

# WHITEWATER RIVER WATERSHED NEWSLETTER

## Whitewater River Watershed Project Update



The steering committee and staff have worked very hard for over a year now on gathering and collecting data about the watershed. The Whitewater River Watershed is a very unique and diverse area in Indiana and Ohio. It is the home of many endangered species and needs to be protected. The river itself is a wonderful asset to the area known for its fishing and recreational uses, like canoeing. One of the most important reasons that people should care about the water quality in the Whitewater River Watershed is the large aquifer that is underground which supplies drinking water to a huge amount of people in many surrounding counties.

The watershed staff and steering committee have been working on developing a Management Plan specifically for the Whitewater River Watershed area. The Management Plan includes all of the data which was collected along with water quality goals, an action plan of reaching the goals, and identified priority areas to focus on improving and protecting the water quality. When the Management Plan is completed, it will be a wonderful resource and reference document for everyone in the watershed. The watershed group plans on using the Management Plan document in the future to secure funding for a cost-share program and to continue its educational efforts. The cost-share program would provide funds to help landowners in the watershed install best management practices on their property to help improve and protect the water quality.



**Check out how long it takes for trash to decompose. Join us for River Sweep Clean-up to help clean up the Whitewater River**

(See details on back)





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# 2015 River Sweep Trash Clean-up

Saturday, June 20th 9am to 12:30 pm

Morgan's Brookville Canoe Center.

7040 Whitewater River Lane, Brookville, IN

Come join us and help clean up the Whitewater River during the annual River Sweep, which is a clean-up effort that stretches from Pennsylvania to Illinois. Trash bags, gloves, and water will be provided. All participants will receive a FREE 2015 River Sweep T-shirt. Registration forms are available on our website at [www.dearborncountywatersheds.org](http://www.dearborncountywatersheds.org) under Upcoming Events or at Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation Office - 10165 Oxford Pike Brookville, IN. Please send in your registration forms early to secure your t-shirt and supplies. To register or for more information, please email [heather.wirth@in.nacdnet.net](mailto:heather.wirth@in.nacdnet.net) or call 812-926-2406 x107 or drop the forms off at the Franklin SWCD office.



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