

# A Drop of News

## The Maple City Stormwater Toolbox

February 2022

### Carl Stokes — Clean Water Hero



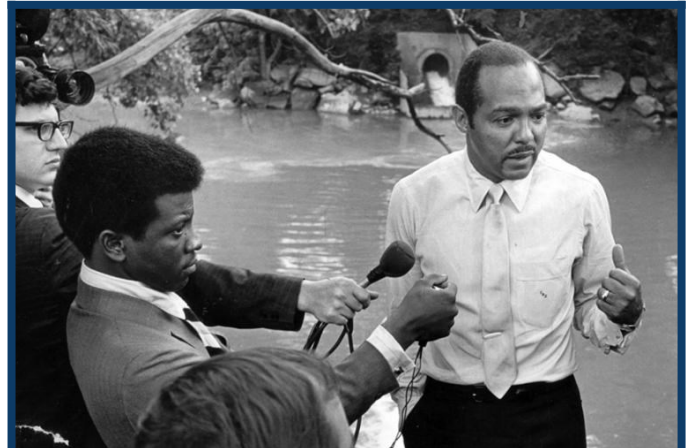
In 1969, the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland, Ohio, caught fire, again. Fueled by spilled diesel and other pollutants on the surface of the water, the blaze caused property damage in Cleveland's river corridor and public outcry pushed the national conversation forward on clean water protections.

Cleveland's mayor, **Carl B. Stokes**, the first Black mayor of a major U.S. City, is credited with helping leverage the fire into action that culminated in the passage of the U.S. Clean Water Act—legislation that underpins stormwater and other clean water programming throughout the Country. Stokes also

framed the event as not just an environmental issue, but as an illustration of the inequities faced disproportionately by minority and low income residents. Stokes' concerns anticipated the modern environmental justice movement.

As we celebrate Black History Month this February, Carl Stokes' story serves as an example of the important contributions made by African Americans to the movement for clean water. Read more about Stokes at:

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/carl-stokes-and-the-river-fire.htm>



*Mayor Carl Stokes at press conference about the fire.  
Photo credit: City of Cleveland*

### Storm Drain Art Project



*Drain art by Rachel Weaver for the 2019 drain art project.*

Goshen's 2022 Storm Drain Art project is underway! Email your drain art design and other submission materials to [stormwater@goshencity.com](mailto:stormwater@goshencity.com). Full details can be found at <https://goshenindiana.org/storm-drain-art>.





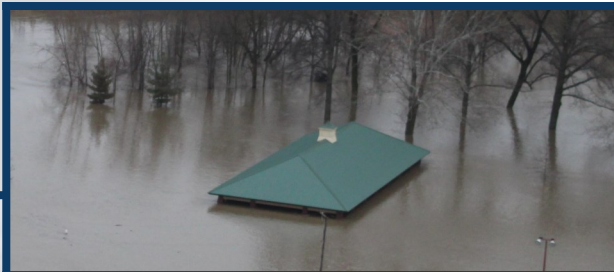
# Flood Resilience Toolbox

## 2018 Flood Anniversary and Flood Resilience

On February 21, 2018, the Elkhart River crested at 12.53 feet—the largest recorded flood in Goshen’s history. This month marks four years from that event and a number of initiatives undertaken in the flood’s aftermath are now coming to fruition.

With a changing climate, flood events are becoming more frequent. When, not if, the next event occurs, the City will be better prepared thanks to flood resilience planning efforts. Check out these efforts at: [goshenindiana.org/flood-zone](http://goshenindiana.org/flood-zone)

### Selection of photos taken 2/21/2018



*Rogers Park Pavilion underwater*



*Linway Plaza and Kroger area businesses with water to their building*



*Creekside Manor took on water from Rock Run Creek*



*Water surrounding Shanklin Community Pool*

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.goshenindiana.org).

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