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Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Jessica Fox
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Dear Ms. Fox,

The Indiana Conservation Partnership has been briefed by Brian Brandt and Mike Baise on the Ohio River Basin Water Quality Trading Project. We understand that this project will bring additional opportunities for financial assistance with conservation practices to Indiana producers.

The Water Quality Trading Project would complement the work of NRCS and the Indiana Conservation Partnership. This project will provide another opportunity for producers to implement a system of conservation practices to increase the Soil Health on their land, benefiting both production and water quality. Promotion of no-till, cover crops, precision farming, and nutrient and pest management are the cornerstones of the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative, a priority for the Indiana Conservation Partnership.

The NRCS will continue to provide financial assistance through our current funding allocations and offer technical assistance to landowners and operators who have resource concerns that can be addressed through one or more of our conservation programs.

Thank you for your continued partnership in conservation, and your desire to positively impact natural resources in Indiana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane E. Hardisty".

JANE E. HARDISTY
State Conservationist

cc: Jill Reinhart, Assistant State Conservationist, Special Projects
Mike Baise, American Farmland Trust

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