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Headline: PUTNAM COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PLOTS NEW COURSE

The Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is pleased to announce it is starting an endowment at the Putnam County Community Foundation. Inspired, in part, by these challenging economic times, the SWCD Board of Supervisors is focused on the long-term conservation needs in Putnam County. “As we embark on this journey we are looking to the Putnam County community to become our allies,” said Sue Crafton, Executive Director of the SWCD. “We need community insight from both urban and rural citizens throughout the county to make Putnam County the best it can be for current and future generations.”

An endowment fund was established to address the conservation needs of Putnam County by creating a mechanism whereby persons whose lives have been touched and improved by the conservation efforts of the SWCD, can make a meaningful contribution supporting Putnam County forests, streams, and fields. The Board of Supervisors applied for and received a grant from the Community Foundation that will give \$1.00 for every \$2.00 donated to the Endowment. The Supervisors estimate it may take them three years to reach their goal of \$12,000.

Anyone may contribute a fully tax deductible donation to the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District Endowment, or start a new endowment for conservation in his/her own name. Contributions to the Fund should be made payable to the Putnam County Community Foundation with “Putnam County SWCD” in the memo, and mailed to 2 South Jackson Street, Greencastle, Indiana 46135. Contributions may also be made online at www.pcfoundation.org. Community Foundation staff are available to help donors make gifts of cash, stock, retirement assets, life insurance, bequests, real estate and other types of gifts to the Fund.

The Putnam County Community Foundation is a nonprofit public charity established in 1985, to strengthen our community by awarding grants to local nonprofits, by bringing individuals together to address community needs and by offering personalized charitable gift planning services to its donors. To learn more about this new fund, how to make a contribution, or how to start a new fund, visit www.pcfoundation.org or contact Eric Wolfe or Elaine Peck at 765-653-4978.

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