

## SWCD HOSTS TOUR FOR CONGRESSMAN ELLSWORTH

Members of the Posey and Vanderburgh County Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) along with members of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) hosted a tour for Congressman

Brad Ellsworth and members of his staff on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.



After meeting at the farm of Dave Nurrenbern in southwestern Vanderburgh County for a short power point presentation on conservation programs and projects, the group visited various agricultural conservation sites and a Brine remediation site within western Vanderburgh and eastern Posey Counties. Projects visited included water and sediment control basin systems which have been installed for well over twenty years, project sites that were planned but not constructed to get a “before” view of conservation planning, grassed waterways and filter strips. All of the above mentioned projects were cost shared with some type of local, state or federal program.

Vanderburgh SWCD Vice-Chairman Dave Ellison Presenting



Tour participants included Congressman Brad Ellsworth and aides Jay Houser and Rodney Buchanan, Jim Droege, Chairman of Posey County SWCD and President of the Indiana Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (IASWCD), Dave Ellison, Vice Chairman, Vanderburgh County SWCD, Tim Seifert, President, Posey County Farm Bureau, Tim Hoenert, Don Kuhlenschmidt, Paul Seifert, Ralph Weinzapfel, Joe Steinkamp, Larry Schmitt, Bill Norfleet, District Conservationist (DC) for Posey County, Darrell Rice, DC in Vanderburgh County, Dan Houvland, Assistant State Conservationist, NRCS,. Priscilla Kelly, Posey

Priscilla Kelly at Brine Site with Congressman Ellsworth

County SWCD and Chairman of the Southwestern Indian Brine Coalition shared information with Congressman Ellsworth on the benefits of brine (salt) remediation while visiting a remediation site at the farm of Jim and Idella Davis.

A special thank you to Mt. Vernon General Baptist Church for the use of their van for the tour.



**Presentation on the Pigeon/Highland Watershed**



**Nonpoint Water Pollution Control Project**