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SCI REMC Teams Up With Martinsville High School to Celebrate Arbor/Earth Day

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Martinsville- South Central Indiana REMC's Vegetation Management Department annually celebrates Arbor/Earth Day by teaming with schools or organizations to promote their environmental stewardship throughout the REMC service areas.

This year is no exception, on April 9th, SCI REMC is teaming up with Martinsville High School's Horticultural and Natural Resource Classes to provide a wildlife food plot in the Morgan Monroe State Forest on Farr Road in Monroe County.

The food plot area that has been selected is 3,200 feet in length and will provide beneficial food sources to wild turkey, deer and other wild animals in the area. Blue bird boxes have already been established in the selected area prior to the planting.

The Arbor Day program is an educational tool for Mr. John Jackson's Horticulture and Natural Resource Classes at Martinsville High School to give them a better perspective of career opportunities. The full day program will begin with tree identification, how to select the right tree for the right place and planting for wildlife. The Martinsville Horticulture and Natural Resource Classes consists of 15 students will then participate in tree plantings assisted by SCI REMC's Vegetation Management staff, proper pruning techniques and information on careers in Arboriculture and Forestry on site at Morgan Monroe State Forest.

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Other partnering organizations include; Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, Morgan County Soil and Water, and the Wild Turkey Federation.

Co-sponsors of the event include National Wild Turkey Federation, Mid-West Arborist Supplies, Townsend Chemical Division, Altec Industries, Vermeer of Indiana, Red Line Graphics, Ahiborn Equipment and AM Leonard.

“Each year South Central Indiana REMC participates in an environmental project that educates our customers and members as well as the community,” stated Larry Terrell, Vegetation Management Supervisor of SCI REMC. “All of us at South Central Indiana REMC understand and realize that trees are recognized for their tremendous contribution to our environment.”

SCI REMC is a member of the Wild Turkey Federation, and participates actively in their Energy for Wildlife program. **The cooperative was the first utility to be awarded the inaugural Energy for Wildlife Achievement Award presented in 2005.** In 2008 the REMC received an award from Morgan Counties Soil and Water conservation District for; **outstanding conservation practices and the development of partnerships in local conservation education** “We love working with groups and organizations who are as interested in the environment and wildlife preservation as we are,” stated Terrell.

Earth Day, April 22, is the annual celebration of the environment and a time to assess the work still needed to protect the natural gifts of our planet. Additionally, SCI REMC supports the environment through their recycling efforts and offering green energy alternatives to their members.

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