



WHITE RIVER

RESOURCE

CONSERVATION

& DEVELOPMENT

PROVIDING LOCAL SOLUTIONS FOR LOCAL CONCERNS



renewable/alternative energy



RC&D councils work with local communities and landowners to reduce energy consumption and develop and expand economic opportunities provided by our Nation's natural resources. The number of related projects has been increasing each year to meet America's growing need for renewable energy.

FARM ENERGY CONSERVATION WKSP

Through support from USDA staff, local REMC's, Hoosier Energy, and Purdue Cooperative Extension, White River RC&D has developed a collaborative team to work with surrounding landowners to learn more about the benefits of utilizing **farm energy audits**. Attendees received information on how to find energy savings on their own farms, how to use online tools to determine energy savings, and how to determine whether they may benefit from a full energy audit of their own farm business. In addition to energy audits, speakers discussed typical conservation measures and equipment upgrades that can save on energy costs, and answer questions regarding how farmers can reduce energy costs in their businesses.

REAP ASSISTANCE

If you are thinking about making your farm or rural business more energy efficient, or adding renewable energy for power or heating, consider a grant or loan guarantee from the **USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)**. Established in 2002, REAP provides hundreds of grants totaling up to 25% of your project's costs, and loan guarantees for up to 75% of your project's costs. REAP has provided over \$200 million in grants and loan guarantees for projects ranging from efficient lighting and irrigation system upgrades to wind, solar, small hydro and biomass energy projects across rural America.



The White River RC&D has assisted landowners with REAP applications and is ready to help you create a more energy efficient business. Contact the office today to learn how you can apply for a REAP grant or loan.