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# Indiana Conservation Education Field Day

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## IPS STUDENTS FROM NEW HORIZON HIGH SCHOOL VIEW CONSERVATION ON THE FARM

In an effort to help dispel negative stereotypes of agriculture, 35 urban high school students from the New Horizon High School were introduced to USDA-NRCS and the work we do at a Conservation Education Field Day held April 30th on the grounds of Symbiosis a private forest/wildlife preserve own by Ken and Marilyn Fallis.

Indiana NRCS partnered with Hoosier Heartland RC&D and the Shelby County SWCD to sponsor the Field Day for students of the IPS Public School District. Students learned first hand about agricultural conservation practices, agricultural cropping systems, soils, geographic information systems (GIS), watersheds, wetlands, and wildlife biology.

Instruction at the various stations was provided by NRCS staff including: Soil Scientists Gary Struben, John Allen, Rick Neilsen and Bennie Clark, ; GIS Specialist Bruce Neilson, and Conservation Agronomist Barry Fisher. Noell Krughoff provided instruction on watershed management using an Enviroscape watershed model to demonstrate how pollutants from various agricultural and construction practices enters our streams and waterways.

— Bennie Clark, Jr., Indiana Black Emphasis Program Manager coordinated the event.