

Conservation Planning - Urban & Small-Scale



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Choose Your Adventure!

- A) “Yah.. that’s not going to work. It’s too small.”**
- B) "Do you sell over \$1,000 a year?"**
- C) “You have reached the voicemail of...”**
- D) “Thanks for reaching out, We can help with practices to improve soil and natural resources! Soil health is important on all scales!”**



FARM NUMBER & ELIGIBILITY

- 1) Direct to Farm Service Agency to obtain Farm Number and complete eligibility documents.
- 2) "I'm a non-for-profit? Can I get a Farm Number?" Direct to FSA.
- 3) Schedule a site visit to assess resource concerns and discuss goals and practices.
- 4) Then direct to apply, if interested, by sending CPA1200 to USDA-NRCS District Conservationist with Farm Number.
"I can send this to you and/or help you fill it out during our site visit."
- 4) If you have any questions on the application, please ask.
It is brief and I can walk you through filling it out.

SITE PREPARATION & MAPPING

1) Soil Map

2) Topo Map

3) IDEM What's in My Neighborhood?

4) Aerial History

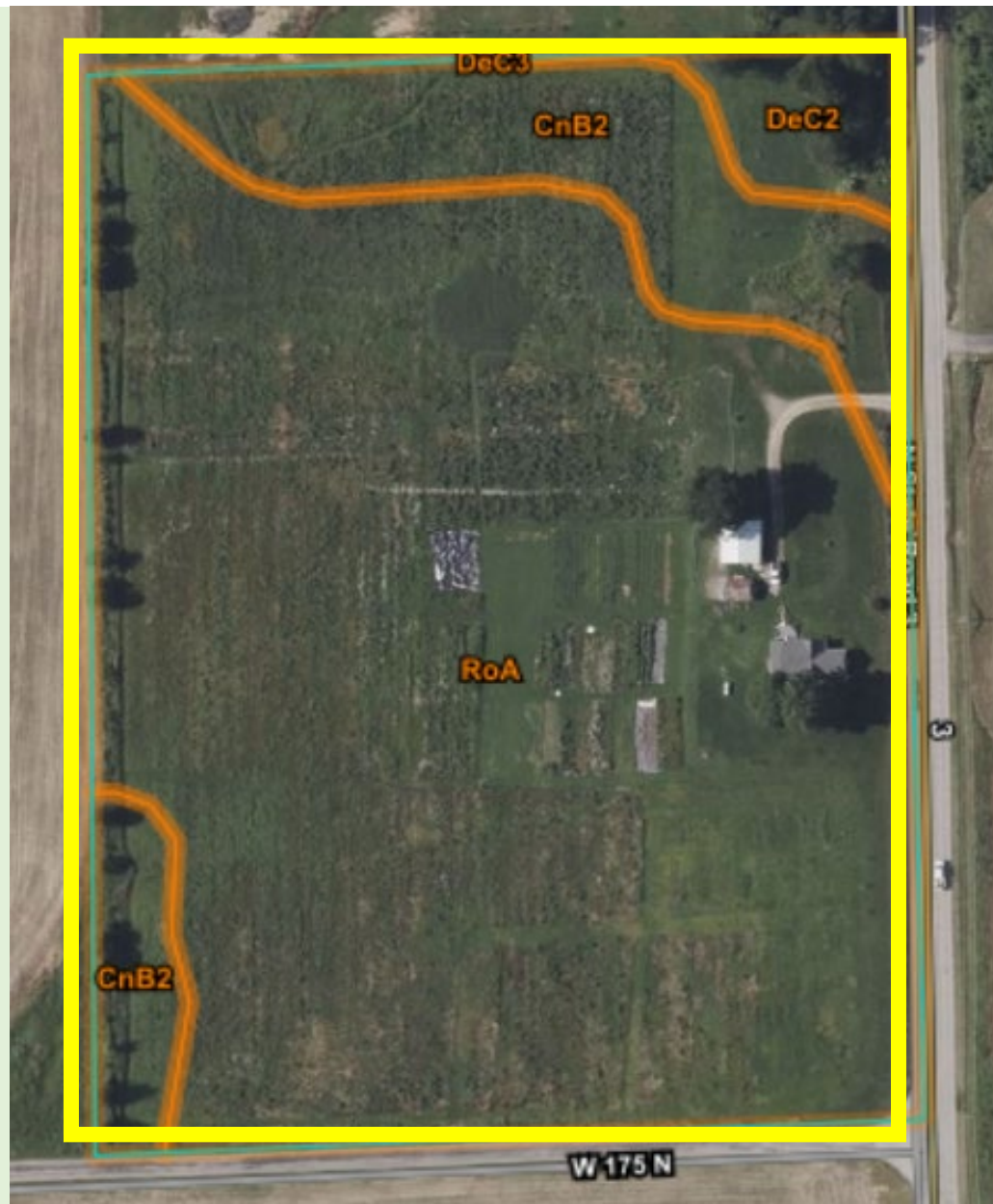
5) Higher quality third party map for planning such as Google Earth

SITE PREPARATION & MAPPING

Soils Map

Sources:

- Web Soil Survey
- Conservation Desktop



Map Unit Legend			
Jefferson County, Indiana (IN077)			
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Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
CnB2	Cincinnati silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes, eroded	1.8	15.8%
DeC2	Deputy silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, eroded	0.4	3.4%
DeC3	Deputy silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, severely eroded	0.0	0.0%
RoA	Rossmoyne silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	9.3	80.7%
Totals for Area of Interest		11.6	100.0%

