



2001 Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

Program Focus —

Statewide priorities were developed to emphasize areas where warm season grasses could be planted or wetlands restored or created.

The program also targeted those areas in close proximity to water and protected conservation areas.

Wildlife Habitat Development Plans that include an early successional habitat component were given priority as well as plans that have a direct positive effect on a threatened or endangered species.



Indiana Summary

Overview

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program that helps landowners develop and improve wildlife habitat on private lands. Participants agree to implement a wildlife habitat development plan and NRCS agrees to provide cost-share assistance for the initial implementation of wildlife habitat development practices.

The goal of the WHIP program in Indiana is to protect and enhance the wildlife and fisheries habitats of National and State significance. Fish and wildlife species experiencing declining or significantly reduced populations, including rare, threatened, and endangered species are to be benefited by program activities. Our goal is to install practices beneficial to fish and wildlife that may not otherwise be funded.

Accomplishments

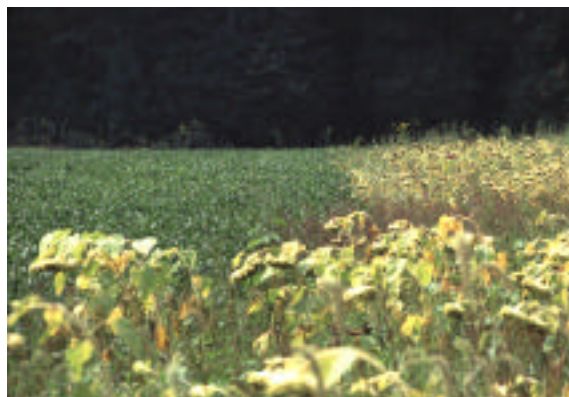
NRCS received over 200 applications in 2001. Twenty-six applications were approved for funding for about \$166,200. Over 730 acres of upland wildlife habitat (including planting of warm season grasses, trees and shrubs), field borders, and wetland restoration/enhancement will be installed under these contracts.

Program Benefits

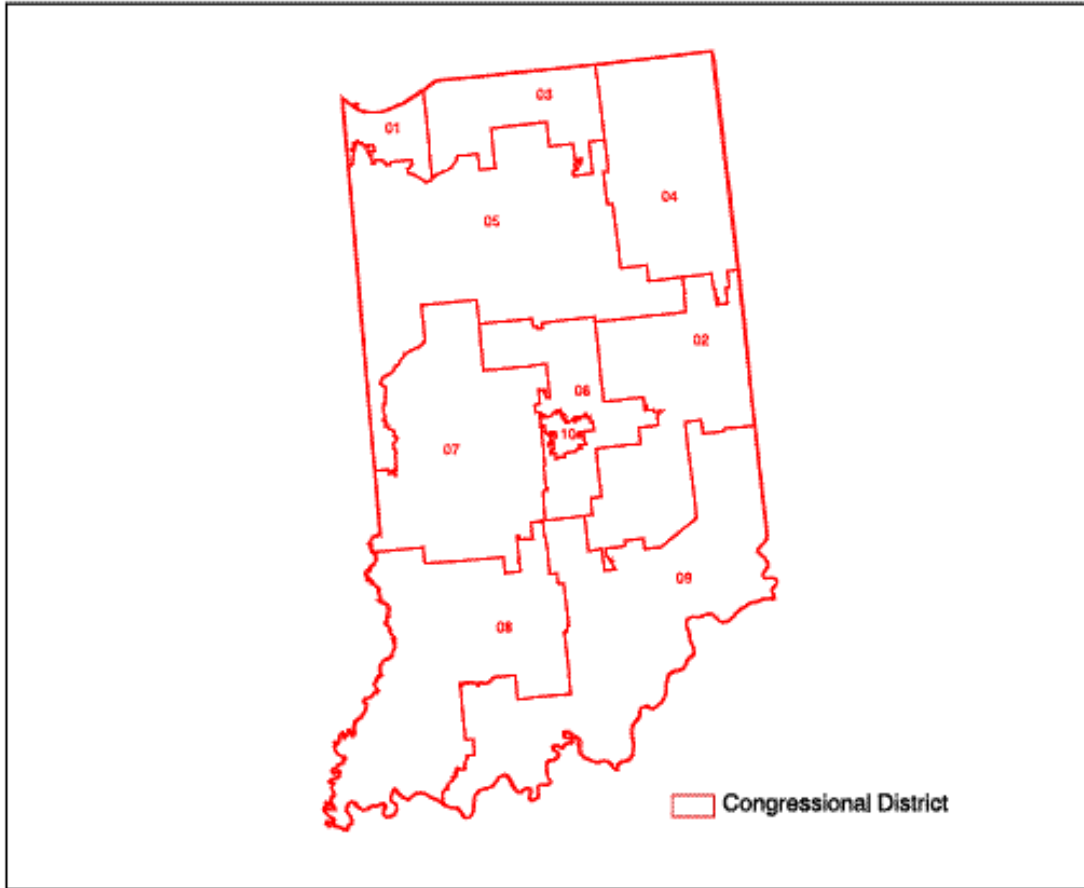
The installation of upland wildlife habitat practices provides habitat to many species of wildlife. In some areas, this includes threatened and endangered species. There is also a benefit to water quality as soil is held in place by the conservation cover. Field borders also provide wildlife habitat as well as filtering sediment before it can get into water bodies. This type of activity also provides outdoor enthusiasts with areas to observe wildlife.

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Indiana Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District



Indiana Dollars and Contracts

Congressional Districts	Fiscal Year 2001		Cumulative Total (98-01)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 2	\$4,050	1	\$12,960	8
District 3	11,300	2	19,875	6
District 4	4,000	1	14,510	6
District 5	44,050	3	69,760	15
District 6	0	0	7,580	8
District 7	26,850	5	66,260	23
District 8	38,000	6	54,900	21
District 9	37,950	8	97,280	36
State Totals	\$166,200	26	\$343,125	123

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