

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
September 1, 2015



# Financials

- Cash Balance as of June 30      \$66,866.39
- YTD Expenditures      \$72,382.07
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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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

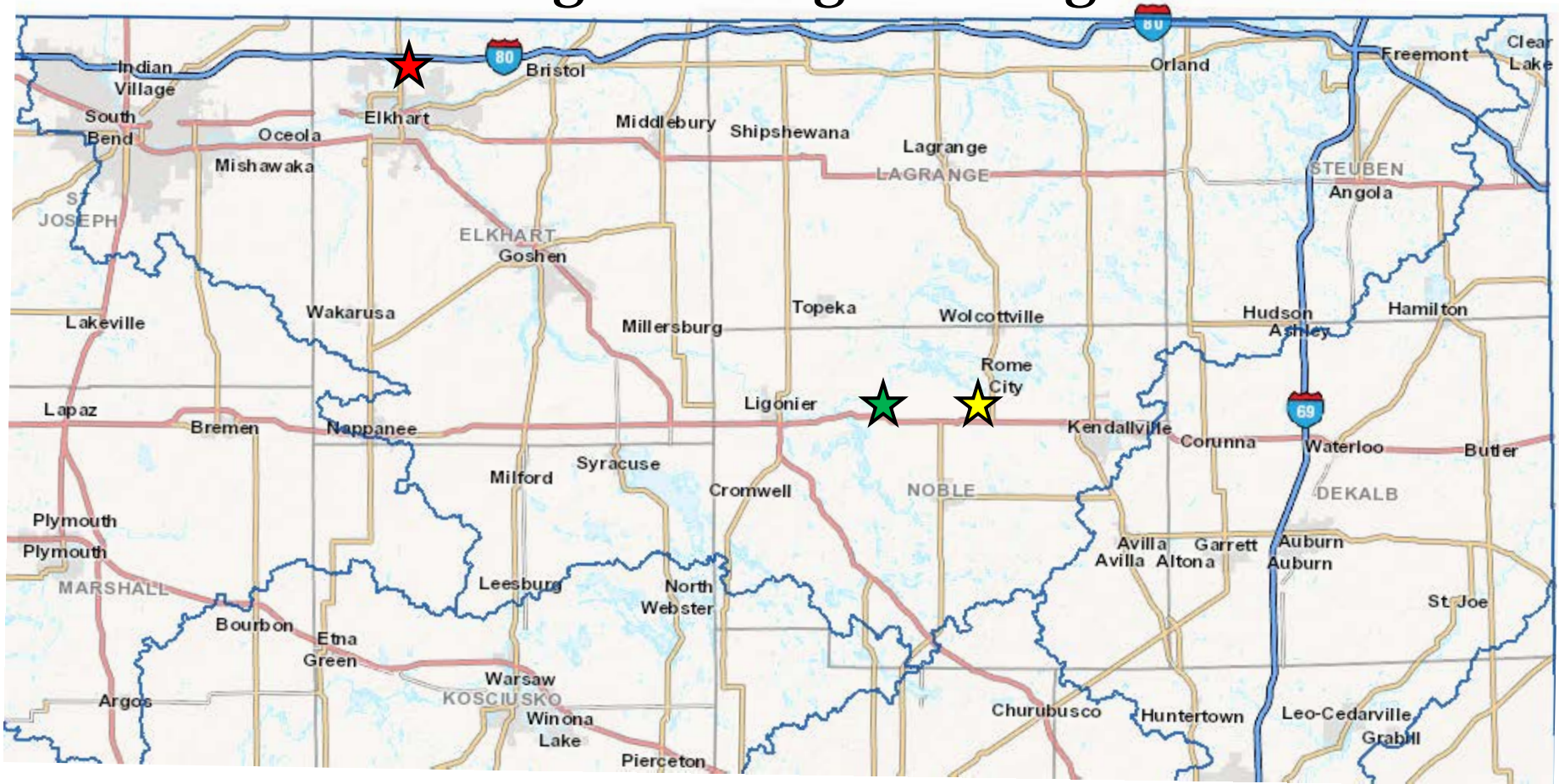
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# Gauges Losing Funding