SITE PREPARATION & MAPPING

Topo Map

Source:

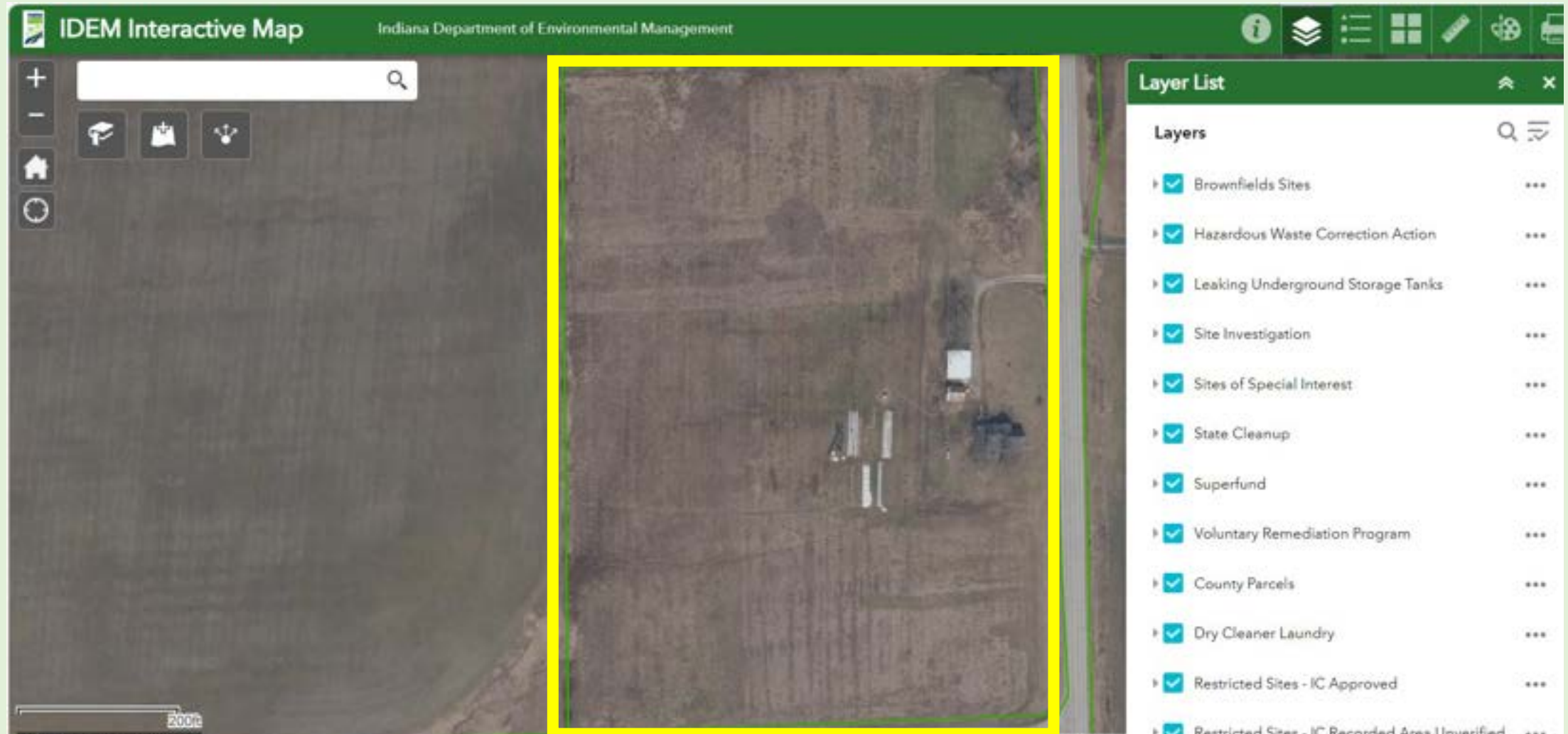
- Conservation Desktop
 - 2' Contour layer



SITE PREPARATION & MAPPING

Potential Contamination

- Source: IDEM What's in My Neighborhood?



SITE PREPARATION & MAPPING

Aerial History

- Conservation Desktop
- Web Soil Survey



SITE PREPARATION & MAPPING

Aerial History

- Google Earth or Maps



Cropland Resource Concerns

Conservation Planning Tool - CART

November, 2023

Select applicable Land uses, Modifiers and other factors, then select Resource concerns to assess (EQIP, CTA)

Prepare Form (Ctrl+z)

Once you have selected Landuses, modifiers, other factors and resource concerns, click the button to the right to return to the questions and filter out resource concerns that are not selected for assessment.

