

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

WESMIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT - by Julian Loken, Reporter

The goals of the WesMin Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) are to:

- (1) Improve the economic conditions for the WesMin area.
- (2) Conserve and develop our natural resources.
- (3) Improve the cultural opportunities in the community.
- (4) Achieve a balanced relationship between human and natural resources.

The immediate objectives include:

- (1) Complete 4 groundwater studies and soil interpretations by 1983.
- (2) Establish one marketing and/or processing facility for specialty crops by 1985.
- (3) Implement forestry management plans on 255,000 acres of forest by 1985.
- (4) Protect or develop 50,000 acres of fish and wildlife habitat by 1985.
- (5) Develop 300 acres of recreational areas by 1983.
- (6) Develop 10 miles of recreation trails by 1982.
- (7) Construct 6 flood control structures by 1983.
- (8) Demonstrational methods of nutrient reduction in one lake by 1980.
- (9) Control erosion on 160 acres of critical area by 1985.
- (10) Complete soil surveys in 17 counties by 1990.
- (11) Demonstrate one way of using wastes as a useable resource by 1982.
- (12) Construct sewage facilities in 4 communities by 1983.

Work has been done on all these projects. On the Chippewa and Long Prairie Headwaters Fish and Wildlife Development Project, 14 sites and structures have been completed and 4 more are to be finished this year. These traps permit removal of carp and other rough fish for harvest, as well as controlling production.

Four structures were installed in the 1979 fiscal year. One trap and three barriers with a total cost of construction during year amounting to \$182,600.00, one-half RC&D funded and one-half DNR, Game and Fish funds. The Henneman barrier backs water up the Chippewa River and made a pond over 28 acres for wildlife.

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WINNING FARMER: Sid Satterlie, Jr. who farms north of Evansville was named Douglas Countys' top Conservation Farmer for 1979.

Satterlie and his wife, Tassie, have participated in the conservation program on their 600 acre farm since 1959. He has 518 acres of useable cropland and has installed 5210 feet of drainage ditches and 3056 feet of tile drainage. He also chisel plows all of his acreage. He also has 40 acres in the Water Bank Program.

Mr. and Mrs. Satterlie, Jr. attended the State Soil and Water Conservation Convention in Rochester, Minnesota.