

Water Resource and Water Issues Upcoming Events—2011

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- **February 4, 2011**--Northern Indiana Grazing Conference. Michiana Event Center, 7605 N. SR 9, Howe, IN. 8:00-4:00pm. **Contact:** LaGrange County Soil and Water Conservation District. 260-463-3471, ext. 3. Dona.Hunter@IN.nacdnet.net.
- **March 1, 2011**—Steuben County SWCD 61st Annual Meeting. Multipurpose Room@Steuben County Community Center, 317 S. Wayne Street, Angola, IN. **Contact:** Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District, 260-665-3211, Ext. 3
- **March 8, 2011**—Indiana Conservation Partnership: Assisting in the Greening of Elkhart Agriculture. 3:30-5:30 pm, Mennonite Room, R-H Fairgrounds, Goshen, IN. **Contact:** Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District, 574-533-3630.
- **March 8, 2011**—Elkhart County SWCD 69th Annual Meeting. Martin Room, Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds, Goshen, IN. **Contact:** Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District, 574-533-3630.
- **March 14, 2011**--Friends of the St. Joe River Association Annual Meeting. Sturges-Young Auditorium, Sturgis, MI. The Friends is an organization of citizens and decision makers in the entire St. Joseph River Basin. They conduct annual cleanups on the St. Joseph River, support voluntary water testing initiatives, provide outreach for various agencies and grant activities. **Contact:** Friends of the St. Joe River Association. www.fotsjr.org for more information about the organization, and events.
- **March 15, 2011**--First Quarter St. Joseph River Basin Commission Meeting. 4230 Elkhart Road, Goshen--10:00am. **Contact:** Karen Mackowiak at St. Joseph River Basin Commission--574-287-1829. kmackowiak@macog.com.

- **March 15, 2011**—Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels Workshop. 6:30-8:30p, Willowdale Park Pavilion, Elkhart. **Contact:** Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership & Elkhart County SWCD. 574-533-3630, ext. 3, or eric.kurtz@in.nacdnet.net
- **March 22, 2011**—Transportation & Environmental Workshop; Focus on Water Quality and Flooding. 1:30-4:00pm, FREE, Campus Center Lincoln Room, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI. **Contact:** Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, 269-925-1137, ex.23, rahtza@swmpc.org
- **March 22-23, 2011**—Indiana Community Tree Steward Program. Optional workday on March 24, 2011. Designed for those interested in learning more about trees and giving back to their community forest. Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, 71 North 500 West, Valparaiso, IN 46385. **Contact:** Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, info@taltree.org. \$30.00 registration fee includes materials, light refreshments and lunch.
- **March 24, 2011**—Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels Workshop. 6:30-8:30p, Schrock Pavilion, Shanklin Park, Elkhart. **Contact:** Greater Elkhart County Stormwater Partnership & Elkhart County SWCD. 574-533-3630, ext. 3, or eric.kurtz@in.nacdnet.net
- **March 25-26, 2011**--Indiana Lakes Management Society Annual Conference. Pokagon State Park, Angola, IN. **Contact:** IndianaLakesManagementSociety@wildapricot.org
- **March 29, 2011**—Heston-Stock Ditch Watershed Steering Committee Meeting, 2:00pm. MACOG conference room. **Contact:** Karen Mackowiak, 574-287-1829 or kmackowiak@macog.com.
- **April 2, 2011**—Friends of the St. Joe River Assoc., Annual River Clean Up in St. Joseph County, IN. Contact: Mike Hay, Chapter Organizer for details.
- **April 7, 2011**—MS4 Stormwater and Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Seminar. City of Angola/Trine University, Witmer Clubhouse, Zollner Golf Course, Trine University, Angola, IN. **Contact:** Eric Henion, City of Angola, 260-624-2663, Ehenion@angolain.org.
- **April 9, 2011**— Hoosier RiverWatch Training for Water Quality Monitoring. "Basic" training course. Become certified. Introduces hands-on water

quality monitoring techniques using water chemistry monitoring kits and aquatic insect collection and identification. St. Patrick's Park, Brown Barn, 50651 Laurel Rd., South Bend, IN, St. Joseph County. \$3.00/person (drinks and snacks). Registration by April 1. . **Contact:** St. Joseph County Parks at 574-654-3155 or bendixwoods@sjcparks.org.

