext 5.

All meetings of Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D, serving DeKalb, Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, and Whitley Counties, are open to the public. Anyone who wishes to attend will be welcome. For assistance with new projects, please contact a Council Member or the office to have your name and project placed on the agenda. Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, or family status. 09.09

Upcoming Fall 2009 Events

Updates at www.wood-land-lakes.org

SEPTEMBER 2009						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER 2009						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER 2009						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- Sept. 12** **Hoosier Riverwatch Basic Workshop**, 8:30-4:30, South Bend, IN. Contact Brooke Artley at 574.277.4828 or bartley@sjcparks.org.
- 12** **Indiana Community Tree Steward Program**, 9-4, Fort Wayne, IN. Contact April Murray-Clayton at 317.591.1170 or amurray-clayton@dnr.in.gov.
- 12** **"Save Maumee" Canoe Clean-up**, 12-5, Fort Wayne, IN. Contact Abigail Frost at 260.417.2500 or savemaumee@yahoo.com.
- 14** **Greening the City: Groundwater Issues in Urban Redevelopment - Ecological Solutions for Groundwater Management**, 2:30 -4:30, Indianapolis, IN. Contact Ron Lauster at 317.290.3250.
- 19** **Hoosier Riverwatch Basic Workshop**, 8:30-4, Elkhart, IN. Contact Nancy Brown at 574.533.3630, ext. 3 or nancy.brown@in.nacdnet.net
- 20** **Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry Jamboree**, 7:30 am to 2 pm, Hometown, IN. Contact Doug or Debbie Treesh at 260.541.0365 or treesh@fhfh.org
- 20-26** **National RC&D Week**
- 30** **No Child Left Inside Workshop**, 8:30-2:30, Buffalo, Indiana. Contact Arrow Head Country RC&D at 574.946.3022.
- Oct. 1** **Exploring Environmental Issues: Places We Live "Communities Working Together"** 9-1, NREC, Indianapolis, IN. Contact Donna Rogler at 317.549.0354 or plt@dnr.in.gov.
- 9-10** **Hoosier Riverwatch Basic Workshop & E-Coli Training**, NREC, Indianapolis, IN. Contact 317.562.1338 or nrec@dnr.in.gov.
- 22** **Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D Council Meeting**, 4pm, Noble County Office Complex South, Albion, IN. Contact 260.665.3211, ext. 5 or office@wood-land-lakes.org.