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SUMMER 2025

Lower Pigeon Creek Cost Share Funds!

Over the last year, the Lower Pigeon Creek Project has been working to protect and improve water quality within Lower Pigeon Creek. Efforts to date have saved nearly 4600 tons of sediment from entering Lower Pigeon Creek! Installed projects include:

- 428 acres of cover crop
- 25 acres of tree and shrub planting
- 21 acres of no till
- 27 acres of nutrient management
- 28 rain barrels (55 gallons)
- More than 5000 gallons stored at large rain barrel sites

Upcoming projects include converting 32 acres of the former Par 3 Golf Course from turf grass to native prairie and trees and planting a 0.5-acre rain garden with City of Evansville Parks.

Interested in implementing your own project? Contact the Vanderburgh SWCD for more information!

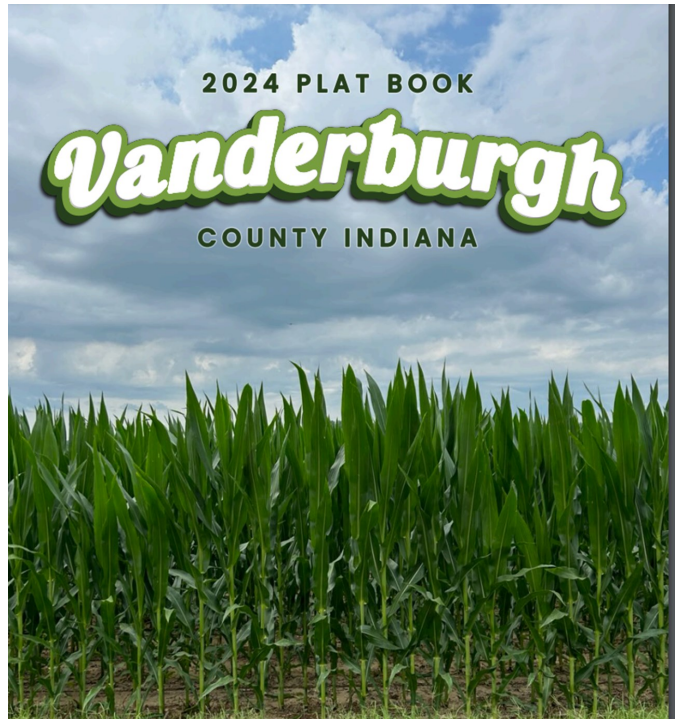


Rain harvesting tanks installed Tree and shrub planting

New 2024 Plat Books are here!

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.



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OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE
QUALITY CONSERVATION SERVICES
RESULTING IN A HARMONIOUS BALANCE
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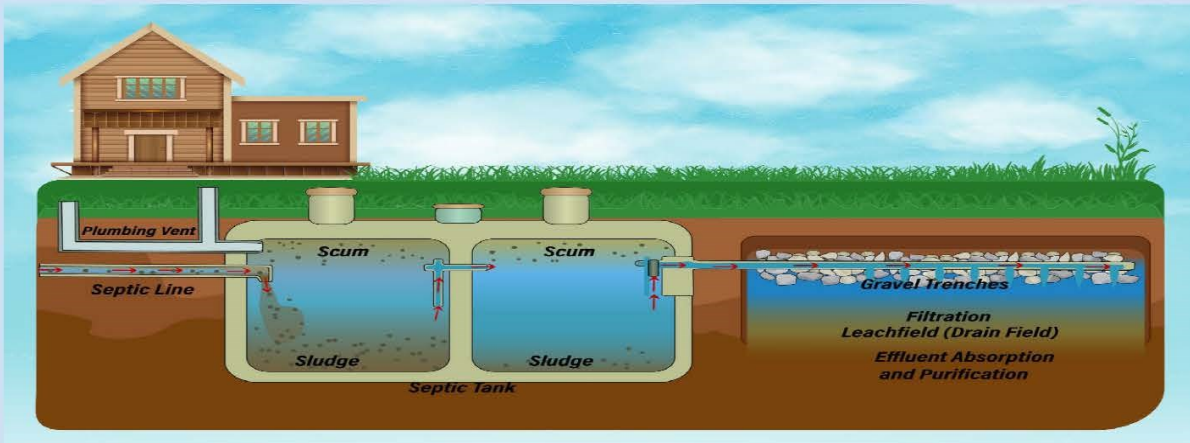


Septic Workshop

June 19, 2025 5-7 pm.

Warrick County 4-H Fair Grounds Alcoa Building

133 County Road 100 North Boonville, IN 47601



Please join us for an informational meeting for homeowners, contractors and realtors about the latest septic tank regulations, installation, septic system types, and maintenance.

Guest speakers include:

Chip Helms, Helms Plumbing & Electric: System types

Nix Sanitary: System maintenance

Aaron Franz, Joe Beard & Sons Plumbing: Soil types

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Free Food from Tater Temptations catering will be available.

