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Last year I made a presentation to this committee, along with folks from U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC's) [Know Your Watershed](#) initiative and its role in the Watershed Information Network. Since then our existing funding for Know your Watershed (KYW) has expired, and CTIC has incorporated KYW into its [Core 4](#) Conservation initiative, which has as its goals Better Soil, Cleaner Water, Greater Profits, and a Brighter Future. The reason for doing this was to ensure that we maintain our existing level of service for KYW participants, whether they be registered watershed groups or just web site visitors. I encourage all of you to check with the watershed groups you interact with to see if they have registered with us or not, and direct them to the CTIC web site to register new groups.

When I asked those in the room to raise their hands if they had ever heard of Core 4, very few had. I explained that Core 4 focuses on the development of conservation alliances using existing federal, state, and other funding sources – it is NOT another program. I had two handouts for everyone on the tables, and mentioned a third which was the Executive Summary of our 2000 National Tillage Survey. I explained that, along with several others in the room, I praised the new National Water-Quality Assessment Program (NAWQA) Assessment reports from USGS, and our tillage data has been used by USGS in recent reports. I stated that virtually everyone in the room should be interested in our tillage data, which is available for sale by contacting CTIC.

I provided support from CTIC and myself for maintaining funding for USGS' Water Resources Investigations efforts, and emphasized the potential value to all present of having those reports continue and be expanded to include CTIC's tillage information.

For copies of handouts or more information on these [Conservation Technology Information Center](#) (CTIC) Programs, contact Ed Frye at [frye@ctic.purdue.edu](mailto:frye@ctic.purdue.edu) . Thanks again to you, Toni, Bob, and others for a very informative meeting.

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