



## What Have We Done For Elkhart County Lately?

Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D has made a significant difference in helping local volunteers solve local natural resource problems. We have partnered with regional groups, community-based groups, watershed groups, state, and federal groups to make a positive impact regarding local natural resources. Some of the projects and activities we have undertaken in the past year include:

### 2009 Projects

Protecting 60 acres of farmland, including cropland, pasture, and woodland, with a conservation easement.

Coordinating fundraising efforts and financial administrators for restoration of historic round barn.

Helping sponsors, consultants, nonprofits, and business start-ups on diverse projects and activities.

Developing 2 Present Condition Documents for 87 acres of conservation easements the owners plan to donate in 2009.

Protecting 27 acres of cropland and woodland, with a conservation easement.

Facilitating meetings and assisting a local group develop a county-wide park system.

Assisting local groups promoting water quality and quantity management.

Serving on steering committee & financial administration for closing local landfill.

Promoting program encouraging farmers, hunters, & meat processors to donate livestock and game to local food banks.

Creating and updating list of current grant opportunities.

### 2009 Completed Projects

Co-sponsored 2009 Indiana Master Naturalist training.

Completed 2 Present Condition Documents for 150 acres being protected with recently donated conservation easements.

Co-sponsored manure management field day.

Co-sponsored 2009 Conservation Camp and the high school student Envirothon competition.

Revised, submitted, and approved long range area plan and developed brochure.

Co-sponsored 2009 Tri-State Woodland & Wildlife Workshop and tree planting workshops.

### 2009 Accomplishments

Tracked 129 volunteers, donating more than 1,414 hours, benefiting over 264,000 people.

Documented 37 news articles in local newspapers.

Displayed projects & activities at 5 workshops, field days, presentations, or exhibits.

Partnered with regional community-based groups to provide services and products to over 188,000 disadvantaged people.

Facilitated 15 group meetings.

Maintained up-to-date website with a variety of information.

Published a quarterly newsletter of accomplishments, upcoming projects, and events.

Assisted in the fostering of 1 new job.

Assisted a variety of nonprofit organizations in securing over \$750,000 for local use.

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