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Wetlands and streams are necessary components of a healthy ecosystem.



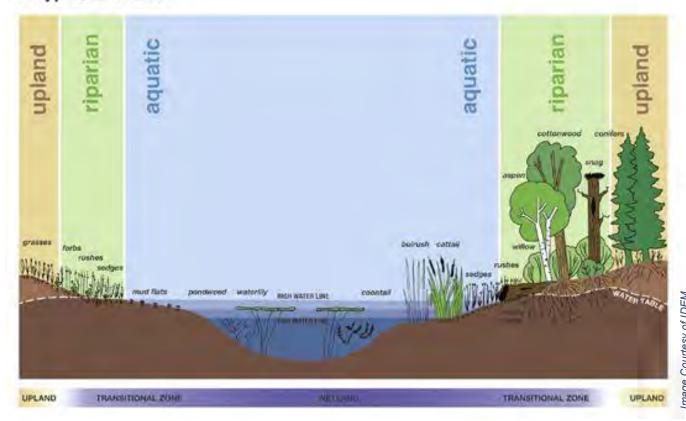




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Wetlands - contain standing water or have water at or near the soil surface for part of, or all year, including the growing season

A Typical Wetland



Different from both dry land (upland) and deep water of lakes and streams, wetlands often occur in the transitional zones between these features.



Many different types of wetland ecosystems exist in Indiana



Floodplain Forest Wet Meadow Shallow Marsh Wet Prairie

How Wetlands Function

Wetlands develop in areas of poorly drained soils.

As these areas are flooded, often for prolonged periods of time, the water saturated-soils no longer produce oxygen.

How Wetlands Function



The process allows vegetation adapted to poorly drained soils to thrive.

How do I know if my land has wetlands?







Wetlands are defined by three criteria: vegetation, hydrology, & soils

Criteria 1: Vegetation







Nearly 5,000 different hydrophytic (water loving) plants occur in wetlands.

Criteria 2: Hydrology







Refers to the presence of water at or above the soil surface long enough to significantly influence the plant types & soils that occur in the area.

Criteria 3: Soils



Approximately 2,000 different types of hydric soils occur in wetlands across the United States.

Wetland Determinations & Delineations

Wetlands are identified through a process known as <u>determinations</u>.

<u>Delineations</u> are the process of using determination data points to identify and map the location & extent of a wetland at that time.

There are no known precise wetland maps!

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Midwest Region

Project/Site:		City/County	:		Sam	pling Date:			
Applicant/Owner:				State:	Sam	pling Point:			
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National Wetland Inventory Map





Not for regulatory purposes; not field verified & not delineated

What a Wetland is Not

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Mosquito & monster-infested places from your worst nightmares



What a Wetland is NOT

Wetland
Life Thrives
Beyond
Mosquitos &
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What a Wetland is NOT: a Mosquito Sanctuary



Excessive mosquito populations are often a sign of stagnant water.

Things you can do:

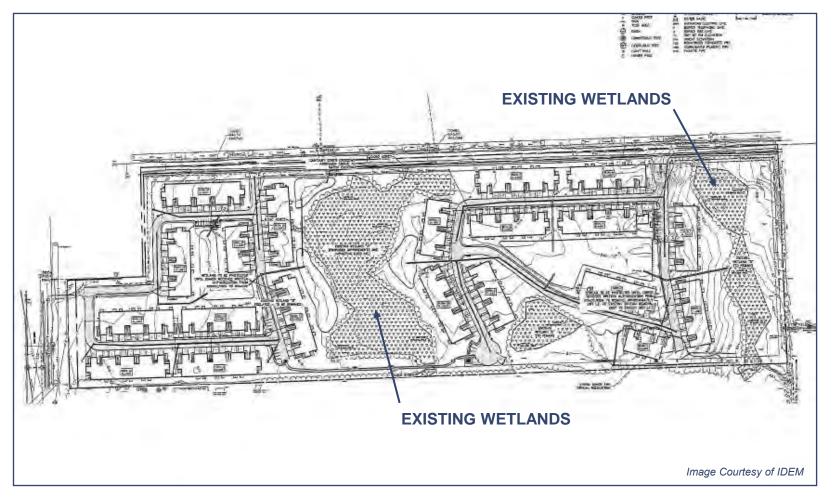
- Dispose of unwanted cans & tires
- Clean clogged roof gutters
- Drain flat roofs
- Flush sump pump pits regularly
- Change water in bird baths, fountains, & troughs twice / week
- Turn over unused wading pools
 & containers that collect
 rainwater

What a Wetland is NOT



- **Detention (dry) Basin** holds water temporarily after rain / storm events; slow release over time period
- Retention (wet) Pond holds water year-round; improves water quality
- Constructed Wetlands Artificial treatment systems that use natural processes involving wetland vegetation, soils, & their associated microbial assemblages to improve water quality (source: EPA)

What a Wetland is NOT



Myth:

Wetlands are a nuisance and an impediment to development.

Fact: Wetlands are an OPPORTUNITY.

This project development incorporated the site's existing wetlands into the surrounding greenspace.

Thank you!