

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Fort Wayne, IN, March 15, 2024 – **Citizen Science Water Quality Monitoring Training**

The St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative is hosting two Hoosier Riverwatch water quality monitoring trainings this April for individuals interested in learning more about water quality in local streams. If you would like to learn how to monitor water quality and become a citizen scientist, this training is for you.

While registration is required, this is a FREE workshop! The workshop will be led by certified Hoosier Riverwatch trainer Jackie Buck who is also the Executive Director for the St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative. In this workshop you will learn the basic concepts of watersheds, water pollution, and the ecological integrity of streams through classroom sessions and hands on fieldwork in the Cedar Creek. Be prepared to get your feet wet as you learn how to monitor the physical, chemical, and biological quality of wadable streams.

Participants will receive a printed training manual, Hoosier Riverwatch certification, and access to the Hoosier Riverwatch online database to enter water quality data you collect to be a part of the citizen science community monitoring Indiana's water resources.

The Hoosier Riverwatch program is sponsored by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Water Quality whose mission is to monitor, protect, and improve Indiana's water resources to ensure its continued use as a drinking water source, habitat for wildlife, recreational resource and economic asset.

Date: April 6, 2024  
Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Place: Eckhart Park - 1500 S Cedar St. Auburn, IN 46706  
Free Registration:



Date: April 20, 2024  
Time: 10:00am – 5:00pm  
Place: Metea Park – 8401 Union Chapel Rd. Fort Wayne, IN 46845  
Free Registration:



Registration is required. For more information contact Jackie Buck at [Jacquelyn.Buck93@gmail.com](mailto:Jacquelyn.Buck93@gmail.com).

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