★ Simonton Lake – Elkhart, IN

★ Sylvan Lake - Rome City, IN

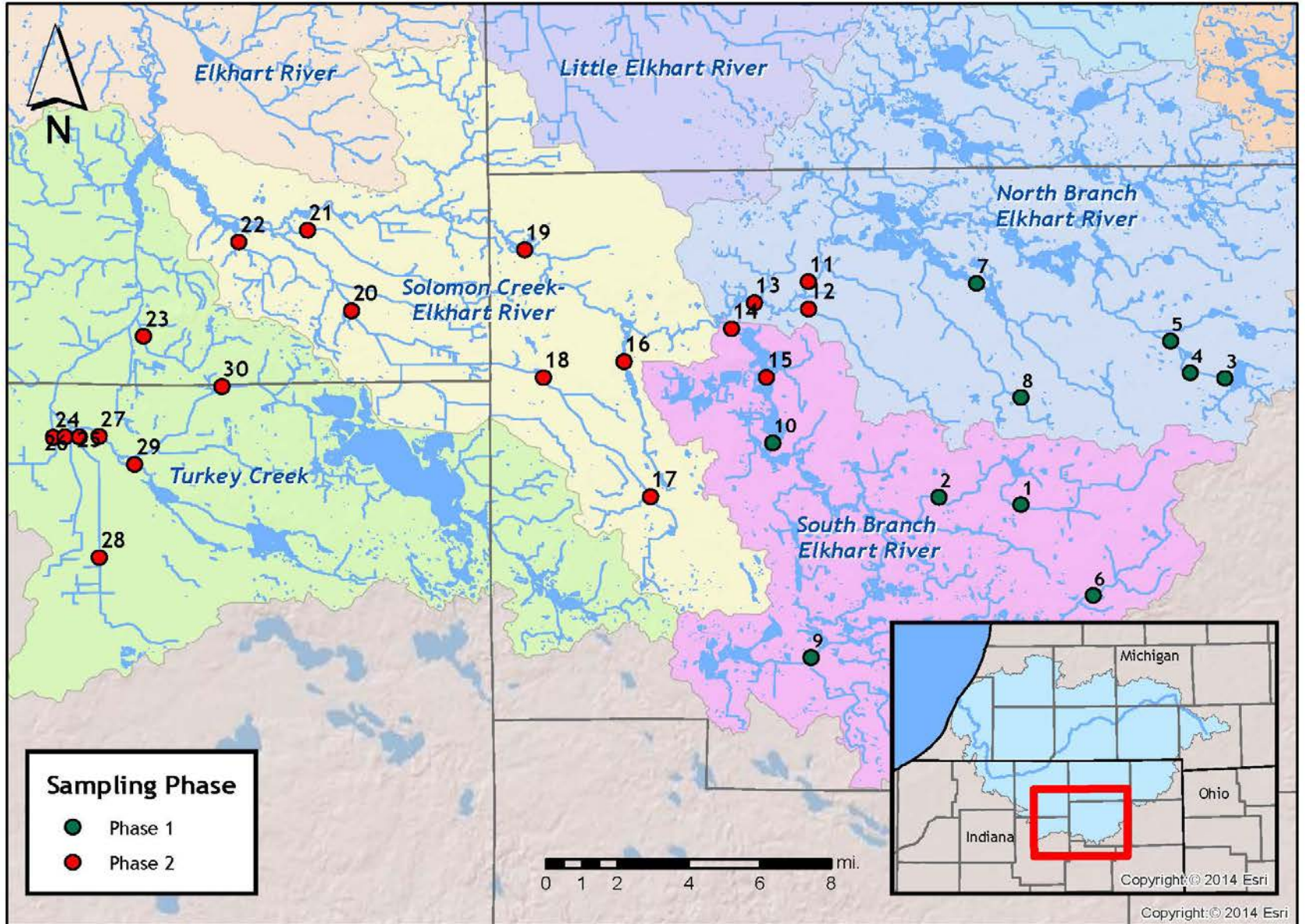
★ Waldron Lake – Cosperville, IN



