

# Watchin' the Wabash

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## The Watershed Management Plan

Approaching non-point source pollution on a watershed basis helps communities evaluate and prioritize problems affecting ground and surface waters. The UWRBC members and Steering Committee have identified the following list of water quality problems in the planning process.

- Restricted/redirected flow within the stream or river.
- Sediment and increased levels of turbidity threatens the water quality health of the streams and river.
- Excess nutrients increase aquatic plant and algae growth.
- E. coli and other pathogens pose a health risk for recreational activities throughout the watersheds.
- Competing land uses limit Best Management Practice implementation that would/could improve water quality.
- Individuals lack knowledge of Best Management Practices, where they could/should be implemented, and how to fund practices.
- Algae blooms in the river and streams threaten aquatic communities and can pose a human health risk.
- Increased surface and subsurface flow throughout the watersheds threatens water quality due to increased sediment, nutrients and pathogens.
- General public's lack of understanding or sense of responsibility for how and why their actions impact water quality.

The UWRBC and Steering Committee are currently identifying strategies and goals to address the problems in priority areas within the Phase 2 project area.

## The Upper Wabash River Basin Commission

The UWRBC was enacted in 2001, under Indiana Code 14-30-4 as a municipal corporation and includes the area in Adams, Jay, Wells and Huntington counties that is drained by the Wabash River. The voting members are the three County Commissioners, the County Surveyor, and the Soil and Water Conservation District Chairs or their appointed representatives from the four counties.

### **UWRBC Mission Statement**

*To provide regional leadership and promotion of flood prevention and control, soil and water conservation, and related resource management through a coordinated and comprehensive planning and implementing approach in which projects of the Commission will not adversely affect landowners within the watershed.*

The Upper Wabash River Basin Commission meets every 2 months at 8:00 a.m. at the Wells Co. Government Annex 223 W. Washington St., Bluffton, IN.

### **UWRBC**

#### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

*February 10, 2015  
April 14, 2015  
June 9, 2015  
August 11, 2015  
October 13, 2015  
December 8, 2015*

The UWRBC Steering Committee meets every 2 months at 12 noon at the USDA Service Center, 117 W. Harvest Rd., Bluffton, IN.

#### **STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

*January 27, 2015  
March 24, 2015  
May 26, 2015  
July 28, 2015  
September 22, 2015  
November 24, 2015*

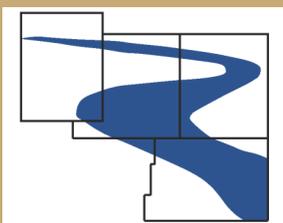
**The public is encouraged and welcome to attend.**

## UPPER WABASH RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

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Bluffton, IN 46714

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Huntington, Wells, Adams and Jay Counties

**January 7, 2015**

**5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Wells County  
Community Center**  
(Large Meeting Room)  
**1240 4-H Park Road**  
**Bluffton, IN 46714**

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### Ag Product Displays

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## Nutrient Management Workshop

Maximize the efficiency of fertilizer while minimizing the impact on the environment.

A light meal will be served at 5:15 p.m.

Please register by January 5, 2015 for meal count:  
Phone: 260/273-0972 E-mail: shenderson@adamswells.com

### Featured Speakers

**Matt Prible**, Manure Applicator

Using variable rate technology to apply manure.

**Dan Coffin**, Soil & Plant Nutritional Concepts

The 4 Rs of Nutrient Stewardship:  
Right fertilizer source *at the* Right rate *at the*  
Right time *and in the* Right place.

**Mike Werling**, Adams Co. No-till Farmer

Practical application of Nutrient Stewardship with conservation practices (no-till and cover crops).

**Kelley Barkell**, NRCS District Conservationist

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