

2010 Annual Report

*The Heart of
Conservation...
the Land and its People*



*Serving Boone, Brown,
Hamilton, Hancock,
Hendricks, Johnson,
Marion, Monroe, Morgan
and Shelby Counties.*

President's Report ~ Mike Warner



It is 2011 and I am sitting on a stump in the woods writing the presidents report to summarize our accomplishments in 2010. As you browse through this annual report you will find it is a story about great people accomplishing great things for our natural environment, our communities, our families, and our country. It is a story of the commitment and the effort it takes to first imagine and then to make happen, all of the projects and programs that are listed as accomplishments in this report. It is also the story of sponsoring organizations, board members, RC&D staff, project consultants, earth team volunteers, supporting business sponsors, committee chairpersons and members, and others who are the visionaries and force that achieve these accomplishments.

It is a story that mostly goes untold however. It goes untold and unread because it lacks glamour, or intrigue, or excitement, or the cute face of a puppy. I know I still struggle when I try to tell the RC&D story to someone who knows little about what we do. It is a mouthful just to say "Hoosier Heartland Resource Conservation and Development Council" so we shorten it to RC&D and they say "huh?" The challenge of telling our story is paramount to the survival of the RC&D effort, especially these days where we must fight for budget dollars and more importantly for precious volunteer time. Early this year your Board of Directors will begin to craft the message, paint the picture, and tell the story of Hoosier Heartland RC&D, hopefully in a way that will make it as irresistible as puppy. Your ideas and contributions are not only needed but essential for the success of the RC&D.

I am excited about the challenges that we face in 2011. I hope that you will study our new 5-year area plan and this year's annual plan of work, and find the page of the story where your name appears and make your part *irresistible*.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Warner". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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About Us

Since 1969, the Hoosier Heartland Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. has been helping people to care for, conserve, and protect our natural resources in a way that improves the area's economy, environment, and living standards in Central Indiana. We are regionally focused while serving the needs of Boone, Brown, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, and Shelby Counties.

Originally formed as the "Hoosier Heartland Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts" to address water quality, rapid development, and drainage issues in the multi-county area; the Hoosier Heartland RC&D Council today is a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation that focuses on a wide array of both urban and rural issues related to natural resources, economic development, and quality of life. We bring diverse groups of local people, organizations, businesses, and governments together in partnerships to find solutions to their problems.

The RC&D provides a framework for dealing with most issues through local citizen participation, organizational and planning facilitation. To do this we develop partnerships of local citizens, governments, and technical experts. We unite people who are committed to managing and utilizing our natural resources and to coordinating activities across jurisdictional boundaries. We provide unbiased assistance and support while allowing the leadership to remain local and encouraging local people to achieve realistic, community-minded goals.

The services and assistance provided by the Council is unique and successful because it provides residents and businesses with help they cannot get elsewhere. Our strength comes from our links to an extensive networking system of information, technical help, financial assistance, and referral services which allows us to provide the assistance of professional staff to the community that results in leadership, action, volunteer assistance, and education.

We accomplish the majority of our work through standing resource committees made up of volunteers and partnering organizations. The people who serve on these committees have a mix of talents and knowledge, and the desire to make their communities better.

The Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D) is based on a number of concepts that make it a truly unique federal government program. These concepts include:

- ⇒ Making the best use of limited resources through **public/private partnerships**.
- ⇒ Improving local initiatives through **technical support** from USDA and other agencies.
- ⇒ **Leveraging limited federal dollars** with private funds to accomplish goals.
- ⇒ Working toward the goal of **community sustainability**.
- ⇒ Achieving a **balance between economic development and natural resource protection**.
- ⇒ RC&Ds serve 85% of U.S. counties, 180 million people in 2,614 counties in all 50 states, the Caribbean, and Pacific Basin. The average RC&D area covers 7 counties.
- ⇒ RC&Ds encourage land conservation and utilization, accelerated economic development and/or improvement of social conditions.
- ⇒ RC&D is a USDA-wide program - **all** agencies are authorized to assist RC&Ds.
- ⇒ RC&D Councils involve local and state agencies, and not-for-profit organizations, foundations, conservation districts and private businesses. Members serve as volunteers. Nearly half of Council members are locally elected officials such as mayors, judges, commissioners, Extension Board members, or Soil and Water Conservation District Board supervisors. The average RC&D Council has 14 sponsors.
- ⇒ Funding runs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and provides a full-time coordinator for each RC&D.
- ⇒ The USDA Secretary has designated 375 RC&D Areas to date. There are over 40 areas that have pending applications to become a designated RC&D area. Indiana has 9 authorized and one pending applicant RC&D area.
- ⇒ RC&D Councils provide a focal point of local leadership. They bring together private citizens and local, state and federal agencies to improve economic, social and environmental well-being of their area.
- ⇒ RC&D Councils develop Area Plans – a **resource conservation and utilization** plan (such as this one), which provides direction. To accomplish this they hold community meetings to identify concerns, needs, and problems within the Area. They implement projects and activities that achieve Area Plan goals and objectives.
- ⇒ **RC&Ds raise their own funds to carry out projects** through grants, fees, and fundraisers. They leverage federal RC&D dollars 8 to 1 to support conservation and economic development in local communities.

Education Committee ~ Cathy Paradise, Chair



It was with a heavy heart that I resigned in May as the Chairperson of the Education Committee of which I have participated on since my early years with the Brown County Soil and Conservation District. In the past couple of years, the committee has struggled with keeping active members in our committee work and projects. The need for environmental education has changed and taken a different direction in the past ten or so years.

The committee's most successful and longest running project was the Camp Gallahue Environmental Education Workshop.



From 1987 through 2006 this workshop was held at the Dudley Gallahue Girl Scout Camp in Brown County. The committee felt strongly about this workshop and in helping to promote environmental programs such as Project Learning Tree, Project WET, Project WILD, Hoosier Riverwatch, and Go FishIN. This workshop was not only a hands-on learning experience but as many of the educators told us it was also a kind of retreat for them. Many of the attendees had come for several years where they developed friendships and found a place to network with their peers. At the peak of this workshop we had a record attendance of 186 and then in later years attendance had dwindled to about 60 attendees. We ended our teacher workshops with

the last one in 2007. Due to the need to strictly follow the Indiana Department of Education's Standards in the classroom and budget cuts, fewer and fewer teachers were able to attend the workshop. Also, with the increase in expenses to put on the workshop and the decline in registration fees to cover the costs, the committee felt they could no longer afford to offer this workshop. For numerous years, we had a booth at HASTI and one year offered a session for teachers as a way to promote the environmental education workshop.

The follow are just a few of the other programs and projects that the education committee sponsored over the last 22 years:

- Held no less than three outdoor classroom workshops, in Edinburgh, Perry Park, and Needham Elementary Schools.
- In 1995 we presented 3 IDEAnet Workshops for teachers. IDEAnet was Indiana's statewide telecommunications system for students, educators, administrators and parents.
- We put on 3 very successful marketing workshops
- Held numerous computer trainings including how to do a newsletter, use the internet, GIS and we partnered with NPower to be able to offer continuing computer education.
- We also provided 3 Home School Workshops with one at Bradford Woods, one at McCormick's Creek State Park, and one at Ft. Harrison State Park. All three were well attended and had received good evaluations.
- A Project Underground Workshop was held in Bloomington to help educators and other understand the cave system and Karst as a natural resource.
- Several committee members went to Chicago to see the Worm's Eye View exhibit when we were working with Pathways to Water Quality to develop plans for a permanent exhibit.
- Our committee supported the Environmental Education Association of Indiana (EEAI) with attendance at several of their conferences and promotion of their activities.
- We also offered a unique education program call **Treetures**. **Treetures** represent an environmental education effort with a direct focus on trees. Developed by the children's author and product designer, Judith H. Blau. We offered the costume, the curriculum, and information on how to use the **Treetures** educational material. This resource is still available upon request.
- The committee helped with the WILD Weekend through Project Wild at Ft. Harrison and NREC.

