

SWITZERLAND COUNTY  
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



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Date: 06/19/2012

Dear Jessica,

At the June, 2012 board meeting the Switzerland County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors approved a motion to support and participate in the Ohio River Basin Pilot Water Quality Trading Program.

It is my understanding that this project will involve cooperation with the Indiana Department of Agriculture, American Farmland Trust and the Electric Power Research Institute, with funding derived from the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Conservation Innovation Grant. Through this partnership The Switzerland SWCD looks forward to a collaborative effort to implement soil and water conservation practices that would result in the reduction of nitrogen and phosphorous inputs within the Ohio River Basin.

The SWCD anticipates working with project partners to implement conservation practices capable of delivering copious environmental services via practices that include but are not limited to residue management/conservation tillage, cover crops, pasture and hayland planting, prescribed grazing and nutrient management plans, as well as other priority best management practices known to benefit soil conservation, water quality and nutrient sequestration.

It is our understanding that a service contract will be synthesized that identifies each partners responsibilities and that the contract will define the best management practices to be implemented, the schedule for project delivery, commitment to follow project protocols, and the associated payment to the Switzerland SWCD for services rendered.

I look forward to working with you to advance this project and anticipate that project implementation will result in a win/win scenario whereby soil conservation, water quality and ecosystem services are bolstered.

Please keep the SWCD informed of future meetings and events where we may learn more about the project.

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Switzerland Soil and Water Conservation District Chairperson

CC: Ann Sorensen, American Farmland Trust  
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