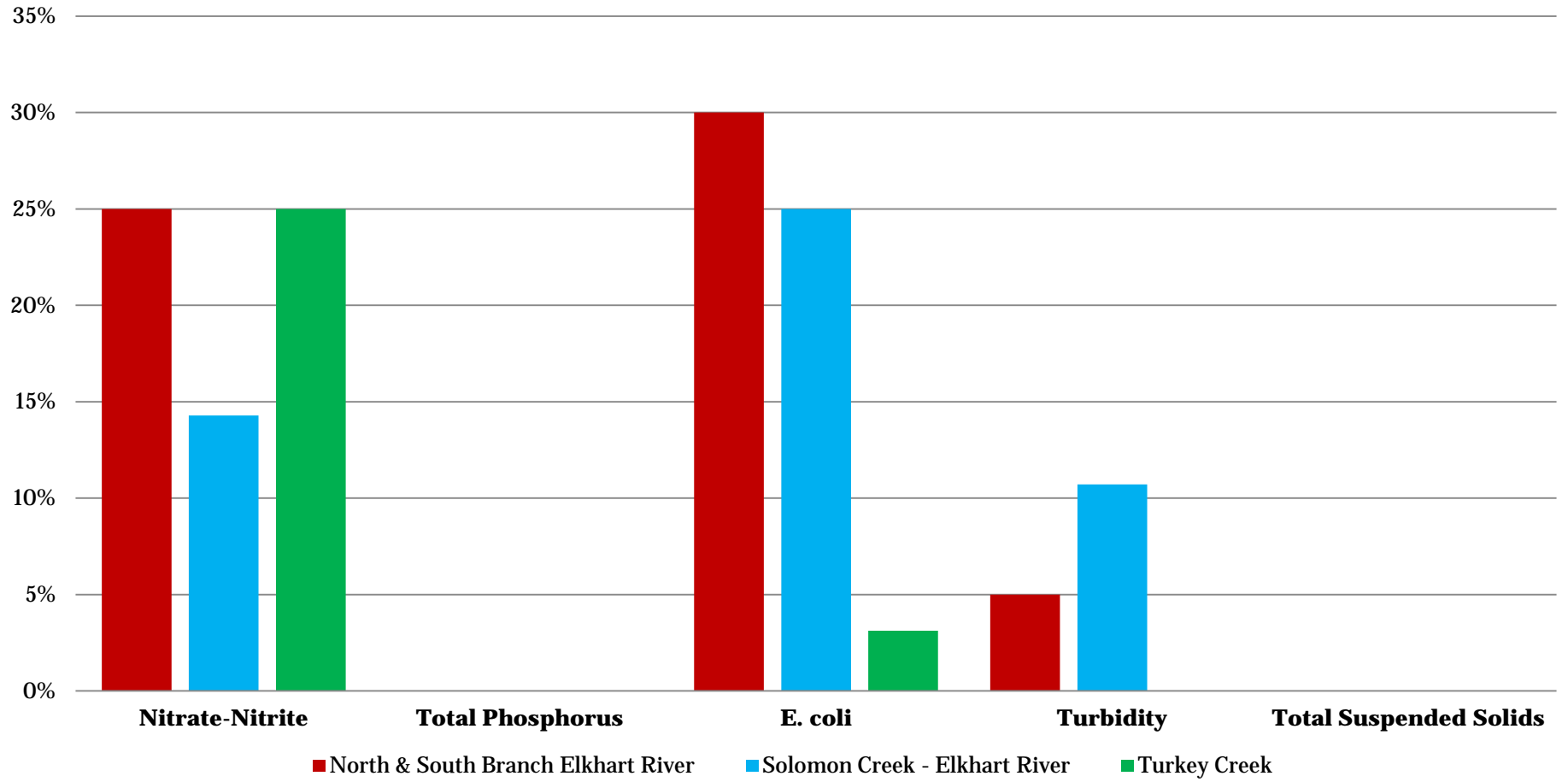
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- **Water Monitoring Program Update**

