



Tech Check

A monthly technical bulletin for the St. Joseph River Watershed

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This is the twelfth issue of the monthly technical bulletin for the St. Joseph River Watershed Management Planning Project.

Task 5 Identify Improvement Opportunities

The [subwatershed projects map](#) was updated to include ongoing projects identified by the interviewees. Lake projects were also added to the map.

Task 6 Communication

The website homepage got a new look to reflect the watershed map created for an educational brochure being developed by the Education Subcommittee. Edits to the [Links](#) page and [Interview](#) page were also performed.

Task 8 Watershed Management Plan

Information from the interview process was organized into projects/beneficial characteristics of the watershed and challenges. Within those organizations, key points were organized into land cover types. Methods of organizing the data were presented to the Steering Committee in order to plan the layout of the website as the plan is written. Various tables, e.g., [locations of sewer projects and septic system concerns](#), were developed to illustrate the data organization.

Supplemental Tasks Interviews

KIESER & ASSOCIATES conducted three additional watershed stakeholder interviews in February. Interviewees included the Michiana Area Council of Governments, the Potawatomi RC&D and the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency. Interviews focused on reviews of the [Designated Use Tables](#) and identification of concerns, needs and programs in the watershed. [Narrative summaries of each interview](#) are available, and a synopsis of the information obtained during the process was shared with the Steering Committee at the [February 26 meeting](#).

The [Designated Use Tables](#) were updated based on the interviews, and [Table 4](#), Site Specific Pollutants and Sources, was expanded to include the listed 305(b) and 303(d) waters.

What's Next?

The subwatershed scoring method and results will be discussed with the Technical Subcommittee.

What's Needed?

Steering Committee feedback on all aspects of the project and website is welcome and encouraged. To provide feedback, a [discussion board](#) has been developed for the website. You can provide information there or contact us directly at nott@kieser-associates.com.