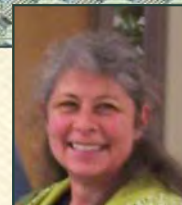


I would like to thank all those who had been involved with this committee for their passion and dedication to environmental education. It's because of you that our workshops and activities were so successful over the years! Although the education committee is not currently active, we still support other educational events throughout the area—just contact the office.



*2010 Youth Conservation Day
at Symbiosis in Shelbyville, IN*

Rural Matters Committee ~ Paula Baldwin, Chair



With a very small group of caring and dedicated people, the Rural Matters Committee continues to struggle to find its place. The topic of concern is broad, the needs are many, our most far-reaching program grew to encompass most of our 92 counties—it is obvious....we dream big!

In general, this committee works on projects that build more sustainable rural communities—helping people make good decisions as new development comes, using natural resources to help grow economic prosperity, and encouraging management practices that keep watersheds healthy.

In short, we focus on keeping the wonderful aspects of rural life safe as population and land use patterns change. We need more help. We struggle to find volunteers and funding, especially for two key projects we are working on. If we could get nothing more done this year than establishing some solid funding for these two projects, our work and dedication would be set for several years to come.

First, there is a huge backlog of very well developed watershed plans that remain unfunded for implementation. There are a number of practices and actions common to almost every plan which we believe could have a great opportunity to impact water quality, as well as assist our Soil and Water Conservation Districts with their own resource concerns and Plan of Work activities. By using these plans as the starting point, we plan to prioritize and begin gathering additional resources to help implement many of these actions contained in these plans. Both funding for construction and network of interested contractors could be the basis for getting this much needed conservation on the ground.

Our other major need is to further fund the Rural Entrepreneur Network. Its expansion into almost every rural county in the state proved to be exciting and ambitious; yet, we did lose sight of one of the most vital aspects—the person-to-person interaction that helped entrepreneurs help each other. The knowledge needed to start a new enterprise is important, but no more that the support offered by peers and our REN Director. That was not possible during this phase of the project due to the funding constraints. We can continue with the solid educational series as we have or find other resources to build or improved rural businesses. Regardless of our direction, we need to show potential funders that, now more than ever, the need for building rural businesses and jobs is critical to central Indiana families.

We are involved in other activities, but none need your help more that these two worthy projects which I believe foster long-term sustainable communities. Call the office and the staff will put you in touch with one of the committee members if you want to discuss an idea or have suggestions. You are always welcome to join us in person or by teleconference for our monthly meetings. This committee needs action and some new successes. With just a little attention, it will happen!



NRE Workshop at Dull's Tree Farm

Urban Committee ~ John South, Chair



The strength of the Hoosier Heartland RC&D is providing a common platform for various people, organizations or groups to join together to solve a problem. A good example is the Rain Garden program held last winter. Many organizations see the positive benefits of rain gardens. The expertise to design and install rain gardens is lacking. This common problem among several counties was addressed by inviting a seasoned professional to present at a full day program. Ninety people from a broad geographical area registered for this event and carried new information back to their work place. Below are other projects that help planners, land users, and landowners to better understand the natural resource relationships that impact the urban community.

The committee worked with the Backyard Conservation Committee, the Plant a Million Project, and others to carry out several rain garden projects. A demonstration project was completed at the Marion County 4-H Fair Grounds. A fact sheet was completed called "What You Need to Know About Your Soil." A 6-hour "Landscaping with Rain Gardens" program was presented for 90 people and the evaluations were very positive.

A Green Site Planning Workshop was held at the Hamilton County 4-H Grounds titled "Taking the Myth Out of Stormwater Infiltration Practice Design." The sixty registrants included landscapers, engineers, developers, and others involved in post design construction. Two outdoor sessions were included, along with a planning "charette." The evaluations concluded the event was successful and useful.

The Web Soil Survey Workshop was our first "web based" educational offering. The Web Soil Survey is a web based tool for providing soils information. It can be hard to use so a training program was developed to teach how to use it. Because the tool is a computer program we used a web based teaching style to present the information to the participants. The evaluations were positive for this new learning style. More web-based programs will be held in the future.

