

3rd Quarter
September 1, 2015



Financials

- Cash Balance as of June 30 \$66,866.39
- YTD Expenditures \$72,382.07
- 4th Quarter Expenditures \$34,214.03
- Contributions as of June 30 \$11,045.00
- Budget transfer
 - Transfer \$100 from Contractual Service to Travel/Mileage.
- Audit
- Cashed in Certificate of Deposit

Old Business

- **Basin Updates**

Old Business

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- St. Joseph River Basin Filter Strip Initiative



Bank Instability Results in More than Soil Loss

It's Not Just the Environment

Land along waterways can be filled with surprises. Unstable bank tops may be hidden by flowing water that has undercut the bank. Weight and vibration of heavy farm equipment might just be the formula for the remaining bank to collapse with the equipment still on it!

Filter strips provide that cushion of safety. Properly chosen plants, provide deep roots to strengthen the structure of the soil. The width of the filter strip insures that equipment will not get close to instability if undercutting occurs in the banks.

Eroded soils deposit in slow-flow areas down stream from their source. These deposits alter stream flow, resulting in upstream flooding or damage to the stream structure. This necessitates more frequent and more severe maintenance. Controlling soils before they enter streams and ditches, helps reduce the frequency and severity of drain maintenance—saving taxpayers money.

Who To Contact

For technical assistance and funding opportunities to develop and maintain a filter strip, contact your local **Natural Resource Conservation Service** and **Soil and Water Conservation District**.

For more information regarding Indiana's Filter Strip Law and tax assessment reductions, contact your **County Surveyor and Drainage Board** and **County Assessor**.



Filter Strips Protect Wildlife habitat

IMPROVING WATER QUALITY THROUGH GOOD CONSERVATION PRACTICES



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Indiana's
Filter
Strip Law

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- Basin Updates
- St. Joseph River Basin Filter Strip Initiative
- **Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy Scholarship**
 - **Due October 1, 2015**



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Watershed Leadership Academy Application

1. Contact Information

Name *
 First Last

Address *
 Address Line 1
 Address Line 2

City State Zip Code

Email *

Phone

2. Current Position

Position Title * **Organization ***

How long have you been in this position? *

Responsibilities *

3. Your Connection to Watershed Management

Are you involved with a watershed group? *
 Yes No

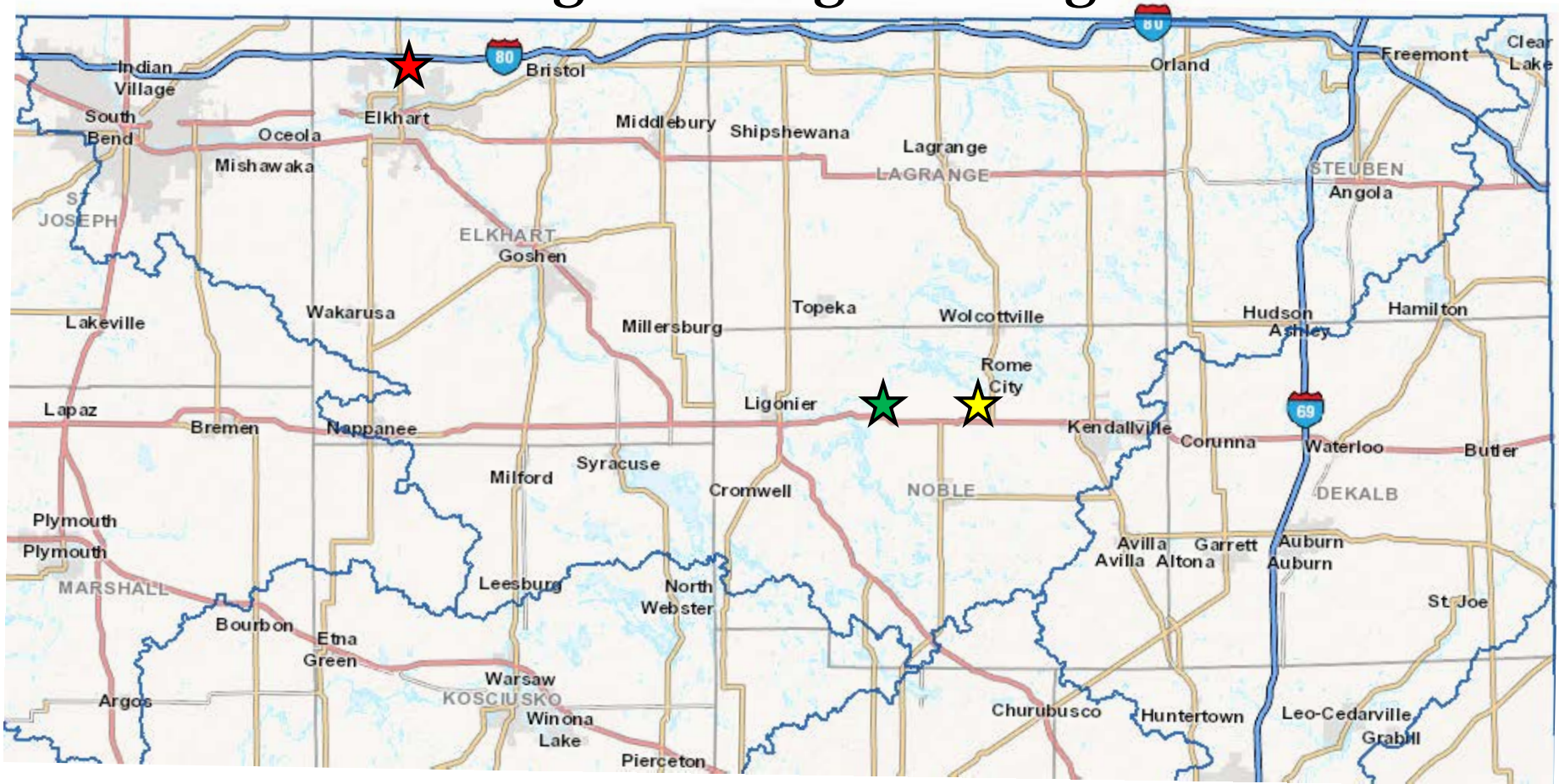
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- Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy
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Gauges Losing Funding



