

Spencer/McCormick's Creek State Park Regional Wastewater Project



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White River Alliance Mission

The White River Alliance improves and protects water resources throughout Central Indiana. An alliance of diverse interests and organizations that work together to steward the River and its watershed.

Managing regional and local water supplies and ensuring a sustainable and resilient future for Indiana depends on the cooperation of dozens of stakeholders, public officials, state policy makers, and individual citizens.

Town Leadership

The Town of Spencer is a leader in collaborative, regional efforts with stakeholders, public officials, state policymakers, and citizens.

Presenters



Mike Spinks

Council Member
Town of Spencer, IN

Mike is a member of the Spencer Town Council and the Redevelopment Commission. Mike works with both for-profit and non-profit organizations providing business counseling.



Drew Flamion, P.E.

Senior Engineer
Commonwealth Engineers, Inc.

Over 15 years of experience in planning, field evaluations, modeling, design, permitting, bidding and construction of water, stormwater, wastewater, and site design projects for municipal and private clients. Drew has worked with various funding agencies to assist Cities and Towns with project financing.



Maureen Hayden

Project Liaison
Commonwealth Engineers, Inc.

Central Indiana Business Development Manager. Works with local communities to assist them on funding and regulatory issues related to their water, wastewater, and stormwater needs.

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About the White River

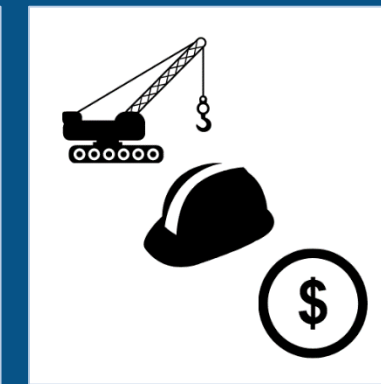
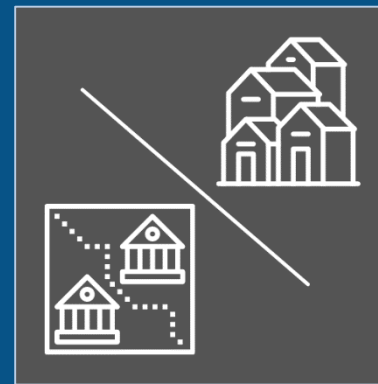
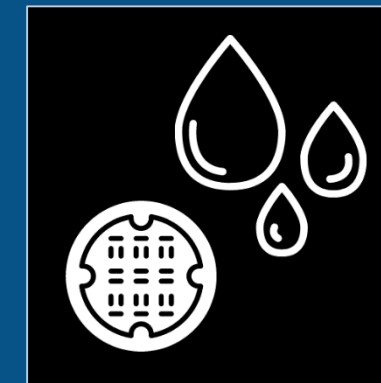


The White River basin is the largest watershed contained entirely within the State of Indiana.



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Milestone Years



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Milestone Years: 2012-2013

- Hoosier Energy announces plans to build \$25M Operations Headquarters on 95 acres of land just east of McCormick's Creek State Park.
- Town and County approve extension of sanitary sewer service from the town: a 2 -mile run "under the river and over the mountain."
- County creates Economic Development Commission and establishes a Tax Increment Finance District.
- Working with SCI REMC, bond funding obtained from federal Economic Development Administration and USDA Rural Development.
- Allows for property taxes generated by the site to pay for infrastructure improvements.
- Hoosier Energy agrees to pay off bonds if property taxes don't cover bond payment. Cook Medical provides money for overall bond.

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Milestone Year: 2014

- Town of Spencer and DNR forge a stronger relationship through the MyPath Trail System.
- MyPath broke ground in 2014. Partners and advisers include:
 - Town of Spencer
 - McCormick's Creek State Park
 - Smithville Charitable Foundation
 - Owen County
 - Owen County Soil and Water Conservation District
 - Owen County Family YMCA

Milestone Years: 2019-2020

- Indiana DNR wants out of the wastewater treatment business.
- Growing occupancy demand at State Park inns, cabins, and RV campgrounds plus increasing regulations/costs for wastewater treatment facilities, combined to make it more appealing to DNR to investigate other options.
- Existence of Spencer sewer line on the Park side of the river makes it financially feasible to investigate partnering with the Town on a regional wastewater project.



Cost-Effective/Environmentally-Sound

Cost-effective, environmentally-sound solution to regionalize sewage from McCormick's Creek State Park and redirect all park flow into Town of Spencer's collection system.

Project Includes

- Abandon park's WWTP (except Lab)
- Combine Flow from new lift station
- Complete defective manhole rehabilitation
- Complete sewer repair
- Miscellaneous system improvements



Minimal Impact

- Work areas previously disturbed by installation of existing infrastructure
- No effect on streams, floodplains, wetlands, wooded areas, or other environmental resources
- No altering, demolishing or removing historic properties



Cost/Financing

- \$4.7 Million
- State/DNR Funding



What's Next?

Grant

Town is seeking IFA State Water Infrastructure Fund grant for a regional plan to assess the needs of unsewered residents in the County.



Infrastructure

Developing water/infrastructure in support of housing to be built to accommodate fast-growing workforce of Cook Medical and Boston Scientific.



Focus on Needs

Holistic approach to providing wastewater infrastructure to growing community, focused on environmental stewardship and cost-effectiveness.





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*The river's story flowing by,
Forever sweet to ear and eye,
Forever tenderly begun —
Forever new and never done.*

~ James Whitcomb Riley

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