



Elkhart County Stormwater Education Field Trip Incentive Program Overview



What is the Stormwater Education Field Trip Incentive (SEFTI)?

SEFTI is an incentive program to promote water conservation education in Elkhart County made possible by the stormwater fee collected in unincorporated Elkhart County, the City of Elkhart, the City of Goshen, and the Town of Bristol and administered by the Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership. The program pays for transportation costs for field trips to approved sites where students will learn about water resources within Elkhart County. Any teacher, administrator, or educator from an accredited K-12 school in Elkhart County is encouraged to apply.

For teachers

The first step is to visit www.elkcoswcd.org and choose a field trip site. You will then schedule the field trip with the site host, fill out the form and send it to Elkhart County SWCD for approval. Once approved, you'll receive a letter stating that we'll be responsible for the cost of transportation to your field trip. Submit your approval letter when you schedule your transportation and your transportation office will bill us directly for the cost.

For transportation offices

Field trips included in the Stormwater Education Field Trip Incentive will have a corresponding approval letter with their transportation request. After receiving an approval letter with a transportation request, please send the invoice directly to the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District for payment.

For site hosts

If you regularly hold field trips, believe your field trips fit within the scope of water related topics covered by the Stormwater Education Field Trip Incentive, and would like to be included on the approved field trip site list, please contact the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Have more questions?

Contact the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District

574-523-2030

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What You Do:

1. Choose a field trip site and program from the pre-approved field trip list at www.elkcoswcd.org
2. Schedule your field trip with the site host.
3. Fill out this form and send to Elkhart County SWCD for approval.
4. Once approved, you'll receive a letter stating that the Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership will be responsible for the cost of the transportation for your field trip.
5. Schedule your transportation and submit your approval letter to your transportation office.
6. Enjoy leading your class on a field trip to learn about water!

What We Do:

1. Provide a list of field trip opportunities and options covered by the Stormwater Education Field Trip Incentive (SEFTI).
2. Pay only transportation costs to approved field trip sites. Program costs to be paid by school/ attendees may still occur based on location.

The Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership reserve the right to approve/not approve field trip transportation requests based on the topic of the field trip and availability of funds. Special circumstances may arise. Costs not associated with transportation (e.g. entrance fees, per child costs) are not covered by SEFTI. The Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership shall not accept any liability or obligation for any loss or damage to persons or property, or cancellations resulting from the scheduling of field trips through SEFTI.



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Applicant Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

School: _____

Principal/Administrator Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Field Trip Information

Grade: _____

Number of Students: _____

Field Trip Date: _____

Field Trip Site: _____

Field Trip Program: _____

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Received:

Approved/Not Approved On:

Letter Sent On: