



City of Goshen

STORMWATER TOOLBOX

**Public Works & Utilities
Department of Stormwater**

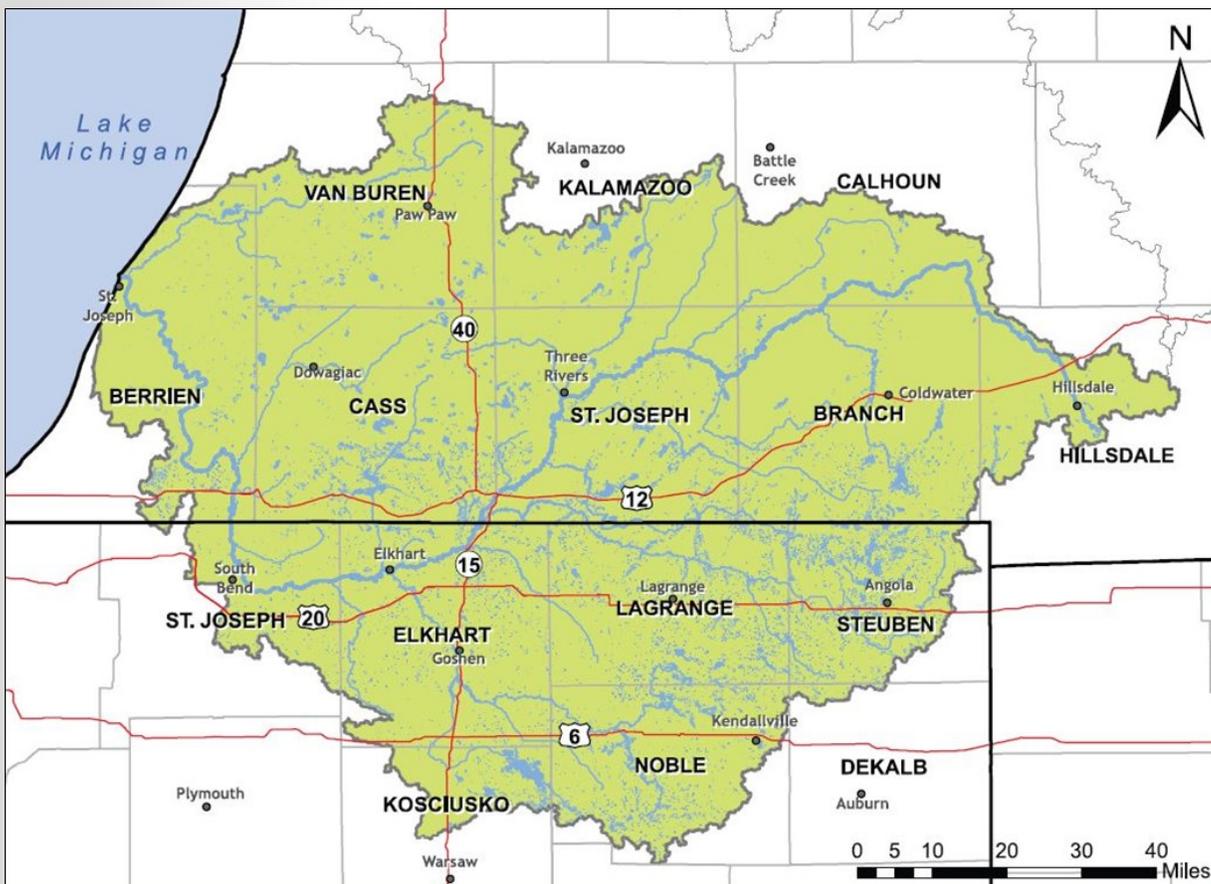
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bit.ly/goshen-stormwater

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Stormwater Survey 2018

The Goshen Stormwater Department would appreciate your help in improving our stormwater education program for 2018. A Stormwater Survey is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/9BFCTZN and it would be beneficial if all City employees would take the survey by April 13. This is not a quiz but you might just learn something new. Thank you for your participation and help in making Goshen's Stormwater program stronger. There is also a place in the Survey where you can leave additional feedback for the Stormwater Department to consider.






We all live in the St. Joseph River Watershed, which drains to Lake Michigan. A watershed is an area of land that drains runoff to a common body of water.