Indiana version January 2, 2023

1. Select Land uses		4. Select Resource Concerns	
<input type="checkbox"/> Associated Ag Land		Indiana Required Resource Concerns to Assess (EQIP, CTA)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crop		Air quality emissions	
<input type="checkbox"/> Farmstead		<input type="checkbox"/> Emissions of airborne reactive nitrogen	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire management
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest		<input type="checkbox"/> Emissions of greenhouse gases - GHGs	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire hazard from biomass accumulation
<input type="checkbox"/> Pasture		<input type="checkbox"/> Emissions of ozone precursors	inefficient energy use
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Rural Land		<input type="checkbox"/> Emissions of particulate matter (PM) and PM precursors	<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment and Facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Developed Land		<input type="checkbox"/> Objectionable odor	<input type="checkbox"/> Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations
<input type="checkbox"/> Range		Aquatic habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock production limitation
2. Select Applicable Modifiers		<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic habitat for fish and other organisms	<input type="checkbox"/> Feed and forage balance
<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigated		<input type="checkbox"/> Elevated water temperature	<input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate livestock shelter
<input type="checkbox"/> Grazed		Concentrated erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife		<input type="checkbox"/> Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels	Pest pressure
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Feature		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classic gully erosion	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant pest pressure
3. Select Other Factors		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ephemeral gully erosion	Salt losses to water
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manure, compost or biosolids applied		Degraded plant condition	<input type="checkbox"/> Salts transported to groundwater
<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrients Applied		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plant productivity and health	<input type="checkbox"/> Salts transported to surface water
<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticides Applied		<input type="checkbox"/> Plant structure and composition	Soil quality limitations
<input type="checkbox"/> Confined or Concentrated Animals		Field pesticide loss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aggregate instability
<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrients are stored on one or more PLU's		<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticides transported to groundwater	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compaction
<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock are present on one or more PLU's		<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticides transported to surface water	<input type="checkbox"/> Concentration of salts or other chemicals
		Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organic matter depletion
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrients transported to groundwater (field loss)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil organism habitat loss or degradation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrients transported to surface water (field loss)	<input type="checkbox"/> Subsidence
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater	Source water depletion
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water	<input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater depletion
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sediment transported to surface water	<input type="checkbox"/> Inefficient irrigation water use
			<input type="checkbox"/> Surface water depletion
Clear Landuses, modifiers and other factors			
Indiana Required Resource Concerns to be assessed for selected Landuses, modifiers and other factors are shown in Green			
Select Required		Clear Resource Concerns (Select All)	
		Print Selected Land uses, modifiers and RC's	
		update typical resource concerns for land uses	

Site visit observations & questions

- 1. Are any gullies visible?**
- 2. “How do you prepare your beds? How do you weed? What tools do you use”**
 - a. Any full width tillage**
- 3. “Do you use cover crops?”**
- 4. “Are you producing crops every week/month of the year that you want?”**
- 5. Are there any sensitive areas or wells on the farm or adjacent?**
- 6. “Do you soil test?”**
- 7. “Do you apply nutrients (including compost)? How do you determine how much to apply?”**
- 8. “Do you water your crops? How? For how many years?”**

Maps and Notes

**Feel free to follow along and
make notes and draw
practices on your map!**





Planning! High Tunnel System



High Tunnel 30' x 48'



Planning! Microirrigation



Drip microirrigation 150' x 160'



Planning! Cover Crops

All current beds plus 50' x 120'



Planning! Mulching



Mulching:

Compost on 120 growing beds: 2.5' x 50'

Woodchips on 126 walkways: 1.8' x 50'



Planning! Low Tunnels

Low Tunnels on 40 2.5' x 50' beds



Planning! Hedgerow



Hedgerow



Planning! Wildlife Planting



Pollinator Planting - plugs
Pollinator Planting - seed



High Tunnel System

PROVIDE:

1) High Tunnel IR

RESOURCE CONCERNS:

Plant productivity and health

SUPPORT:

1) Purdue High Tunnel Handbook

2) Marionswcd.org High Tunnel Suppliers List

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U.S. Department of Agriculture

High Tunnel System
Practice Code 325

High Tunnel System Implementation Requirements

Description
A High Tunnel System (HTS) is an enclosed plastic, polyethylene, fabric, or polycarbonate land walls only covered structure that protects crops from rain, wind, excessive rainfall, and/or cold.

Improved Plant Productivity and Health
High tunnel systems extend the growing season by increasing soil and air temperatures, protecting crops against frost and promoting vegetative growth. A HTS can extend the growing season to year-round production by modifying the growing environment. The grower can control temperature, moisture, and wind/sun exposure in high tunnel systems to minimize plant stress and maximize plant productivity.

Requirements

- Crops must be grown in the natural soil profile, or in raised beds up to 12 inches in height.
- This practice does not apply to crops grown outside of the natural soil profile (on tables/benches, portable pots, hydroponics, etc.).
- Install high tunnels according to manufacturers' instructions.
- End walls must be constructed. Local building materials or a manufactured kit may be used.
- The HTS frame must be at least 6 feet in height at the peak of the structure. It should be tall enough to accommodate typical operations.
- The covering must have a min. 4-year lifespan. Use a minimum of 6 millimeter greenhouse grade, UV-resistant material for polyethylene covers.
- Seed all disturbed areas to control erosion.
- HTS are not greenhouses or low tunnel systems.
- HTS cannot be used to provide shelter/housing for livestock or to store supplies or equipment.

Site Selection:

- Lay out the structure location according to the site plan. The orientation of the tunnel is dependent on location, season and crops that will be grown. East-west orientation will optimize sun exposure and is beneficial in areas north of 40° latitude. In locations south of 40° latitude, consider north-south orientation for maximum ventilation during the summer.
- The natural slope should be less than 5%.
- Locate the structure near a viable water source for irrigation.
- High tunnels can create drainage and ponding issues under certain soil and/or landscape conditions. When needed, direct runoff away from the HTS by installing water management structures such as gutters, rock trenches, underground outlets or diversions.



Improved plant productivity and health in a high tunnel system.

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Indiana High Tunnel Handbook

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Low Tunnel System

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Low Tunnel System
Practice Code 821

Low Tunnel System Overview

Description
A Low Tunnel System (LTS) is an enclosed plastic, polyethylene, fabric, or polycarbonate covered structure that protects crops from sun, wind, excessive rainfall, or cold, extends the growing season and/or reduces pest pressure.

