

An aerial topographic map of a river basin. The terrain is color-coded by elevation, with greens and yellows representing lower elevations and browns representing higher elevations. A prominent blue river flows from the top right towards the bottom left, where it expands into a large reservoir. The reservoir has a complex, dendritic shoreline. The background is a dark, almost black, gradient.

River Basin Development Commissions

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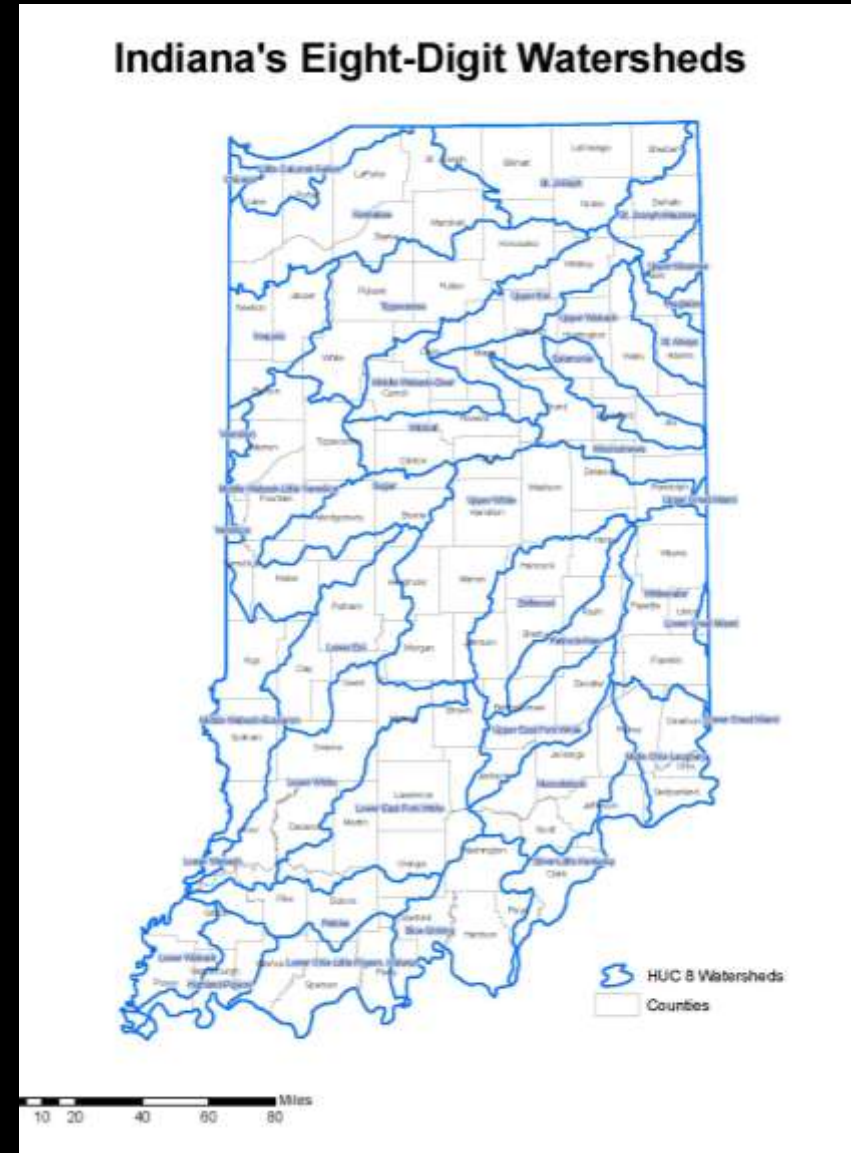
Wells County Surveyor

An aerial photograph of a winding stream or drainage ditch cutting through a vast, flat, marshy landscape. The water is a light, silty brown color, contrasting with the darker, brownish-green vegetation of the surrounding wetlands. The stream meanders from the upper right towards the lower left of the frame.

Who Takes Care of Our Drains?

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- Private/Mutual Ownership
 - County Drainage Board/County Surveyor
 - City or Town Board of Works/Stormwater Department
 - Joint County Drainage Boards
 - Conservancy Districts
 - River Basin Commissions
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 - Misconception that Army Corps of Engineers and/or IDNR is Maintaining Because of Permitting Authority

- NRCS 8 Digit Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) Watersheds
- Specifying just counties can cause confusion and uncertainty
- Several watersheds include more than one county, but it is also true that some counties are in more than one watershed.



- **IC 14-30-2-3"Maumee River basin" defined**

- Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "Maumee River basin" means the area in Indiana drained by the Maumee River and the tributaries of the Maumee River.

- **IC 14-30-4-5"Upper Wabash River basin" defined**

- Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "upper Wabash River basin" means the area located in Adams County, Huntington County, Jay County, or Wells County that is drained by the Wabash River, including the tributaries of the Wabash River.

- Using HUC watersheds would add clarity and certainty to landowners and counties in assessments.

- In large watersheds there may be a need to use river miles or dams as delineation points