We are finalizing the Field Guide for Contractors which will promote the proper installation of erosion and sediment control practices. A draft has been completed. As the final copy is completed we will contact corporate sponsors to fund an initial printing of 1,000 copies.

The committee recognizes that topsoil is an important resource that is commonly misused on many land development sites. An initial presentation on protecting topsoil during development has been completed to highlight the concerns and offer recommendations. We are working with a university student to edit this program for outreach purposes.

A big thanks to the committee members, volunteers and RC&D staff for making these successful projects come to life. If you would like to help with a project or have an idea, please contact the office.

Green Site Planning Workshop



Rain Garden installed at the Marion County 4-H Fairgrounds

Plant A Million Project ~ Bob Eddleman, Director



- ◆ 11 demonstration tree plantings with 188 container trees planted
- ◆ 10 workshops and presentations
- ◆ 8 exhibits at garden shows, fairs, conferences
- ◆ 22 news articles, public service announcements, and news releases distributed
- ◆ 1,000 Norway Spruce trees given away at the Indy Free
- ◆ Tree Arbor Day Event in partnership with IPL, the Indianapolis Marion County Tree Board, Woody Warehouse, and area nurseries and tree care companies
- ◆ 2,000 trees planted in Marion County as part of the Indy Trees Work Project in partnership with Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, and Indy Parks

830,000 Trees Counted!



Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels are a compliment to trees around the home. Here you see visitors at the Indiana State Fair learning about both. Installed with the help of a Plant a Million educational grant from Lilly Endowment the rain barrel harvests water from the greenhouse roof for use in the raised gardens. Overflow from the rain barrel is directed to the rain garden where it soaks into the ground to help replenish the

Shelby County Fair Board members and volunteers plant 25 trees on the Fairgrounds to replace trees lost over the years. This cooperative project included assistance from the Shelby County Soil and Water Conservation District, Hoosier Heartland RC &D and a grant from INDR's Community and Urban Forestry program. This grant also provided the funding for planting 25 trees at various Brown County schools and will help with 50 more on public land in Hancock and Monroe Counties in the spring of 2011.



Several hundred people stopped by the Plant a Million and Backyard Conservation booth at the Johnson County Garden Show. Here Tony Branam discusses tree selection information with some interested homeowners. Plant a Million displays are an important part of SWCD Annual Meetings, County Fairs, and Home and Garden Shows across Hoosier Heartland.

Rural Entrepreneur Network Project

2010 brought one of our most ambitious and far reaching projects for Hoosier Heartland yet. Under the direction of Jim Roudebush, the Rural Entrepreneur Network expanded to over 53 rural counties in Indiana with funding from the Indiana Small Business Development Centers and the Office of Community and Rural Development. Jim co-wrote the new "Launch Your Own Business" curriculum and then began to work with the regional ISBDC offices, community and economic development groups, Extension Service, chambers of commerce, and libraries to schedule workshops. The plan was to keep attendance low so that more individual time could be spent with participants. Over 371 attended the 2 hour classes. An additional benefit offered to attendees was once the workbook was completed they were eligible to a free business planning session with the local ISBDC office. Setting up the workshops in distant counties proved challenging and Jim discovered once again that the state has "pockets of passion," where local leadership exists and is ready to promote training and provide support for entrepreneurial training. As you will see in the Rural Matters Committee report, this project is on hold until further funding can be found. There is much to be done in the area of rural entrepreneur training, support, and networking in the Hoosier Heartland area. In the meantime, our Rural Entrepreneur Network website is being maintained and updated as we find resources for those who want to start a rural business.