Low tunnels are small, portable structures that are no more than 4 feet in height. They are inexpensive, easy to construct and, if cared for, will last multiple growing seasons. They provide benefits in high tunnel systems and field conditions.

- Improved plant productivity and health
- Reduced plant pest pressure


Plant Productivity and Health
Low tunnels extend the growing season by increasing soil and air temperatures, protecting crops against mild freezes and promoting vegetative growth.

Depending on the covering used and crops grown, low tunnels can extend the growing season by at least two weeks in the spring and fall and up to year-round production.

Low tunnels reduce plant stress by modifying the microenvironment within the tunnel. In addition to increasing temperatures, low tunnels reduce light intensity and block wind. These environmental modifications reduce evapotranspiration rates and decrease water stress in plants, resulting in healthier and more productive plants.

In areas where winter weather is significant, low tunnels can provide a physical barrier to ice and snow, enabling crops to successfully overwinter.

Reduced Pests
Low tunnel system use can significantly reduce pest damage and the viral diseases pests may transfer. Low tunnels exclude pest access to the crops. When



Season extension and pest exclusion of cool season crops using a low tunnel system.

covers are applied immediately after planting, they decrease populations of cabbage worms, loopers, onion maggots, Colorado potato beetles, aphids, cutworms and flea beetles. Low tunnels are also used to exclude birds from ripening fruit.

A decrease in pesticide use, labor and crop loss can occur when low tunnels are used as a pest management strategy.

For crops that depend on insect pollination, it may be necessary to remove the row cover during the flowering stage to allow for pollination.

Materials and Construction
A low tunnel system is comprised of three components: the structure, covering and anchors.

Structure
A low tunnel structure is typically constructed of hoops placed every 4-5 ft down the row or bed. The

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PROVIDE:

1) Low Tunnel Practice Overview

RESOURCE CONCERNS:

Plant productivity and health

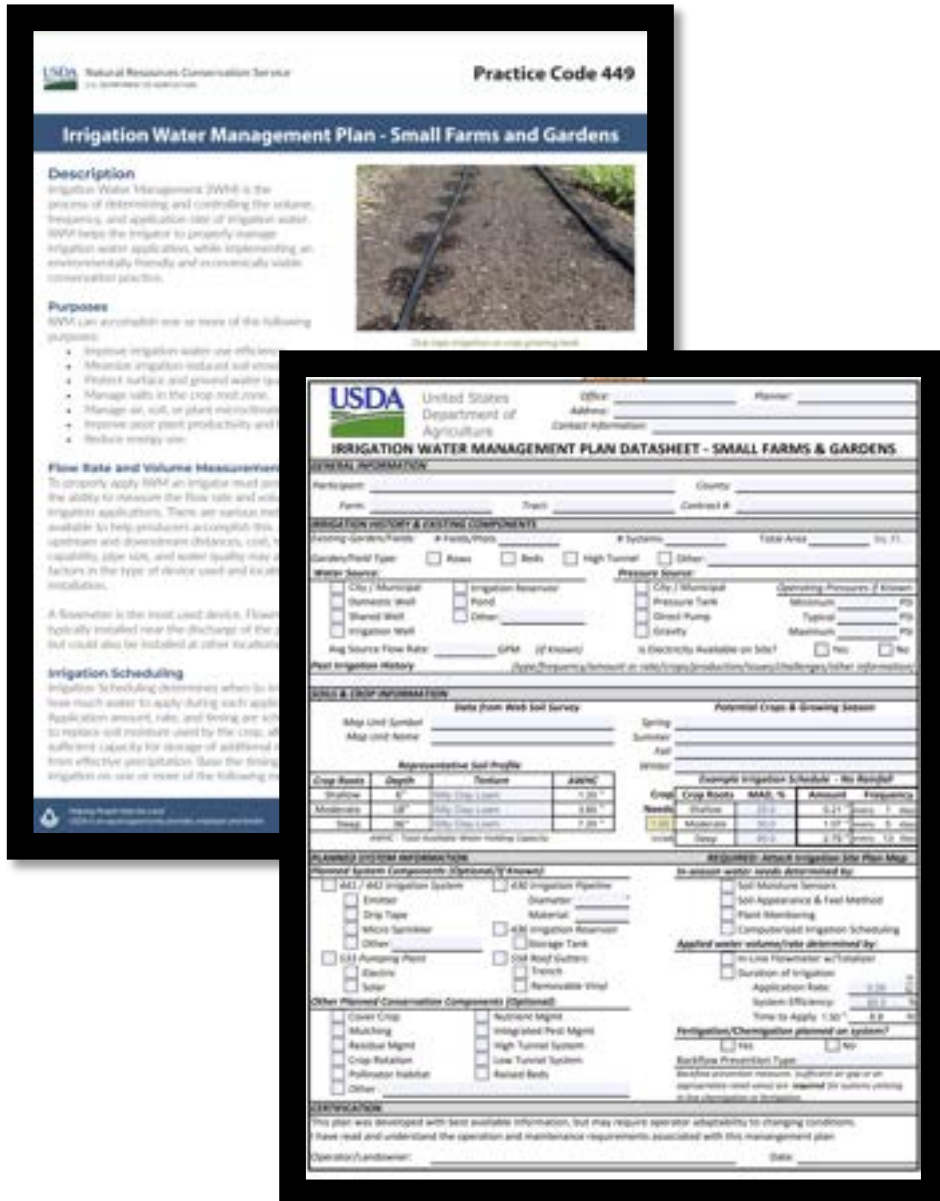
Plant pest pressure

SUPPORT:

1) Low Tunnel: INNRCS Training – Youtube

2) Marionswcd.org High Tunnel Suppliers List

Irrigation Practices



USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Practice Code 449

Irrigation Water Management Plan - Small Farms and Gardens

Description
Irrigation Water Management (IWM) is the process of determining and controlling the volume, frequency, and application rate of irrigation water. IWM helps the irrigator to properly manage irrigation water application, while implementing an environmentally friendly and economically water conservation practice.

