



# **CRAWFORD COUNTY**

## **Soil & Water Conservation District**

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### **LaMotte Creek Watershed Planning Committee**

Since its inception in February of 1999, the LaMotte Creek Watershed Planning Committee has been striving to formulate solutions for local questions and considerations. From the original meeting where concerned citizens met at the Village Hall in Palestine, to a tour highlighting watershed accomplishments, LCWPC offers its residents a variety of educational and informational opportunities. The most recent occasions were the annual booth and rainfall display at the Labor Day festivities and a Woodland Seminar.



The LaMotte Creek Watershed Planning Committee is a seven person board selected to serve and governed by the Crawford County Soil & Water Conservation District. Committee members were responsible for the prioritization of identified watershed issues and developing a resource plan. Resource concerns were grouped into related categories and strategies developed to address the problems presented. Those solutions that were determined to be economical and feasible, have been and are being implemented.

Over the past ten years, LaMotte Creek Watershed projects and undertakings have concentrated on reducing soil erosion and sedimentation, improving water quality, increasing awareness of woodland and wildlife issues in addition to addressing the health, safety and well being of the watershed inhabitants.

### **ENVIROTHON COMPETITION HELD**



**A team effort**

Teams from Oblong and Palestine recently competed in the Land Use Council 11 Envirothon competition held at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds in mid-March. The teams from Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland and Wabash were tested in such areas as Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife and a Current Issue. Edwards County will represent the Council at the State competition to be held on May 14 & 15th in Monticello, with a chance to compete at the National Cannon Envirothon competition in North Carolina in early August.



**A winning result**

### **PLANNING FOR EARTH DAY & ARBOR DAY**

#### **Earth Day 2009 Activities**

Crawford County K - 4th grade students will take over Lincoln Trail College with an Earth Day celebration. Leadership Crawford County has sponsored the event that will offer those in attendance an opportunity to see a variety of environmentally minded speakers and their "green ideas."

While the 5th graders will be getting hands-on experiences at the annual Extension & SWCD Conservation Field Day at Oblong Lake. The students will travel to several educational stations like aquatics, wildlife and a rainfall simulator, in addition to a few interactive stations like "Oh Deer!" and "Conservation Jeopardy".



**Our Tree Crew**  
*Packing White Oak seedlings*

#### **Arbor Day**

Master Gardeners and Oblong FFA members, along with District staff prepared White Oak seedlings to be distributed to 3rd grade students throughout the county schools.

A short in classroom presentation was given on how to plant a tree as well as supplying a take home planting guide and the seedling.

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