

***December 15, 2004  
Public Meeting***

Press Release

Elkhart County Commissioners Puterbaugh Creek - Heaton Lake  
Watershed Management Plan

Elkhart County Commissioners have received a \$60,000 Federal Fiscal Year 2002 205(j) Water Quality Planning Grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency for the development of a Watershed Management Plan for the Puterbaugh Creek - Heaton Lake Watershed. The Puterbaugh Creek - Heaton Lake Watershed encompasses an area of approximately 17 square miles. Its northern boundary extends into the State of Michigan and south to include the Heaton Lake and Puterbaugh Creek. This watershed study area encompasses nearly all of Osolo Township and the western portion of Washington Township.

A Joint Stakeholder Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at Eastwood Elementary School located at 53215 CR 15 North, Elkhart, Indiana. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about the Watershed Management Plan Project and invite participation in the Watershed Planning process.

Questions concerning this meeting should be directed to Mr. Christopher J. Jeter at Lawson-Fisher Associates (574) 234-3167 or Ms. Kristine Krueger at the Elkhart County Commissioners Office (574) 535-6746.

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### Plymouth pumps read \$1.42

Plymouth is still a good place to stop for gas if you're heading south or west.

The price at a Citgo station off the U.S. 30 Bypass was \$1.42 a gallon, a Patroller reported.

A little farther south, Columbus stations had gas for \$1.54 and \$1.55, while on the south side of Indianapolis a Citgo station and a Marathon station were selling gas for \$1.61 a gallon.

But, if you're not going anywhere, local prices to watch for include \$1.67 at the Marathon at Main and Mishawaka Road, the Citgo at U.S. 33 and C.R. 13 and the Meijer station on Elkhart Road in Goshen.

The Phillips 66 and Citgo on South Main in Elkhart had gas for \$1.68 Monday, as did the Citgo at Beardsley and Johnson.

The price at the Clark station on Bristol in Elkhart was \$1.69. That price was also good at the Phillips station on Lincoln Way in Osceola.

Cheaper or not, let Pump Patrol know the prices you see.

Call 296-5979 and leave a message.

### Goshen: Environmental fee increase vote set by board

GOSHEN -- Elkhart County's Board of Health is expected to vote on proposed increases for environmental service fees at a special 5:30 p.m. Wednesday meeting in the County Office Building, 117 N. Second St., Room 104.

If final approval is given, the changes then must be passed by the county commissioners before becoming law.

If approved, the fees, which last increased in 1998, will equal about 50 percent of the Elkhart County Health Department's cost to provide the public services. Proposed fees include \$145 for a permit on new residential and commercial septic systems; \$150 for food service permits on full-service establishments; and \$90 for commercial swimming pool licenses.

### Jimtown: Trosper retiring as high school principal

JIMTOWN -- Floyd Trosper, principal at Jimtown High School, is retiring at the end of this

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- » Boarding house operated illegally
- » Family, friends mourn
- » The road untraveled
- » Before it's too late
- » Strong takes stand

school year.

The announcement was made at Monday's Baugo School Board meeting.

Board members approved Trosper's retirement.

Before serving as principal, Trosper was a football, track and wrestling coach with Baugo Schools.

Goshen: City will try curbside recycling plan

GOSHEN -- The city will likely try another curbside recycling pilot program this spring, Mayor Allan Kauffman said Monday.

"There are a couple city council members who are pushing for it, and I'm willing to investigate it," he said. Curbside recycling was last tried in a 1992 pilot program, and a citywide program was estimated to cost \$100,000.

Now, there could be enough recycling interest to justify a program, but another study is needed, Kauffman said. He doesn't know yet how much a pilot program would cost or where the money would come from.

Elkhart: Information on watershed to be presented

ELKHART -- More information about the Heaton Lake and Puterbaugh Creek watershed will be presented at a 6:30 p.m. Wednesday meeting at Eastwood Elementary School, 53215 C.R. 15.

Officials are developing plans for managing the quality of the watershed, which covers 17 square miles in Osolo and Washington townships and southern Cass County in Michigan.

For more information about the process call Christopher Jeter of Lawson-Fisher Associates at 234-3167 or Kris Krueger, Elkhart County government's grant specialist, at 535-6746.

The Way We Were/Dave Overton 1979: "The federal Office for Civil Rights has begun a second investigation of the Elkhart Community Schools in regards to the length of the school day for handicapped students."