Purposes
IWM can establish one or more of the following purposes:

- Improve irrigation water use efficiency
- Monitor irrigation-related soil stress
- Protect surface and ground water quality
- Manage salts in the crop root zone
- Manage air, soil, or plant microclimate
- Improve poor plant productivity and
- Reduce energy use

Flow Rate and Volume Measurement
To properly apply IWM an irrigator must have the ability to measure the flow rate and volume of irrigation applications. There are various methods available to help producers accomplish this, upstream and downstream methods, cost, capacity, pipe size, and water quality may be factors in the type of device used and its installation.

A flowmeter is the most used device. Flowmeters typically installed near the discharge of the pump could also be installed at other locations.

Irrigation Scheduling
Irrigation Scheduling determines when to irrigate, how much water to apply during each application, and when to stop. It is based on soil moisture, crop water requirements, and weather conditions. It is important to replace soil moisture used by the crop at sufficient capacity for storage of additional water effective precipitation. Based on the timing irrigation can use one or more of the following methods:

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Office: _____ Planner: _____
Address: _____ Contact Information: _____

IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN DATASHEET - SMALL FARMS & GARDENS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Participant: _____ County: _____
Farm: _____ Tract: _____ Contract #: _____

IRRIGATION METHOD & EXISTING COMPONENTS

Existing Gardens/Farms: # Fields/Plots: _____ # Systems: _____ Total Area: _____ Sq. Ft.

Garden/Field Type: ☐ Acres ☐ Beds ☐ High Tunnel ☐ Other: _____

Water Source:

☐ City / Municipal ☐ Irrigation Reservoir ☐ City / Municipal ☐ Operating Pressure if Known

☐ Borehole Well ☐ Pressure Tank ☐ Minimum _____ PSI

☐ Shared Well ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Direct Pump ☐ Typical _____ PSI

☐ Irrigation Well ☐ Gravity ☐ Maximum _____ PSI

Ag Source Flow Rate: _____ GPM (if known) Is Electricity Available on Site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Past Irrigation History
(Type/Frequency/Amount or rate/Crops/Production/Issues/Challenges/Other Information)

SOIL & CROP INFORMATION

Soils from Web Soil Survey: _____ Potential Crops & Growing Season: _____

Map Unit Symbol: _____ Map Unit Name: _____

Representative Soil Profile

Crop Roots	Depth	Texture	AWWC
Shallow	0" - 12"	Sandy Clay Loam	1.25"
Intermediate	12" - 24"	Sandy Clay Loam	2.85"
Deep	24" - 36"	Sandy Clay Loam	7.85"

AWWC = Total Available Water Holding Capacity

Example Irrigation Schedule - No Rainfall

Crop Roots	AWWC, %	Amount	Frequency
Shallow	25.0	0.21	1 time
Intermediate	25.0	1.07	1 time
Deep	25.0	2.57	1 time

PLANNED IRRIGATION COMPONENTS

Planned System Components (Optional/If Known):

☐ 451 / 452 Irrigation System ☐ 453 Irrigation Pipeline

☐ Emitters ☐ Surmeters

☐ Drip Tape ☐ Material

☐ Micro Controller ☐ 454 Irrigation Reservoir

☐ Other: _____ ☐ Storage Tank

☐ 455 Pumping Plant ☐ Soil Moisture Sensors

☐ Electric ☐ Soil Moisture Sensors

☐ Solar ☐ Trench

☐ Other: _____ ☐ Removable Vinyl

Other Planned Components (Optional)

☐ Cover Crop ☐ Nutrient Mgmt

☐ Mulching ☐ Integrated Pest Mgmt

☐ Residue Mgmt ☐ High Tunnel System

☐ Crop Rotation ☐ Low Tunnel System

☐ Pollinator Habitat ☐ Rowed Beds

☐ Other: _____

IN-ANNUAL WATER NEEDS DETERMINED BY:

☐ Soil Moisture Sensors

☐ Soil Appearance & Feel Method

☐ Plant Monitoring

☐ Computerized Irrigation Scheduling

Applied water volume/rate determined by:

☐ In-Line Flowmeter w/ Totalizer

☐ Duration of Irrigation

☐ Application Rate

System Efficiency: _____ %

Time to Apply 1.50" _____ Hrs

Fertilization/Chemigation planned on system?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Backflow Prevention Type:

☐ Backflow prevention device, independent or part of an approved-rated valve or required for systems utilizing public distribution or distribution

REMARKS:
This plan was developed with best available information, but may require operator adaptability to changing conditions. Have read and understand the operation and maintenance requirements associated with this management plan.

