

What is White River RC&D?

The White River Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) was officially incorporated in 2001 to help address natural resource needs in south central Indiana.

White River RC&D brings people together to identify needs and foster opportunities in the economic, environmental, and social areas of south central Indiana.

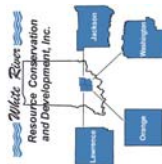
White River RC&D consists of four south central counties including Jackson, Lawrence, Orange and Washington and encompasses nearly 1,198,133 acres. The heart of the area is approximately 1 hour north of Louisville, Kentucky and 1 hour south of Indianapolis, Indiana. The area is generally rural in nature, with no major metropolitan areas.

Natural resources conservation and rural development area planning and implementation are the central functions of White River RC&D. Serving the needs and opportunities within the four-county area, White River RC&D has had a unique role in addressing issues involving land conservation, land management, water management and rural community development.



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Join White River RC&D
for lunch and learn how to:



**Start your Own
Community Garden**

Thursday, April 15, 2010
11:30—12:30 PM
Jackson County Library

Sponsored by
White River RC&D with
assistance from Purdue Extension

Registration

The registration fee is \$10.00 per person. The fee includes lunch and all materials.

Name(s): _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Check if you need a vegetarian meal

Number attending: _____ x \$10.00

= Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Questions? Call White River RC&D at:
812-883-3704 ext 5

Mail registration by April 9, 2010 to:
White River RC&D Council
Attn: Community Gardens Workshop
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Or register online at:
<http://www.whiteriverrcd.org/UpcomingEvents.html>

NOTE: Fee may be paid at door. No refunds will be awarded for cancellations after April 9th.

Make Checks payable to: White River RC&D

Agenda

Community gardens beautify the neighborhood and provide a safe, recreational green space in which to relax and enjoy being outdoors. Individual gardeners get a chance to grow some of their own vegetables, herbs, and fruits, and, the process of doing so, they learn instrumental gardening skills. Interacting with one another, gardeners gain a sense of community. Children get an opportunity to see where their food comes from, learn how things grow, how to care for plants and gain a sense of achievement in growing their own food. In many cases, local service groups use the food produced in their community garden to assist a local food bank or family assistance center.

11:20-11:30

Registration—Jackson County Library

11:30—11:35

Kris Vance, USDA-NRCS/White River RC&D

Welcome and Introduction

11:35—12:25

Ms. Ginny Roberts, Purdue Extension, Marion County

- **Introduction to Community Garden Concept**
- **Why Community Gardens are Important**
- **Who Should Start their own Garden**
- **How to Start your own Garden**

12:25—12:30

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Wrap-up and Evaluations

White River RC&D and Purdue Extension are equal opportunity employers and providers.

About our Speaker



Ginny Roberts is the Urban Garden Coordinator for the Marion County Purdue Extension Service. Ms. Roberts was instrumental in initiating the “Capital City Garden Program” in Indianapolis.

The Capital City Garden Project is a community-based educational program in Marion County, Indiana promoting healthy people and greener neighborhoods through gardening. The project works with the young and the elderly, neighborhood groups and backyard gardeners teaching the basics of urban food production and neighborhood beautification. CCGP is one of 23 Urban Garden Programs supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Marion County Office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service. It is affiliated with the American Community Garden Association, a nation-wide network of not-for-profit garden programs.

This could be a great opportunity for:

- Boy and Girl Scouts
- Retirement/Assisted Living Centers
- Family Assistance Centers
- Community Centers
- Church Groups
- Afterschool Programs