**2023 Owen County Conservationist of the Year Application**

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|  | **Owner/Operator** | **Tenant (if applicable)** |
| Name | First Name Last Name  | First Name Last Name |
| Street Address:City:State/Zip Code: |  |  |
| County: |  |  |
| Daytime Phone:with area code |  |  |
| Email address of individual to be honored. |  |  |

If a corporation or partnership is nominated, please list the name and contact information

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| First Name | Last Name |
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|  Signature:  |  |

Does the nominee have a Conservation Plan on file with NRCS?

If so, what percentage of the Conservation Plan has been completed?

**Section 1. Applicant Property Information:**

*Please feel free to describe the land use in further detail in the space provided.*

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| **Land Use** | **Acres** |
| Cropland: |  |
| Pasture: |  |
| Woodland: |  |
| Wildlife land: |  |
| Other (indicate): |  |

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| **Type of Operation** | **No. of units** |
| Livestock: |  |
| Cash crop: |  |
| Other (indicate): |  |

# Section 2a: Conservation Management Practices Applied

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| Practice | Extent of Implementation (i.e., No. of Acres) | Number of Years Practice has Been in Use |
| Conservation Tillage (includes no-till and strip till) |  |  |
| Other Conservation Tillage maintaining 30% residue cover |  |  |
| Access Control/Use Exclusion |  |  |
| Cover Crops |  |  |
| Field Borders |  |  |
| Nutrient Management/Waste Utilization |  |  |
| Pasture Planting/Renovations |  |  |
| Woodland Protection |  |  |
| Tree Plantings/Riparian Forest Buffer |  |  |
| Woodland Improvement (harvest, pruning, thinning) |  |  |
| Wildlife Habitat Improvements |  |  |
| Filter strips |  |  |
| Prescribed Grazing |  |  |
| Conservation Crop Rotation (3 or more different crops in a 3-year rotation)  |  |  |
| Windbreaks |  |  |
| Strip cropping |  |  |
| Other (state practice) |  |  |

# Section 2b: Constructed Conservation Improvements/Practices

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| Practice | Extent of Implementation (i.e., No. of Acres) | Number of Years Practice has Been in Use |
| Ag Waste Management System: |  |  |
| Diversions: |  |  |
| Grassed Waterways: |  |  |
| Structures – Grade Stabilization: |  |  |
| Terraces: |  |  |
| Structures – Flood control: |  |  |
| Ponds (for conservation measures): |  |  |
| Streambank Stabilization: |  |  |
| Wetland Restoration or Construction: |  |  |
| Water and Sediment Control Basins (WASCOBs): |  |  |
| Other (specify): |  |  |

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# Section 3: Overall Conservation Practices

# A. Describe the benefits of the conservation practices implemented (both new and ongoing) in terms of conservation of soil and/or water resources.

# B. Describe the impact of the conservation efforts on the success or productivity of the your property. (e.g., Describe how soil health has improved. Crop yields? Examples or returns on conservation investments.)

**C**. Describe the conservation organizations the nominee is active in, and any leadership positions held.

# IMPORTANT

# Supporting material is required. This must include three to four digital photos of conservation practices on the farm and at least one picture of the farmer. Other documentation could include examples of conservation management practices such as articles, photos, etc. These may be emailed/mailed separately to the IASWCD and must be received by 5 pm on October 31, 2022. The applicant’s name, address, phone, email, and county must be clearly marked on all support material. It is the sender’s responsibility to verify the material was received.

# Please send to:

# 2023 Owen County Conservationist of the Year

Owen County Soil and Water Conservation District

788 Pottersville Road

# Spencer, IN 47460

*Sean-huss@iaswcd.org*

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| Signature of Owen County SWCD Chairperson: |  |
| Signature of Owen County SWCD Director |  |
| Date: |  |