

A Drop of News

The Maple City Stormwater Toolbox

April 2022

Thinking About Summer!



The Stormwater Department is excited to announce Goshen Water Fest coming to Mill Street Park in June. The event is a celebration of clean water efforts throughout Goshen. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act—the legislation underpinning the existence of our stormwater programming here in Goshen.

The event will feature the unveiling of the 2022 storm drain mural art project where we will recognize the artists and area sponsors who participated in the project. Attendees can also engage in a clean-up of Rock Run Creek or one of many activities put on by our partnering organizations!

Mark your calendars and we'll see you there!

Saturday, June 11
10am-2pm

Goshen Water Fest

Walk/Bike Event!!

For more parking and walking route ideas to Mill Street Park, check out the event map on the City webpage:

goshenindiana.org/water-fest

Featuring...

Storm Drain Mural Art Project
Unveiling

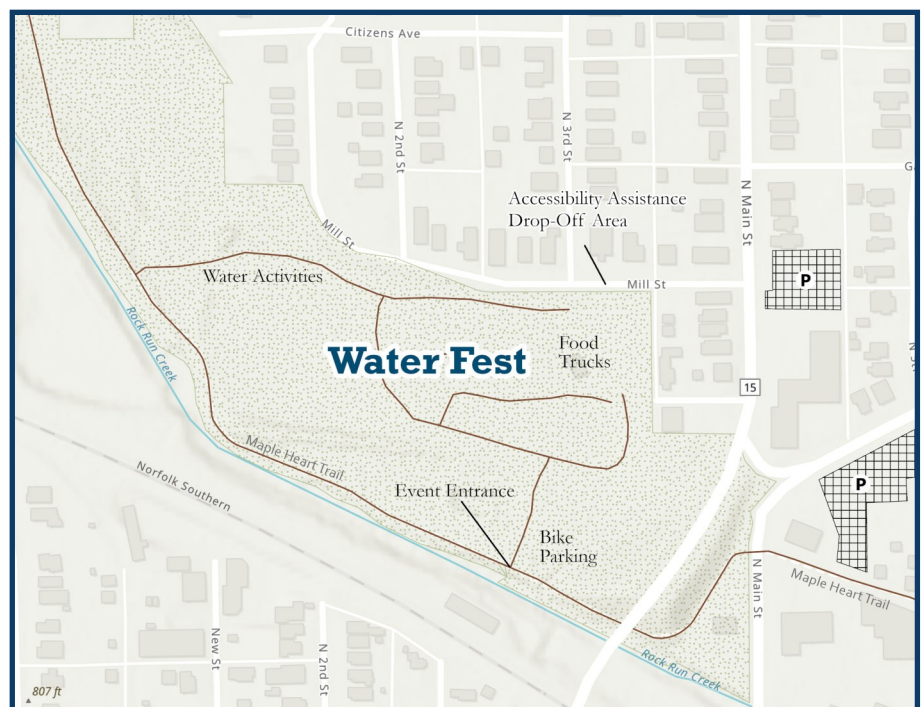
Rock Run Creek Trash Clean-up

Reptiles, Amphibians, and
Macroinvertebrates

Kids Activities

Information On Your Water
Utilities

And More!!





Historic 1892 Flood in Goshen



View looking southwest from downtown. Businesses here reported flood damages.

May 6, 1892—three days after what newspapers describe as the event's river height crest. Note the water level in relation to landmarks still standing today.

Understanding our flood history helps the City plan for our future by strengthening risk assessment and shedding light on how land use changes can impact flooding.

For more on the flood and how it compares to other historic floods in Goshen, check out our story map: arcg.is/aznu1

In early May of 1892, heavy rainfall in the region caused the Elkhart River to begin rising. It kept rising and crested at what evidence suggests was likely a historic high for the City (greater than 2018), but we do not have river gauge information to confirm with absolute certainty.

What we do know about the flood we have gained from research by the Goshen Historical Society using photo evidence and newspaper clippings.

These historic images are thought to have been taken by William Parfitt from the County Courthouse clock tower on



Champion House

View looking west from downtown. The hill in the background is where Indiana Ave runs today.

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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