

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) at Purdue University, Indiana



RREA programs help forest landowners better manage their lands for timber, wildlife and many other benefits, according to their individual objectives. They also help municipal officials, county extension educators, and natural resource professionals deal with natural resource issues affecting how private and public lands are managed.

Each RREA dollar received is typically leveraged with \$10 to \$15 of federal, private, and endowment funds, including in-kind, community volunteer services, and the time of natural resource professional who volunteer to help with training programs.

- Conduct an annual Natural Resources Leadership Development Institute program for natural resource professionals and representatives of the environmental community. This program is unique to the mid-west and after two years is being expanded to include Ohio and Illinois.
- In partnership with Grouse Unlimited, RREA funds are used to initiate the COVERTS Program in Indiana, and support a competitive grants program available to graduates to conduct landowner workshops on their properties as demonstrations for other landowners.



- A 10-session intensive training program for forest landowners is conducted in at least two locations in the state each year. Forest owners are introduced to all aspects of management of forest and other wildlands.
- A series of award winning publications on wildlife and tree identification and ecology have been released. A series on the regeneration of central hardwoods was produced in cooperation with the Hardwood Tree and Regeneration Center, a cooperative project with the US Forest Service.

The NRLDI exceeded my expectations and improved the way I seek collaboration with others – especially those with whom I have disagreements. Sam Carman, Education Director, Division of Forestry, IDNR.

I have taken away from the Institute more confidence in my leadership ability . . . everyone is a leader when they are aware of their toolbox. Cassie Hauswald, Blue River Project Assistant, The Nature Conservancy

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