

WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

The Big Shawnee Creek-Wabash River Watershed project is looking for volunteers and partners from all backgrounds.

Ways you can get involved:

Education and Outreach

- Staff an educational booth
- Spread the word to other groups
- Attend a field day or workshop
- Participate in a watershed clean up
- Attend public meetings

Monitoring

- Become a volunteer stream monitor
- Provide any available data, plans or reports relevant to the watershed
- Participate in float trips, clean up events and on-stream inventory events

Other Efforts

- Assist with watershed inventory efforts
- Help identify water quality project areas
- Help identify on-the-ground practices
- Host a workshop, field day, listening session or community event
- Identify implementation program needs

ARE YOU READY TO GET INVOLVED?

Email us today!
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THE BIG SHAWNEE CREEK-WABASH RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT

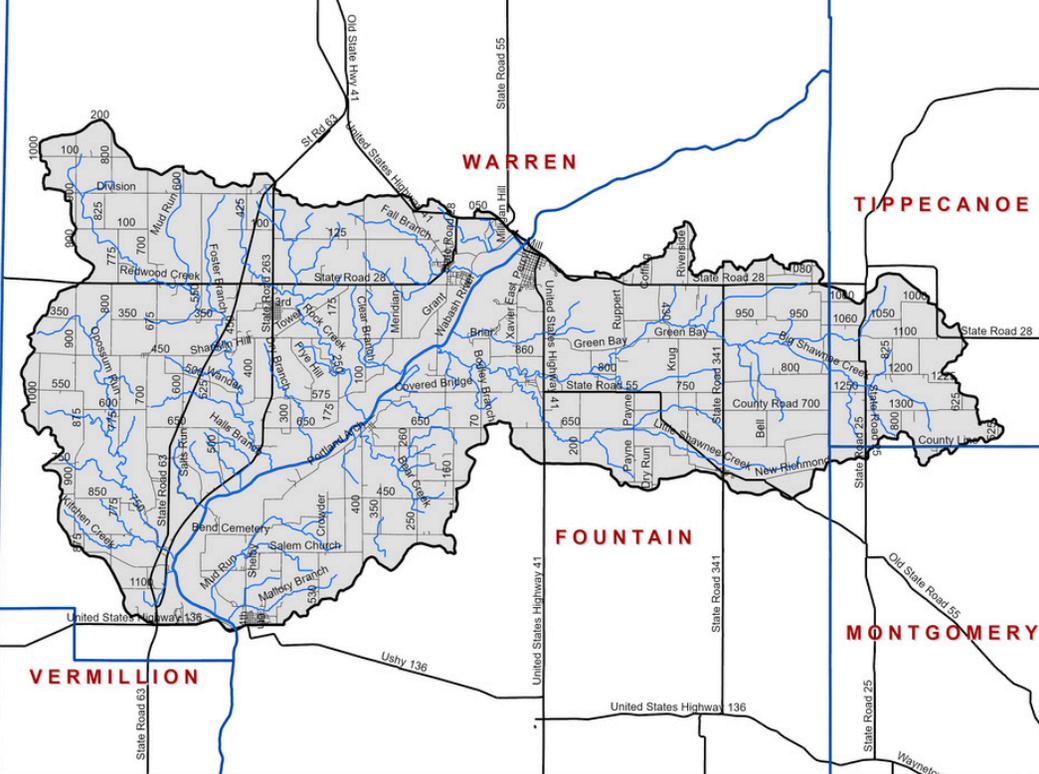
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PROJECT BENEFITS

- Flood Control
 - Provides designated areas for water to pool during large rain events
- Economic Impact
 - Increase property values
 - Recreation activities
 - Drive local businesses for things like canoe rentals and fishing equipment
- Water Filtration
 - Aides in cleaning stormwater while consuming less energy to do so
- Recreation
 - Many activities include fishing, kayaking, canoeing, and tubing on lakes and creeks
- Natural Drainage Keeps water flowing
 - Prevents erosion and backflow in urban areas
- Habitat
 - Provides natural habitat for both plants and animals, drawing wildlife to the area.
- *Among others*

WHAT IS A WATERSHED?

A watershed is the land area that drains to a common point, such as a location on a river. All of the water that falls on a watershed will move across the landscape collecting in low spots and drainageways until it moves into the waterbody of choice. A healthy watershed is vital for a healthy river, and a healthy river can enhance the community and help maintain a healthy local economy.

WHERE IS THE WATERSHED?

The Big Shawnee Creek-Wabash River Watershed is located in west-central Indiana and encompasses the land area that drains into Big Shawnee Creek and its tributaries before entering the Wabash River. Water within this watershed generally flows southward and westward toward the Wabash River. The headwaters of Big Shawnee Creek originate in northern Fountain and Warren Counties and are fed by numerous smaller streams, agricultural drainageways, and tributaries. As Big Shawnee Creek flows south through Fountain County, it collects runoff from surrounding rural and agricultural landscapes before joining the Wabash River near the Fountain-Tippecanoe County line. From there, waters continue downstream within the Wabash River system, ultimately flowing south toward the Ohio River.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS

- Fountain SWCD/NRCS
- Fountain County Commissioners
- Purdue Extensions of - Fountain, Warren, and Tippecanoe Counties
- Fountain County Council
- Fountain County Health Dept
- City of Attica
- City of Covington
- Town of Williamsport
- Town of West Lebanon
- Warren County Commissioners
- Warren County Community Foundation
- Western Indiana Community Foundation
- Warren County Health Dept
- Warren County SWCD/NRCS
- Tippecanoe County SWCD/NRCS
- Tippecanoe surveyors office
- Montgomery SWCD/NRCS
- Western Indiana Community Foundation
- Wabash River Enhancement Corporation
- ISDA
- RITA
- The Nature Conservancy
- Keystone Cooperative
- Nutrien
- NICHES Land Trust
- Pence Ag Group

CONSERVATION IS VALUABLE

The goals of this project are integral not only to the beautification of the watershed, but also the health and wellbeing of many communities. Through these efforts, we hope to also make change through agricultural, economic, and cultural efforts.

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