2010 Accomplishments At A Glance

- 34 Projects Completed
- 8 Projects in Process
- 225 Acres of Land Enhanced or Created for Fish and Wildlife Habitat
- 1 Acre Resource and Economic Study Completed
- 14 Acres of Ground or surface Water Protected
- 188 Trees Planted as Part of 11 Demonstration Projects
- 1 Demonstration Rain Garden Installed
- 236 Informational Media Produced (Brochures, Publications, Exhibits, etc.)
- 102 News Releases Developed and Distributed
- 19 Community Events Held with 3,000 Participants
- 81 Business Development Workshops Held
- 2 Wildlife Workshops/Tours Held
- 11 Forestry Workshops or Tours Held
- 4 Agriculture/Aquaculture Workshops or Tours Held
- 14 Environmental Education workshops Held
- 4,171 Adult Participants in Workshops or Tours
- 640 Youth Participated in Workshops or Tours
- 10 Natural Resources Focus Sessions Held
- 8 Grant Proposals Written, 3 Funded
- 1 Cooperative/Association formed
- \$392,824 Match Dollars and In-Kind Donations Raised for 2010 Projects or Programs

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the support of our many partners, volunteers, funders, and sponsor!

Coordinator's Report ~ Becky Fletcher

It never ceases to amaze me the amount of work this small not for profit can accomplish in a year. 2010 was one of our busiest years yet with projects and activities that touched over 12,000 people directly here in Central Indiana. Hoosier Heartland accomplishes so much because of the dedication of its Board of Directors, committee chairs, volunteers, technical advisors, and staff.

As you look at this organization it appears to be going in many directions—we work on tree planting demonstrations, train rural entrepreneurs in how to start a business, help with farm workshops, install rain gardens, provide training for teachers and professional engineers, and more; but, it is all about bringing people together to build a better place to live, keeping our communities—whether they are rural or urban—strong while we care for the natural resources.

A good part of this year was dedicated to planning—it took twelve months from start to finish—and to developing the new 5-year strategic plan for the area. The Area Plan is one of the primary responsibilities of any RC&D Council. Through surveys, public meetings, and one-on-one conversations, people told us what the problems were, but more importantly, they also shared opportunities and solutions. The planning process is most valuable because it begins to demonstrate the power of RC&D—local people identifying and finding solutions to their own problems. I hope you will take time to look through this plan when it is published. You will find many ideas you can get behind and projects you can be a part of.

The Board also put a priority on training this year. We conducted two orientation sessions for new Council members and several of the Council members participated in the Indiana RC&D Summit. The Summit was planned by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Indiana League of RC&D Councils to offer RC&D Council members from around the state an opportunity to “Imagine the Possibilities.” The two day conference was excellent and all about learning to develop more effective and sustainable organizations. As with any federal program, there are challenges; however, we are extremely fortunate in Indiana to have a strong commitment from our NRCS leaders who have made RC&D a priority in their business plan and who work every day to make it successful. Another mini-Summit is being planned for March of 2011—it would be a great opportunity for you to learn more about RC&D.

Please help me thank the Hoosier Heartland office staff for all they do – we have been blessed to have such dedicated workers who enjoy their jobs and have fun even on some of the craziest days. I also want to personally thank the District Conservationists and other NRCS field staff, and the staff members of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Purdue Extension, and IDNR who work so closely with us to help plan, promote, and carry out our projects—we could not do it without you!

I tell people everywhere I go about the wonderful things Hoosier Heartland does and how very honored I am to work with one of the best RC&Ds in the nation!

The Hoosier Heartland RC&D Council is governed by a 40-member Council made up of representatives appointed by our organizing and at-large sponsors. The Council elects an 11-member Board annually to run the day to day operations of the Council, including policy, staff, and financial activities. The Council approves the Area Plan, the annual plan of work and the budget, oversees committee work, and keeps their sponsoring organization informed. Members of the Council are appointed because they are regionally-minded, and are interested and concerned about the social, economic, and environmental status of the area. A special “thank you” to all those who serve in a leadership role, volunteering their time and talents during 2010.

