



# Tech Check

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## Task 1 Background Information

Periodic updates to the [bibliography](#) were made as new resources were identified.

## Task 6 Communication

The project website is continually updated in attempts to make it more comprehensive and user-friendly. In January, additional [links](#) to conservation groups and programs in the watershed were added. Some of the [maps on the site](#) were updated to reflect the 217 delineated subwatersheds of the basin and to provide additional watershed information.

## Task 8 Watershed Management Plan

A meeting with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality was conducted to discuss options for expanding the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) to meet the new USEPA requirements. The new requirements call for additional quantification elements in approved WMPs. Additional modeling and data collection, with possible assistance from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, are being considered.

## Supplemental Tasks Interviews

KIESER & ASSOCIATES has spent most of January conducting watershed stakeholder interviews. Twelve interviews (of 21 interviewees) were completed. Interviewees included Soil and Water Conservation District representatives, and a few NPDES PII contacts. Interviews focused on reviews of the [Designated Use Tables](#) and identification of concerns, needs and programs in the watershed. Narrative summaries of each interview will be made available, and a synopsis of the information learned during the process will be shared with the Steering Committee.

### What's Next?

The next Steering Committee meeting will be Thursday, February 26. The results of the interview process will be shared.

### 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](mailto:nott@kieser-associates.com).