Operator/producer: _____ Date: _____

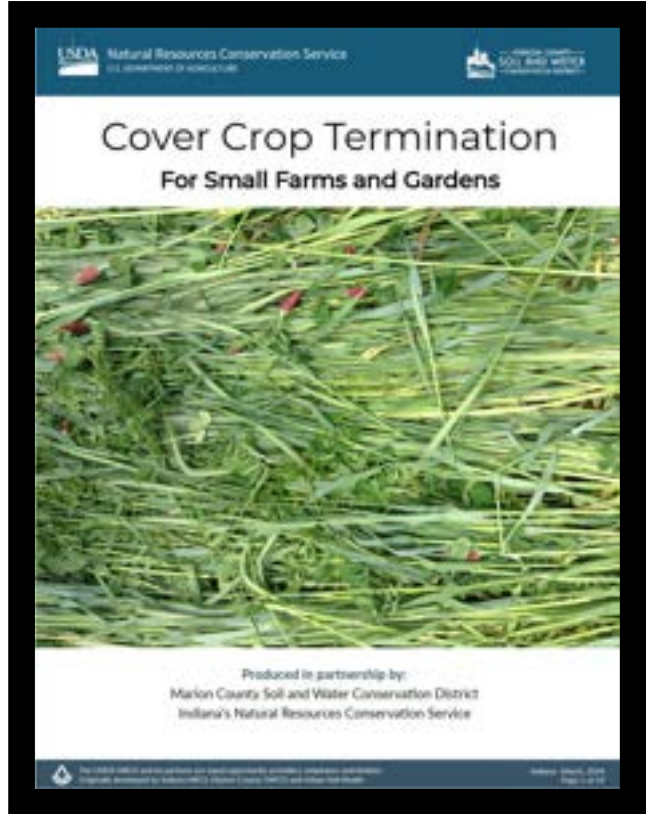
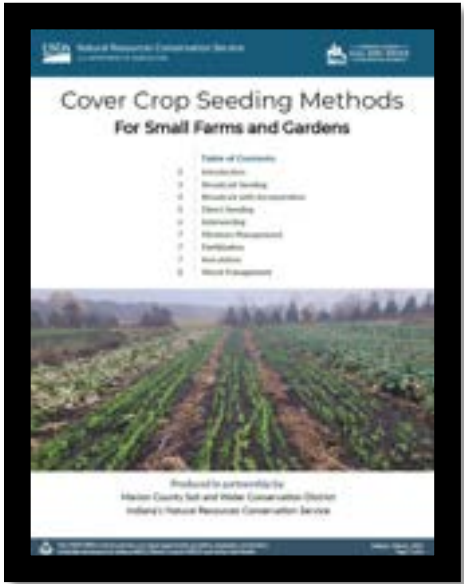
PROVIDE:

- 1) Irrigation Water Management Plan
 - Planner and producer fill out as much as possible
 - Planner provides IWM to NRCS TECH TEAM with engineering request
- 2) Engineering Designs (most likely after application preapproval)

RESOURCE CONCERNS: Inefficient water use

SUPPORT

- 1) urbansoilhealth.org
- 2) Manufacturer's websites and contact

[illegible]

- 1) **Cover Crop Overview**
- 2) **Cover Crop Seeding Methods**
- 3) **Cover Crop Termination**
- 4) **Indiana Cover Crop Tool**

Erosion, low organic matter, pest pressure, moisture, habitat, excess soil nutrients, any resource concern listed in the conservation practice standard

- 1) marionswcd.org/soilhealth
- 2) MCSWCD Favorite Mixes
- 3) Expert farmer books & online
- 4) Urban Soil Health, SWCDs

Cover Crops Implementation Requirement

Indiana Cover Crop Tool for Small Farms and Gardens

Indiana Cover Crop Create a Mix

Notes



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Name

Megan Ayers

Location

Earth

Year

2025

Total Area of All Mixes (sqft)

5000

Total Area (acres, rounded up)

0.2

Guidance located at the bottom of this sheet.

MIX 1

Notes

Area of Bed (sqft)

250

of Beds

20

Total Area (sqft)

5000

Cover Crop Species

Type

Rate L - N - H

Divisor

Rate PLS Oz/100sqft

PLS %

Amount per Bed

Amount per Total Area

Oats

Grass

High

4.7

80

0 lb 14.7 oz

18 lb 5.8 oz

Pea, Field

Legume

Low

1.1

100

0 lb 2.8 oz

3 lb 7.1 oz

100

100

100

100

100

Totals

5.8

-

1 lb 1.5 oz

21 lb 12.8 oz

Planting Method

Termination Method

Planned Next Crops

Cost Estimate

Broadcast + Incorporation

Winterkill

Early spring vegetables

\$0.00

\$0.00

5000 sqft / 43,560 = 0.11 acres
Round up to 0.2 for programs

Mulching

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Mulching
Practice Code 484

Mulches for Small Farms and Gardens Overview

Purpose
Mulches are plant residues or other suitable materials that are applied to the soil surface. Mulches can be used to:

- Improve the efficiency of moisture management
- Improve irrigation water and energy efficiency
- Reduce erosion
- Improve plant productivity and health
- Maintain or increase soil organic matter
- Reduce emissions of particulate matter
- Suppress weeds



Mulches protect soil in and around crop beds.

Mulches Applied to Small Farms
Many urban and small farms use multiple types of mulch. This may be a combination of natural and/or synthetic mulches. Mulching can increase soil health over time by protecting the soil and increasing soil organic matter. Mulches are effective alone, but when used with other practices such as cover cropping and reduced tillage, overall soil health will improve more rapidly. Mulches applied to the soil surface will help retain soil moisture and improve irrigation water use efficiency. Mulches are effective at weed suppression and can improve overall plant productivity and health.

