

# Clean Water Indiana

**Clean Water Indiana Mission Statement...**to conserve and enhance our land, lakes, and rivers by reducing the amount of polluted stormwater runoff that reaches Indiana's water resources. This will be accomplished by strengthening local soil and water conservation districts' ability to provide technical, coordination, and financial assistance to urban and rural landowners.

**The Components of Clean Water Indiana...**if funded the Clean Water Indiana (CWI) program, created by the 1999 Indiana General Assembly, would provide districts and their partners with additional resources to identify and solve many water quality concerns. The State Soil Conservation Board is responsible for the establishment of policies and program structure for all aspects of the CWI program. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Soil Conservation will administer the CWI program (IC 14-32-8-4 & 6).

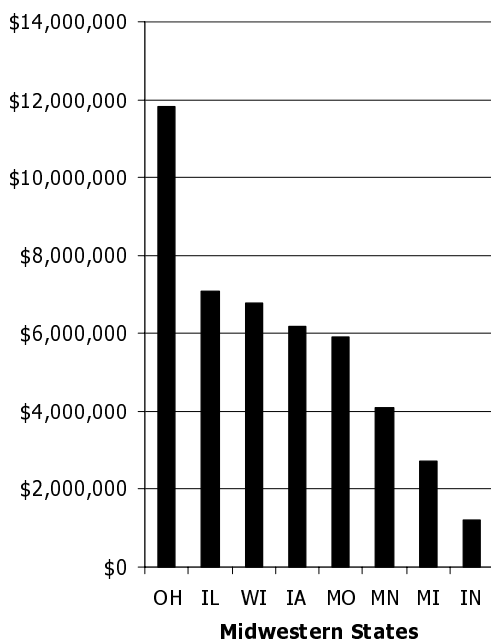
The CWI fund is divided into two components: (1) State Match for Local Conservation Initiatives and (2) Urban and Rural Conservation on the Land.

## Component One State Match for Local Conservation Initiatives

In 1999, Indiana counties invested over \$3.6 million in districts compared to the state's investment of less than \$1 million. Compared to seven neighboring midwestern states, the State of Indiana provides the least amount of funding to districts.

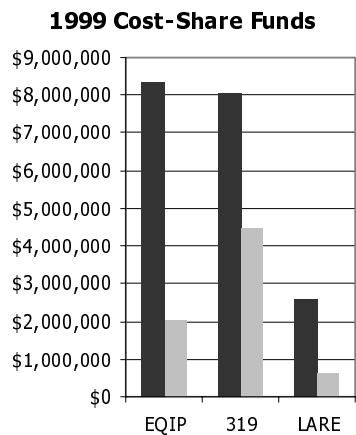
CWI funds will be used to match local investments in districts (IC 14-32-8-8). CWI funds will match dollars that a district receives from a county, township, city, or town. The State is not obligated to match more than \$10,000 of local funds for each district, but may match exceeding \$10,000 if CWI funds are available.

**1999 State Funding to Districts**



Legend: Ohio (OH), Illinois (IL), Wisconsin (WI), Iowa (IA), Missouri (MO), Minnesota (MN), Michigan (MI), Indiana (IN)

## Component Two Urban and Rural Conservation on the Land



There is simply not enough conservation cost-share and grant money available from current state or federal programs to fulfill the need for assistance to Indiana's urban and rural landowners. In 1999, public demand exceeded available federal and state conservation cost-share and grant dollars by more than \$11 million.

CWI funds will be used for a statewide cost-share and grant program.

The CWI grant program will provide funds to eligible projects and applicants, to the extent funding is available. Grant eligibility will be determined by CWI statute IC 14-32-8-7 (1), (2), (5), & (6) and SSCB policy.

The CWI cost-share program (IC 14-32-8-7 (4)) will be administered in cooperation with districts. Each district will work with local landowners to prioritize the practices that are submitted to the CWI program for payment, similar to current division cost-share programs. The CWI cost-share program focuses on practices such as buffer strips, nutrient management, and innovative urban conservation practices.

CWI will also provide funds to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to accelerate the completion of the computer (digital) versions of soil surveys for Indiana (IC 14-32-8-7 (3)). The CWI funds will be added to the federal dollars currently invested in digitizing.