



TCPWQ Newsletter

Tippecanoe County Partnership for Water Quality

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The Tippecanoe County Partnership for Water Quality seeks to partner with local, state, and federal government and other stakeholders to provide quality of life and protection of health, environment, and economy that citizens desire and deserve as they serve as stewards of natural resources, system infrastructure, and public funds while solving storm water and water quality issues.

New faces for the Partnership



Matthew Shively was hired in March as the Stormwater Technician for the Tippecanoe County Surveyor's Office. He graduated with a bachelor of science in Wildlife Biology from Purdue University in 2010. Matthew's work consists of public sector jobs. He has worked for Purdue University and Kosciusko Lakes and Streams. He lives in Lafayette. He is an avid angler and hunter.



On April 1st Monica Christopher started her new position as the Educator for the TCPWQ. She is housed in the Tippecanoe County Surveyor's Office. Monica comes to us from Jasper County, where she served over 10 years as the Education Coordinator for the Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District. Monica and her family live in Lafayette. Her hobbies includes reading, gardening, and being on or near water.



Michael Susong, P.E. was hired in June as the Assistant City Engineer for West Lafayette. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue in 1996. Michael's work experience consists of both public and private sector jobs. He has worked in construction, engineering, and utility companies. He is married and lives in Lebanon and commutes to West Lafayette. He is a Purdue sports fan.

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TCPWQ Welcomes New Public Educator

(Lafayette, IN). The Tippecanoe County Partnership for Water Quality (TCPWQ) www.tippecanoesw.org is proud to welcome their new Public Educator, Monica Christopher. Monica will be working out of the Tippecanoe County Surveyor's Office and her responsibilities will help address County-wide water pollution issues. Focusing primarily on contaminated stormwater runoff, Monica will coordinate youth and adult education programs, volunteer activities, and public outreach by working with various local governments and agencies. These programs are required by a state stormwater permit.

According to the US EPA, an informed and knowledgeable community is crucial to the success of a stormwater management program. It is important for each of our citizens to become aware of the personal responsibilities expected of them and others in the community, including the individual actions they can take to protect or improve the quality of area waters. Most

drains do not lead to the waste water treatment plant and contaminants dumped down it are not removed, discharging the pollutants to the streams.

Pollutants such as excess nitrogen, phosphorus, *E. coli*, sediment, and other toxic chemicals caused by human activities are rarely naturally removed from waterways and have a cumulative effect as they travel throughout the watershed. Therefore, it is up to the people who live, work or play in the watershed to protect and enhance the water quality of their streams. TCPWQ programs include storm drain marking, school programs, stream clean-ups, and dog waste education.

The TCPWQ members are the County, the Cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette, the Towns of Battleground and Dayton, Ivy Tech Community College, and Purdue University. The TCPWQ seeks to partner with local, state, and federal government and other stakeholders to provide

quality of life and protection of health, environment, and economy that our citizens desire and deserve as we serve as stewards of natural resources, system infrastructure, and public funds while solving stormwater and water quality issues. The TCPWQ partners collectively pay for Monica's salary and program expenses as a means to save money and resources.

Ryan Cambridge, a Purdue University student, submitted the winning water quality logo entry in a 2007 contest sponsored by the TCPWQ. In Ryan's own words, the logo "combines all the main elements of an environmentally conscious storm water management system into one simple graphic. The 'clean' water droplet and the 'healthy' fish combine together to form a heart, symbolizing the need for love and care for the environment. The blue/green color scheme...effectively represents the correlation between clean water and a 'green' environment."

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 5-Invasive Species Training and Ecological Impacts

Oct. 29-Howl-O-Ween at Shamrock Park

Nov. 11-Veteran's Day

Nov. 24-Thanksgiving

Dec. 24-Christmas Eve

Dec. 25-Christmas

Dec. 31-New Year's Eve

TCPWQ Partners with Leaders of Tomorrow



Monica Christopher was in charge of mentoring the Leaders of Tomorrow (LOT) program and was assisted by Matthew Shively. The LOT program was administered through the storm drain marking program of the TCPWQ.

Storm drain marks were placed within the Hickory Ridge, Weston Woods, Brookfield Heights, Lindberg Village, Benjamin Crossing, and Old Romney Heights subdivisions.

Once again, the TCPWQ was contacted by the United Way of Greater Lafayette and asked to assist their efforts in community service with youth volunteers.