Council

<u>County</u>	<u>SWCD Board</u>	<u>Extension Board</u>	<u>County Commissioners</u>
Boone (Alternate)	John Bush Scheryl Vaughn	Charles Rohrer <i>None Appointed</i>	John Ulmer <i>None Appointed</i>
Brown (Alternate)	Bonnie Closey Al Weber	Sheila Dickman Laura Brzeski	Cathy Paradise <i>None Appointed</i>
Hamilton (Alternate)	Ted Engelbrecht John South	Beth Alexander <i>None Appointed</i>	Charles Kiphart Al Patterson
Hancock (Alternate)	Cindy Newkirk John Moran	Tom Roney Earl Smith	Jon Sparks <i>None Appointed</i>
Hendricks (Alternate)	Jim Loughmiller Mike Starkey	Grant McCardle David Hadley	David Wyeth <i>None Appointed</i>
Johnson (Alternate)	Ric Schlosser Barry Barnett	<i>None Appointed</i> <i>None Appointed</i>	Beth McNabb R. J. McConnell
Marion (Alternate)	Paula Baldwin Marvin Brethauer	Tom Ulsas Natalie German	Bob Eddleman ** William Dowden **
Monroe (Alternate)	Dan Derheimer Todd Litten	Maggie Sullivan <i>None Appointed</i>	Martha Miller <i>None Appointed</i>
Morgan (Alternate)	Emma Alkire Warren Waymire	Jeff Quyle <i>None Appointed</i>	Norman Voyles Joe Tutterrow
Shelby (Alternate)	Gregory Conner Jill Williams	Mark Nigh <i>None Appointed</i>	David Mohr, Jr. Doug Warnecke



** Represents the Indianapolis-Marion County Unified City-County Council

Groups/Organizations: Central Indiana Land Trust Inc. ~ Representative: Heather Bacher, Executive Director

Individuals:

Mike Warner, Arbor Terra Consulting	Mike Baise, Indiana Farm Bureau
Sarah Jenkins, Baker and Daniels Law Firm LLP	Lori Kaplan, JF New
Amy Cornell, Baker and Daniels Law Firm LLP	Gwen White, DJ Case (<i>resigned 02/10</i>)
Senator Beverly Gard, Indiana Senate	Beth Neilson, Williams Creek Consulting
	Scott Morlock, USGS Indiana Water

Board of Directors

2010 Officers:

President: Mike Warner, Hendricks County
 Vice President: Lori Kaplan, Marion County
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Emma Alkire, Morgan County
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 Bob Eddleman, Marion County
 Mark Nigh, Shelby County
 Jeff Quyle, Morgan County
 Ric Schlosser, Johnson County

Board Committees that help carry out the board’s primary responsibilities:

Council Development and Strategic Planning—Bob Eddleman, Chair
 Financial—Tom Roney, Chair
 Governance—Sarah Jenkins Chair
 Human Resources—Lori Kaplan, Chair
 Technology—Tom Roney, Chair

Staff

The RC&D staff assists the Council, Board, and committees in putting ideas into action. The coordinator and program assistant assigned to work with the Council are federal employees. They are provided through a unique USDA partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. All other funding for operating expenses, administrative assistance, and projects are raised by the Council and Committees through grants, registration fees, contributions, and partnerships. The RC&D utilizes part-time employees, volunteers, and work-for-hire contracted services to carry out the programs of the organization. We are very grateful to the employees and officials of SWCDs, IDNR, ISDA, NRCS, and County Extension Service who also lend many staff resources to make our work possible.

2010 Staff

Becky Fletcher, RC&D Coordinator
Cathy Deal, RC&D Program Assistant
Sue Ann Blessing, Accounting Assistant (part-time)
Rita Riggs, RC&D Office Assistant (part-time)
Jennifer Ransberger, RC&D Intern (part-time)
Christy Sommers, Financial Assistant (part-time)
Heather Wolfe, Education and Information Coordinator (PAM) (part-time)

2010 Consultants

Bob Eddleman, Project Director, Plant A Million Trees Project
Dee Edwards, CPA, Donovans, Accounting
Damon Flanagan and Phillip Austin, Black Box Creative, Publication and Design Work
Jim Roudebush, Roudebush Management Services, Director, Rural Entrepreneur Network Project

Earth Team Volunteers

At any one time in Hoosier Heartland we have over 100 volunteers (this includes organizations, business and industry, as well as individuals) working on projects. We also have through our relationship with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, a formal volunteer program called Earth Team.

