Pigeon Creek Watershed Development Commission



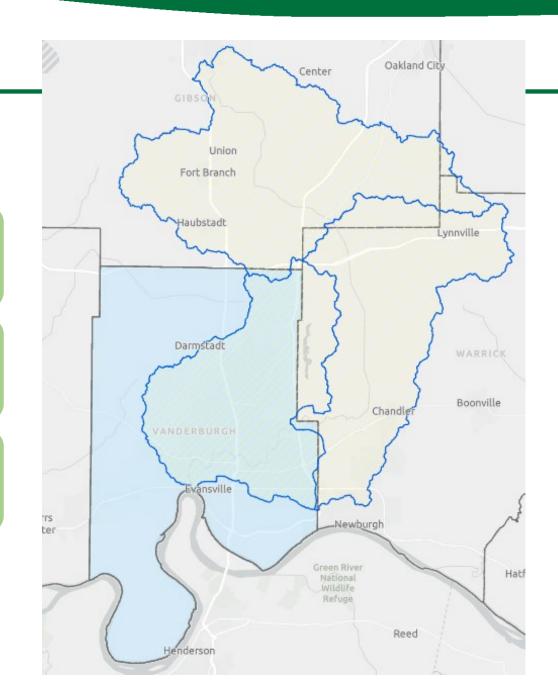
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The first watershed development commission established in Indiana under IC 14-30.5

Established October 2024

Vanderburgh County is the only "member" so far





The purposes of a watershed development commission:

Flood damage reduction

Drainage

Stormwater management

Recreation

Water infrastructure (NOT drinking water or wastewater)

Water quality improvements*



Who Are We?

Hired Executive Director in July 2025

Board Members Include:

- Department of Natural Resources
- Vanderburgh County Surveyor
- Former Vanderburgh County Commissioner
- Evansville MS4 Coordinator



Funded through special assessment

Parcel Type	Max cost per year
Residential	\$7
Agriculture	\$1/acre
Commercial w/o structure	\$2/acre
Commercial with structure	\$50
Public Utility	\$360
Industrial	\$360

Brings in ~ \$550,000 Annually





What are we working on?



Streamgage Installation



Identifying potential property to purchase



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Logjam Coordination

Developing a flood damage reduction and drainage plan (work plan)



A watershed development commission is allowed to raise funds and complete activities related to its purposes

Monitoring programs

Fund stream gages

Develop flood storage or wetlands

Cost-share programs

Septic repair

Studies and reports

Maintaining levees or dams

Reconnecting floodplains

Logjam removals

Streambank stabilization



Partnerships will be key to success!

- Interlocal Agreements
- Advisory Committees
- Stakeholder Input
- Multi-County Coordination



Thank you!

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