

**Appendix F:**

**IDEM'S Responses to Comments on the Indiana Draft 2026 303(d) List  
of Impaired Waterbodies and Consolidated Assessment and Listing  
Methodology (CALM)**

**Public Comments on the IDEM 2026 draft Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM) and 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies.**

IDEM received 54 comments from Indiana citizens during the 45-day public comment period, with 27 comments (50%) from members of the Indiana Wildlife Federation. Most of these comments expressed concerns about specific waterbodies or parameters but did not provide additional information that could be used to support or challenge the assessments found in the draft 2026 303(d) List of Impaired Waters (final version in Appendix H) or the draft 2026 Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM) document (final version in Appendix D). IDEM appreciates these citizens taking the time to express their concerns about Indiana's waterbodies and a summary of their comments can be found in Table F-1.

The 303(d) List of Impaired Waters is primarily based on data collected from Indiana waterbodies through routine IDEM sampling projects. Other organizations are contracted by IDEM to monitor specific waterbodies such as Ohio River sampling conducted by the [Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission](#) (ORSANCO) or lake and reservoir sampling conducted by the [Indiana Clean Lakes Program](#). The 2026 303(d) List included assessments of data collected by other external organizations (such as the Muncie Bureau of Water Quality, the Marion and Hamilton County Health Departments and the White River Alliance) and voluntarily submitted to IDEM through the [External Data Framework](#) (EDF) program. These data were collected for the specific purposes of those organizations but through the EDF can be used to provide valuable data on waterbodies that may have been infrequently sampled through routine IDEM monitoring. Data voluntarily submitted to IDEM through the EDF are reviewed and assigned to tiers based on the scientific rigor of the data with the highest (Tier 3) potentially being usable for 303(d) List assessments or Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) monitoring.

Citizens with data that can potentially be used to support or refute current waterbody assessments are encouraged to provide this data to IDEM through the EDF for evaluation. IDEM provides an [EDF Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) webpage and an [EDF Technical Guidance document](#) to provide guidance for the process. Additional questions can be directed to [externaldataframework@idem.in.gov](mailto:externaldataframework@idem.in.gov).

**U.S. EPA Comments on the IDEM 2026 draft Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM) and 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies.**

IDEM did not receive comments from U.S. EPA on the draft 2026 303(d) List of Impaired Waters or the draft CALM document prior to the end of the 45-day public comment period. It is anticipated that any comments from U.S. EPA will be included in their final approval documents for the 2026 Integrated Report.

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Table F-1: Summary of public comments received on the 2026 draft 303(d) List of Impaired Waters and draft Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM).

Commentor(s)	Location	Waterbody of Concern	Parameters of Concern
Peggy Apple	Brownsburg	White Lick Creek	<i>E. coli</i> , Impaired Biotic Communities (IBC); local development; clear cutting of woodlands
Joseph Brennan	Michigan City		Nutrients; IBC
Courtney Brooks	Indianapolis	Eagle Creek Reservoir; Eagle Creek	Wastewater; LEAP project; data centers
Beth Brown	Carmel	Eagle Creek Reservoir; Eagle Creek; White River	Local development
Matt Caldie	Bloomington		Wetland loss; sediment runoff; lack of riparian buffers
Jenny Carroll	Michigan City	Lake Michigan; Trail Creek; marshes	Wetland loss; local development; toxic plumes
Steve Cobb		Wabash River; all Indiana waterbodies	
Chelsea Coleman	Lafayette	Wabash River; Wea Creek; Wildcat Creek	<i>E. coli</i> ; nutrients; water clarity; toxic runoff
Monte Coyle		Lake Shafer	Excessive aquatic vegetation
John DiTillo	South Bend	St. Joseph River	Wetland loss; sediment runoff; nutrients; IBC; local development
Dave Dornberg	Munster	Calumet River	Rollback of wetland protections
Sarah Dutkevitch	Indianapolis	Waterbodies in Dubois, Pike, Pulaski, Putnam, Lake, Kosciusko, and Morgan counties	PFAS
Bette Eggleston	North Vernon	Muscatatuck River; Vernon Fork of Muscatatuck River	<i>E. coli</i> ; dissolved oxygen; nutrients; mercury; non-point source (NPS) pollution; agriculture; sediment runoff

