

Conservancy District Waterlines Express

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Hello Indiana Conservancy Districts,

We have great news. This year, we've transformed the Project Development Section into the new Watershed Stewardship Section, with a special focus on working more closely with conservancy districts like you. We're here to help you succeed.

We are ready to support you with:

- Reviewing watershed and district plans
- Finding GIS and water data
- Understanding conservancy district law and the formation process
- Project consultation and review
- Grant application assistance
- Navigating permits
- And much more

Let us introduce the team:

- Kristi Johnson serves as the Watershed Stewardship Section manager
- Angie Plank serves east Indiana
- Bella Foster serves west Indiana

(The map below shows who will be your main contact. Not sure who to contact? Call any of us, and we'll point you in the right direction.)

We're launching this newsletter to strengthen our connection with you and to keep you in the loop about valuable opportunities like grants, trainings, and new resources. Plus, we're building a dedicated webpage just for conservancy districts.

Here are some general reminders of when conservancy districts may need to be involved with the DNR Watershed Stewardship Section. Please read the [Indiana Conservancy Act](#) (14-33), Natural Resources Commission Nonrule Policy #36, or contact one of us for additional details.

Conservancy District Directory: The Indiana Conservancy Act (IC 14-33-5-17) requires the board chair to notify the DNR Watershed Stewardship Section of the names and addresses of the district's officers and directors when there are changes. Conservancy district office addresses may be used. Please also include the district website and an email address for the primary contact person when available. Our goal is to post an updated directory every year, and we will send you reminders toward the beginning of the year.

District Plans: In accordance with the NRC Nonrule Policy #36, conservancy districts are required to submit district plans to the DNR Watershed Stewardship Section for our review and approval. We will also act upon any time extension requests to file a district plan. District plans must be submitted for approval within 120 days after the appointment of board members. Amended district plans ordered by the court should be submitted to the DNR Watershed Stewardship Section for our review and approval.

Unit of Work: Per NRC Nonrule Policy #36 and IC 14-33-6-8, all proposals for units of work must be submitted to the DNR Watershed Stewardship Section for review and approval. A unit of work is a project with drawings, specifications, and cost estimates. Approval from our office should be received before the board holds a public hearing for that unit of work.

Establishment: The section reviews the petition to create a district that was forwarded by the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and provides the NRC with a recommendation report. We are also available to answer questions about the establishment process and what should be included in a petition.

Addition of Area: If an addition of area is initiated with the circuit court, the NRC Division of Hearings will send the section the petition for review. We will review the proposed addition and determine if the proposed addition of territory is *de minimis*. After that, the Division of Hearings will issue a fact-finding report to the NRC for approval.

If an addition of area is initiated with the board of directors, the addition request will be forwarded to the section for review. We will provide a recommendation report to the NRC Division of Hearings for their consideration.

Add Purpose: The proposal to add a purpose is forwarded to the section from the NRC Division of Hearings. We will review the proposal and provide a recommendation report to the NRC Division of Hearings for their consideration.

Dissolution: A conservancy district can be dissolved if it is no longer of benefit, or no works of improvement have begun within six years after the district plan. The dissolution petition will be

forwarded to the section from the NRC Division of Hearings. We will complete a technical review of the petition and send our report to the NRC Division of Hearings for their consideration.



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Map of Active Conservancy Districts in Indiana

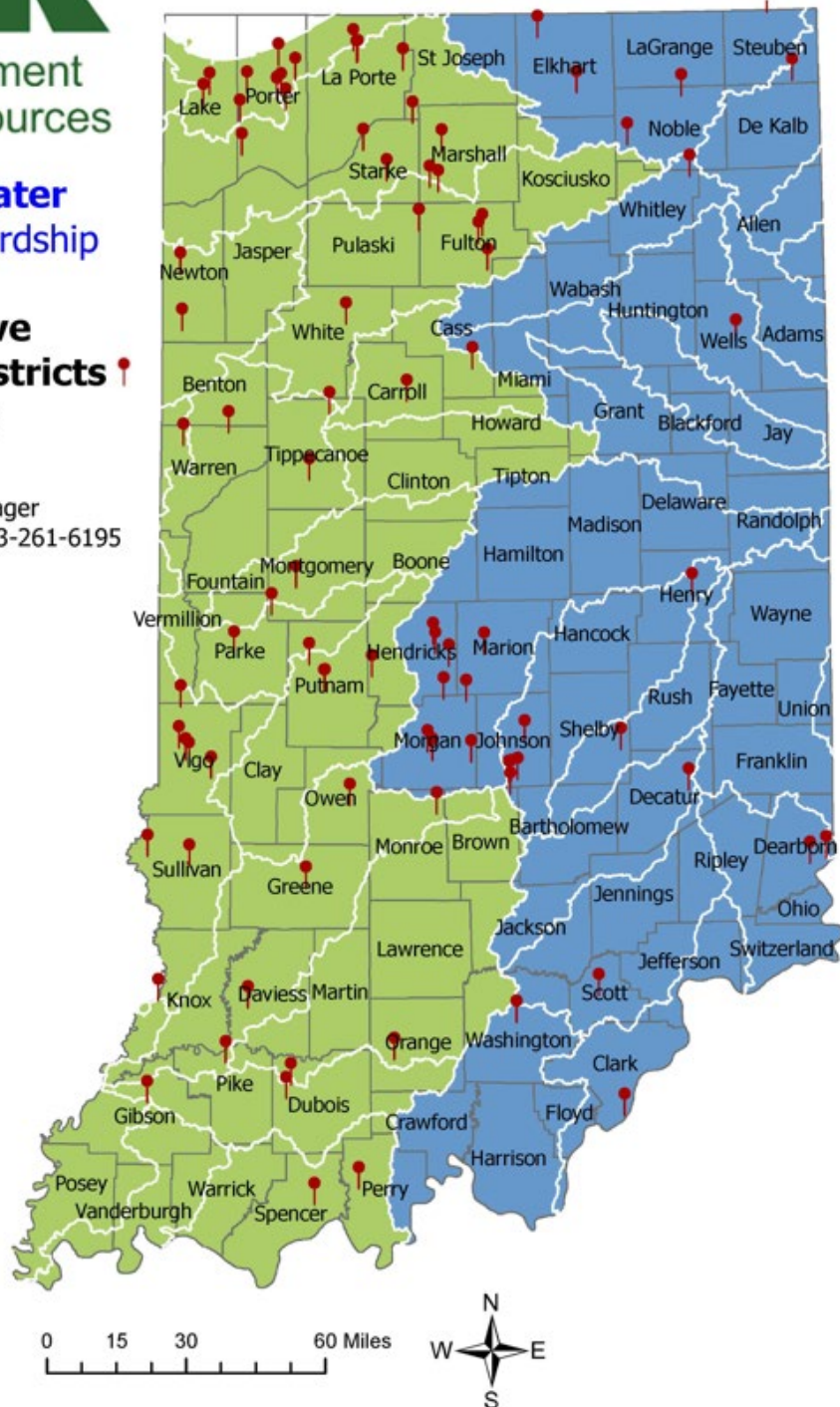
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