

# A Drop of News

## The Maple City Stormwater Toolbox

March 2023

### Flood Awareness and Lower Elkhart River Project



The Flood Awareness and Lower Elkhart River Project Public Meeting was held at the Schrock Pavilion in Shanklin Park on Thursday, March 16th. The drop-in event discussed aspects of Goshen's Flood Resilience Plan where questions from attendees about water conservation and management were addressed by the various departments represented. Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley, Head of the Department of Environmental Resiliency, (shown below) gave a short presentation on why it's important to have preparation in a community with a high frequency of flooding events that impact all of us.

Jason Kauffman, Stormwater Coordinator, also gave a short presentation on projects the City has completed to mitigate flooding and drainage issues and informational websites to promote awareness among the citizens. Mayor Jeremy Stutzman, Dustin Sailor, Director of Public Works, Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley, and Jason Kauffman, provided answers to questions asked by those in attendance. This was the second flood awareness meeting that has been held in Goshen, with plans for future meetings to take place allowing for citizens to interact directly with City staff and elected officials, and partner organizations to continue to improve our community's flood preparedness and safety.



Mayor Jeremy Stutzman and Interpreter Miguel Cabrera



More information about topics covered in the meeting can be found on the following websites:

- <https://goshenindiana.org/flood-zone>
- <https://goshenhistorical.org/>
- <https://www.elkcoswcd.org/>
- <https://elkharteriver.org/>
- <https://www.sjrbc.com/>
- <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis>





# March 22 is World Water Day 2023



## The 2023 Water Conference

### What is World Water Day?

People from the world, national governments, and stakeholders from all levels of society will come together on March 22 to address and bring attention to the increasing water and sanitation issues around the globe. The main goal of this World Water day is to compile a Water Action Agenda that will address what clear commitments and actions are needed across all sectors, industries, and interests, to deliver action plans by the year 2030 to be replicated and scaled for years to come.

Learn more at: <https://www.worldwaterday.org/>

### What can you do to help reduce stormwater pollution?



Water discolored by dumped grease.

- Recycle and make sure all trash is in proper containers and not allowed to get into the storm drains.
- Wash your car in a grassy area, not in a driveway.
- Mow your grass and leaves on mulch for added natural fertilizer on your yard.
- Plant a rain garden to help capture pollutants before they get into our water ways.
- Check vehicles and equipment for leaks before and after every use.
- DO NOT throw cigarette butts into the street. The plastic in the filter does not break down and remains for years.
- DO NOT dump grease or cooking oil down the drain. Dispose of in coffee grounds and throw away or put into a container
- Pitch in! Don't walk past litter—Pick it up and dispose of it properly.

### 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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