



# UPPER WABASH RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

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Huntington, Wells, Adams and Jay Counties

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Event Notice**

The Upper Wabash River Basin Commission (UWRBC) will hold a **Hands-on Water-Quality Field Day** at Bills Creek on **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 Noon**. The public is welcome. Community residents who are interested in conserving our natural resources and improving our local waterways are encouraged to attend. The event will be held at the covered bridge east of Bluffton on East River Road between Stodgill Road and 400 East.

### **Agenda items include:**

#### **Water Quality Presentation and Hand-on Sampling of Bills Creek**

- Neil Ainslie with Meadow-Wood Education and Laboratory Services will discuss water quality and RiverWatch water-quality sampling methods that can be used by volunteers.
- Two sites along Bills Creek will be sampled providing the opportunity for participants to test physical and chemical properties of the stream. Results will then be discussed with the group.

#### **Stream Improvements on Bills Creek**

- Participants are welcome to stay after the water-quality sampling to assist with improvements on Bills Creek if they desire.
- Undersized rip-rap was used in the past to address bank erosion issues. This rip-rap has since washed into the mouth of Bills Creek and prevented migration of aquatic species between Bills Creek and the Wabash River. Interested volunteers will help remove rip-rap from the stream bed. (Contact information for this project: **Doug Sundling, 260-273-9607**)

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