1954: "Stores in the Elkhart business district will remain open Friday and Saturday nights until 8:30 and next week through Thursday night. However, the stores will close at the usual time of 5 o'clock Friday, Christmas Eve. Keith Mineger, manager of Browning Bus Lines, said city bus service will be maintained on the usual Monday night schedule each evening the stores are open."

1929: "The Sturdy Manufacturing Co., which has been operating for some time in the old General Manufacturing Co. plant at Richmond and McDonald streets, is to move to Sturgis, Mich., where it will occupy the former plant of the Sturgis Go-cart Co., it was announced today by B.L. Gray, head of the company."

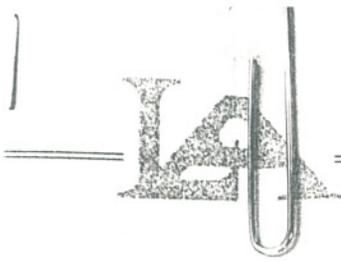
1904: "After nearly 31 years in the transfer business in Elkhart, David D. Carpenter sold his dray line yesterday to Eli and Carl Coleman, the former proprietors of the Coleman Ice Co."

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November 29, 2004

Ms. Nancy Brown, Program Manager  
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RE: Elkhart County Commissioners  
Section 205(j) Watershed Management Plan Grant  
Puterbaugh Creek – Heaton Lake Watershed  
Watershed Steering Committee Meeting

Dear Ms. Brown:

The following letter is to inform you that a Watershed Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for the above referenced project. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, December 15, 2004, at Eastwood Elementary School located at 53215 County Road 15 North, Elkhart, Indiana. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about the Watershed Management Plan Project and invite participation in the Watershed Planning process.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

LAWSON-FISHER ASSOCIATES P.C.

Christopher J. Jeter, P.E.  
Civil Engineer

CJJ/bsa

c: Kristine Krueger  
John E. Fisher, P.E.  
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**Elkhart County Commissioners  
Section 205(j) Watershed Management Plan Grant  
Puterbaugh Creek – Heaton Lake  
Watershed Steering Committee Meeting**

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Elkhart County Government  
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Elkhart, IN 46514

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23019 Lakeshore Drive  
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Section 205(j) Watershed Management Plan Grant  
Puterbaugh Creek – Heaton Lake  
Watershed Steering Committee Meeting**

Mr. Dave Simmons  
22892 Lakeshore Drive  
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Mr. John Hardy  
54507 David Drive  
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Mr. and Ms. Tom Davis  
52860 County Road 15  
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Mr. Nathan Rice, Grant Project Manager  
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Mr. Maynard Good  
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Goshen, IN 46528



## MEMORANDUM

December 17, 2004

TO: LFA Project File 200406.00

FROM: Christopher J. Jeter, P.E.

RE: Elkhart County Commissioners  
Section 205(j) Watershed Planning Grant  
Puterbaugh Creek – Heaton Lake Watershed Management Plan  
Stakeholder Meeting No. 3  
Public Meeting No. 4

The third stakeholder meeting for the above referenced project was conducted at Eastwood Elementary School on December 15, 2004. This meeting was the fourth in a series of eight (8) public meetings being conducted for the project. Copies of the agenda, sign-in sheet and handouts are included with this memorandum.

The meeting began with an introduction and a brief overview of the watershed planning project by Mr. Chris Jeter. Mr. Jeter provided an overview of the following three (3) items:

- Project Status
- Water Quality Results
- Future Tasks

After completing the overview and project updates, the stakeholders were given an opportunity to ask questions and/or comments on the items listed above and the 205(j) project. The following items were discussed:

- Attendees were interested in obtaining 8 ½ x 11 printouts of the watershed map and sample locations.
- Attendees requested that notice for the meeting be provided earlier.
- There was an interest among the attendees for ways and directions by which they may contribute in the cleanup effort.
- There was a discussion about pig farms and cattle farms in the northern section of the watershed. It was suggested that these sites be mapped.
- There was some discussion about illicit discharges, particularly identification, enforcement, and responsibility.
- It was suggested that a sanitary survey be performed. This item was not included in the cost of the grant but may potentially be performed.
- There was a discussion about the locations of septic permits. It was suggested that Cass County Health Department in Michigan be contacted for inclusion. It was also suggested that Elkhart Health Department be contacted for additional septic data from the period of March 2004 to December 2004.
- The attendees identified the surfactant levels and E-Coli water quality numbers to be of particular interest.
- There was also a discussion about the general condition of the receiving streams. This discussion focused particularly on trash and debris.
- The Elkhart Conservation Club (John Hardy) requested brochures.
- One of the attendees mentioned that there is a junkyard somewhere along CR 15 just south of US 12 which may or not be a source of pollution. It was suggested that this be mapped.



