

## ATTENTION FARMERS:

New project in Indiana will help to monitor water quality on agricultural fields.

The edge of field monitoring project is an effort to help farmers improve and/or verify the effectiveness of agricultural conservation practices and systems on their farm field.

As part of the project monitoring equipment will be installed to evaluate the quality of water draining from a farm field. Funding is provided for both monitoring system installation and also collecting and evaluating the data.

Farmers will work with a monitoring professional (private or public) as well as NRCS on this project.

### WHY PARTICIPATE?

- NRCS is committed to demonstrating that *voluntary conservation* efforts by farmers are valuable to everyone.
- We believe this collaboration with producers will demonstrate the effectiveness of system-wide conservation approaches and their positive effects on water quality.
- The project will provide much needed data that shows the quantifiable effects of conservation practices on water quality.
- We expect the data will help farmers adapt their management to both increase productivity and water quality.

### SIGN-UP PERIOD

The sign up **deadline is June 14, 2013**. Applicants will be notified later this summer if approved.

If you have a farm in one of the counties listed to the right, check with your local NRCS office [www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/directory/field\\_offices.html](http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/directory/field_offices.html).

### NRCS FUNDING

Funding for edge of field monitoring is through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). For more information about technical assistance and conservation programs contact your local NRCS office or go to <http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>.

*All data collected will be protected under the Farm Bill privacy rules, and details will be shared only as authorized by the producer.*



### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Farms fields located in the following 12-digit watersheds have been approved for potential edge-of-field monitoring projects:

WATERSHED NAME	LOCATION (COUNTY/COUNTIES)
Bachelor Creek - Paw Paw Creek	Miami, Wabash
Bear Creek	Jennings, Bartholomew, Decatur
Beargrass Creek	Wabash
Bolley Ditch	Wabash, Fulton, Miami
Brush Creek	Bartholomew
Eagle Creek Reservoir - Eagle Creek	Boone, Hendricks, Marion
Fish Creek - Sand Creek	Jennings
Flowers Creek - Eel River	Miami
Little Weesau Creek - Weesau Creek	Miami
Matson Ditch	DeKalb
Millstone Creek - Sand Creek	Jennings, Decatur
Oren Ditch - Paw Paw Creek	Miami, Wabash
Otter Creek - Clifty Creek	Bartholomew
Otter Creek - Eel River	Kosciusko, Wabash
Plunge Creek - Eel River	Kosciusko, Wabash, Whitley
Rock Creek - Sand Creek	Jennings, Bartholomew, Jackson
Sharp Ditch - Paw Paw Creek	Wabash
Silver Creek	Kosciusko, Wabash, Fulton, Miami
Squirrel Creek	Wabash, Fulton, Miami
Washonis Creek - Eel River	Miami
Wyaloosing Creek	Jennings, Decatur