

SWEET

Meeting Minutes

Monday March 24, 2025

After a brief check-in meeting began at 10:00am.

In attendance: Maggie Sullivan (Friends of Lake Monroe), Michael Dorsett (IU MS4), Rachael Johnson (City of Bloomington Planning), Michelle Cohen (Lake Monroe Water Fund), Adam Rickert (MCHD-SP), Elisa Pokral (MC Waste Reduction District), Trohn Enright-Randolph (MC Surveyors Office), Erica Eason (MC Soil and Water), and Kriste Lindberg (CBU).

BIG COLLABORATION ITEMS

- Discussion of potential tour of stormwater infrastructure Best Management Practices (BMPs) at Indiana University, Bloomington campus during July 2025. Survey was sent out with March SWEET meeting reminder to determine number of potential participants interested and available. Parking will be free at specified office location and transportation will be provided for the tour.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

- [Weed Wrangles](https://www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org/need/detail/?need_id=815567) are happening monthly at various locations around Bloomington, Check https://www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org/need/detail/?need_id=815567 for upcoming dates.
- Nature Days will resume in 2025 with Leonard Springs on April 1st and April 8th and Griffy Lake on April 3rd and April 10th.
- Earth Day Celebration, Switchyard Park, April 19, 2025 from noon to 4pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION

- No updates.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON UTILITIES

- CBU is still working with MCCSC in our capacities with the 4th and 8th grade Maker Challenge and FLOW.
- Working with MC Parks and Recreation with the Adopt A Stream Program.
- CBU has been doing clean ups of their adopted segment of Clear Creek.
- Gearing up for IDEM's Clean Communities Program.
- CBU has a postcard and flyer through the Monroe County Organizations Active in Disaster with the focus on how people can mitigate heavy rainfall events through completing little adjustments on their property.
- Hoosier Riverwatch retreat is scheduled for middle of April.
- MC Master Gardeners Fair is coming up on 4/12.
- CBU is doing a tour of the Monroe Water Treatment Plant on 3/26.

- Kriste attended IU's Environmental Resilience Institute's ***Indiana Sustainability and Resilience Conference*** on February 28, 2025
- CBU is coordinating with Monroe County Youth Services Bureau on Global Youth Services Day.
- CBU will be participating with City of Bloomington's Earth Day Celebration.
- Indiana MS4 Partnership Conference is scheduled for May 12-13, 2025.

FRIENDS OF LAKE MONROE

- FLM is working on their cost share program.
- Tentatively planning to do a watershed tour of Lake Monroe in June.

MONROE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

- No report.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PLANNING

- Earth Day is April 19th from noon to 4pm at Switchyard Park.

MONROE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

- Soil and Water had a successful annual meeting on 3/1, thank you to everyone that was able to attend and table for the event.
- Doing a soil health class for Master Gardeners on 3/25.
- Doing our county transect (survey of the county) next week.
- Soil and Water has 3 stormwater grant applications they are working on.
- Soil and Water has recently received a couple of new 319 applications related to the Lower Salt Creek Watershed Plan.
- Will be tabling at the MC Master Gardener Fair on 4/12.
- Tree giveaway for county employees (and possibly City of Bloomington) is coming up.
- Free soil testing will continue through the end of June.

MONROE COUNTY WASTE REDUCTION DISTRICT

- MC Waste Reduction District will be at the Earth Day event on 4/19/2025 at Switchyard Park.
- Elisa will be speaking on household hazardous waste during the Spring Plant Swap (The Perennial Exchange) in Bloomfield on 4/12/2025.
- Deadline to order a rain barrel and/or compost bin is **April 15, 2025**. Order online at wastereductiondistrictorders.com

MONROE COUNTY HIGHWAY STORMWATER PROGRAM

- Hosted a clean up of Jackson Creek Park with MC Parks and Recreation this past Saturday.

MONROE COUNTY SURVEYOR

- Trohn sent a link to the Indiana Senate Environmental Affairs Committee meeting live feed.

TOWN OF ELLETTSVILLE

- No report.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

- No report.

LAKE MONROE WATER FUND

- No report.

PUBLIC INPUT

- No public input.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business, meeting adjourned at about 10:15am.

NEXT MEETING

April 28, 2025 at 10:00 am.