

# Indiana NRCS

## Update on Flooding Disaster

July 21, 2008

### Summary of Damage:

- Four more counties were added to the list of Federal Disaster Areas designated by the President, for a total of 48 affected counties.



### Impact to NRCS:

- To date, IN is requesting \$2.5 million in exigency Emergency Watershed Program (EWP), \$15 million in non-exigency EWP, and \$6 million for the floodplain easements.
- To date, 44 Emergency Watershed Protection 'exigency' requests have been submitted from the field for \$2.2 million.
- NRCS Damage Survey Teams are beginning work on non-exigency projects, or the longer term clean up work, as the exigent projects are winding up.
- NRCS staff continue to coordinate with other federal, state and local entities on assistance to affected communities and landowners.

### Additional EQIP Dollars:

- Indiana received \$9 million in additional EQIP funds, \$1 million of which will be used to repair existing EQIP conservation practices that were damaged by the floods.



### Mackey Island

- A new 1,700-acre island has been created along the Wabash River in Posey County, just north of the Wabash's confluence with the Ohio



River, in southwest Indiana. The landowner has lost access to what was primarily farmland, and is now isolated by a wide, deep new channel. Formerly called Makey Bend, the new land feature has been re-named Mackey Island.