# SJRBC Sampling Sites



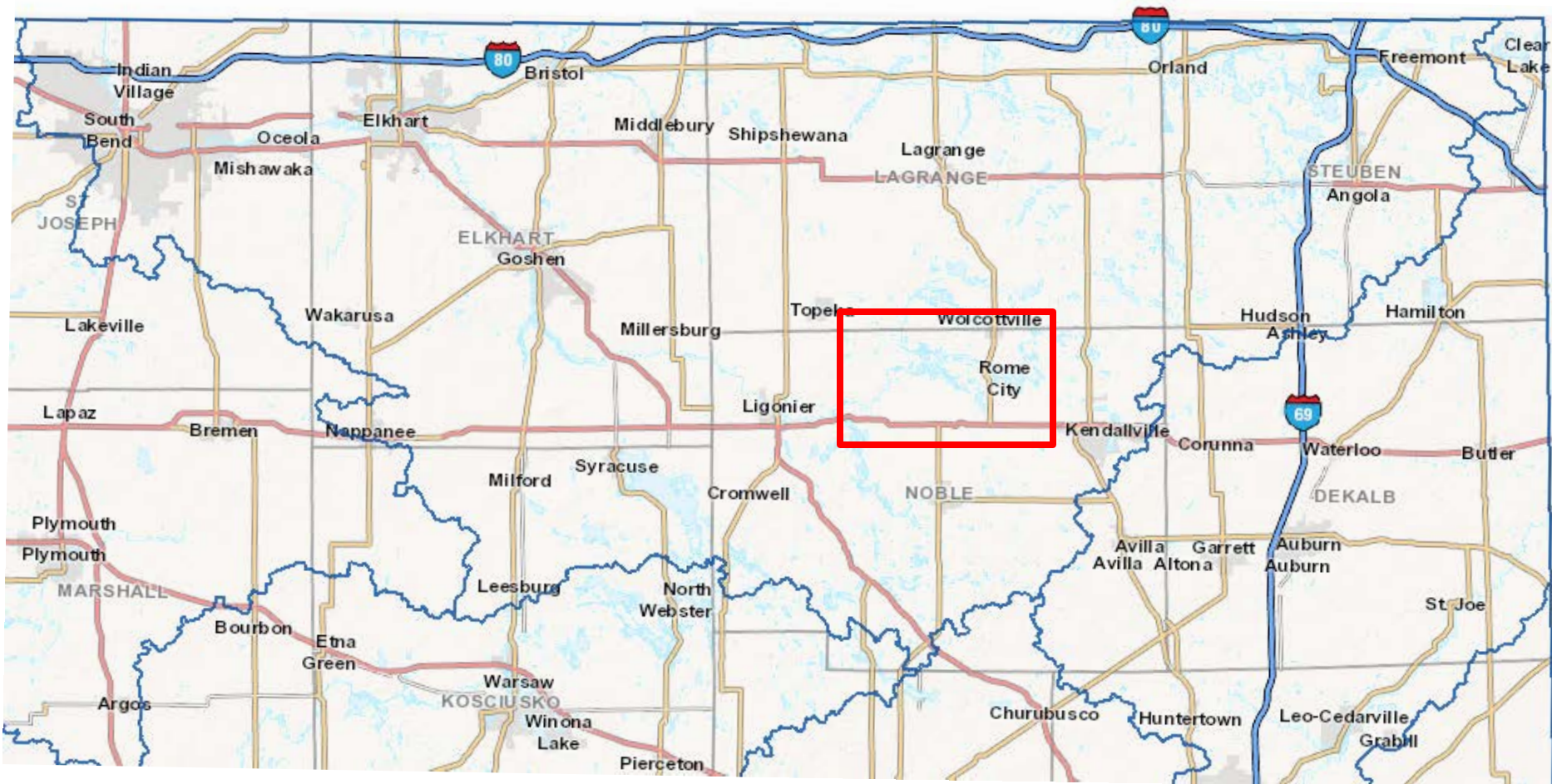
## Phase 2 – July 30, 2015 Percentage of Sample Events Exceeding Target Values by Subwatershed





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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**

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015



Next Meeting  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

