

What is the South Laughery Creek Watershed Project?

The South Laughery Creek Watershed Project was created to educate citizens of the watershed about conservation through community involvement while utilizing leadership, teamwork, and resources effectively.



The South Laughery Creek Watershed is made up of 120,000 square acres in 4 counties. South Laughery is approximately 22 miles long in length stretching from the Versailles Lake in Ripley County to the Ohio River just west of Aurora in Dearborn County. Many small tributaries help make up the watershed area with approximately 25 being named.

The goal of this project is to provide education to the residents of the watershed and help them to practice the best management practices. Cost-share programs are available to help promote conservation on the land.

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Providing a healthy creek and surrounding habitat that promotes productive land use and responsible recreational practices.

What you can expect from SLC Watershed

Events:

- **Stream Cleanups:** Everyone has seen an area of our watershed that is in need of some TLC...well we are ready to help! At least two stream clean ups will be held and other watershed cleanup activities will take place involving all four counties! These events are fun and exciting days where the community comes together to make a difference in our environment. Participating in a cleanup is great for groups and organizations but also is a great way for the general public to make a difference.
- **Septic System Public meetings:** Many landowners have a septic system on their property, BUT how many actually know how the system works and how to maintain it? These meetings are a way to create public awareness of the problems associated with a neglected septic system and a means to correct or prevent these problems.
- **Workshops and Field days:** Three workshops or field days will be held about conservation tillage for farmers to address the many reasons to practice conservation tillage and provide information on how to incorporate this method into their lifestyle.



Education for Students and Teachers:



- **Presentations and Curriculum:** Visiting classrooms and events to give presentations to students is perhaps one of the most important activities done by the SLC Watershed Project. Eight presentations to local students K-12 will be administered about topics such as non-point source pollution and water quality monitoring. If an educator is unable to book a presentation in their classroom curriculum is provided on these topics to promote future natural resource education.
- **Pond Clinics:** Educational water quality monitoring activities for Teachers and Students is only a taste of what is offered at our Pond Clinics. Many other exciting topics such as fisheries, plant identification, and pond management making these fun filled events for any age!

Public Outreach:

- Newsletters are available to the public through the Ripley, Dearborn, Ohio, and Switzerland County SWCD's. Visit the Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D Website www.hhhills.org for more information or to sign up to be on the mailing list.
- Brochures on topics such as septic system maintenance, Best Management Practices, the Cost Share Program, and Non-point Source pollution are available.
- DVD's and VHS copies of the field days and workshops can be obtained and are offered to the public.



Want to get involved?

Are you asking yourself how you can get involved? We can help...

- **Attend the meetings, workshops, and field days.** They are even free to the public! Bring your relatives, friends and of course, your questions
- **Become a committee member.** The SLC Watershed committee is always looking for new faces to become a part of our family.
- **Are you interested in hosting an event?** Many of the events are required to be in the field. If you have a location that is on a creek in SLC Watershed and would like to open your property to us please contact our office. *Please keep in mind room for parking would be a necessity.*
- **Do you know a creek that is in need of some cleaning up?** Let us know problem areas along the creeks in the SLC Watershed and we can hold an event or give you the information needed to hold your own stream clean-up.
- **Do you need help applying conservation practices on your land?** If so we have a cost share program available to help you out!

Contact us at (821)689-6410 Ext. 5

Look for event dates posted in newsletters, newspapers, and also watch for us at the county fairs and other community events.