



NATIVE PLANT FEST

May 18th, 2024
9am - 3pm at Ross Camp in West Lafayette

Tippecanoe SWCD Native Plant Sale
Native Tree & Wildflower Hikes ~ Local Conservation Groups ~ Presentations ~ Food Truck

Visit our website to learn more!
<https://tippecanoecountyswcd.org/>

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The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Join us for our Annual Native Plant Fest.
Remember to preorder you plants [here](#)

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Invasive Insights

By Jordan Young

The poem to the right is awful. Callery pear is also awful. Replace your invasive pear with a flowering dogwood, redbud, serviceberry, or any of our other beautiful and *necessary* native trees. Your landscaping deserves better!

For more information on invasives, check out the Tippecanoe Invasive Cooperative Taskforce (TICT) webpage:
<https://tippecanoe-county-swcd.org/tict-2>



A poem on callery (Bradford) pear:

Useless
Splitting limbs
Unnecessary
Malodorous flowers
Ugly
Cone-shaped tree of failure

Habitat Happenings

By Robert Suseland, Habitat Specialist
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Happy Spring! The Tippecanoe County Soil and Water Conservation District is available to assist all residents of Tippecanoe County with planning the establishment and management of wildlife habitat from large-scale restorations down to small-scale strips of native wildflowers in gardens or yards. We are also happy to help landowners explore financial assistance opportunities to help alleviate the cost of establishing and managing habitat. Please reach out to us to get started!

Indiana's native seed planting window closes on June 15th. If you need to plant seeds this spring and have any questions regrading how or what to plant, please send me an email or give me a call.



Plat Books Now on Sale

ON SALE NOW!

**NEW
2023
PLAT
BOOK**

NOW AVAILABLE AT:
Tippecanoe County
SWCD
1812 Tronel Drive, Suite C3
Lafayette, IN 47909
765-474-9992 ext. 3

**FULL OF VALUABLE INFO
ABOUT THE AREA!**

SMARTMAPS & WALL MAPS
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
mappingsolutionsGIS.com
View your location on a map using the built-in GPS device.
Measure distances and areas.
Add points of interest, photos, labels, notes and location info.



\$25 tax included

District Staff Spotlight: Robert Suseland

Robert Suseland joined the District as our Habitat Specialist on January 2, 2024 following 8 years of work with nonprofit conservation organizations. Robert has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a degree in wildlife from Purdue University's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. Robert's primary focus is helping landowners establish and maintain wildlife habitat within agricultural systems along with helping landowners identify and eradicate invasive plants. Robert lives in Wabash Township with his wife and 3 children. He can be reached by email at rsuseland@tippecanoe.in.gov and by phone at (765)474-9992, Ext 4008.





Free Soil Testing Opportunities

By Mike Smith, Rural Conservationist

For row crop farms

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture has reopened its soil sampling program. Fields that have not been sampled in the last 3-4 years are eligible for free soil analysis and fertility program recommendations based on yield goals.

More information and applications are [AVAILABLE HERE](#)

For small farms and vegetable gardens

Urban Soil Health offers free soil testing and a consultation with an urban soil health specialist. The service is provided for small farms and vegetable gardens--not landscaping, lawns, or native plantings. Results are typically returned within two weeks. Contact Urban Soil Health Specialist, Marian Rodriguez-Soto for more information: mrodriguezsoto@urbansoilhealth.org



Supervisor Spotlight: Steve Kerkhove

Steve, the newest member of the Tippecanoe SWCD Board, has farmed in the Northwest Corner of Tippecanoe County for 31 years with his wife, Deb. Following a 35-year career as a factory electrician, he now takes pleasure in farming. Their primary crops include corn and soybeans, in addition to managing several acres of CRP and two reestablished wetlands.

During his leisure time, Steve enjoys hunting, fishing, traveling, and collecting antique cars and tractors. Deb and Steve are blessed to have 4 children and 9 grandchildren, all who live close by.



SOIL HEALTH FOR SMALL FARMS & GARDENS

April 25, 2024 ~ 5:30pm to 7pm
 Master Gardener Extension Gardens
 3150 Sagamore Pkwy, Lafayette, IN 47905

Basics of Soil Health

- Mike Smith, Conservation Ag Specialist

Opportunities for Technical & Financial Assistance

- Marian Rodriguez-Soto, Urban Soil Health Specialist

Native Plants for Garden Health

- Robert Suseland, Habitat Specialist

RSVP to Mike Smith at mjsmith@tippecanoe.in.gov.



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PURDUE EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

Upcoming Events:

April 3 & 10, 2024
Invasive Species Transect

April 6, 2024
Landscaping for Wildlife

April 10, 2024
Board Meeting

April 25, 2024
Soil Health for Small Farms & Gardens

April 27, 2024
Garden Expo

May 7, 2024
Office Closed

May 13-17, 2024
Staff out of office for Plant Fest & Sale

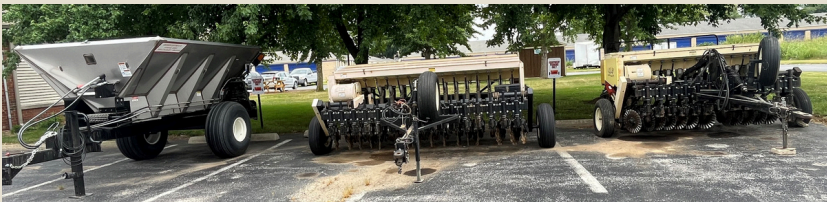
May 17 & 18, 2024
Preorder pick up

May 18, 2024
Native Plant Fest

June 8, 2024
Outdoor Explore!

June 19, 2024
Office Closed

Equipment Rental Update



[Reservations for the Drills and Broadcast seeder are now online!](#)
[See instructions here.](#)

Reserve Today

2024 Annual Meeting

A big thank you to all who attended our annual meeting. Dr. Marty Frisbee shared valuable insights about Tippecanoe's water resources.

Let's extend a warm welcome to our new supervisor, Steve Kerkhove, joining the Board of Directors. Also, a special thanks to Curt Vanderkleed for his dedicated 12 years of service!

