

PREFACE

Planning efforts for the Cool Creek Watershed Management Plan began in 2001, when Hamilton County, the Town of Westfield, and the City of Carmel agreed to jointly fund a study of the Cool Creek watershed. Clark Dietz, Inc. was retained by Hamilton County (the lead agency) to conduct the necessary engineering analyses and develop the plan with input from watershed stakeholders. Planning efforts began in September 2001 and were completed in November 2003.

Subsequent to the completion of the original Cool Creek Watershed Management Plan, Hamilton County applied to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for a Section 319 Nonpoint Source Program Grant. The purpose of the grant application was to update the Cool Creek Watershed Management Plan to make it compliant with Section 319 requirements to reduce nonpoint source pollution. The grant was approved by IDEM in 2004 and a Contract for Services was formally approved by the State of Indiana on December 29, 2004. On January 24, 2005, Clark Dietz was retained by Hamilton County to provide the additional enhancements to the Cool Creek Watershed Management Plan.

This document is an update to the original November 2003 Watershed Management Plan, containing the additional Section 319 requirements. A new Chapter 9.0 has been added titled “Section 319 Updates to the Cool Creek Watershed Management Plan.” A new Appendix H, containing various exhibits from the Section 319 update project, has also been added.