JASPER COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Quarterly Newsletter

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Success Story

2026 Jasper County Fair

MAKING AN IMPACT AT THE JASPER COUNTY FAIR! 🌱



We connected with more than 500 adults and children through discussions about conservation, sharing practical ways to care for and protect our environment for generations to come.

We hosted two days of fun filled learning: Ecosystem Exploration and Build-A-BMP. Participants were able to learn about topics including invasive species management, wildlife in Jasper County, and best management practices for urban and agriculture conservation.



Community Updates

Day of Caring

On September 18th, we partnered with United Way on their Day of Caring. We hosted a clean up event at the Lairds Landing Public Access Site. We are thankful for all of the volunteers that took the time from their day to come assist with the clean up including DNR Fish and Wildlife, Rensselaer Parks Department, Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Jasper County Weed Control Board, and other community members.

Remington Farmer's Market

We joined the Jasper County Weed Control Board at the Remington Farmer's Market on September 11th. From native plant and cover crop seeds to rain gauges, our table offered helpful information, resources, and tools for gardeners, farmers, and landowners.
Thank you to everyone who stopped by to learn about conservation practices that make a difference on farms, in backyards, and throughout our local community!



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Quarter in Review

A look back at a busy quarter of conservation and community!

It's been a busy few months for the Jasper County team! From community events and educational outreach to conservation conversations, we've enjoyed connecting with residents and sharing ways to protect our soil, water, and natural resources.

Community Events

We joined local events and activities throughout the county, giving us opportunities to meet our neighbors and share information about conservation programs and resources.

Conservation Outreach

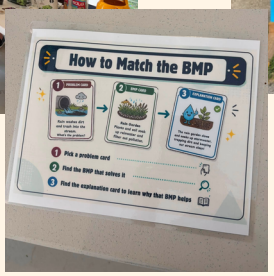
We continued conversations with landowners about conservation practices, available resources, and cost-share opportunities that can help support conservation on the land.

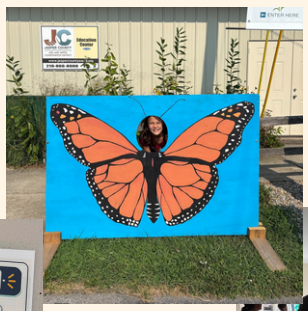
📸 Take a look! 📸

Scroll through some highlights from the past quarter and see what we've been up to in our community!

Jasper County Fair















Quarter in Review Continued...

Arrowhead RC&D River Rafting Expedition






Starke County Kankakee River Days

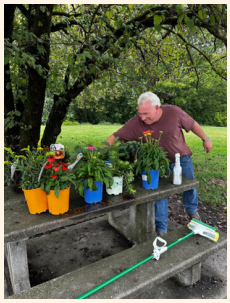





Day of Caring - Lairds Landing Clean Up













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Upcoming Events & Programs Calendar

Stay connected with upcoming events, workshops, and opportunities to learn, grow, and protect Jasper County's natural resources.

OCT 10 Weed Wrangle

Join us for a Weed Wrangle at the Rensselaer Central School Corporation Outdoor Lab in partnership with Jasper County Weed Control Board. Come help us remove invasive plants, learn about our local environment, and make a difference in this outdoor learning space. We'd love to see you there!

OCT 21 Rain Garden Restoration Workshop

Join us for a hands-on Rain Garden Workshop with the Rensselaer Parks Department! Learn how to design a rain garden, then put your knowledge into action by helping restore the rain garden at Potawatomi Park. Participants will plant native species while learning how to incorporate rain gardens into their own landscapes.

OCT 29 Jasper County Trunk or Treat

Join us for a fun-filled evening of costumes, candy, and community! Stop by the Jasper County Trunk or Treat at the Rensselaer Central High School and celebrate the season with us. We hope to see you there!

Meet Sadie Soil-Saver!



✦ Sadie Soil-Saver ✦

Sadie is hanging out at the Scarecrow Trail at Milroy Park all month long! Stop by to say hello and learn more about upcoming events and cost-share opportunities.

Bring the family, check out the scarecrow trail, and be sure to stop by Sadie—she'll have plenty of conservation information to share!

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Cost-Share Opportunities

Looking to improve your land while protecting our soil and water resources? Cost-share opportunities may be available to help support conservation practices on your property. Contact us to learn more about available programs, eligibility, and how to get started!



RESIDENTIAL INVASIVE BUY-BACK

- 50% reimbursement of residential invasive plant replacement (up to $300)



COVER CROP COST-SHARE

- 50% reimbursement of total cover crop costs (up to 80 acres)
- Land must be in Jasper County



WOODLAND INVASIVE PLANT SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

- Up to $1000 toward invasive plant removal and native restoration



WELL WATER TESTING

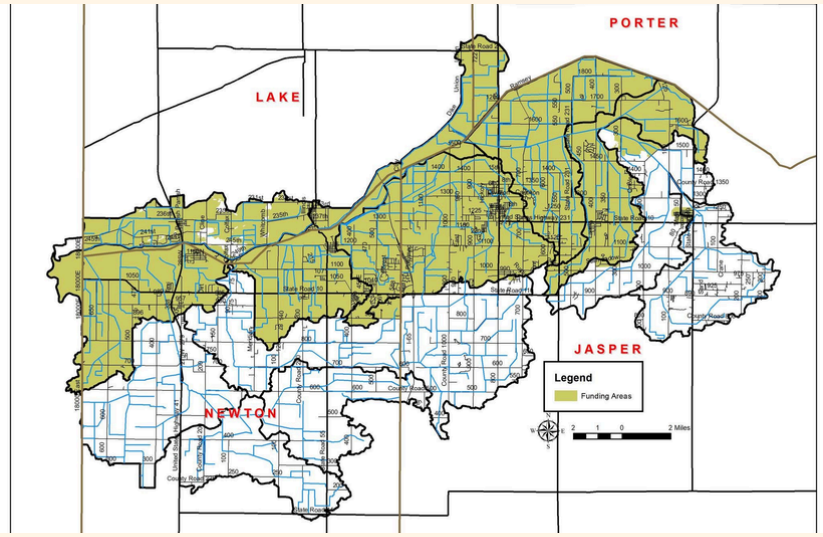
- Discounted well water testing for bacteria and nitrogen

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Lower Kankakee Watershed Initiative (LKWI)

The Lower Kankakee Watershed Initiative is a partnership focused on improving water quality, soil health, and natural resources throughout the Lower Kankakee Watershed. Through conservation practices, education, outreach, and cost-share opportunities, the initiative works with local landowners, farmers, and communities to protect our watershed for future generations.

While our current grant funding is coming to an end, the Jasper County SWCD, in partnership with the Newton County SWCD, has applied for new funding to continue this important work. We expect to receive a funding decision by the end of this year, with new funding anticipated to be utilized beginning in 2028.



Map of the current Lower Kankakee Watershed Initiative funding area and eligible areas for conservation assistance.

View our website to explore the map and find more information.

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Take a look at some highlights of LKWI best management practice implementation and education and outreach activities!











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