



# Grass Roots for Conservation



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## Elkhart County Soil & Water Conservation District

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### Elkhart County **PAY DIRT** 2024

*Where cultivation & construction meet*

## IN-field

Please join us on a Hoosier Homestead Farm as we demonstrate erosion control best management practices, analyze soils, sample water quality and further discuss the many ways the ag and MS4 communities can continue to work together to improve water quality.

### August 22

#### Hess Family Farm

63300 CR 111, Goshen, IN 46526



Learn more and register at  
[www.elkcoswcd.org](http://www.elkcoswcd.org)


Elkhart County  
**PAY DIRT**  
2024  
*Where cultivation & construction meet*  
**IN-field**

**August 22, 10am-3pm**

63300 CR 111, Goshen, IN 46526

## **Working Demonstrations**

- Manure Management Tools
- Enhanced Field Borders
- Root Pit
- Covercrop Inter-seeding
- Equipment Options
- Perimeter Protection
- Concrete Washout
- Slope Stabilization
- Stabilized Entrance
- Stormwater Skimmers
- And much more!



***Free Food  
Truck Lunch***

RSVP is appreciated. Come and go as you please.  
RSVP at [elkcoswcd.org](http://elkcoswcd.org)

***This event qualifies as a prerequisite for the  
2024 SWAMP Program***



Saturday,  
August 10

3 PM - 8 PM

at Island Park  
in Elkhart

*Join us for the region's largest environmental festival!*



- Exhibitor & Vendor Booths
- Kids' Area
- Food Vendors
- Silent Auction
- Live Music
- Local Beer Garden and MORE!

For more info check out  
[www.ElkhartEnviroFest.com](http://www.ElkhartEnviroFest.com)

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Entertain  
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Tickets  
\$5 per family  
(of any size)

# NATIVE Plant Sale

**ORDER DEADLINE  
JULY 26**

Plants are sold in  
kits of **50 plants**.  
Orders will be ready for pickup  
**September 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>** at the  
Elkhart County SWCD office.

**\$150/KIT**

## *Prairie Grass Mix*

Big Bluestem, Side-oats Grama, Copper-Shouldered Oval Sedge, Canada Wild Rye, Bottlebrush Grass, June Grass, Switch Grass, Little Bluestem, Indian Grass, Prairie Dropseed

## *Rain Garden Mix*

Swamp Milkweed, Bristly Sedge, Brown Fox Sedge, Blue Flag Iris, Common Rush, Marsh Blazing Star, Cardinal Flower, Great Blue Lobelia, Riddell's Goldenrod, Culver's Root

## *Prairie Wildflower Mix*

Sand Coreopsis, Early Goldenrod, Common Milkweed, Blue Wild Indigo, Broad-leaved Purple Coneflower, Rough Blazing Star, Foxglove Beard Tongue, Black-eyed Susan, Little Bluestem, Ohio Spiderwort

## *Shade Mix*

Wild Snakeroot, Tall Anemone, Wild Columbine, Spreading Oval Sedge, Blue Mistflower, Big-leaved Aster, Bottlebrush Grass, Woodland Phlox, Rough Goldenrod, Heart-leaved Aster

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July

- 19<sup>th</sup> **Green Day @ the Elkhart County 4-H Fair:**  
We will have a booth in Heritage Park
- 19<sup>th</sup> **Rain Barrel/Rain Garden Workshop:** 4:00-5:00 pm at Elkhart County 4-H Fair, Join us for an introductory talk about rain barrel and rain gardens. Learn about current efforts in protecting local watersheds.
- 19<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> **Elkhart County 4-H Fair:** The theme of this year's fair is "A Timeless Tradition" Tickets are - \$8 online/\$10 at the gate.
- 26<sup>th</sup> **Native Plant Sale Deadline: TODAY!** is the last day to order on our website [www.elkcoswcd.org](http://www.elkcoswcd.org) for our native plant sale, pick up will be September 9th-13th at our office 59358 County Road 7, Elkhart, IN. 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

### August

- 8<sup>th</sup> **Pasture Walk:** Glen Bontrager, Thursday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, 63269 Shimmel Rd., Centreville, MI.  
**Topic:** Organic Dairy, light soils, rolling topography, chicken house.
- 10<sup>th</sup> **Elkhart Envirofest:** The 27th Annual EnviroFest will include food vendors, booths, silent auction, live music, kids' area and entertainment, beer & wine garden, and more!  
The event starts at 3:00 pm and runs until 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 per family of any size. Proceeds support our environmental education efforts in the community throughout the year. Go green! Bicycle to the event and take advantage of the FREE Bike Valet by Bike Elkhart!  
**CHECK OUT** <https://elkhartenvirofest.com/>
- 19<sup>th</sup> **SWCD Board Meeting:** 5:30 PM, SWCD Office, 59358 County Road 7, Elkhart, IN
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **PAY DIRT IN Field:** Hess Family Farm 63300 County Road 111, Goshen, IN. Where cultivation & construction meet, working demonstrations, this event qualifies as a prerequisite for the 2024 SWAMP Program, RSVP is appreciated, come and go as you please. RSVP at [elkcoswcd.org](http://elkcoswcd.org).
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Middlebury Riverfest:** Join us at Riverbend Park for entertainment and education about the importance of fresh water and the value of the Little Elkhart River. This will be taking place in the EVENING from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

### September

- 9<sup>th</sup> **Pasture Walk:** John Miller, Shepherd's Campfire - Monday 6:00 - 8:30 pm, 10319 County Road 38, Millersburg, IN.  
**Topic:** Sheep/Grazing.
- 16<sup>th</sup> **SWCD Board Meeting:** 5:30 PM, SWCD Office, 59358 County Road 7, Elkhart, IN

## SWCD - NRCS CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP DIRECTORY

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