

# Bean Blossom Creek Watershed Implementation Project



## WHAT IS THE BEAN BLOSSOM CREEK WATERSHED?

The Bean Blossom Creek watershed includes 192.6 square miles in the northern portions of Brown and Monroe Counties, including the Lake Lemon and Griffy Lake watersheds

With funding obtained through the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) Section 319 grant program, the Hoosier Environmental Council completed a "Watershed Management Plan for Restoration and Protection of Bean Blossom Creek and Lake Lemon" to address water quality issues. The watershed plan examines land use within the drainage area and urges improved public awareness about factors affecting land use management and water quality. Better coordination between federal, state and local government agencies, economic development interests and water quality specialists will enable protection of this valuable resource well into the future.

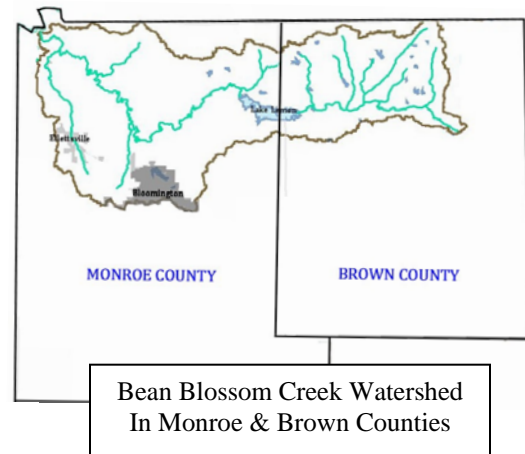
The Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District is taking the lead to put this plan into action. Representatives from several area agencies have come together to coordinate on this effort and will apply for another IDEM Section 319 grant to implement the recommendations brought forth in the plan.

## REQUESTED FUNDING WILL BE USED FOR SEVERAL PRIORITY PROJECTS. THESE INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Installing riparian buffers along stream bank corridors
- Discussing conservation easements with interested landowners
- Developing rain gardens, pervious pavement, and green roof demonstration areas
- Promoting cost-share programs for agricultural, industrial and residential best management practices
- Developing education materials and offering workshops on a variety of water quality topics

## KEY PARTNER AGENCIES

- Brown and Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- City of Bloomington
- Sycamore Land Trust
- The Nature Conservancy
- USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Indiana State Department of Agriculture
- Hoosier Environmental Council



## HOW YOU CAN HELP?

If you are interested in protecting our local waters, please provide a letter of support for this project to the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District. You may include potential in-kind or dollar matches for projects that would affect your agency, organization or constituents. *There is no financial contribution necessary at this time.* Please send this letter of support no later than Friday, July 18, 2008 to:

Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District  
USDA Service Center  
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Bloomington IN 47403

Or email this as an attachment to:  
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