Anyone working with Hoosier Heartland may sign up as an Earth Team volunteer. There are many benefits to signing up as an Earth Team Volunteer, for example volunteers receive protection for on-the-job related injuries and tort claims. The Earth Team is great for resume building, re-entry into the workforce, and the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with professional conservationists. There are lots of jobs to do in RC&D and the Earth Team helps us get them done! **A big THANK YOU to our 2010 Earth Team Volunteers!**

Paula Baldwin	Tom Roseman
Jennifer Boyle-Warner	Dennis Slaughter
Tony Branum	Paul and Donna Sweeney
Leah Deal	Kenny Street
Bob and Pat Eddleman	Harold Thompson
Kevin and Susan Gregory	Chris and Lila Torp
Ron and Cindy Lauster	Mike Warner
Tom Roney	John and Candace Ulmer
Emily Roseman	



Partners

We recognize and thank our partners that help to carry out and support the programs of Hoosier Heartland. We are deeply grateful to these partners who believe so strongly in our mission of building strong communities and caring for natural

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Adams Public Library
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Community Action of East Central Indiana, Richmond IN
Community Education Coalition
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Hoosier Chapter Soil & Water Conservation Society
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Indiana Association of Nurserymen
Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.
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Indiana Department of Education
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.
Indiana Farm Market Associates
Indiana Forage Council
Indiana Forest Industry Council
Indiana Forestry and Woodland Owner's Association
Indiana Hardwood Lumberman's Association
Indiana Horticulture Society
Indiana Invasives Council
Indiana Karst Conservancy
Indiana Lakes Management Society
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Indiana State Fairgrounds
Indiana Trail Riders Association
Indiana Tree Farm Committee
Indiana University Purdue University (IUPUI) Center for Earth and Environmental Sciences and Intramural and Recreational Sports Department
Indiana Wildlife Federation
Indiana Wildlife Society
Indianapolis Airport Authority's Conservation Management Team
Indianapolis Museum of Art
Indianapolis Office of Sustainability
Indianapolis Power & Light Company
Indianapolis Star
Indianapolis-Marion County Library
Indianapolis-Marion County Tree Board
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Jay County Public Library
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John Ward Excavating
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Platinum Properties
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Project Underground
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Project WILD
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SCI – REMC
Shelby County Fair Board
Shelbyville Library
Sheridan Public Library
Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Spence Restoration Nursery
Statewide Rural Electric Cooperatives
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Sycamore Trails RC&D Council
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Tell City Electric Building, Tell City, IN
Temporary Pavement & Drives
The Barn
Brazil Public Library
Nappanee Rural Business Development Program
The Nature Conservancy
The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust
Tipton REMC, Linden, IN
Tipton County Public Library

Topics Newspaper
Town of Plainfield
Trafalgar Public Library
Triad Engineering
Tri-Auto Enterprises
Trinity Lutheran School
Turfgrass, Inc.
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U.S. Freshwater and Prawn Growers Association
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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
USDA Rural Development
Vallonia State Nursery
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VISION

Sustained economic and social prosperity while conserving our natural resources for future generations.



MISSION

To help people use and care for natural resources in ways that improve the environment, economy and quality of life for the residents of Boone, Brown, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, and Shelby Counties.

2010 Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

**Hoosier Heartland RC&D, Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2010**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings Cash in Bank-Operating	5,008.62
Total Current Assets	5,008.62

Other Assets

Brown Co. Community Foundation	16,998.17
Bulk Mail Prepaid	106.26
EE Savings Bond	<u>9,708.00</u>
Total Other Assets	26,812.43
Total Assets	<u>31,821.05</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities	440.80
Watershed Education Exhibit	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>4,440.80</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>4,440.80</u>

Equity

Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>12,947.90</u>
Net Income	<u>14,432.35</u>
Total Equity	<u>27,380.25</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>31,821.05</u>
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