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Commentor(s)	Location	Waterbody of Concern	Parameters of Concern
Alycia Gibson	Indianapolis		<i>E. coli</i> ; nutrients; IBC
John Goss			Fish consumption
Brandon Greene	Monon	Lake Shafer (Bedford Bay)	Excessive aquatic vegetation
Amber Hecko	Greencastle	Little Walnut Creek; Big Walnut Creek	Local development; sediment runoff; agriculture
Roger Hedge		Wetlands	
Thomas Ho	Whitestown	Eagle Creek	LEAP project
Katy Horst	Eagle Creek Township	Kankakee River system	Stormwater runoff; sediment runoff; data centers; water scarcity
Maria Iturbide-Chang	Saint John	Grand Calumet River; Little Calumet River; Kankakee River; Trail Creek; Salt Creek	<i>E. coli</i> ; urban runoff; sediment runoff; local development; nutrients; algal blooms; water clarity
Lois Kellar	Hayden	Muscatatuck River	Wetland loss; sediment runoff
Cathy Kenny	Middlebury		Rollback of environmental protections
Susan Knose	Westfield	White River; Fall Creek; Ohio River	Biological/chemical contamination of recreational waters
Nathan Martin	Avon	White Lick Creek; White River	Data centers
Pamela Martin-Diaz	Fort Wayne		<i>E. coli</i> ; nutrients
Susie McGovern		Prairie Creek, AUID INB1041_06	LEAP project
Mo McReynolds	Indianapolis	White River	Wetland loss; sediment runoff; local development

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Jennifer Milburn	Thorntown	Prairie Creek; Sugar Creek	LEAP project
Melinda Mitchell	Newburgh	Ohio River	Chemical runoff
Nancy & Michael Muzar		Kankakee River	Wetland loss; sediment runoff; local development
Jocelyn Oshrin	Indianapolis	White River; Fall Creek	Wetland loss; sediment runoff; chemical runoff
Kimberly Piland	Hancock County		Invasive species
Susan Proffitt	Portage	Lake Michigan; Calumet River; Northwest Indiana wetlands	Toxic plumes
Carroll Ritter		All Indiana waterbodies	
Vicki Rubio	Indianapolis	White River; waterbodies in Central Indiana; wetlands	Nutrients; PFAS; NPS pollution
Leslie Shad	Michigan City	Lake Michigan; Trail Creek; marshes; wetlands	<i>E. coli</i> ; nutrients; IBC; local development; toxic plumes
TJ Sharp	Kokomo	Kokomo Reservoir; Mississinewa Reservoir; Wildcat Creek	
Patrick Sheehan	Boone County	Sugar Creek	<i>E. coli</i> ; nutrients; algal blooms; loss of sport fish
Jennifer Sutton			Pesticides; fluoride in drinking water; parasites & bacteria
Jim Sweeney	Schereville	Kankakee River; wetlands	<i>E. coli</i> ; nutrients; IBC; farming practices; loss of Kankakee swamps/wetlands
Bob Tavel		White River	Wetland loss; local development; sediment runoff

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Commentor(s)	Location	Waterbody of Concern	Parameters of Concern
Adam Thole	Indianapolis	Eagle Creek	Water contamination
Howard Traxmor	Fort Wayne	St. Mary's River; St. Joseph River; Maumee River; Wabash River; Shipshewana Lake; Sylvan Lake	Recreational uses of lakes; mercury; pesticides
Corinne Ulbright	Zionsville	Eagle Creek; wetlands	<i>E. coli</i> ; agricultural runoff; algal blooms; nutrients; LEAP project; local development; industrial runoff; suburban runoff
Cindy Vanderbur	Jefferson Co	Ohio River tributary creeks (i.e. Clifty Creek)	Sewage/chemical smells in streams
Mary Wagner-Shields	Whitestown	White River; Eagle Creek; Indiana waterbodies; wetlands	Wetland loss; local development
Gary White	Monon	Lake Shafer (Monon Bay)	Excessive aquatic vegetation
Sandra Wilmore	Gary	Grand Calumet River; wetlands	Wetland loss; local development
Rebecca Winkle	Indianapolis	White River; Eagle Creek	Wetland loss; local development; water scarcity; sediment runoff
Erica Winstead	Marion County	White River	Sewage; agricultural runoff
Carol Yager	Rushville	Creek on property is impaired	
Timmy Yanahan	Monon	Lake Shafer (Monon Bay; Big Monon Bay)	Excessive aquatic vegetation