



Watershed Connection

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Watershed Update

This phase of the Section 319 Grant comes to a close as of March 31, 2009. The final Indian Creek Watershed Management Plan (WMP) has been submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and a Final Report will be submitted upon the disbursement of all the Youngs Creek cost-share funds.

Thank you to all our Steering Committee members who spent the past 27 months discussing the future of the Indian Creek Watershed and goals to improve water quality for its residents. Special thanks go out to Steve Cravens, Bob Atnip, Terry Fenimore, Jennifer Sobecki, Norman Voyles, and chairman Pat Clark. A special thank you to Painted Hills for the free use of their clubhouse for our meetings during this time. Thank you for all your input and hard work.

To carry the work of this project forward, Steve Cravens, Terry Fenimore and Norman Voyles have agreed to continue looking for additional funding and address the goals and objectives outlined in the WMP. Good luck to them. We hope they have many willing volunteers step up to be good stewards of the Indian Creek Watershed.

Cost-share Update

As the Youngs Creek Grant comes to a close at the end of March, we still have several projects underway throughout the watershed. All money in the cost-share program has been allocated at this time. We have applied for and received an extension for the cost-share portion of the grant to get these projects completed. The flood of 2008 and the harsh winter led to the need to for the extension, as these events hindered the construction season. If you still have conservation projects in mind please contact the district to explore other funding options that may be available, and as always technical assistance is offered free of charge. Thank you to all the participants of the Youngs Creek cost-share program.

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Watershed Projects Present Awards at Annual Meeting

Community Service Award



The 2008 Community Service Award was presented to John and Kathy Harrell of Trafalgar for their support and sponsorship in hosting the Area Soils Judging Contest in October 2007 and for their continued support for many of the watershed project's educational programs.

Pictured here are (L-R) David Harrell, Debra Ashack, Kathy Harrell, John Harrell

Environmental Awareness Award

The 2008 Environmental Awareness Award was presented to the Franklin Parks Department for bringing awareness to the importance of riparian buffers by their installation of riparian buffer trees in the parks throughout Franklin.

Informational signs were also posted to educate the public on the function and importance of such buffers.

The Parks Department continues to work on additional conservation projects in Franklin. Please watch future issues for more information.

Pictured here receiving the award is Chip Orner of Franklin Parks department and Debra Ashack.

