



## News Release

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### **2018 Wabash River Sampling Blitz to be held on April 13**

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – April 9, 2018 – The 2018 Wabash River Sampling Blitz will be on Friday, April 13, 2018 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Lilly Nature Center, 1620 Lindberg Rd. in West Lafayette and at the Tippecanoe Soil and Water Conservation District Office, 1812 Troxel Dr. in Lafayette. The Wabash River Enhancement Corporation are looking for volunteers for this critical annual effort to ensure water quality of the Wabash River.

Since the fall of 2009, volunteers throughout the Region of the Great Bend of the Wabash River watershed complete a snapshot assessment of water quality throughout the watershed. Volunteers monitor temperature, water cloudiness (turbidity), nutrient levels, and pathogen concentrations. Each volunteer group is assigned to a starting location, either the Lilly Nature Center in West Lafayette or the Soil Water and Conservation District Office in Lafayette. Sites are assigned based on location choice and selected access difficulty ranging from easy access (walk right in sites) to locations that require more physical activity to access. Our staging location volunteers will provide all sample collection equipment and instructions, maps, and driving directions. Volunteers are not provided with waders, boots, dry clothes, bug spray, ivy off, or food.



At each site, volunteers will identify an appropriate access point and after entering the stream, they wade to the center and fill their provided sample bottles. They then measure stream temperature and water cloudiness with the provided thermometer and transparency tube. Once completed, they will photograph the stream and any unique or interesting features and travel to their next site. Once they have sampled all of their streams, they will return to their staging location to filter the samples for laboratory analysis, measure water quality with provided test strips and download photos.

To learn more about the Wabash River Sampling Blitz, more information about the event and the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation at their website, <http://www.wabashriver.net/wabash-sampling-blitz/>. To sign up to volunteer for the Wabash River Sampling Blitz please follow the steps here, <http://www.wabashriver.net/blitz-registration/>.

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