

Clark County SWCD receives Clean Water Indiana grant

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The Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) recently received Clean Water Indiana grant funds to promote conservation practices in Clark County. As a result, the SWCD has partnered with the City of Jeffersonville, Memphis Meats and Walnut Ridge Nursery, to host an Urban Conservation Workshop.

Entitled "Buffers In The City," the workshop will showcase the riparian buffer practice, which is designed to reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients that flow into a waterbody and ultimately improves water quality. One such buffer was planted earlier this year in Wathen Park in order to decrease the negative impact of nutrient runoff (in the form of fertilizers and pesticides applied to neighboring lawns, and stormwater runoff from the impervious areas of the neighborhood streets) on the waterbodies located in the park.

The workshop will be held at Wathen Park on Regina Avenue in Jeffersonville on October 2 with the following schedule of activities:

11 a.m.- Registration

11:15 to 11:30 a.m.- Welcome from the SWCD staff and Deb Ashack, City of Jeff; Richard Geboy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

11:30 a.m. to 12 noon- Pam Louks, IDNR Community and Urban Forestry Coordinator and Amil Kleinert, Tree-Mate-O, speak on tree species and site selection and planting methods.

12 to 12:30 p.m.- Lunch will be served

12:30 to 1 p.m.- Pat Larr, NRCS District Conservationist, speaks on riparian forested buffer use in urban settings, and urban nutrient management and sediment control

1 p.m.- Workshop ends

Participants are welcome to tour Wathen Park's riparian buffer and wetlands at their leisure.

Anyone who would like to attend the workshop is asked to please RSVP to the SWCD office at 256-2330, ext. 3, by 4 p.m. on Monday, September 28.