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- Bob Watkins suggested sending “Stormwater & the Construction Industry” outreach materials to the local Homebuilders Association.
- There was a brief discussion on the possibility of sludge disposal being present in the watershed.
- Attendees discussed the differences between point and non-point sources of pollution as well as the difference between sanitary and stormwater discharges.
- It was suggested by the attendees that a table is needed to explain the many acronyms used.
- The next Stakeholder meeting will be conducted in late March. Lawson-Fisher Associates will be bringing some figures that show the location of septic tanks within the watershed.

CJJ/sab



**Elkhart County Commissioners  
205(j) Watershed Planning Grant  
Puterbaugh Creek – Heaton Lake Watershed Management Plan**

**Joint Stakeholder Committee Meeting**

December 15, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Previous Stakeholder Meeting Issues
  - *Water Quality Testing*
  - *Existing Data Sources*
  - *Project Brochure and Outreach Materials*
3. Puterbaugh Creek – Heaton Lake Watershed Management Plan Project
  - *Planning Tasks*
  - *Schedule*
4. Conclusion
5. Discussion
6. Future Meetings



Elkhart County 205(j) Grant Project  
Water Quality Monitoring Results

Water Quality Guidelines						6 - 9	Varies by month		750 mg/L		5 mg/L		235 CFU/100 mL		Varies with pH and Temperature					
No.	Sampling Location	Date	Time	Ambient Temp. (°C)	Weather Condition	pH	Water Temp. (°C)	Cond. (µS/cm)	TDS	Color	DO (mg/L)	DO (%)	E. Coli	TKN (mg/L)	Ammonia (mg/L)	Nitrate (mg/L)	Orthophosphorus (mg/L)	Total Phosphorus (mg/L)	TSS (mg/L)	MBAS (Surfactants) (mg/L)
Wet Weather Sample  0.98 inches	1 Rhineheart Lateral	6/10/2004				7.72	19.2	373	190	Light Brown	6.97	75.1	11000	1.8	0.3	2.5	<0.05	0.37	35	<0.1
	2 Kindig/Kellog	6/10/2004	2:45 PM	21.7	Light Rain	7.22	21.3	210	107	Rust/Brown	1.35	15.1	1360	1.6	0.2	<0.1	<0.05	0.27	6	0.21
	3 Mather Ditch	6/10/2004	3:00 PM	21.7	Overcast	8.07	23.2	388	197	Clear	6.85	74.6	280	0.49	<0.05	<0.1	<0.05	<0.05	18	20
	4 Bishop Ditch	6/10/2004		21.7	Light Rain	7.57	20.5	361	184	Light Brown	3.88	43.8	1640	1.3	0.3	<0.1	<0.05	0.41	5	0.14
	5 Jacob Myers Ditch	6/10/2004		21.7	Overcast	7.97	21.5	385	196	Clear	7.01	79.6	360	0.99	<0.05	<0.1	<0.05	0.24	8	<0.1
	6 Puterbaugh Creek	6/10/2004	3:00 PM	21.7	Overcast	8.08	21.2	396	201	Clear	7.95	89.2	900	1.1	0.4	0.12	<0.05	0.34	2	0.12
	Duplicate Trip Blank	Rhineheart Lateral	6/10/2004	2:25 PM		Light Rain	7.72	19.2	373	190	Light Brown	6.97	75.1	11000	1.8	0.4	2.5	<0.05	0.26	32
		6/10/2004											<1	0.72	0.2	0.23	<0.05	<0.1	<1	<0.1
Wet Weather Sample  0.64 inches	1 Rhineheart Lateral	9/16/2004	7:30 AM	21.1	Sunny	8.4	18.6	430	300	Light Brown	4.7	50.6	21400	2.4	<0.05	0.39	0.12	0.46	24	0.13
