

## **Title 327 Water Pollution Control Division**

### **Notice of Public Comment Period for the 2026 Assessment of Indian Creek (Monroe County) Watershed Water Quality Data for the Development of a Total Maximum Daily Load Report Under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water and Pursuant to IC 13-18-2-3**

#### **Purpose of Notice**

Pursuant to IC 13-18-2-3, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is soliciting public comment on the assessment of water quality data for the development of a total maximum daily load (TMDL) report. These data were collected by IDEM staff from November of 2024 to October of 2025, following the IDEM quality assured [work plan](#) and IDEM standard operating procedures. They were assessed using IDEM's 2026 Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology ([CALM](#)).

#### **Background**

Past survey of Indian Creek (Monroe County) watershed date as far back as 1993, when IDEM performed fish tissue monitoring, fish community, and macroinvertebrate sampling. Fixed station monitoring has been conducted in the watershed since 1998, and more extensive surveys of the watershed were conducted by both the probabilistic and targeted monitoring programs in subsequent years.

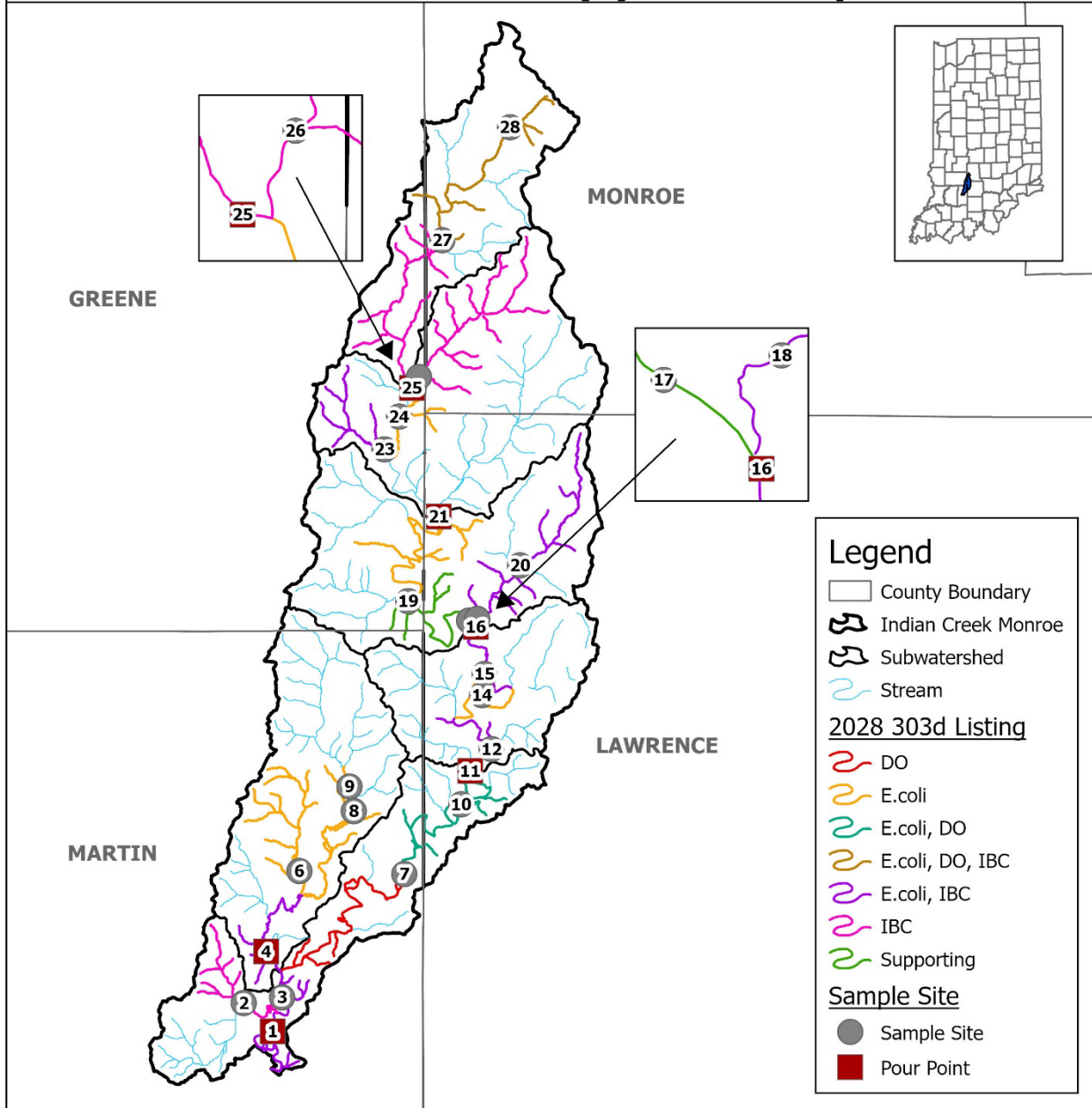
In 2023, the Indian Creek (Monroe County) watershed was selected for an intensive watershed characterization monitoring project to identify the sources and extent of impairments based on those waters that were previously listed. Twenty-five sites were assessed for general chemistry, pathogens, nutrients, habitat, and fish and macroinvertebrate communities.

