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CISMA

A big THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered to help with the Vanderburgh County Weed Wrangle held at Igleheart Park on Saturday, March 14, 2026.

We wrangled Asian bush honeysuckle, wintercreeper, burning bush, privet, multiflora rose, plus others. As you know wrangling invasive plants is not a "one and done" process. It requires a sustained effort to make a difference and you did with your work this past weekend.

A big shout out to our Leaders that help us learn more about how to identify plants and control them. We appreciate your guidance.

Thanks to everyone who helped to organize the event as they say, "Teamwork makes the dream work."

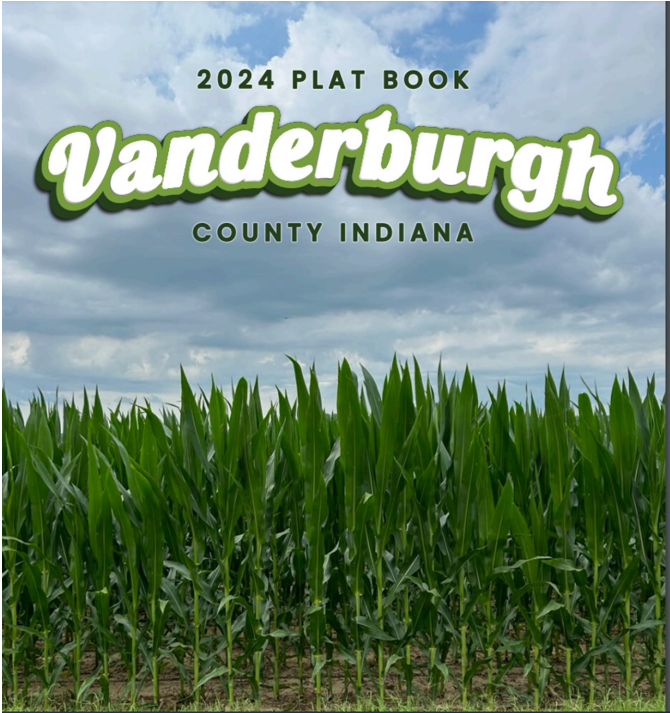
Please mark your calendar for the fall Weed Wrangle at Igleheart Park scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Again, thanks a bundle for all you do to care for our shared ecosystem.

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
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 SOCIAL CHANGE
 AND ECONOMIC HEALTH WITHIN
 VANDERBURGH COUNTY
 BY FOSTERING INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

FREE COVER CROP SEEDS

(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)



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

Reclaiming Southwest Soils Workshop

August 11, 2026

RSVP

RSVP By: August 3, 2026

CLOSED TOED SHOES ARE REQUIRED

Do You Manage or Own Reclaim Mine Ground?

Join Dubois, Knox, Warrick, Pike, Gibson, and Spencer Counties as we partner together and explore solutions on reclaimed mine ground together. Discover how cover crops rebuild the land, see how airborne invasive control takes restoration to new heights, and enjoy the fascinating story of Big Kate while getting to see this historic dragline up close!



RSVP FORM

Please contact Dubois
SWCD to reserve your
spot.

812-482-1171 x3
or

Scan the QR Code

LYNNVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
316 IN-68 LYNNVILLE, IN 47619

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT
7:00AM CST/8:00AM EST



Dubois County Soil & Water
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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

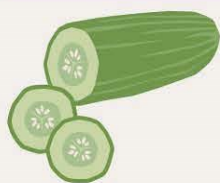
3:00: Networking & Adjourn

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.

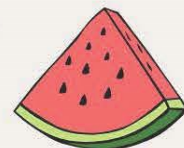




Free Soil Test & Site Visit



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

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Warrick

Pike

Gibson



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!



URBAN
SOIL HEALTH



Managing Forested Wetlands: Tools and Strategies



Tuesday July 14, 2026

8am - 3pm CT

Dick Clark's Family Restaurant
702 N Prince Street
Princeton, Indiana

RSVP

Lower Wabash Partnership

lwpg2025@gmail.com

618-382-2213

by Monday July 13

No cost and includes a light breakfast and lunch sponsored by The Nature Conservancy



Do you have a wetland easement?

Join us for this FREE learning opportunity.



- Meet with wetland and forest professionals
 - discuss easement contracts, restrictions, and compatible use agreements
 - applying for assistance
- Visit an existing easement and discuss management opportunities
 - timber stand improvement
 - invasives management



USDA is an equal access/opportunity institution. Anyone needing reasonable accommodations call 618-382-2213



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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