

**INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICTS, INC.
RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM (PLEASE TYPE)**

Title of Resolution: Clean Water Indiana Funding Limitation Expansion

Submitted by: Knox County

Contact Person: Ray Chattin

Explanation of Problem(s) or Need(s) District Law Section IC 14-32-8-5 states that “ the purpose of the CWI program is to provide financial assistance to:

- (1) soil and water conservation districts;
- (2) land occupiers; and
- (3) conservation groups;

To implement conservation practices to reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training and cost share programs.

Currently CWI funds are being spent on conservation programs that address legitimate resource concerns that have nothing to do with nonpoint source pollution. This represents a direct violation of Indiana Code.

Proposed Solution: Revise district law to allow CWI funding to address all natural resource priorities recognized by the Indiana State Soil Conservation Board.

Benefits Expected: This will provide full transparency on the part of the State Soil Conservation Board, the Indiana Division of Soil Conservation and local districts. It will also serve notice of the expanded range of natural resource concerns now being addressed by SWCDs at the local level.

Action Requested (Please specify the action you would like the association to take if this resolution passes): Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. sponsor legislation to revise Indiana District Law to allow Clean Water Indiana funding to be allocated in accordance with the natural resource priorities of the Indiana State Soil Conservation Board.

Supervisor Signatures (Recommend a majority of Supervisors signed): On copy at IASWCD office

Date Signed: 6-21-17

**INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
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RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM (PLEASE TYPE)**

Title of Resolution: Seeking additional annual funding avenues for SWCD's

Submitted by: Pike County SWCD

Contact Person: Norman Dillon, Pike County SWCD Chairman

Explanation of Problem(s) or Need(s):

Over the past decade, it has been documented that the Indiana Cigarette Tax fund has been declining in revenue. This is the funding pool that supports SWCD's on an annual basis. In order for SWCD's to continue to operate at the level of productivity that most are functioning on, a new source of annual funding must be found immediately.

Proposed Solution:

It is requested that the IASWCD look into annual funding for the SWCD's by assisting to establish a container tax that can be implemented on all plastic containers manufactured to hold chemical, agricultural and food grade liquid products.

Benefits Expected:

By implementing a container tax, funding is created to help fund SWCD's annually along with other water, waste water and storm water infrastructure projects across the state. This funding can then in turn help SWCD's on the local level with staffing, district operations, local conservation projects, etc to improve soil health and water quality.

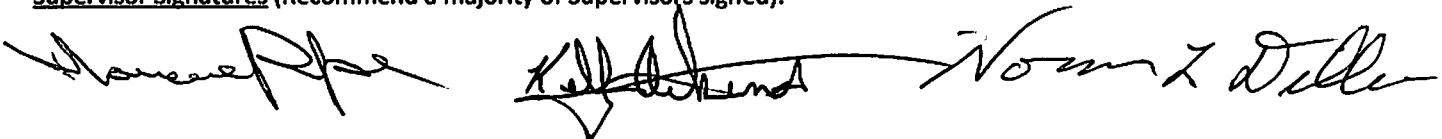
Plastic bottles of a wide variety are often found in waterways and streambanks as a result of littering and pollution. Creating a container tax can assist SWCD's with developing programs and educating the public to help promote proper recycling of plastic products and potentially curb the eye sore seen around the state in our public's drinking water before it is pulled in from the streams for processing.

Action Requested (Please specify the action you would like the association to take if this resolution passes): Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.

The Pike County SWCD requests that the IASWCD focus on working with legislator to create a plastic liquid container tax that would become the supporting funding pool for Indiana SWCD's by 2020. While several agencies can benefit from this tax funded pool, it should be determined that a certain percentage of revenue be dedicated to the SWCD's and split equally between all 92 Districts.

It is encouraged to see what other taxes and laws other states have in regards to a container tax or beverage container deposit laws to see if a similar tax can be mimicked in Indiana.

Supervisor Signatures (Recommend a majority of Supervisors signed):



Date Signed: 9/5/2017

**INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
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RESOLUTION SUBMISSION FORM (PLEASE TYPE)**

Title of Resolution: Feral Swine Eradication

Submitted by: Natural Resources Policy Committee

Contact Person: Kenny Cain and Marc Roberts

Explanation of Problem(s) or Need(s): Feral swine cause multiple negative impacts on natural resources in the state through rooting and wallowing. Both soil and water are affected by the presence of this invasive species. They affect landowners in the form of economic loss in pasture, crop, and forestland. They also provide the potential to spread bacterial, viral, and parasitic diseases to domestic swine and cattle. It is feared that, without proper control measures, the feral swine population could drastically increase.

Proposed Solution: Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Inc. should partner with USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services' Feral Swine task force to keep abreast of the spread and control efforts that are in place. We should continue to provide education to districts about existing laws regarding harboring and hunting feral swine for sport and coordinate eradication efforts with neighboring districts be they local or across state lines.

Benefits Expected: Through the dissemination of educational and informational materials we could expect to see the control and decline of the feral hog herds in the state.

Action Requested: Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. partner with USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services and other agencies to work towards the total eradication of feral swine, and that IASWCD Regional Directors with the cooperation of local supervisors create a task force to coordinate partnership. Be it resolved that IASWCD Natural Resource Policy Committee review US statutes that regulate hunting and harboring feral swine and lobby thru NACD to fortify and or update statutes as needed.

Supervisor Signatures (Recommend a majority of Supervisors signed):

This Resolution was supported unanimously at the August 10, 2017 IASWCD Natural Resources Policy Meeting and is reflected in the minutes.

Date Signed:

**INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
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Title of Resolution: SWCD Title Change

Submitted by: Knox Co. SWCD

Contact Person: Ray Chattin

Explanation of Problem(s) or Need(s): Over the past 70 years SWCDs have expanded the scope of their resource concerns far beyond the conservation of soil and water. Like the Natural Resource Conservation Service, Districts are now addressing natural resource issues as diverse as pollinator habitat, invasive species, forest health, septic systems, wildlife habitat, air quality and more. Our title does not reflect who we now are and the importance of our overall mission.

Proposed Solution: Replace the title of Soil and Water Conservation District to Natural Resource Conservation District.

Benefits Expected: Becoming Natural Resource Conservation Districts will put us in sync with our partners at NRCS and will provide an opportunity for educating the public and our elected officials, particularly state legislators, that Districts are using our delivery system, our relationship with our customer base and our credibility to achieve a much broader range of stewardship than was ever imagined even 25 years ago.

Action Requested (Please specify the action you would like the association to take if this resolution passes): Be it resolved that the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. change the title, Soil and Water Conservation District, to Natural Resource Conservation District.

Supervisor Signatures (Recommend a majority of Supervisors signed): On file at IASWCD office

Date Signed: 6-21-17