



WATERSHED COORDINATOR REPORT ~ March 1, 2010

- ◆ **Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Group/Nutrient Management Commission**
 - ◆ Area includes Grand Lake St. Marys and Wabash River Watersheds through Indiana
 - ◆ Swine manure data collection scheduled. (This project is funded by Assistance Agreement number MX964472 between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Conservation Technology Information Center.)
 - ◆ Group decided to fund bus trip

- ◆ **Lake Shoreline Stabilization Geotextile Tube Project**
 - ◆ End of year report needs to be completed
 - ◆ Located near Turtle Point, on the way to Windy Point
 - ◆ Looking at options for remaining funding
 - ◆ NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant; partnership with Grand Lake St. Marys State Park

- ◆ **319 Grant Grand Lake St. Marys**
 - ◆ Participant applications under review by OEPA
 - ◆ Newsletter and press releases need to be created and sent for approval
 - ◆ Grant includes cost share for 18 septic system replacements, 2 septic system repairs, 5 milk house wastewater treatment systems and 10 tile control structures

- ◆ **Implementation Grant Meetings**
 - ◆ Starting second year of project
 - ◆ Thirteen municipalities visited, at least 12 more to visit
 - ◆ Every government body in the watersheds will eventually be visited for a brief overview of Watershed Project and Implementation Grant.

- ◆ **Residential Soil Sampling Program**
 - ◆ \$5 for lawn and/or garden soil samples
 - ◆ Pick up sample bags and info at Mercer SWCD
 - ◆ Education event will be planned for 2010
 - ◆ Cost share with Helena Agronomic Center, Coldwater, and Lake Improvement Association

- ◆ **Education**
 - ◆ Submitted watershed education mini-grant for a bucket program
 - ◆ Working with Marion Local High School on field day
 - ◆ As requested watershed presentations and/or Enviroscene/Water Treatment Enviroscene/Ground Water Model/Growing Up WILD/Passport to Fishing/Project WET/Project WILD/Project Aquatic WILD/Project Learning Tree

- ◆ **Coordinator's Upcoming Meetings/Trainings**
 - ◆ March 11, 2010, deadline for tree seedling and seed order at Mercer SWCD
 - ◆ Growing Up WILD, 5:30 p.m. March 16, 2010, Central Services Building, Celina
 - ◆ Technician Development Training, March 16, 23 and 24, 2010, Horace Collins, Columbus