

HUNTINGTON &
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Rock Creek Conservancy District

Huntington & Wells Counties

56th Annual Meeting

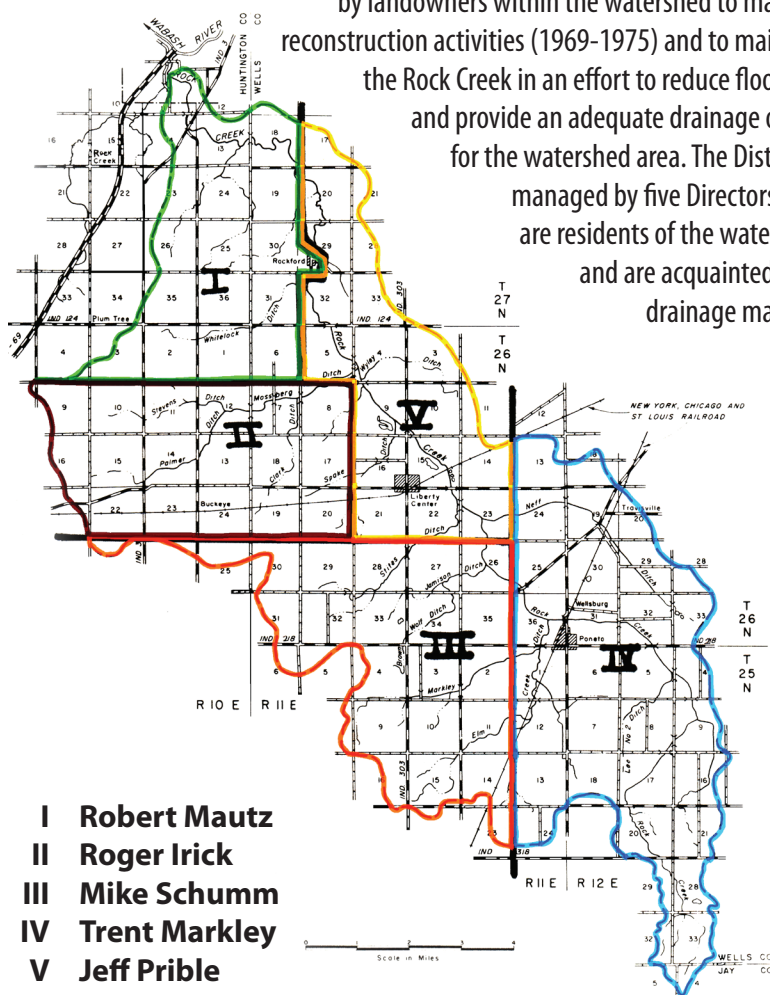
**Report to the Public
of 2023 Activities**

**February 15, 2024
6 p.m.**

**Wells Co. Community Center
1240 4-H Park Road, Bluffton, IN**

Rock Creek Conservancy District

The Rock Creek Conservancy District (RCCD) was established in 1966 by landowners within the watershed to manage reconstruction activities (1969-1975) and to maintain the Rock Creek in an effort to reduce flooding, and provide an adequate drainage outlet for the watershed area. The District is managed by five Directors who are residents of the watershed and are acquainted with drainage matters.



RCCD MEETINGS

The Rock Creek Conservancy District meets quarterly; in March, June, September and December. Meetings are held on the second (2nd) Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. Meetings are advertised and are open to the public.

Director Election

At each annual meeting, Directors shall be elected to fill vacancies on the board following the Indiana Conservancy District Act, Sec. 5 (IC 14-33-5). If there is only one (1) nominee for election to the board for each area for which a director is to be elected, then the election is not required to be held and the nominee is considered elected. The District can also petition the Wells Co. Commissioners to appoint Directors if nominations are not advertised or if no nominations are received.

The Wells County Commissioners have appointed Trent Markley to begin his role as the Area IV Director, therefore no election will be held. Directors serve a term of 4 years.

FUNDING

The Rock Creek Conservancy District budget for 2023 was \$85,300. The special benefits tax rate was \$0.0144 per \$100 of assessed valuation of land and improvements, resulting in a certified levy of \$34,165. All parcels are subject to a minimum \$10.00 assessment.

The Rock Creek Conservancy District has no outstanding debts.

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Annual Financial Report

January 1 - December 31, 2023

Checking - Balance as of January 1, 2023

\$163,668.93

Receipts

Huntington County Tax Income Receipts

\$6,514.30

Wells County Tax Income Receipts

\$38,015.04

Misc. Income (Refunded Items)

\$138.01

Interest Income - Checking

\$46.41

Total Receipts \$44,713.76

Disbursements

Directors

\$1,800.00

Financial Clerk

\$5,100.00

Contracting Officer

\$4,800.00

Monitoring Program Coordinator

\$1,200.00

Legal Services

\$581.00

Postage

\$0.00

Office Supplies

\$258.95

Travel

\$150.00

Legal Notices/Advertising

\$292.08

Bond

\$167.00

Liability Insurance

\$639.00

Workers' Compensation Insurance

\$428.00

Maintenance

\$20,585.00

Maintenance - Water Quality Monitoring

\$2,928.06

Contingency

\$3,500.00

Payroll Liabilities

\$1,247.34

Total Disbursements \$43,676.43

Investments

TrustIN - Balance as of December 31, 2023

\$100,000.00

Checking - Balance as of December 31, 2023

\$64,706.26

This Financial Report is true to the best of my knowledge.

