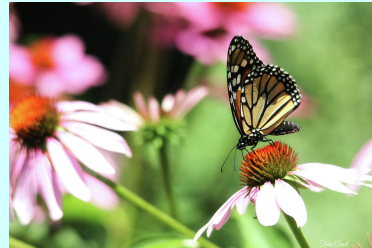


*Working towards the preservation of an ecologically sound Lake Maxinkuckee and its surrounding watershed*

## LMEF Receives Grant

Arrow Head Country Resource Conservation District (RC&D) awards grants annually for conservation projects through a competitive application and review process. Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Fund (LMEF) is pleased to announce it has received a \$3,000 grant from the Arrow Head Country RC&D.



Numerous studies show that outdoor learning is beneficial to students because it makes them healthier, happier, and improves academic performance. Some of the funds will be used to purchase nets for school groups to use for macroinvertebrate collection and identification in an outdoor lab environment.

Funds will also be used to add native pollinator plants to the levee. These plants will enhance the beauty of the area, provide a food source and habitat for pollinators, and along with signage, serve as an educational tool for both local schools groups and the community.

Arrow Head Country (RC&D) serves a ten county region dedicated to promoting conservation, development and utilization of natural resources, improving the general level of economic activity, and enhancing the environment and standard of living in designated RC&D areas.



## A Gibson Girl on Lake Maxinkuckee

The personification of the feminine ideal of physical attractiveness as portrayed by the pen and ink illustrations of artist Charles Dana Gibson during a 20-year period that spanned the late 19th and early 20th centuries in the United States.

[Wikipedia](#)

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## What Are Native Plants?

Plants that occur naturally in a region in which they evolved.

Indiana Native Plant  
Society

## Why Include Natives?

### Water Conservation

Because native plants are adapted to local environmental conditions, they require far less water, saving time, money, and a valuable natural resource, water.

### Wildlife

Native plants provide nectar for pollinators including hummingbirds, native bees, butterflies, moths, and bats. They serve as a food source for birds and provide protective shelter for many insects and animals.



Help Audubon grow 1 million [bird-friendly native plants](#)! Just plug your zipcode into the [handy database](#) to discover which native plants in your area will attract certain types of birds. It's fast, easy, and a great way to draw more birds to your yard while [providing vital natural habitat](#).

## Follow Progress of SB 389, and other environmental bills, on the Hoosier Environmental Council website



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### SB 389 Update

SB 389, the bill that would remove all protection from isolated wetlands, has been assigned to the House Environmental Affairs Committee.

No date has been set for a hearing but there have been discussions and meetings about amending the bill.

Contact the LMEF office if you would like a list of the members of the Committee. Make sure YOUR legislators, and the members of the Committee, know how you feel about this bill.



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