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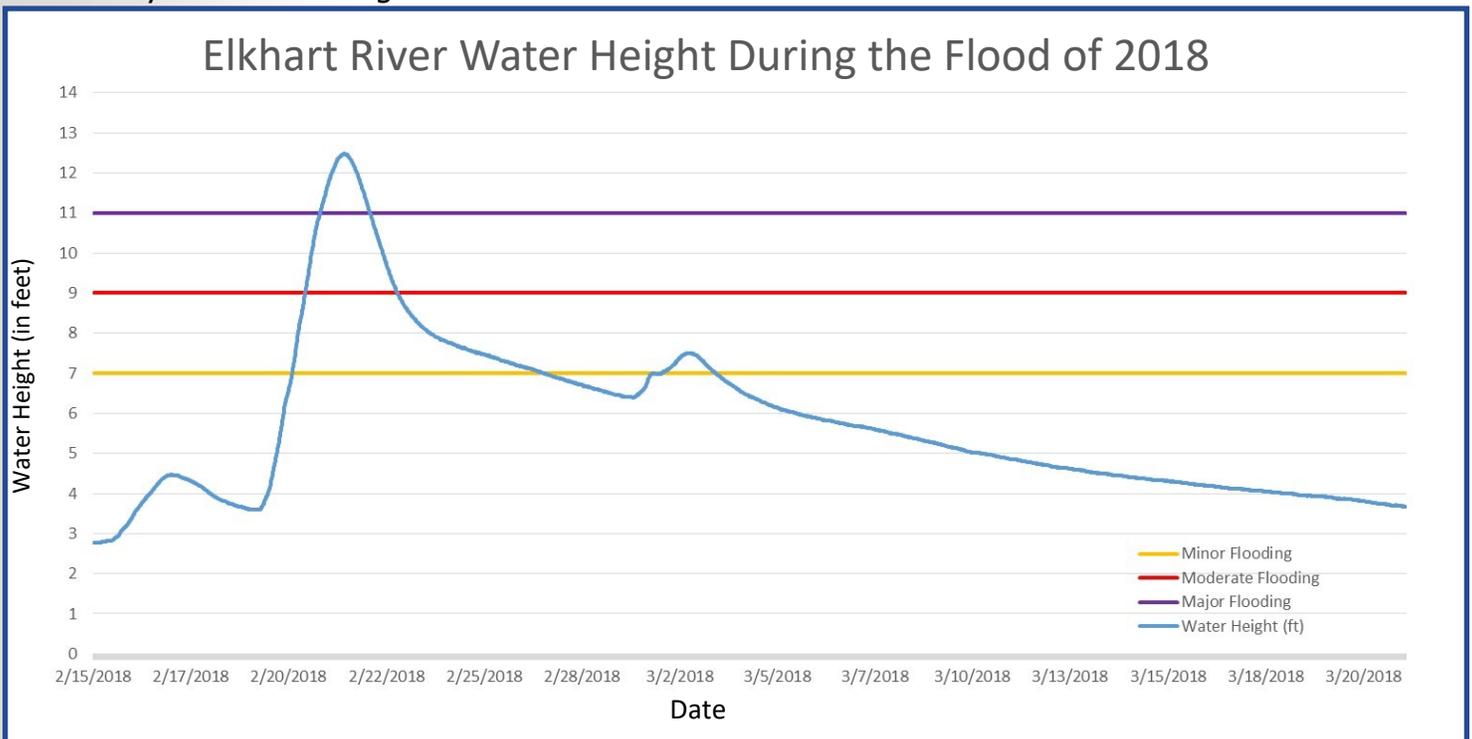
A DROP OF NEWS

Your Stormwater Newsletter

The Historic Flood of 2018

The worst flood in the recorded history of the City of Goshen is now just a few weeks behind us and the flood waters have receded leaving behind debris and damage our community will be recovering from for months to come. Other communities in our area were also hit by this historic flood and some are still dealing with high water. In the picture below (called a hydrograph), you can see how the water in the Elkhart River quickly rose over a 48 hour period from February 20 to 21 and is only now approaching a more normal water height nearly a month later.

One reason floods can be so devastating is because of how quickly stormwater runoff flows off of hard surface areas (roofs, driveways, roads), into the storm sewer, and out to a waterway creating a "wave" of water that has to flow downstream. As we continue to recover from the flood, think on how you can use nature around your home or business to reduce the impact of stormwater runoff by slowing it down, spreading it out, and soaking it in. For example, install a rain barrel, a rain garden, or permeable pavement. By working together, we can reduce the impacts future heavy rain events have on our community and those living downstream of us.



The above information comes from the USGS river gage at the Indiana Avenue Bridge over the Elkhart River. For current water height information on the Elkhart River go to this web link: bit.ly/ElkhartRiverHydrograph.

Report an Illicit Discharge

An illicit discharge is anything other than rain that could flow or be washed into a storm drain. If you see something that doesn't look right please call 574-534-2201, send an email to jasonkauffman@goshencity.com, or submit a Stormwater Report through the City of Goshen's new "Report an Issue" button in the upper corner of the City's website (www.goshenindiana.org).

