



### Our Mission

To provide information about soil, water and related natural resource conservation; identify and prioritize local soil and water resource concerns; and connect land users to sources of education, technical and financial assistance to implement conservation practices and technologies.

Hancock County  
Soil and Water Conservation District  
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- MS4 and the United States - Under the 1987 Clean Water Act Amendments, the U.S. EPA developed new regulations to address storm water that might impact water quality. These new "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System" (MS4) regulations were set up in two Phases dependent upon population and are enforced by the U.S. EPA, and more specifically in Indiana, through the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).
- The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Program regulates stormwater discharges from three potential sources: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s), construction activities, and industrial activities. Most stormwater discharges are considered point sources, and operators of these sources may be required to receive an NPDES permit before they can discharge. This permitting mechanism is designed to prevent stormwater runoff from washing harmful pollutants into local surface waters such as streams, rivers, lakes or coastal waters.

### **Hancock County MS4s and Partnerships**

Town of McCordsville  
Hancock County  
Town of New Palestine  
Town of Cumberland  
Town of Fortville  
City of Greenfield  
Solid Waste Management District  
Soil and Water Conservation District

### **Hancock County SWCD -Illicit Discharge:**

*Report Illicit Discharges - Prevent water pollution.*

*Call the SWCD Water Pollution Helpline at 317-462-2283 Ext 3 to report an illicit discharge or any type of water pollution in our streams or stormwater inlets.*

*In case of emergencies, call 911.*

In the event of a report of Illicit Discharge the following will be completed and forwarded on to the appropriate MS4 area and/or IDEM Specialist via email and phone call.

**What information should be reported when calling in an illicit discharge to the SWCD Water Pollution Hotline?**

What time did you see the discharge? \_\_\_\_\_

It is important that illicit discharges are reported immediately so the person(s) responsible can be found and the discharge can be cleaned up and corrected as soon as possible. We want to respond as quickly as possible to prevent pollution to our environment.

Where did you see the discharge? \_\_\_\_\_

MS4 Area \_\_\_\_\_

Watershed Location \_\_\_\_\_ TMDL – Sugar Creek or Fall Creek

Please give us an address, intersection, business name, or landmark to help us quickly find the illicit discharge.

What do you think the discharge is? \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know if you think it was a paint spill, oil spill, sewer leak, or another type of illicit discharge.

Was there a business involved? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us the name of the business involved to help us eliminate the discharge as quickly as possible and provide enforcement action when needed.

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The **Sugar Creek Watershed** is located in eastern Indiana, draining approximately 170 square miles in Hancock, Henry, Johnson, Madison and Shelby counties. Major streams included in the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report are Sugar Creek, Barrett Ditch, Smith-Johnson Ditch, Broad Ripple Camp, Cutsinger Ditch, Gibson Ditch and Herriotts Creek.

### **History**

A comprehensive survey of the Sugar Creek Watershed was conducted by Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) from July 2002 to October 2002. The primary cause of impairment is Escherichia coli bacteria (E. coli). Pollution sources in the watershed include nonpoint sources from agriculture and pastures, land application of manure and urban and rural run-off, as well as point sources from straight pipe discharges; home sewage treatment system disposal and combined sewer overflow outlets. TMDLs for the Sugar Creek Watershed are established for E. coli. Some of the recommended solutions to address the impairments include storm water controls, point source controls, manure management and habitat improvements. The SWCD completed a Watershed Management Plan and is continuing to seek 319 funds for an Implementation Grant to address these issues.

The **Fall Creek Watershed** is located in central Indiana, draining approximately 41.5 square miles in Marion County with a small portion in Hancock County. Major streams included in the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report are Fall Creek, Devon Creek, Lawrence Creek and Mud Creek.

### **History**

A comprehensive survey of the Fall Creek watershed was conducted by City of Indianapolis, Marion County Health Department and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) between January 2000 and December 2001. The primary cause of impairment is Escherichia coli bacteria (E. coli). Pollution sources in the watershed include nonpoint sources from agriculture and pastures, urban and rural runoff, and land application of manure, as well as point sources from straight pipe discharges, home sewage treatment system disposal and combined sewer overflow outlets. TMDLs for the Fall Creek Watershed are established for E. coli... Some of the recommended solutions to address the impairments include storm water controls, point source controls, manure management and habitat improvements. The Marion County SWCD completed a Watershed Management Plan and is continuing to seek 319 funds for an Implementation Grant to address these issues. Clean Water Indiana Grant Funds awarded to the Fall Creek Watershed Partnership is utilizing cost-share to address Urban Conservation Practices for Water Quality.

### **Hancock County MS4s Contact Information**

Town of McCordsville - 317-335-3151  
Hancock County – 317-477-1150  
Town of New Palestine - 317-861-4727  
Town of Cumberland – 317-894-6203  
Town of Fortville – 317-485-4044 Ext 103  
City of Greenfield -317-325-1327

### **IDEM Contact Information**

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