Pamela K. Gregory, Financial Clerk

Report to the Public of 2023 Activities

Held the joint annual meeting with the Wells Co. SWCD and Wells Co. Purdue Extension Service on February 16, 2023. Annual reports were given and awards were presented. The event speaker was Mark Booth of Take Flight! Wildlife Education presenting on birds of prey.

Roger Irick had been appointed to a 4-year term by the Wells County Commissioners to continue in his role as Area II director. Roger Irick has served as the Area II director since 1994. No election was required.

Four water monitoring events were conducted under the guidance of Steve Stauffer, Monitoring Program Coordinator.

The annual spray program was completed on the south half of the Rock Creek and the north half will be sprayed in 2024.

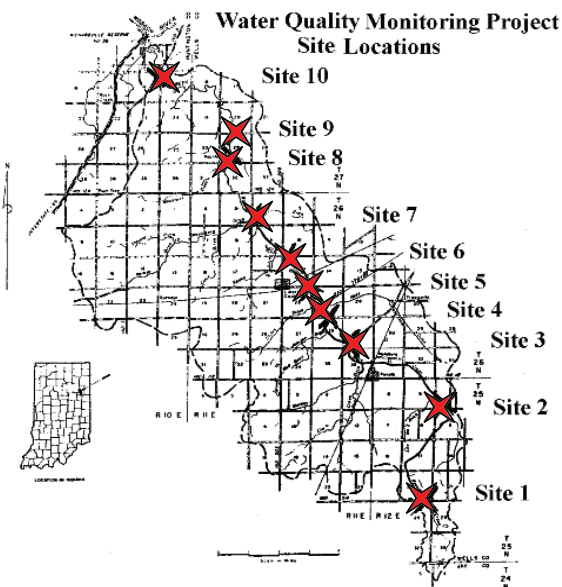
Replaced a broken pipe about half a mile west of 100E, north of SR218. Just south of SR124 replaced pipe of a surface water drain that is also broken down. Mossburg ditch between CR550W and the County line was reinforced with rip rap.

The Contracting Officer and Directors met with landowners regarding right-of way access, flooding concerns, and to discuss future maintenance activities.

Landowners are encouraged to report maintenance needs to:
Contracting Officer, Chase Gray 260-228-0992

Water Quality Monitoring Program

*Student and adult volunteers are welcome, contact
Steve Stauffer at 260-307-6151 to assist with monitoring events.*



Site 10: SR 3 in Huntington County

Site 9: CR 200 N between
CR 400 W & CR 500 W

Site 8: CR 100 N between
CR 400 W & CR 500 W

Site 7: CR 400 W between
CR 100 S & SR 124 W

Site 6: CR 200 S between
CR 200 W & CR 300 W

Site 5: CR 300 S between
CR 200 W & CR 300 W

Site 4: CR 400 S between
CR 100 W & CR 200 W

Site 3: CR 500 S at
Hoosier Highway

Site 2: CR 700 S between
CR 200 E & CR 250 E

Site 1: CR 1000 S between
CR 100 E & CR 200 E

TO DO LIST

Future activities for 2024 include:

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- ✓ Annual spray program



Easements and Right-of-Ways

The Rock Creek Conservancy District has a permanent easement and right-of-way on the Rock Creek main channel, Whitelock Ditch, Mossburg Ditch and many of its tributaries/laterals. The right-of-ways vary from 75 to 125 feet on each side, measured from the center of the channel.

Tree plantings, filter strips, and right-of-way markers were established as a part of the reconstruction project. Landowners are not permitted to farm the area between the channel and right-of-way markers or block access to these areas. Any damage caused while performing maintenance activities to crops or other obstructions that are within the easement and right-of-ways are not recoverable from the District.

The easement and right-of-way is for the purpose of maintenance by RCCD contractors. This area is private property and landowners retain possession and control of their land. Anyone other than RCCD staff or contractors entering the right-of-way must contact the landowner for permission to use the area.

2023 Rock Creek Conservancy District DIRECTORS



**(L to R) Jeff Prible - Area IV; Robert Mautz - Area I;
Roger McAfee - Area V; Roger Irick, Vice Chairman - Area II;
and Mike Schumm, Chairman - Area III.**

Contracting Officer

Chase Gray 260.228.0992

Monitoring Program Coordinator

Steve Stauffer 260.307.6151

Financial Clerk

Pamela K. Gregory, 260.703.0490

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