



Agencies Working on Clean Water in Indiana

Agency/Organization	Program	Roles/responsibilities related to watershed groups
Federal		
United States Army Corps of Engineers http://www.usace.army.mil/howdoi/where.html#states		Must approve plans to modify streams and wetlands that are waters of the U.S.
USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov		Provides technical expertise and financial support for conservation practices on working lands.
US Environmental Protection Agency http://www.epa.gov/region5/water/		Responsible for carrying out the Clean Water Act. This includes regulations of point sources as well as providing financial and technical support to voluntary watershed management.
United States Geological Survey http://in.water.usgs.gov/		Maintains streamflow data for nearly 180 sites on Indiana streams and rivers, water level data in wells and lakes, and water quality studies.
Indiana		
Indiana Department of Environmental Management - Office of Water Quality http://in.gov/idem/cleanwater/	Watershed Assessment and Planning Branch	Non-regulatory. Provides grants for local watershed groups to prevent/reduce nonpoint source pollution from entering surface waters (Section 319 program). Prepare the list of impaired waters for the State, and oversee development of TMDLs for impaired waters. Provide technical and outreach resources to local watershed groups; serve as liaison for local groups and other agencies.
	Hoosier Riverwatch Program	Train volunteers in water quality monitoring and stream habitat assessment techniques
	Wetlands, Lakes and Streams Regulatory Program	Provide certification for wetlands and stream projects. Investigate construction site erosion and permit MS4 communities.
http://in.gov/idem/cleanwater/2381.htm	Drinking Water	Source water protection and wellhead protection plans for public drinking water supplies. Guidance for private well owners.
Indiana Department of Environmental Management - Office of Land Quality http://www.in.gov/idem/4110.htm	Solid Waste Permits Section	Permits for confined feeding (livestock) operations
	Emergency Response Section	IDEM's Spill 24-Hour Emergency Hotline: 317/233-7745 local and out-of-state or toll-free at 888/233-7745 (in-state only). An On Scene Coordinator will respond to the spill site.
Indiana Department of Natural Resources http://www.in.gov/dnr/	Lake and River Enhancement Program	Provide funds and project guidance for LARE priority areas
	Division of Forestry – Watershed Conservation Forester	Educate, promote, and provide technical expertise on reforestation riparian areas. Forestry BMP monitoring.

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	Division of Nature Preserves	Manage state nature preserves, conduct rare, threatened, endangered species inventories.
	Lake Michigan Coastal Management Program	Assists with coastal management of Lake Michigan and provides grants
	Division of Water	Floodplain management/permits; assistance to local communities related to flood control and rural water supply; well-drilling/capping program; dam maintenance; hydrology issues; water rights issues; outstanding streams list
	Division of Fish and Wildlife	Invasive species tracking and control; permitting (riparian corridor, wetlands, fishing/collectors licenses, herbicide/pesticide, boating); LARE, Go FishIN programs; fisheries surveys and stocking program;
Indiana Geological Survey http://igs.indiana.edu/		Provide geologic and water resources information; IndianaMap .
Conservancy Districts http://aicd.info/		Formed by petition to address specific water-related issues in a particular geographic area
Indiana Association of Regional Planning Councils & Metropolitan Planning Organizations http://www.indianampo.com/		Indiana has 14 metropolitan planning organizations. Workgroups address topics relevant to watershed mgmt./
Indiana Office of the State Chemist and Seed Commissioner http://www.isco.purdue.edu/		Regulates the storage and distribution of fertilizer, and the distribution and application of pesticides in Indiana.
Indiana State Department of Agriculture http://www.in.gov/isda/	Soil & Water Conservation District Support	Support mission of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
	Conservation Implementation Teams	Design best management practices for producers in conjunction with NRCS.
Purdue Extension https://extension.purdue.edu	Indiana Watershed Leadership Program	Strengthen capacity for successful watershed management at local and state levels.
http://www.purdue.edu/watersheds	County-based Educators	Educators in each county provide education.
	Water Quality Program	Provide information on drinking water, farm and home environment, drainage issues
River Basin Commissions	Kankakee River Basin Commission	Created by the General Assembly; Housed at the Northwestern Indiana Regional Plan Commission.
http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title14/ar30/	Maumee River Basin Commission	Provides flood-related programs including planning, buy-out programs, resident/landowner information, and data collection.
	St. Joseph	Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, St. Joseph, Steuben County draining to St. Joe.
	Upper Wabash River Commission	Adams, Huntington, Jay, Wells County draining to Wabash.
	Ohio River Sanitary Commission (ORSANCO) http://www.orsanco.org/	Volunteer monitoring program, educational activities, pollution control standards, conducts special studies of River.

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Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission http://www.in.gov/wrhcc/		Promote Wabash River, recreational and economic value of the river. Develop signage and public access points. In the past, provided grant money for corridor projects.
County and Local		
County Health Departments	Each County has a Health Department	Responsible for permitting residential and commercial septic systems. May also be responsible for writing/reviewing county ordinances for septic systems.
County Soil and Water Conservation Districts www.in.gov/isda/2370.htm	Each county in Indiana has an SWCD	Promote soil and water conservation. Lead or partner on 319 watershed projects. Inform watershed groups of conservation practices and assist with getting them installed.
County Surveyors	Each county has a Surveyor's Office.	Responsible for maintaining the county drainage system. Generally must approve any permanent structure (including trees) within 75 feet of the legal drainage system.
Waste Water Treatment Plants http://www.epa.gov/enviro/html/pcs/pcs_query.html (Can sometimes take or process water samples for various parameters for little or no cost. Good source of in-kind match.
Drinking Water Treatment Plants		Source Water and Wellhead Protection programs may provide inventory information for locations within your watershed. May also be able to process water samples for little cost. Good source of in-kind match.