- **April 23, 2011**—Hoosier RiverWatch Training for Water Quality Monitoring. "Basic" training course. Become certified. Introduces hands-on water quality monitoring techniques using water chemistry monitoring kits and aquatic insect collection and identification. Gene Stratton Porter Historic Site, Rome City, IN. **Contact:** Haley Samuelson-Couchman at 260-854-3790 or hsamuelson-couchman@dnr.in.gov,
- **April 26, 2011**--Michiana Area Council of Governments Partners for Clean Air Luncheon. **Contact:** Zack Dripps at 574-287-1829. zdripps@macog.com
- **May 20, 2011**--11th Annual Indiana-Michigan St. Joseph River Basin Symposium, Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve. **Contact:** Karen Mackowiak at St. Joseph River Basin Commission--574-287-1829. kmackowiak@macog.com.
- **May 21, 2011**—Hoosier RiverWatch Training for Water Quality Monitoring. "Basic" training course. Become certified. Introduces hands-on water quality monitoring techniques using water chemistry monitoring kits and aquatic insect collection and identification. **Contact:** Krista Daniels at 574-875-7422 or Krista@elkhartcountyparks.org.
- **June 7, 2011**--2nd Quarter St. Joseph River Basin Commission Meeting. 4230 Elkhart Road, Goshen--10:00am. Presentation: *Army Corps of Engineers Updates and New Programs*. **Contact:** Karen Mackowiak at St. Joseph River Basin Commission--574-287-1829. kmackowiak@macog.com.
- **June 8, 2011**—Michiana Area Council of Governments Livable Communities Event and Bicycle Friendly Community Workshop. Christos in Plymouth, IN, 9 am - 4 pm. Contact: macogdir@macog.com or 574-287-1829 for more information and registration.
- **June 9, 2011**—Healthy Water-Healthy People/Project WET combo training for educators. Cobus Creek County Park, Elkhart County. **Contact:**

Krista Daniels at 574-875-7422 or Krista@elkhartcountyparks.org.

- **June 18, 2011—Annual Elkhart River Cleanup.** Begins at the Elkhart Environmental Center from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. **Contact:** Tim Cataldo at Tim.Cataldo@coei.org.
- **June 25, 2011—Annual Secchi-Dip-in.** For more information on this water analysis event, contact Bill Jones, at joneswi@indiana.edu or learn about the event at www.secchidipin.org
- **July 8, 2011—Elkhart Envirofest at Wellfield Botanical Gardens.** Elkhart, Indiana, 5:30-9:00 pm. **Contact:** Tim.Cataldo@coei.org.
- **July 16, 2011—Christiana Creek Cleanup.** This is the first activity for those interested in improving the condition of Christiana Creek. Join property owners, Paddlers and Kayakers and other Citizens of Elkhart for the first event sponsored by the Christiana Creek Coalition (CCC). Details pending—Cleanup to begin at Wellfield Garden. **Contact:** Don Stohler at donstohler@comcast.net or Daragh Deegan at Daragh.deegan@coei.org.
- **July 30, 2011--Hoosier RiverWatch Training for Water Quality Monitoring.** "Basic" training course. Become certified. Introduces hands-on water quality monitoring techniques using water chemistry monitoring kits and aquatic insect collection and identification. Cobus Creek County Park—10:30-5:30p. **Contact:** Nancy Brown at 574-5333630, ext. 3
- **August 3, 2011—Cover Crops 102 Workshop.** St. Joseph County Farm Bureau Meeting Room, 5605 US 31 S., South Bend, IN. This event is part of the St. Joseph County SWCD "Cover it Green" cover crop cost-share program and will be presented by Dave Robison, Agronomist and Cisco Seed Cover Crop Specialist. **Contact:** Andrew Fox, St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District—574-291-7444, ext. 3 or Andrew.fox@in.nacdnet.net.
- **August 9, 2011—Project WILD workshop.** Bonneyville Mill One-Room School, 8:30-4:30p. **Contact:** Nancy Brown at 574-533-3630, ext. 3
- **September 10, 2011--Hoosier RiverWatch Training for Water Quality Monitoring.** "Basic" training course. Become certified. Introduces hands-on

water quality monitoring techniques using water chemistry monitoring kits and aquatic insect collection and identification. Elkhart conservation Club—8:30-4:30p. **Contact:** Nancy Brown at 574-5333630, ext. 3

- **September 13, 2011--3rd Quarter St. Joseph River Basin Commission Meeting.** Elkhart County Administration Bldg. Rm. 106-108, 117 No. Second St., Goshen--10:00am. Presentation: Water Quality in the St. Joseph River Basin—IDEM's 5-year Cycle Report. **Contact:** Karen Mackowiak at St. Joseph River Basin Commission--574-287-1829. kmackowiak@macog.com.
- **September 17, 2011—St. Joseph River Cleanup.** Starts at Island Park, Elkhart, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. **Contact:** Tim.Cataldo@coei.org.
- **December 6, 2011--4th Quarter St. Joseph River Basin Commission Meeting.** 4230 Elkhart Road, Goshen--10:00am. **Contact:** Karen Mackowiak at St. Joseph River Basin Commission--574-287-1829. kmackowiak@macog.com.