

Upper Sugar Creek Watershed Project
4th Quarter Update: August 18th- November 17th

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The second draft of the watershed management plan was submitted to IDEM on August 15, 2022. The steering committee met on October 25, 2022, to review stakeholder concerns and associated data.

Water chemistry monitoring occurred on August 17th, September 28th, October 24th, and November 16th, and will occur through the end of the year. Biological monitoring occurred in July and August with fish community assessments occurring on July 18th-20th and August 1st and macroinvertebrate community and habitat assessments occurring on July 15th and 16th. Macroinvertebrate community identification is underway and the species list and IBI, mIBI and QHEI data will be included in the next draft of the watershed management plan.

The Upper Sugar Creek steering committee met on October 25, 2022, reviewed stakeholder concerns and associated evidence as well as discussed upcoming outreach events. Wabash College students are working to compile public meeting comments and results and transcriptions from the farmer listening session, which will be incorporated into the next WMP draft. The Montgomery County SWCD social media will be used to promote the project and has been updated 18 times with relevant information. The Upper Sugar Creek informational brochure continues to be distributed including at the farmer listening session and at high-profile locations.