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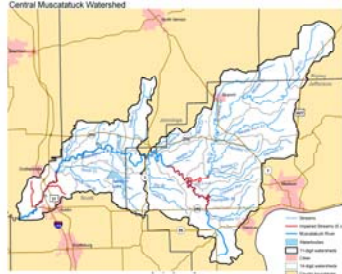
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Central Muscatatuck Watershed Enters a New Phase



(Versailles, Indiana) Central Muscatatuck Watershed (CMW) project is a regional initiative in southeastern Indiana working to improve water quality by implementing best management practices within the five county area of Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ripley, and Scott Counties that fall within the Central Muscatatuck Watershed.

The CMW project has recently entered a new phase. The initial two year phase has yielded a new grant from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), which will fund entry into the implementation phase. A total of \$507,000 was awarded to Historic Hoosier Hills Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) in Ripley County to fund this project.

In September, Steve Franklin was hired as the Conservation Technician for the CMW. Franklin will take on the task of overseeing implementation of the CMW Management Plan. Launched on August 27, 2009, the plan contains key actions, recommendations and objectives that will help protect source water within the Central Muscatatuck Watershed. Also in September, Casie Auxier was hired as the new CMW Educator. Auxier main objectives will be the continuation of the volunteer water monitoring program, stream and lake clean-ups, and educating the public on protecting the CMW.



Pictured above, Casie Auxier & Steve Franklin new employees for the CMW Project.

Steve Franklin and wife Ashley and their two children, reside in Ripley County in Versailles. Casie Auxier resides in Jefferson County near Canaan.

For more information on the Central Muscatatuck Watershed and how communities can get involved, contact Casie or Steve at (812) 689-6410 extension 5, or email casie.auxier@in.usda.gov or steve.franklin@in.nacdnet.net. Information is also available at www.hhhills.org/CentralMuscatatuck.html.

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