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Tippecanoe County Soil & Water Conservation District



INVASIVE PLANT SWAP PROGRAM

You can receive **FREE** native trees and shrubs when you remove any of the following invasive plants:

- Callery (Bradford) Pear
- Burning Bush
- Japanese Barberry
- Privet
- Norway Maple

Deadline to apply
July 12, 2024



Learn more and apply at:
<https://tinyurl.com/243rbbmy>



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Invasive Insights

By Jordan Young

See any sweet-smelling blooms of invasive bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera spp.*) this spring? It's time to get out there and eradicate those shrubs before they're loaded with bright red berries. A foliar spray of 2% glyphosate or cut stump treatment of 20-25% glyphosate is recommended.

For more information on bush honeysuckle control and invasives, check out the Tippecanoe Invasive Cooperative Taskforce (TICT) webpage:

<https://tippecanoecountyswcd.org/tict-2>

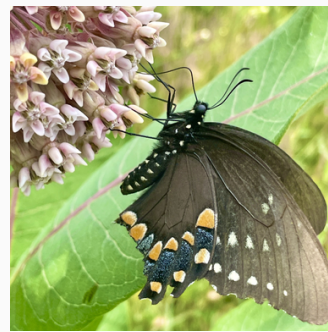
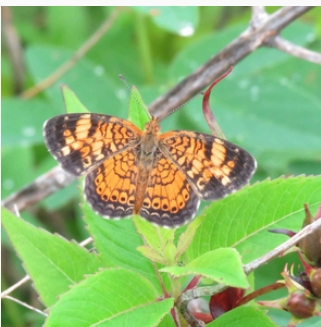


Habitat Happenings

By Robert Suseland, Habitat Specialist

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Summer is a great time to evaluate wildlife habitat. The growing season highlights the good and the bad living in a field. The last few weeks have taken me to the 4 corners of Tippecanoe County and everywhere in-between to evaluate fields enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. I saw a plethora of great native plants and animals but also found fields dominated by every invasive plant ever described by a botanist. Please reach out if you would like me to evaluate your habitat. It does not need to be enrolled in a program. This is a free service. Here are pictures from the field.



District Staff Spotlight: Mike Smith

Mike is the District's conservation ag specialist. He is available to assist farmers and landowners interested in adopting conservation systems that improve soil health, protect water quality, and increase farm profitability. Mike and his wife, Claire, live in the northeast corner of Tippecanoe County.

He can be contacted at mjsmith@tippecanoe.in.gov and 765-474-9992 x4006.



Seeding Cover Crops with Fall P or K

By Mike Smith, Rural Conservationist

If you are planning to apply dry phosphorus and/or potassium this fall, our spreader presents an excellent opportunity to add a cover crop quickly in the same pass. This application typically means following a combine, when cereal rye is a particularly good option due to its ability to germinate at lower temperatures and overwinter.

The spreader can be operated without powered hydraulics, making it easy to pull with a variety of implements. It is available to rent for \$75 per day. Check availability at tippecanoecountyswcd.org.

Not for use with manure. For applications other than seed or dry fertilizer, contact mjsmith@tippecanoe.in.gov.

Supervisor Spotlight: Deb Grady Ruth



Deb was appointed to the SWCD Board in 2021. Deb chose teaching as a career and worked in the Tippecanoe School corporation as a 5th grade teacher and a sixth grade science teacher for 29 years. She and her husband, David, also a retired school teacher live in Battle Ground. Upon retirement, Deb completed her Indiana Master Naturalist certification at Fort Harrison State Park followed by Advanced IMN training at Mounds State Park. When she is not volunteering her time with the SWCD, Deb volunteers with the Tippecanoe County Parks and Prophetstown State Park. She enjoys all things in nature and counts reading and hiking as her main hobbies.



2024 Tree & Shrub Sale



**ONLINE ORDERING
NOW AVAILABLE**

**DEADLINE TO ORDER
SEPTEMBER 10**

**PICKUP AT THE
TIPPECANOE
FAIRGROUNDS
SEPTEMBER 26**

**ORDER ONLINE AT
TIPPECANOECOUNTYSWCD.ORG**



Upcoming Events:

July 4, 2024

Independence Day -
Office Closed

July 10, 2024

SWCD Board Meeting

July 13, 2024

Wabash Riverfest

August 14, 2024

SWCD Board Meeting

August 27, 2024

Nonoperator

Landowner workshop

September 2, 2024

Labor Day - Office
Closed

September 2024 TBD

Forestry Field Day

Equipment Loans and Rentals



Reservations for Truax drills,
broadcast seeder, and many
more tools can be made
online. Visit
tippecanoecountyswcd.org
for more information