

Update on Adopted IASWCD Resolutions (2014-2018)

Seeking additional annual funding avenues for SWCD's (2018)

That 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.

Update: In Progress

- This item was discussed at the SWCD Funding Task Force meeting in March, 2018.
- It is being considered along with other possible ideas by the Task Force. Another meeting is planned for July, 2018.

Feral Swine Eradication (2018)

That IASWCD 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.

Update: No Progress to Date.

Clean Water Indiana Funding Limitation Expansion (2018)

That IASWCD 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.

Update: No Progress to Date.

Benefits of Working with Indiana Colleges & Universities (2017)

That IASWCD work legislatively to remove the limiting language from Title 14, Article 32, Chapter 5, Number (6) from Indiana Code for Conservation Districts or work out a MOU between parties that addresses the issue/concern without opening Indiana Code.

Update: COMPLETED

- A MOU was drafted and signed by the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Purdue University Cooperative Extension, and the State Soil Conservation Board. This MOU clarifies that Purdue University's College of Agriculture does not interpret "cooperation" to require that SWCDs must include Purdue University personnel in order to engage in research or Extension teaching activities with other institutions or agencies.

Revision of State Board of Accounts Policy (2016)

That the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (IASWCD) prepare and advocate legislation for SWCD's to be allowed to purchase food when events are being reimbursed by individuals or sponsors.

Update: COMPLETED

- Language has been updated by the State Board of Accounts to allow Districts to purchase food for events as long as those events fall within the mission of the District. All Districts were encouraged to adopt a policy statement to reflect allowance of food purchases.

Removal of government match rule for \$10,000 base local match (2015)

That the IASWCD submit legislative language to change the match requirement from local Government to any outside funding source.

Update: COMPLETED

- Included in SB 238 <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2016/bills/senate/238>

SWCD and Township Cooperative Conservation Objectives (2015)

That the IASWCD help support the efforts to add more conservation funding responsibilities to township government, and help develop and coordinate local conservation partnerships to make more township tax funds available for cooperative watershed conservation projects within counties and within adjacent counties.

Update: In Progress

- Bill submitted during 2015 Legislative Session by Rep. Lucas, but was not heard in Committee.
- Continued discussion; hoping to revive for 2017 legislative session.
- Continued discussion with Association of Townships with possible action in 2018 legislative session.

Economic Impact of Cover Crops, No-till and Improved Soil Health (2014)

That the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc. in support of this resolution would draft a proposal to support the collection of economic data to support the premise that improved Soil Health will lead to improved yields, reduced inputs, increased profits, reduced soil erosion, improved water quality, increase water holding capacity and increased resilience of the soil during times of stress. The IASWCD would support this resolution by drafting a letter of request for SWCDs across the state to make voluntary contributions of \$500 per year for period of three (3) years to be placed in a fund to support collection of economic data on the benefits of Soil Health either directly or through other funding sources.

Update: COMPLETED

- Referred to CCSI Oversight Committee
- Letter was drafted and sent to all Districts winter of 2016.
- Presentation made by Vermillion, Parke and Fountain County SWCD's with \$1,500 checks each for purpose of resolution.
- \$7,000 collected as of May 2017
- A full report will be made available each year to the SWCDs on use of funds.

Natural Resources Extraction Tax (2014)*

That the IASWCD in support of this resolution assigns the research of this proposal and subsequent creation of draft legislation for the 2015 legislative session.

Update: Referred to SWCD Funding Task Force

**Resolutions denoted with an asterisk will sunset in 2017 unless they are brought forth for continued action.*