



City of Goshen

STORMWATER TOOLBOX

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America the Beautiful

On July 1st, House Bill 1266 went into effect and it is the first new state stormwater regulation since August 2003. However, additional and more stringent stormwater regulations are coming to Indiana in the near future. Putting aside the upcoming changes to stormwater regulations, the real question being asked here is, "why do we do what we do?" Stormwater regulations may be frustrating and may seem like a nuisance, but there is a reason behind them: Clean Water for Everyone.

The next time you are working outside and you see a piece of trash, pick it up. The next time you are mowing grass, sweep or blow the grass clippings off of the street and back into the yard. The next time you are working in the soil and it ends up on the sidewalk or street, sweep it up. The next time you are changing the oil in your vehicle, keep it from dripping on to the ground and dispose of it properly. The next time you are walking your pet, clean up after it. Remember the stormwater rule of thumb, "Only Rain Down the Drain".

By taking these steps, each of us contributes to keeping America the Beautiful, beautiful.



Fireworks are used for celebrations and are beautiful to watch when the skies are dark. But what we don't see is the debris falling from the sky after the flashes have faded and the smoke has blown away. This debris will fall on the ground, the street, and in waterways or be washed to a waterway the next time it rains.

Enjoy each and every celebration and then help keep your community clean by picking up, sweeping up, and disposing of firework debris promptly and properly.

To learn more about the impact of fireworks on the environment, check out the following article at bit.ly/Fireworks-Stormwater.

Beauty and the Beast

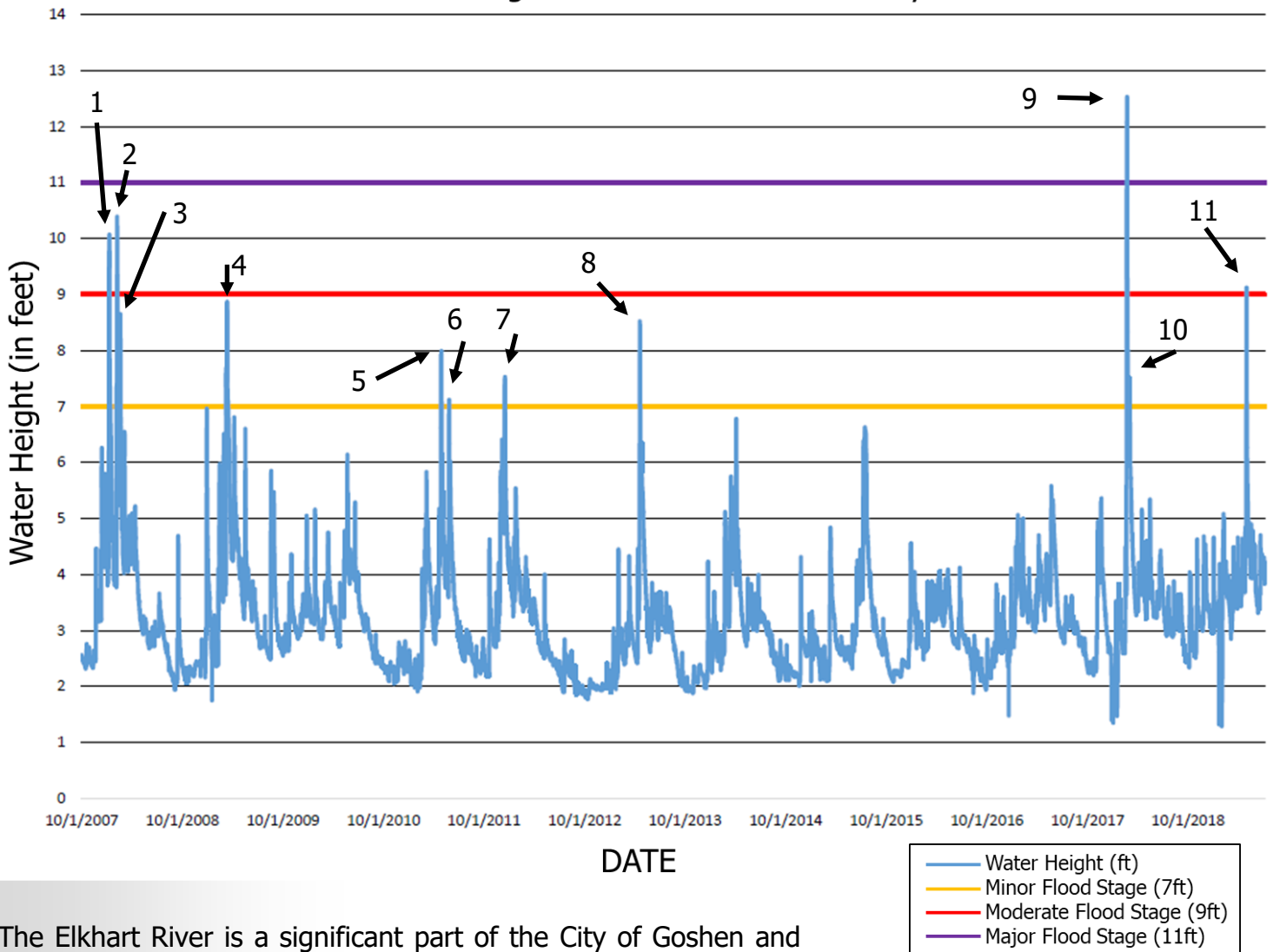




A DROP OF NEWS

Your Stormwater Newsletter

Elkhart River Water Height from October 2007 to July 2019



The Elkhart River is a significant part of the City of Goshen and the surrounding area as water flows through it from one end of the watershed to the other (Lake Michigan). Most of the time the river flows quietly through our community; but, occasionally, it overflows its banks and flooding occurs. Over the past 11 years, the Elkhart River has reached minor flood stage 11 times, as you can see in the graph above and the information to the right. If you want to know more about the potential flooding risks for your property, check out the free, online tool called **My RainReady** created by the Center for Neighborhood Technology. Answer some questions and receive some guidance on what can be done to prevent flooding at your home.

<https://myrainready.cnt.org/>

Flood Crests for the Elkhart River

- 1 - January 9, 2008—10.07 ft
- 2 - February 6, 2008—10.39 ft
- 3 - February 18, 2008—8.65 ft
- 4 - March 12, 2009—8.87 ft
- 5 - April 29, 2011—7.99 ft
- 6 - May 27, 2011—7.12 ft
- 7 - December 16, 2011—7.53 ft
- 8 - April 19, 2013—8.52 ft
- 9 - February 21, 2018—12.53 ft**
- 10 - March 2, 2018—7.51 ft
- 11 - May 1, 2019—9.12 ft