	2 Kindig/Kellog	9/16/2004	8:00 AM	21.1	Sunny	7.6	19.2	420	320	Light Brown	0.26	2.8	1540	4.4	<0.05	<0.1	0.067	0.45	29	0.27
	3 Mather Ditch	9/16/2004	8:35 AM	21.1	Sunny	8.4	23.4	420	280	Clear	8.3	97.2	68	0.34	<0.05	<0.1	0.054	0.16	1	<0.1
	4 Bishop Ditch	9/16/2004	8:15 AM	21.1	Sunny	7.8	18.1	500	330	Light Green	1.92	16.6	450	0.71	<0.05	<0.1	0.13	0.24	4	<0.1
	5 Jacob Myers Ditch	9/16/2004	8:55 AM	21.1	Sunny	8	17.6	500	310	Clear - Light Green	6.48	67.5	1100	<0.1	<0.05	0.13	0.055	0.2	<1	<0.1
	6 Puterbaugh Creek	9/16/2004	9:10 AM	21.1	Sunny	8.1	17.1	510	300	Clear - Light Green	6.98	72.8	3600	0.52	<0.05	0.18	0.054	0.22	3	<0.1
	Duplicate Trip Blank	Bishop Ditch	9/16/2004	8:15 AM	21.1	Sunny	7.8	18.1	480	300	Light Green	1.92	16.6	500	0.76	<0.05	<0.1	0.13	0.23	2
		9/16/2004						7.9	<2				<1	<0.1	<0.05	<0.1	<0.05	<0.05	<1	<0.1
Dry Weather Sample	1 Rhineheart Lateral	9/13/2004	9:00 AM	24.5	Sunny	8.1	14.9	580	370	Light Brown	7.27	72	700	3.2	<0.05	0.68	0.09	0.29	140	0.27
	2 Kindig/Kellog	9/13/2004	9:10 AM	24.5	Sunny	7.4	16.3	410	330	Light Brown	0.26	2.6	84	1.8	<0.05	<0.1	<0.05	0.24	8	0.27
	3 Mather Ditch	9/13/2004	9:40 AM	24.5	Sunny	8.2	22.1	410	280	Clear	9.9	113.5	11	0.23	<0.05	<0.1	<0.05	0.23	<1	0.2
	4 Bishop Ditch	9/13/2004	9:30 AM	24.5	Sunny	7.7	14.8	520	340	Yellowish - Green	1.12	10.9	230	0.62	<0.05	<0.1	0.15	0.23	2	0.1
	5 Jacob Myers Ditch	9/13/2004	9:55 AM	24.5	Sunny	8	18.3	490	310	Clear	7.04	74.8	110	0.64	<0.05	<0.1	0.07	0.28	2	<0.1
	6 Puterbaugh Creek	9/13/2004	10:10 AM	24.5	Sunny	8	16.9	500	300	Clear	7.59	78.3	280	0.43	<0.05	0.15	0.074	0.21	12	<0.1
	Duplicate Trip Blank	Kindig/Kellog	9/13/2004	9:10 AM	24.5	Sunny	7.4	16.3	410	330	Light Brown	0.26	2.6	56	2.8	<0.05	<0.1	<0.05	0.24	5
		9/13/2004						<1	10				<1	<0.1	<0.05	<0.1	<0.05	0.13	<1	<0.1
Dry Weather Sample	1 Rhineheart Lateral	9/21/2004	7:00 AM	15.6	Sunny	8.2	10.6	590	390	Light Brown	6.86	66.5	3400	0.86	<0.05	0.46	0.07	0.16	27	0.13
	2 Kindig/Kellog	9/21/2004	7:10 AM	15.6	Sunny	8.1	12.6	430	340	Brown	1.01	9.6	126	1.7	<0.05	<0.1	0.073	0.4	12	0.38
	3 Mather Ditch	9/21/2004	7:40 AM	15.6	Sunny	8.4	18.5	420	300	Clear	8.98	95.6	32	<0.1	<0.05	<0.1	0.077	0.12	<1	0.21
	4 Bishop Ditch	9/21/2004	7:30 AM	15.6	Sunny	8	12.4	450	330	Light Brown	2.46	21.5	118	1.1	<0.05	<0.1	0.1	0.19	2	0.21
	5 Jacob Myers Ditch	9/21/2004	8:00 AM	15.6	Sunny	8.2	12.3	520	330	Light Green	7.84	73.2	580	0.22	<0.05	<0.1	0.087	0.24	1	0.16
	6 Puterbaugh Creek	9/21/2004	8:15 AM	15.6	Sunny	8.2	12.7	490	360	Clear - Light Green	8.47	79.7	420	0.34	<0.05	0.22	0.092	0.21	5	<0.1
	Duplicate Trip Blank	Rhineheart Lateral	9/21/2004	7:00 AM	15.6	Sunny	8.2	10.6	590	400	Light Brown	6.86	66.5	3800	0.78	<0.05	0.43	0.12	0.32	23
		9/21/2004						13.7	12				<1	<0.1	<0.05	<0.1	<0.07	<0.05	<1	<0.1