Types of Mulch: Natural vs. Synthetic
Natural
Natural mulches commonly include straw, hay, compost, composted leaves, woodchips, and cover crop residue.

residue. Other biodegradable natural materials such as grass clippings, wool, sawdust, paper, newsprint, and cardboard may also be used as mulches. A range of natural mulches have diverse uses in production and non-production areas on any size farm and are widely applicable.

Synthetic
The two most common synthetic materials used in farm settings are plastic mulch and landscaping fabric. Plastic mulch is a thin, non-permeable material that only lasts one season. Landscaping fabric is a permeable, durable, woven material that is reusable for up to 5 years (See Table 3).



Natural mulches (clockwise top left to bottom right) include hay, grass clippings, cover crop residue, woodchips, and compost.

Location
Mulch materials are widely applied throughout farms and gardens on growing beds, pathways, and non-production areas. Consider C:N ratio, residue management, and mulch duration when choosing mulch materials for various areas.

C:N Ratios
The carbon to nitrogen ratio compares the mass of carbon to the mass of nitrogen in a particular material (See Table 1). The C:N ratio of mulches affects the decomposition rate and crop-nutrient cycling. The

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PROVIDE:

- 1) Mulches for Small Farms and Gardens Overview
- 2) Indiana Mulching Tool

RESOURCE CONCERNS: Organic Matter Depletion is IN priority

SUPPORT Urban Soil Health, SWCDs, etc.

Mulching Implementation Requirement

Indiana Mulching Tool

Year	Total Area sqft	Planning Amount	Applied?
		# of 1000sqft	
2025 ▼	2500	3	▼
2026 ▼	2500	3	▼
2027 ▼			▼
▼			▼
▼			▼

Indiana Mulching Tool									
NRCS 484 Implementation Requirement (IR)									
Name		Megan Ayers		Disclaimer: For the tool to function correctly, enter the area and desired mulch depth. Select the Material type, Estimated Amount Needed unit, and load information according to guidance below this table.			Load information (Optional)		
Location		Earth					Enter volume of mulch per wheelbarrow, bag, etc. to estimate # of loads needed.		
Years		2025, 2026, 2027					3.0	cubic feet ▼	per load
Notes									
	Contract Item	Year	Area ID / Description	Area sqft	Material	Final Depth Inches	Estimated Amount Needed		Estimated Material Cost
1	Yes ▼	2025 ▼	GARDEN A Beds	2,000	Compost ▼	2	12.4	cubic yards ▼	\$620.00
2	Yes ▼	2025 ▼	GARDEN A Walkways	500	Woodchips ▼	3	4.7	cubic yards ▼	
3	Yes ▼	2026 ▼	GARDEN A Beds	2,000	Compost ▼	2	12.4	cubic yards ▼	\$620.00
4	Yes ▼	2026 ▼	GARDEN A Walkways	500	Woodchips ▼	2	3.1	cubic yards ▼	
5	▼	2026 ▼	GARDEN A Beds	2,000	Straw ▼	2	33.3	bales ▼	\$266.67
6	▼	▼			▼			▼	
7	▼	▼			▼			▼	
8	▼	▼			▼			▼	
9	▼	▼			▼			▼	
10	▼	▼			▼			▼	

Online training video at marionswcd.org/soilhealth under mulching

Hedgerow

United States Department of Agriculture

Tree/Shrub Planting Implementation Requirement

Natural Resources Conservation Service - Indiana - September 2022 (ver. 1.0)

612 Tree/Shrub Planting Plan

Landowner:				County:			
Farm:		Tract:		Field(s):		Acres:	
Date:							
Purpose:							
Soil Type(s):				Soil Drainage Class:			
Plant Spacing:				Plants/Acre:			
Species		Number		Substrate Species		Number	
Total (rounded to the next highest 100)				Total (rounded to the next highest 100)			
Before Planting							
<input type="checkbox"/> Tillage (in the year prior to planting):						Dates:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Herbicide (applied per label):						Dates:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Herbicide (applied per label):						Dates:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:						Dates:	
Planting Method							
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Planting Method:						Dates:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Herbicide (applied per label):						Dates:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Protection or Fencing: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (if yes provide details in the Additional Information Section below.)						Dates:	
Post Planting Maintenance and Weed Control							
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain a 3-ft. weed & grass-free radius for up to _____ years around each tree for optimal growth.						Dates:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Herbicide (applied per label):						Dates:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Replace dead trees to ensure 70% stocking rate:						Dates:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:						Dates:	
Additional Information							
Map of Tree Planting Area (attach or insert map showing tree planting area, access to tree planting area, preferred row direction, any hazards or tree planting concerns):							

PROVIDE:

- 1) Environmental Plantings and Windbreaks from Web Soil Survey**
- 2) Tree / Shrub Planting Plan (most likely after application preapproval)**
 - NRCS Area Forester can assist**

RESOURCE CONCERNS:

Wildlife habitat or any purpose in the conservation practice standard

SUPPORT

- 1) Pollinator Partnership, Xerces,
- 2) Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever
- 3) Forestry Tech Note #2

Hedgerows

Forestry Tech Note #2



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service - Indiana - October 2016

Forestry Technical Note #2

Tree and Shrub Establishment

INTRODUCTION

This technical note provides information on tree and shrub establishment using tree seedlings, container stock, or direct seeding methods.

I. PLANTING DESIGN

A. Planting Rates

A good tree planting design will usually include multiple species and objectives. Species may be mixed together within rows, separated by

Table 2. Planting Stock Specifications

Tree Seedlings (Bare root stock)			
Type	Height	Caliper ¹	
Conifer	9-18"	1/8-3/8"	
Hardwood	18-36"	1/4-3/4"	
Container Stock			
Conifer or Hardwood	Container Size	Height	Caliper ¹
	1 gallon	2 - 4'	3/8 - 5/8"
	3 gallon	2 - 6'	3/8 - 5/8"

¹ Caliper is the stem diameter at ground level measured at the root collar.

