

A Drop of News

The Maple City Stormwater Toolbox

April 2021

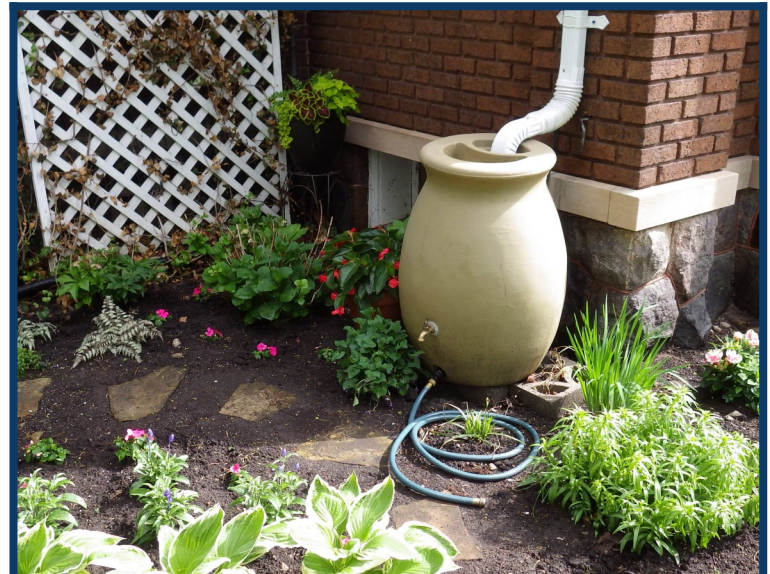
Summer Stormwater Education!



This summer the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is offering or sponsoring a number of chances to get outside and increase your place-based knowledge!

Indiana Master Naturalists — Over the course of eight evening workshops at locations throughout Elkhart County and the surrounding region, learn about land management, soils, wildlife, plants, water resources and much much more.

Hoosier Riverwatch Basic Training — Learn water quality monitoring methods and become a citizen scientist through this training with Krista Daniels of the Elkhart County Parks Department.

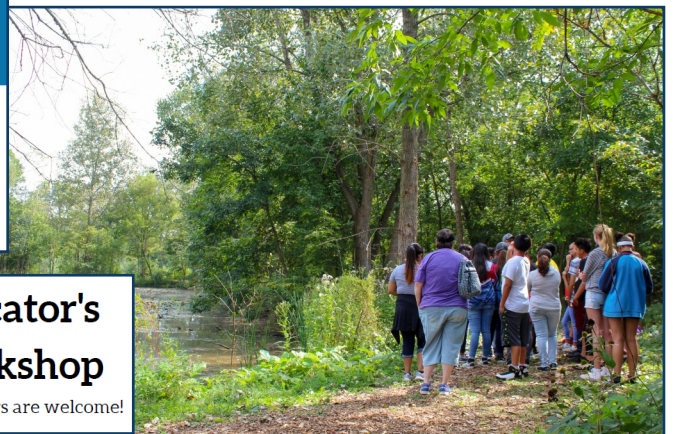
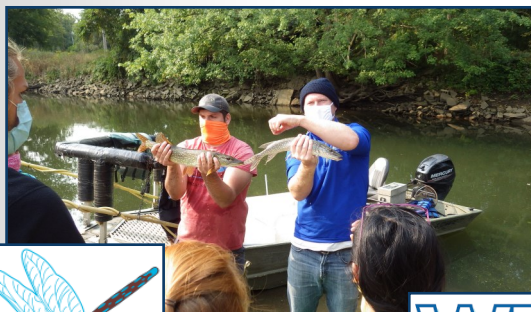


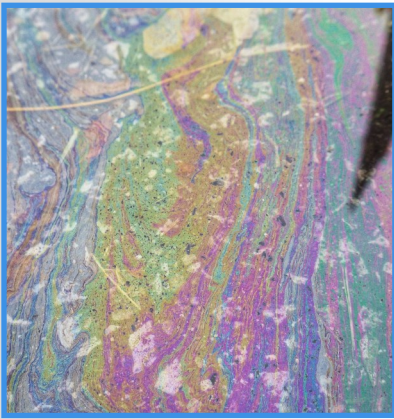
Learn how rain barrels and rain gardens can capture and infiltrate stormwater in your own yard!

Wet and Wild — Are you a science educator? Participate in this special training for K-12 educators on wildlife conservation and water quality so you can bring the outdoors to your classroom this year.

Rain Garden & Rain Barrel Workshop — Learn about stormwater management for your home by participating in one of these upcoming workshops. Bonus! This training is a qualifying event for the rain garden & rain barrel incentive program!

Check out the SWCD webpage (<https://www.elkcoswcd.org/events/>) or Facebook page for more information about sign-ups and offerings. These are workshops and classes sponsored or conducted by the SWCD on a semi-regular basis, so if you miss out this time around, keep an eye out for future programming!





April Pollutant Challenge

Will you help keep oil out of our waterways?

Why are automotive fluids like oil a problem?

Petroleum-based automotive fluids, like oil and gasoline, are toxic to plants, wildlife, and people. Spills and leaky vehicles that leave spots on pavement endanger our waterways as they are easily washed into nearby storm drains and often travel, untreated, directly into our waterways. Automotive fluids are not biodegradable and have properties that make them stick to plants and animals. Once these fluids enter a waterway, they will stick around for years to come!



Automotive fluid spills can be picked up by stormwater and carried to our local waterways.

What can I do?

Vehicle maintenance! Spring is a great time of year to check your vehicle for leaks and drips. Prevention is always the best option!

If you notice your vehicle has already sprung a leak, get the issue fixed as soon as possible and use oil dry, kitty litter, or some other absorbent material to dry up spills. After absorbing, these materials should be safe to dispose of in the trash.

Have you seen a public parking area with oily sheens? What about a storm drain with odd residues? You can also help prevent oil and other automotive fluids from entering our waterways by reporting spills or illegal dumping to the Stormwater Department. See the dashed box below for more information on how to report a pollutant.

Report a Pollutant

Stormwater pollutants include anything other than rain that could flow or be washed into a storm drain. If you see a pollutant entering a storm drain, please call 574-534-2201, send an email to stormwater@goshencity.com, or submit a Stormwater Report through the City's "Report an Issue" button on the City of Goshen website, www.goshenindiana.org.

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