#### **Findings**

Based on the watershed characterization study assessments in 2026, there are 16 stream segments, tracked using assessment unit IDs (AUIDs), where additional impairments were identified. The additional impairments across all stream segments samples within the Indian Creek Monroe watershed total 22, including 9 *E. coli*, 10 Impaired Biotic Communities (IBC), and 3 Dissolved Oxygen (DO).

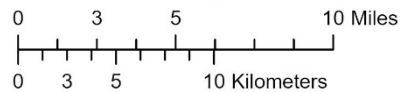
Indian Creek Monroe Watershed Impairments		
Current AUID	Historical Impairments Identified	New Impairments Identified in 2024-2025 Data Assessment Due to Meeting WQS
INW0891_02		<i>E. coli</i> , IBC, DO
INW0891_03		IBC
INW0892_T1001		IBC
INW0892_T1002	<i>E. coli</i>	IBC
INW0893_02		<i>E. coli</i>
INW0893_T1005	<i>E. coli</i>	IBC
INW0894_02	<i>E. coli</i>	IBC
INW0894_03		<i>E. coli</i>
INW0894_04		<i>E. coli</i> , IBC
INW0895_02		<i>E. coli</i>
INW0895_03		<i>E. coli</i> , IBC
INW0895_T1003		<i>E. coli</i>
INW0896_02		<i>E. coli</i> , IBC
INW0896_03		<i>E. coli</i> , DO
INW0896_04		DO
INW0896_T1006		IBC

# Indian Creek Monroe 303(d) Listed Impairments



This map is intended to serve as an aid in graphic representation only. This information is not warranted for accuracy or other purposes.

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**Date:** 3/23/2026  
**Sources:**  
**Data:** Obtained from the State of Indiana GIS Enterprise Portal  
**Map Projection:** UTM Zone 16 N  
**Map Datum:** NAD83



## **Request for Public Comments**

At this time, IDEM solicits water quality-related information to support or refute the assessments described above.

Comments may be submitted in one of the following ways:

1. By mail or common carrier to the following address:
  - a. 2026 Indian Creek (Monroe County) Water Quality Data  
Dorothy A. Henthorn, Watershed Assessment and Planning Branch  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
2525 N. Shadeland Avenue, Suite 100  
Indianapolis, IN 46219
2. By electronic mail to [dhenthorn@idem.in.gov](mailto:dhenthorn@idem.in.gov). To confirm timely delivery of your comments, please request a document receipt when you send the electronic mail. PLEASE NOTE: Electronic mail comments will NOT be considered part of the official written comment period unless they are sent to the address indicated in the notice.
3. Hand delivered to the receptionist on duty at the reception desk, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, 2525 North Shadeland Avenue, Suite 100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46219.

Regardless of the delivery method used, to properly identify each comment with the action it is intended to address, each comment document must clearly specify that you are commenting on the “2026 Assessment of Indian Creek (Monroe County) Water Quality Data.”

## **Comment Period Deadline**

All comments must be postmarked, or time stamped no later than May 15, 2026. Hand-delivered comments must be delivered to the appropriate office by 5 pm on the above-listed deadline date.

Additional information regarding this notice may be obtained from Dorothy A. Henthorn in the Watershed Assessment and Planning Branch, Office of Water Quality, (317) 308-3235 or (800) 451-6027 (in Indiana).

## **Disposition**

After the public comment period, the determination of impairments for TMDL development will be presented to the commissioner for final approval.