2 septic clean outs will be awarded at a drawing during the event

Register BY June 8th by calling 812-897-2840 ext. 3 or by

Or email warrickswcd@gmail.com

WARRICK COUNTY SWCD



Warrick County SWCD is AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/EQUAL ACCESS. IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ACCOMMODATIONS TO ATTEND THIS PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT Susan King PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT 812 897-2840 OR warrickswcd@gmail.com . IF YOU NEED AN INTERPRETER OR TRANSLATOR, PLEASE CONTACT Susan PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Thanks to our sponsor: American Water Company



First Annual

Pollinator Palooza

June 28th
5pm-9pm

Come enjoy an evening celebrating pollinators!



Take a stroll through our herb and pollinator flower gardens. Explore our educational booths while enjoying local *Damsel Brew and Pub's Daisy*, a honey blonde ale paired with savory appetizers from Smalbert's Comfort Foods Catering. Music preformed by members of the Evansville Philharmonic. Hear from Dr. Edith Hardcastle, Associate Professor of Biology, and the USI Bee Campus discussion on pollinators.

\$30 per ticket

To purchase tickets and find out more information, visit setonharvest.org or contact Julie Dietz @ 812-963-7692 or at Julie.Dietz@doc.org

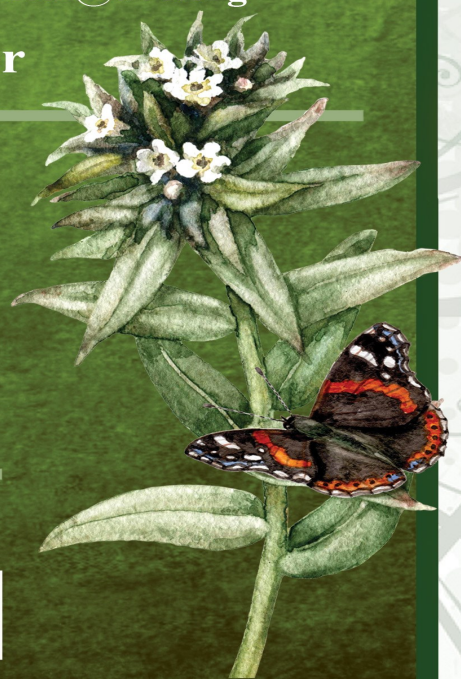
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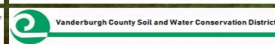
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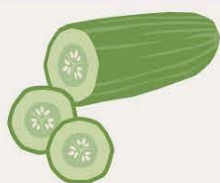
For \$500:

- Sponsor sign for bed
- Monthly updates
- Ad in newsletters
- Ad on our website and social media



Thank you to our sponsors!





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If you have a small garden where you're growing vegetables, fruits, and/or flowers and live in the following counties, you're eligible for a free soil test!



Posey Vanderburgh Spencer
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1. Contact your local Soil & Water Conservation District



2. Schedule a site visit with us to come take the soil sample



3. When your results come in we'll follow up to discuss your soil results and how to better improve your soil health!



Women's Conservation Learning Circle

Attention women landowners – this FREE event is for YOU!

Thursday, September 18th

registration at 8:30 am event starts at 9 am

Seton Harvest

9400 New Harmony Rd, Evansville, IN

This Women's Conservation Learning Circle is a peer-to-peer, informal discussion about urban conservation and specialty crops, individual land stewardship goals and information sharing. Female conservationists will be available to facilitate discussions and share resources.

This event is FREE to attend, however space is limited to the first 25 RSVP's. Topics for this event will focus on urban conservation and specialty crops. The day will also include a farm tour of Seton Harvest.

Lunch and handouts are provided!

For more information or to register for this event, call the Vanderburgh County SWCD at 812-423-4426x3 or email erin.shoup@in.nacdnet.net

Hosted by Vanderburgh, Posey, Gibson & Warrick SWCD's





Extension - Forestry
and Natural Resources



August 23, 2025

INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL TRAINING FOR LANDOWNERS

Learn how to control out-of-control invasive vegetation on your forest property.

Practical, hands-on training by foresters and natural resource professionals.

Topics:

- Assessing your invasive plant problem – species, size, amount
- Three pillars of invasive management – prevention, early detection, strategic management of existing infestations.
- What are your control options and deciding which methods are best for your situation.
- Herbicides? Which to use, how to read the label, calculating rates, how to mix, application methods and techniques, timing, safety, laws and regulations.
- Funding and technical assistance
- Hiring a contractor
- Set your goals and objectives.
- Control demonstrations: Hand tools, herbicide, large equipment, prescribed grazing

**Saturday, August 23rd
9am-5pm EDT**

Southern Indiana Purdue Ag Center

**11371 Purdue Farm Rd,
Dubois, IN**

Morning Classroom Session,
Afternoon Field Portion

Lunch Provided

Hands on! Practical!

See Invasive Management Results &
control demonstrations

Registration: \$30

Make Checks Payable to:
Dubois County SWCD

Register By August 15th

Contact: Kaylee Jacob
1486 Executive Blvd. Suite A
Jasper, IN 47546

812-482-1171, Ext. 3
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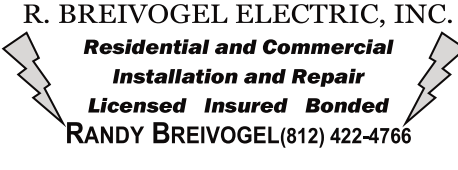
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