★ Simonton Lake – Elkhart, IN

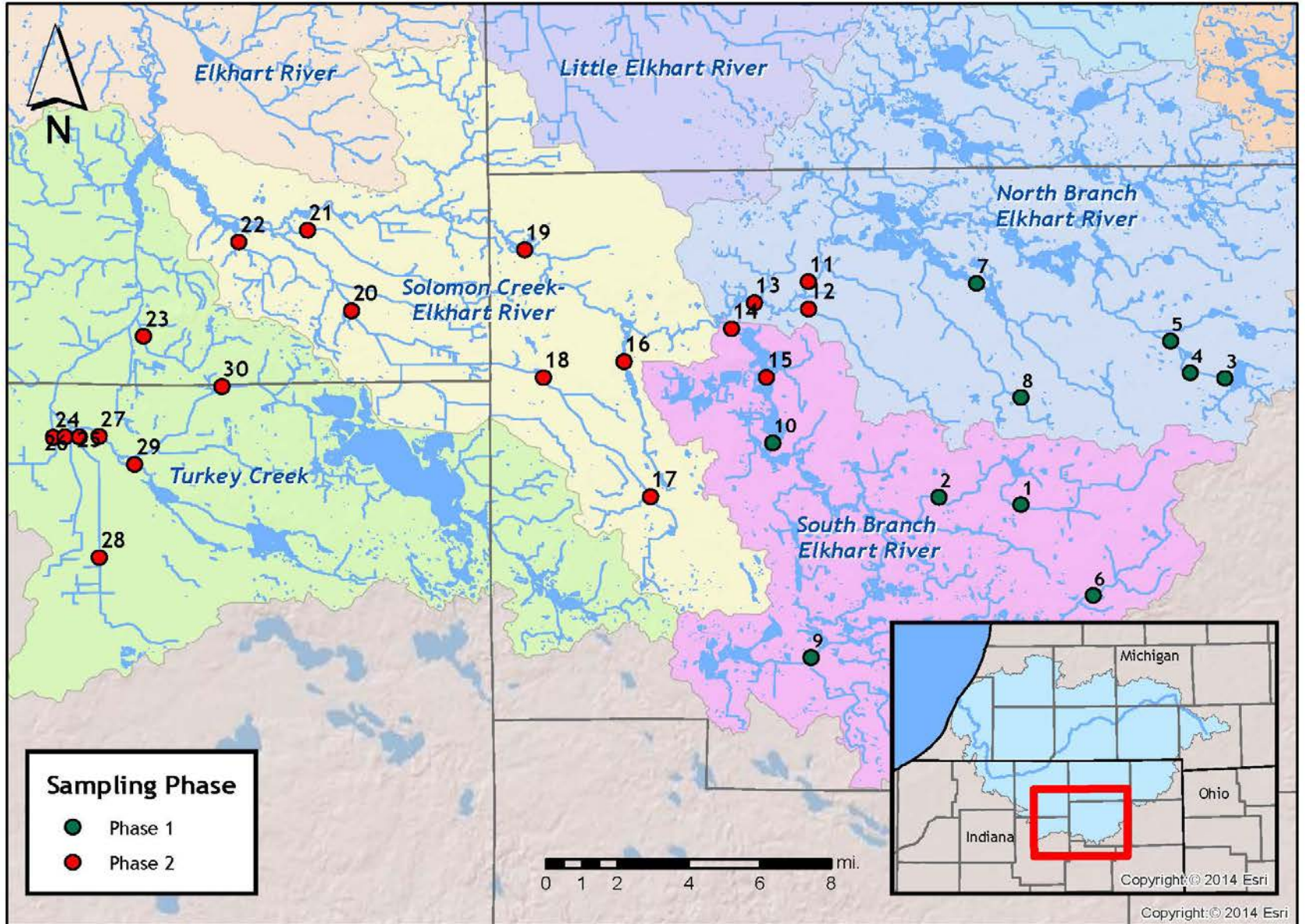
★ Sylvan Lake - Rome City, IN

★ Waldron Lake – Cosperville, IN

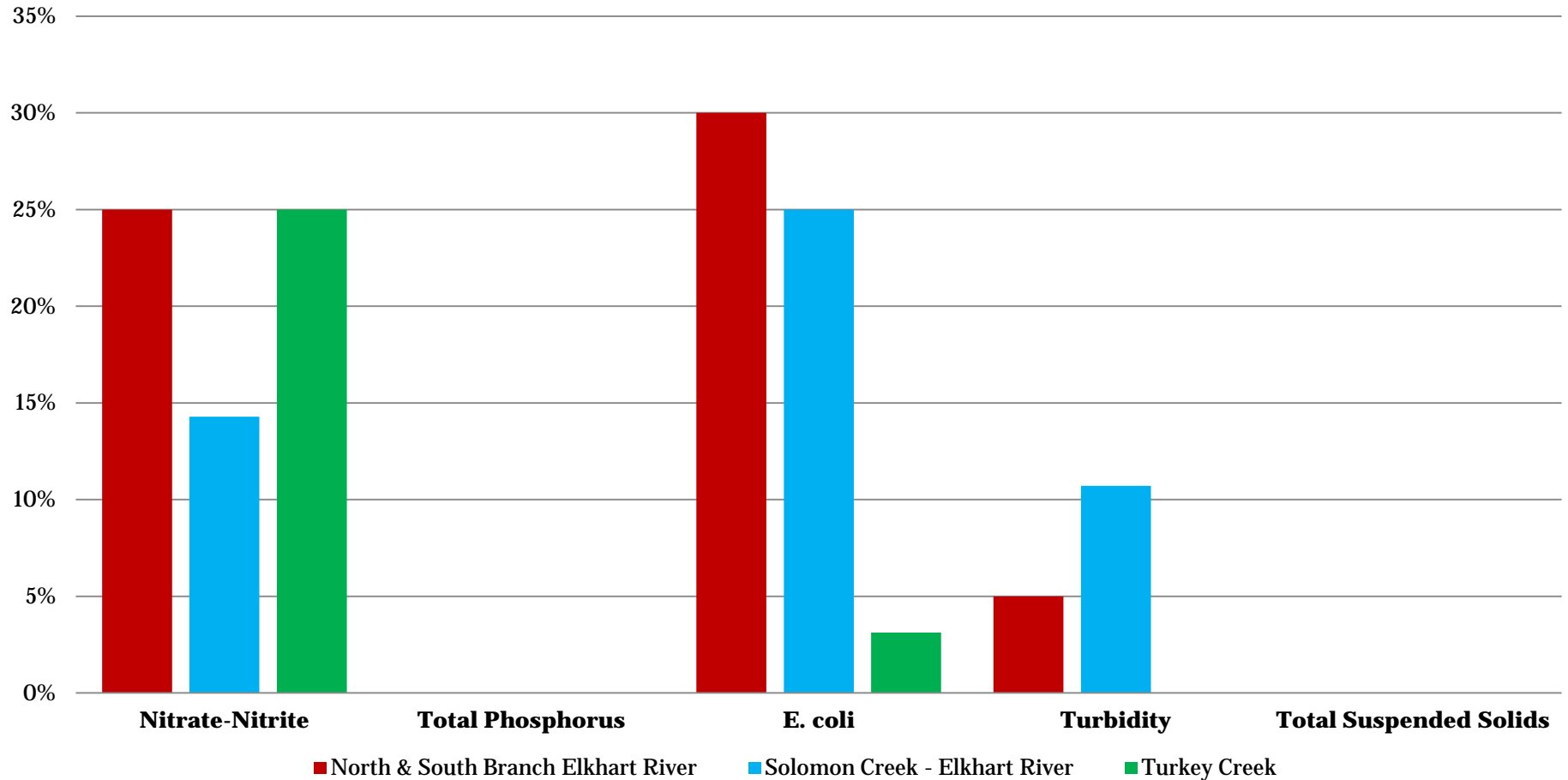
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- **Water Monitoring Program Update**

SJRBC Sampling Sites



Phase 2 – July 30, 2015
Percentage of Sample Events Exceeding Target Values
by Subwatershed



New Business

- West Chain of Lakes Flooding – Noble County



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- **Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Wetland Restoration Project**
 - **40 acres of wetland restoration**
 - **Emphasis on forested wetland**

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- **Fawn River Cost-share Letter of Support**

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Next Meeting
December 1st, 2015

