

Candidate Profile

Name: Don Rekeweg

County of Residence: Allen

Qualifications:

Experienced Board Supervisor, past Area representative for Indiana State Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, recipient of "Indiana River Friendly Farmer" recognition. Long time user of conservation practices including grass waterways, filter strips, rock-drop structure to control waterway outlet into stream, use cover crops and no-till planting including "planting green", using water retention control structure in drainage system.

Occupation: Semi-retired ag producer applying "sustainable and regenerative" practices to crop production

Conservation Interests:

Concerned with water and soil conservation issues. Most of issues associated with soil are relatively visible however, issues with water are more difficult to see and address. As water usage increases, concern about aquifer reduction and contamination arise. More importantly we need to become more aware of the effect our care of water has downstream and where water outlets (lakes or gulf or ocean). Currently I am chair of the Upper Maumee Watershed Partnership Board and representative on the Maumee Watershed Alliance Board.

Bio:

Born and-raised on the farm. Member of Zion Lutheran Church, Woodburn. Long time involvement in soil and water conservation.

Member of volunteer fire service for many years. Currently member of East Central Fire District and member of Allen County FAST (Fire Arson Special Team). (Certified Fire Investigator).