



Natural Resources Conservation Service
6013 Lakeside Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46278

February 25, 2008

INDIANA BULLETIN NO. IN 390-8-1

SUBJECT: PDM - RC&D FY 07 Accomplishments

Purpose: To provide NRCS employees information on the accomplishments that the RC&D program in Indiana completed and reported in the POINTS database for 2007.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2008

Background: Each year RC&D Council members attend the National Association of RC&D Councils Annual Leadership Forum in Washington, DC to meet with Indiana's Congressional delegation to report on the accomplishments of the nine RC&D Councils in Indiana.

Again as in past years the RC&D program in Indiana has been very successful and has provided many benefits to the citizens of Indiana. The following list of accomplishments compiled for 2007 reflects some of these benefits, which could not have been achieved without the existence of a strong NRCS / RC&D Council partnership.

Explanation: RC&D accomplishments are captured in the National POINTS database where PRS mines the data for the major progress reporting goals tracked by the national office. The data entered into POINTS lists benefits obtained in three major categories:

- Project Benefits for Community & Economic Development
- Project Benefits for Natural Resources
- Project Benefits for Information & Education

The list of accomplishments displays a very successful RC&D program that provides many benefits in the RC&D areas throughout the state in all of these areas.

**Resource Conservation & Development Program Accomplishments - 07
Indiana**

Community and Economic Development Benefits Resulting from RC&D Assistance

- **11 new business created**
- **8 business expanded**
- **7 business retained**

DIST: 0

- **12 farm related jobs created**
- **17 farm related jobs created or maintained**
- **16 non farm jobs created or maintained**
- **6 cooperatives or associations formed**
- **51 tourism areas improved or retained**
- **1 community building constructed**
- **4 rural communities assisted to provide improved fire protection**
- **75 rural communities assisted to improve or provide improved health care**
- **Over 125,000 Indiana citizens served of which over 44,000 were considered socially or economically disadvantaged**

Natural Resources Benefits from RC&D Assisted Projects

- **14,000 acres of cropland treated to improved soil quality and reduce soil erosion**
- **3,300 acres of forest land treated to improved soil quality and reduce erosion**
- **8,500 acres of pasture/ hay land treated to improved soil quality and reduce erosion**
- **400 acres of surface mined land treated to improved soil quality and reduce erosion**
- **417 acres of farmland preserved through conservation easement**
- **600 acres of wildlife habitat created on non private lands**
- **4,100 acres of private lands treated to improve fish & wildlife habitat**
- **1,100 acres treated to improve ground water quality**

Information and Education Activities

- **Over 500 educational workshops / tours / seminars conducted providing natural resource information and community development information attended by 108,000 Indiana citizens**
- **3,400 Indiana school students provided natural resource information through educational workshops and tours**
- **Over 800,000 pieces of natural resources information distributed to Indiana citizens**
- **6 area wide / watershed plans developed covering over 400,000 acres**

Questions concerning this bulletin should be directed to Harold Thompson, ASTC – Programs, at 317-290-3200, ext. 320.

/s/

JANE E. HARDISTY
State Conservationist