Table 7. Species Information

Common Name	Scientific Name	CTSG Area (map page 8)	Soil Drainage ¹	² Flooding Tolerance	Soil pH Range
Tree Species					
Bald Cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Central, South	VPD-WD	Tolerant	4.5-7
Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	All	MWD-WD	Intolerant	4.5-7.5
Black Walnut	<i>Juglans nigra</i>	All	MWD-WD	Intolerant	6.6-7.8
Cedar, Northern White	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	North	PD-WD	Somewhat	5.5-7.5
Hickory, Shagbark	<i>Carya ovata</i>	All	MWD-WD	Intolerant	4.5-7.5
Hickory, Shellbark	<i>Carya laciniata</i>	All	VPD-WD	Somewhat	6.1-7.4
Kentucky Coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	All	SPD-WD	Somewhat	5.5-6.5
Maple, Red	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	All	VPD-WD	Somewhat	4.5-6.5
Maple, Silver	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	All	VPD-WD	Tolerant	4.5-7.0
Norway Spruce	<i>Picea abies</i>	All	VPD-WD	Somewhat	5.0-7.5
Oak, Black	<i>Quercus velutina</i>	All	MWD-ED	Intolerant	4.5-6.5
Oak, Bur	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	All	PD-ED	Somewhat	4.5-7.5
Oak, Chinkapin	<i>Quercus muhlenbergii</i>	All	MWD-ED	Intolerant	5.0-8.0
Oak, Cherrybark	<i>Quercus pagoda</i>	South	SPD-WD	Intolerant	4.5-6.5
Oak, Overcup	<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	South	VPD-WD	Tolerant	4.5-7.0
Oak, Pin	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	All	VPD-WD	Somewhat	4.5-6.1
Oak, Scarlet	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	All	MWD-ED	Intolerant	4.5-6.5
Oak, Shingle	<i>Quercus imbricaria</i>	All	SPD-WD	Intolerant	4.5-6.5
Oak, Shumard	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	All	SPD-WD	Somewhat	6.1-7.4
Oak, Swamp Chestnut	<i>Quercus michauxii</i>	South	SPD-WD	Somewhat	4.5-6.5
Oak, Swamp White	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	All	VPD-WD	Somewhat	4.5-6.1
Oak, White	<i>Quercus alba</i>	All	MWD-WD	Intolerant	4.5-6.5
Pecan	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Central, South	SPD-WD	Tolerant	6.1-7.8
Pine, White	<i>Pinus strobus</i>	All	MWD-WD	Intolerant	6.1-7.5
Persimmon	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	All	MWD-WD	Somewhat	4.5-6.5
River Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>	All	VPD-WD	Somewhat	4.5-6.5
Sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>		PD-WD	Tolerant	5.5-6.5
Tuliptree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	All	MWD-WD	Intolerant	5.0-7.0

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Suitable Forb List

Common Name		Data						
State	County	Parish	Conservation Area	Area	Project	Project 2	Project 3	Project 4
CA	LOS		Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Los Angeles

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Payment Estimate (possibly from previous year)

Indiana EQIP Contract Payment Estimator FY24							Reset Form	
Service Center								
Application Number				Estimated Contract Payment				
Applicant Name and Date		Megan		\$ 21,550.14				
Participant Type		NOT Historically Underserved				Save and Open PDF		
District Conservationist		Cara						
State		Indiana						
Program		EQIP Estimate						
Associated Ranking Pools		High Tunnel						
		NOTE: This worksheet is the NON-HU version. Use the "HU Version" for HU Participants.						
		If selecting a High Priority or Source Water Practice (HPP), select the scenario beginning with "Pr-" or "Wp"				Reset Estimate Section		
Line	Start typing in any row to search for a practice, practice code, or scenario name, then click the drop down button	Unit	Unit Cost	Planned Quantity	Number of Years Planned	Max Payment Cap	Estimated Item Total	
1	484 - Mulching; Natural Material, Small Area	No	\$ 147.07	6	1	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 882.42	
2	340 - Cover Crop; Cover Crop - 1 acre or less	Ac	\$ 406.68	0.2	3	\$ -	\$ 244.01	
3	821 - Low Tunnel Systems; Low tunnel 1000-5000 square feet, Year 1	SqFt	\$ 1.24	5000	1	\$ 16,150.00	\$ 6,200.00	
4	325 - High Tunnel System; High Tunnel System	SqFt	\$ 5.77	1440	1	\$ 16,650.00	\$ 8,308.80	
5	441 - Irrigation System, Microirrigation; High Tunnel Surface Microirrigation, per square feet	SqFt	\$ 0.61	10000	1	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,050.00	
6	420 - Wildlife Habitat Planting; Interplanting with potted plants or shrubs	SqFt	\$ 1.52	700	1	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 1,064.00	
7	420 - Wildlife Habitat Planting; Small Planting - Pollinator Mix	kSqFt	\$ 241.82	0.5	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 120.91	
8	422 - Hedgerow Planting; 1 row hedgerow, bareroot shrub seedling planting stock	Ft	\$ 0.56	3000	1	\$ -	\$ 1,680.00	
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Indiana State Department of Agriculture

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State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management

Indiana Department of Environmental Management / Health Departments

Thank YOU! Questions, comments, suggestions...



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