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ST. JOSEPH RIVER WATERSHED INITIATIVE HOSTING A PUBLIC MEETING AND WATER QUALITY WORKSHOP FOR THE CEDAR CREEK

HUNTERTOWN, IN: The St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative (Initiative) is hosting a public meeting to discuss the Cedar Creek watershed management plan development project and present over three decades worth of water quality data for the Cedar Creek at 6pm on July 26, 2023, at Well Grounded Café in Hometown, IN. The event is free and open to the public. Tea and coffee will be served.

The Cedar Creek corridor is one of the most beloved waterways in northeast Indiana for paddling, fishing, bird watching, and hiking. Cedar Creek is one of only three river systems designated as a Natural, Scenic, and Recreational River by the state of Indiana. As such, it has received a lot of attention over the years from outdoor recreationists, environmental groups, and land conservancies.

As land use changes have occurred in the watershed, Cedar Creeks ecosystem has been affected and a study was initiated in March 2023 to investigate how the Cedar Creek has changed since the last in-depth study of the watershed in 2005. The public meeting on July 26th will explain what work is being done in the watershed to determine needs to maintain and improve the water quality and aquatic habitat in the creek as well as allow the public to voice their concerns about the creek. Additionally, Sharon Partridge with the Maumee Watershed Alliance will present an analysis of water quality data that has been collected in the Cedar Creek by the Initiative and partners since 1995. Sources of impairment and what landowners can do to lessen their impact on our water resources will also be discussed.

For more information about the Initiative or this project, follow the St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative on Facebook or visit our website at www.sjrwi.org.

What: Cedar Creek Public Meeting and Water Quality Workshop

When: July 26, 2023 @ 6pm

Where: Well Grounded Café – 14517 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, 46818

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The St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative serves a six-county area in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. The Initiative works to develop partnerships that promote economical and environmentally compatible land uses that improve water quality in the 694,400-acre watershed. The Initiative's office is housed with Fort Wayne City Utilities at 200 E. Berry Street, Suite 250, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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