

### **Table 3. St. Joseph River Watershed Draft Desired Uses and Goals**

This table is a draft running list of the desired uses and goals for the Basin. Desired uses were gleaned from those listed in Watershed Management Plans for subwatersheds within the Basin. Goals were also taken from an initial version of the Table 1. Watershed Concerns. Several initial Concerns were rewritten in a positive manner and added to the Goals list during previous Steering Committee meetings. This table is a preliminary draft and meant to be expanded through Steering Committee input as the Designated Use Tables are finalized.

#### **DRAFT Table 3**

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Groundwater as drinking water source  
Historic Preservation  
Heritage Water Trails  
Open Space Preservation  
Connected Greenways  
Wetland Protection  
Riverine Habitat  
Floodplain protection and flood control

##### **Goals**

Provide convenient household hazardous waste disposal  
County wide recycling (Cass)  
Sewering around lakes (VanBuren)  
Increase public awareness and stewardship of natural resources  
Appropriate recreational uses of lake to prevent shoreline erosion  
Protect habitat for passive and active recreation  
Increase appropriate public access to water bodies  
Use of bioengineering instead of hard BMP's  
Establish agricultural buffer strips  
Properly identify 100-year floodplains  
Natural resource protection zoning, land use planning  
Smart Growth  
Planning to protect open space/rural character/unique habitats  
Correlate township and county master planning and zoning  
Consistent, long term surface water monitoring  
Correct information gaps  
Natural resource inventories  
Indices to track improvements  
Strong regulation, enforcement  
Rehabilitate stream flows  
Maintain/restore hydrology  
Designated drains need to be rehabilitated to natural stream flow & function where possible  
Control geese overpopulation

##### **Sources**

Table 1 (Watershed Concerns)  
other Watershed Management Plans  
Interviews