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2024 Plat Books

The new 2024 Vanderburgh County Plat Books are at the SWCD office and ready for purchase.

The price of the new books are \$25 and can be paid with cash or check only. Please be sure to call the office at 812-423-4426 x3 before you stop by, as we are frequently out of the office.

FREE COVER CROP SEEDS (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)



- Covers Gardens 100-200 sqft.
- Mix Includes Oats & Peas

Free Garden Cover Crop Seeds

We have pre-packaged garden cover crop seeds to plant in your gardens. It is recommended to seed by September 30th for best results. These seed packets are free and each packet will cover between 100-200 sq. ft. You can scan the QR code for the directions on planting your cover crop seeds. The normal office hours are from 7-3:30 Monday-Friday but we are a very small office and are in the field from time to time. Please call the office to make sure we will be in, before planning a visit at 812-423-4426 x3. We are located at 921 North Park Dr., Evansville, IN 47710

2024 PLAT BOOK

Vanderburgh

COUNTY INDIANA



MISSION STATEMENT :

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE
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SOCIAL CHANGE
AND ECONOMIC HEALTH WITHIN
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BY FOSTERING INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

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Save the Date

Southern Indiana Grazing Conference

Wednesday April 7, 2027
Shiloh Community Building
Odon, Indiana

Mark your calendars!

We have another great line up of
speakers this year.

Meet new, interesting, and like
minded individuals from all around
Indiana and surrounding states.

Enjoy great networking and a
delicious meal at the conference.

More information and details coming
soon!

This year's Speakers:

Allen Williams

Lily Shireman

Kate Yegerlehner Cobb

Bob Hendershot



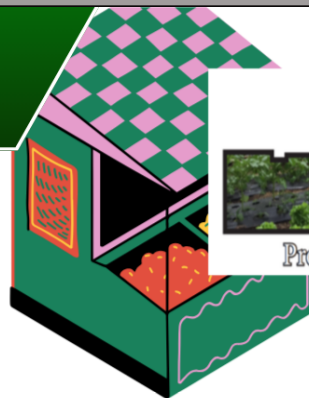
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JOIN US SEPTEMBER 12TH!



FARM VITALITY WORKSHOP

Join us at the Warrick County 4H Center

Sept. 12th 8am - 3 pm

RSVP to: megan.klenck@in.nacdnet.net

AGENDA

8:00-8:30am: Registration

8:30-9:30am: Cover Crops for Weed Suppression & Soil Biology: Steve Diver

9:30-9:45am: Break

9:45-11:00am: Farm-Grown Biofertilizers: Steve Diver

11:00-11:30am: Networking & Resource Fair

11:30-12:30 pm: Lunch by Pangea

12:45-3:00 pm: Farmer Led Break Out Sessions

3:00: Networking & Adjourn

Breakout Session Topics : Berry Growing, Orchards, Cut Flowers, Vegetable Gardening, Soil Health, Marketing, Livestock, Small Grower Resources , & Composting.

MEET THE SPEAKER

Steve Diver is the Farm Superintendent at University of Kentucky's Horticulture Research Farm, also known as "South Farm". He has worked as an Extension Horticulturist, soils consultant, and farm manager over the last 40 years. Steve has taught workshops on soil health, compost teas and microbial inoculants, biofertilizers, composting systems, and cover crops in every region of the U.S. and overseas. He conducted the first biodynamic agriculture consultancies for USAID in India and Russia and served on the NOSB Compost Tea Task Force. In 2024 he received the Acres U.S.A. Eco-Farmer Achievement Award.





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COME HELP MANAGE INVASIVE SPECIES AT THE HARTMAN ARBORETUM! VANDERBURGH COUNTY COOPERATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (CISMA) WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR LEARNING ABOUT AND REMOVING INVASIVE SPECIES FROM OUR AREA. BRING GLOVES, PRUNERS, AND ENTHUSIASM TO FREE UP THE FOREST! THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT 9AM



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Vanderburgh County



CISMA

Managing *Pollinator & Grasslands* Habitat Workshop



REGISTER HERE

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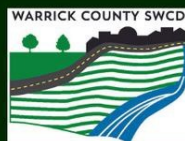


DETAILS

Join Warrick SWCD, DNR District 5 Wildlife Biologist **Morgan Oberly**, and DNR SE Grassland Biologist **Nate Yazel** for an informative hands-on workshop where they will discuss managing pollinator and grassland habitat areas. Topics included will be invasive control, managing established plots, managing monocultures of aggressive species, prescribed burning, and more!

Long pants and closed toe shoes are recommended as we will be walking/looking over a pollinator/grassland plot, bring your bugspray! Lunch will be provided.

 **SEP. 19TH 2026**
10AM - 2PM CST
 **8133 Miller Rd**
Dale, IN 47523



Questions? Contact the Warrick SWCD office at
warrickswcd@gmail.com or (812)897-2840 ex. 3



Volunteers Needed

Saturday, October 17, 2026 – 9am to 12pm

Light lunch provided at 11:30

North Woods at Igleheart Park

(Rain Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026)

Vanderburgh County



CISMA

Please join the Vanderburgh Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) and fellow community volunteers to continue removing harmful, invasive species from the park.

- No experience necessary!
- Volunteer shifts range from 1 to 3 hours to fit your schedule
- Learn about invasive species and best management practices
- Location: Igleheart Park, 6101 N First Ave, Evansville, IN 47710
- Dress for the weather – Long sleeves, long pants, sturdy shoes/boots, and work gloves are recommended
- Bring loppers if you have them (some tools will be available for use)

**PLEASE HELP PRESERVE THE PARK'S
NATIVE TREES AND PLANTS!**

Event is coordinated by the Vanderburgh CISMA in partnership with the Vanderburgh County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Department of Parks & Recreation

RSVP to Vanderburgh.CISMA@gmail.com



North Woods is owned by Evansville Parks and Recreation.



Vanderburgh County Soil and Water Conservation District

VANDERBURGH COUNTY SWCD

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Board Meetings are held on the fourth Monday at 4 p.m. of each month Unless otherwise advertised. The public is invited to attend all meetings

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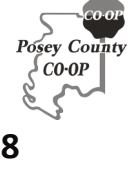
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