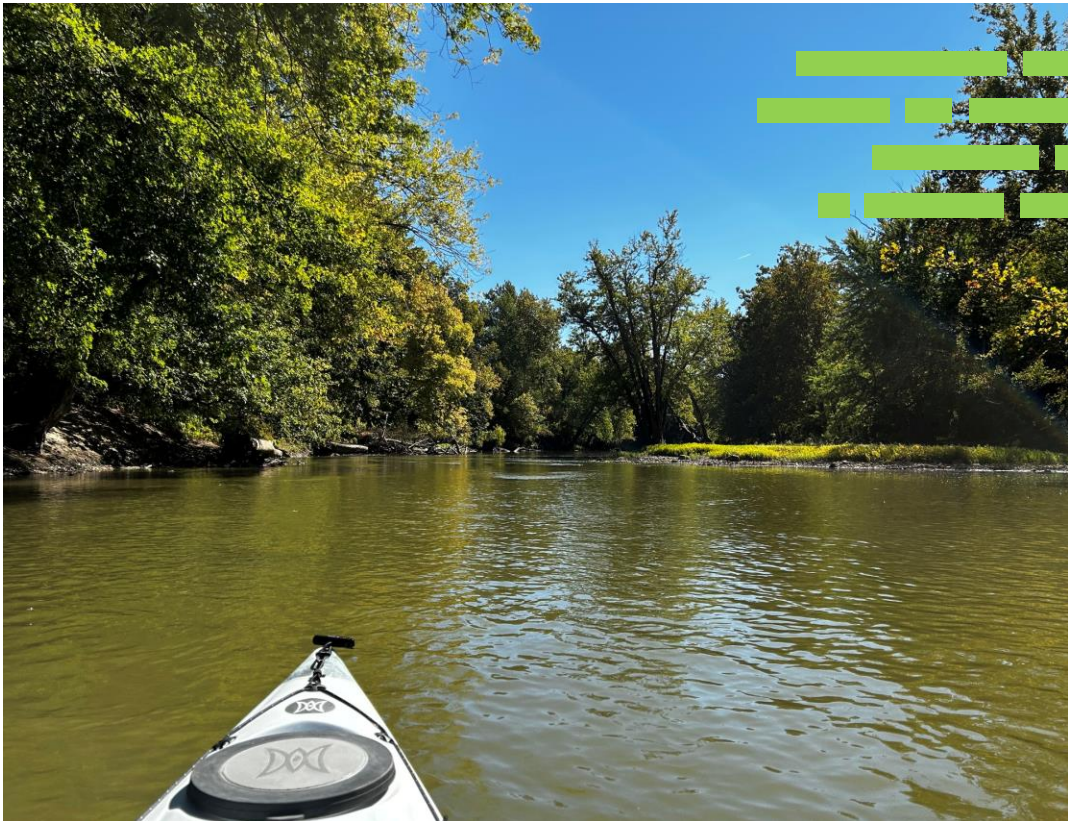


CEDAR CREEK WATERSHED

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ST. JOSEPH RIVER
WATERSHED INITIATIVE



One of the most beloved waterways in Northeast Indiana.

13.7 miles are designated a State Natural, Scenic, and Recreation River by the Indiana Natural Resources Commission.

Watershed Size:
174,733 ac

Allen Co: 23,210 ac
DeKalb Co: 112,307 ac
Noble Co: 39,526 ac

CEDAR CREEK PROJECT

Cedar Creek has been a watershed of significance for those seeking a quiet space to interact with nature, including hiking adjacent to and kayaking on the creek. For this reason, groups such as Friends of Cedar Creek and ACREs Land Trust have been working to educate people on the creek's unique characteristics for over 60 years.

In 2005, a watershed management plan was developed for Cedar Creek to help maintain and improve its water quality. However, the goals of that watershed have not been met nearly 20 years later. For this reason, a new comprehensive watershed management plan is in development and will be completed in 2025.

There have been significant land use changes in the watershed over the past decade.

The population of the watershed has increased 15% since 2005.

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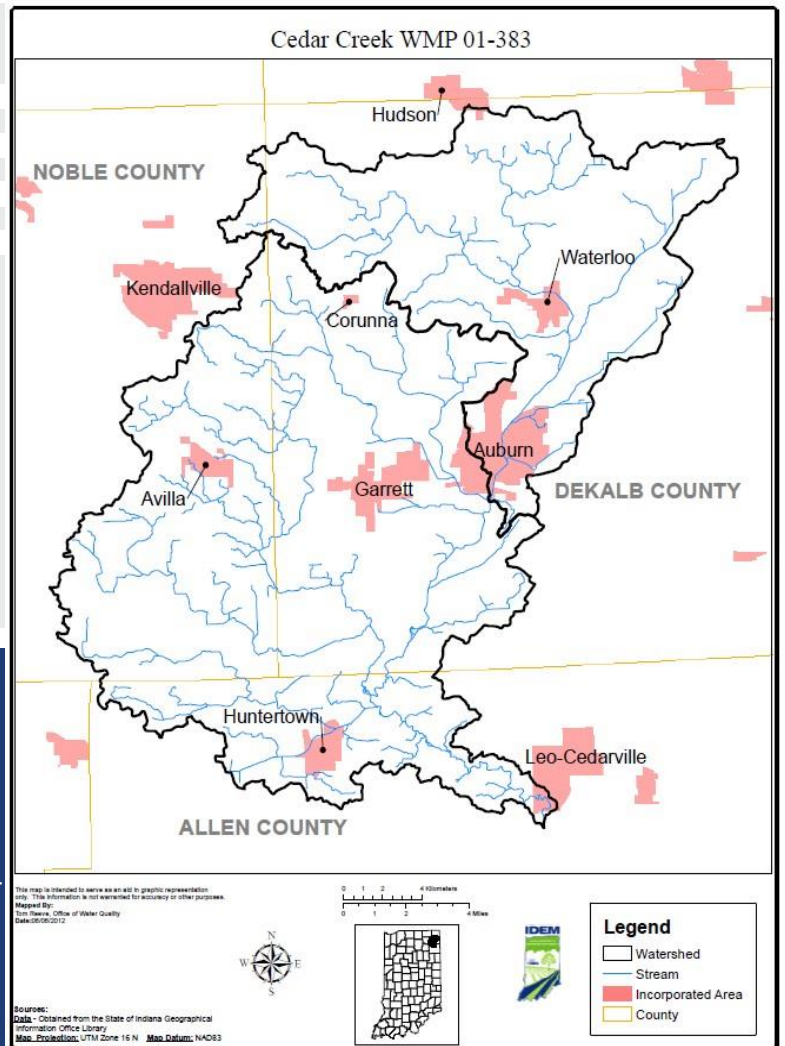
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The Cedar Creek Watershed Management Plan project includes the following elements.

- Watershed Management Plan Development led by a 15-member steering committee representing all areas of the watershed.
- Water quality analysis at 12 sites and biological and habitat analysis at 11 sites.
- A robust education and outreach program

The goal of the Cedar Creek Watershed Project is to improve water quality by providing recommendations based on intensive research and proven best management practices and provide targeted education and outreach.



GOALS OF THE PROJECT

01

Improve water quality

02

Improve aquatic and riparian habitat

03

Water quality and best management practice education for developers, decision makers, and the public

04

Develop lasting partnerships with Cedar Creek stakeholders

