

The Water Drop

Spring 2022



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The Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality is a group of five local governments working together to meet our National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Permit. Our mission is to bring stormwater pollution awareness, preventions and solutions for the residents of Morgan County through public education and community involvement.

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Did you know that The Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality has a new website, Facebook page and Instagram?

<https://mcpwq.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/Morgan-County-Partnership-for-Water-Quality-106226147941275>

<https://www.instagram.com/mcpwq46151/>



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The White River Clean Up - 2022

The White River Clean Up was on April 23, 2022. The Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality had to change the date this year due to flooding on March 13, 2022. Around 60 volunteers helped clean up at Three Rivers S.R.A., Henderson Ford Public Access Site, and the Paragon Public Access Site.

The 15-yard dumpster was almost full when we left at noon on Saturday. This is a success! Though there was plenty of garbage collected from the White River area, it was less than what we collected in years past!

Jackson Junk was able to get their trailer full of litter from Henderson Ford and dispose of it properly. A trailer full of tires were hauled to Big O' Tires in Mooresville for proper disposal. There were students from different clubs at the middle school and high school that joined in as volunteers.

Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District (MCSWCD) along with Morgan County Recycle joined us at the river again this year. Lisa from MCSWCD was able to pass out free trees at this event! Some of the trees were donated by Peggy Mayfield. Erick from Morgan County Recycle provided the dumpster and refreshments.

We had two students from the National Junior Honor Society participate with us this year. Michaela and Allyson from National Junior Honor Society helped out quite a bit. The ladies were going to do a rain garden project with younger participants. Due to lack of young participants, the ladies did get to share the project. The youth would have been able to build a rain garden in a bottle to help give understanding on how rain gardens help slow the flow of stormwater runoff and clean pollution.

The volunteers along with our community partners – Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District, Morgan County Recycling, Jackson Junk, Peine Engineering, and Big O' Tires in Mooresville, were able to make this White River Clean Up very successful! Many thanks to all! This has been a yearly event for many years.

This is an annual event. If you or members of your club/organization would like to participate, please let me know and I will be happy to contact with information. For more information from the Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality please visit our website: mcpwq.org



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Photos from the White River Clean Up – April 23, 2022



Thank you to all who volunteered!

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." (Anne Frank)



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Burkhart Creek County Park

Did you know that Burkhart Creek County Park, located at Duckworth Road and Warthen Road in Paragon, has a wetland?

There is a 5-acre wetland area in the county park. A wetland is an area that can be wet all year, part of the year. Wetlands are a beneficial to the environment. Many animals use the wetlands for part or all of their life cycle.

In mid-April, the Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality was able to hang a to help Protect Morgan County Watersheds. Kenny Hale and Volitta Fritsche, along with a group of community corrections workers helped out in hanging the sign in the wetlands area of the park. As the sign was being hung, I was able to give the group information on water pollution, stormwater, and wetlands.

Check out the kiosks at Burkhart Creek! We were about to create a flyer with a QR Code so you can learn more about wetlands.

Many thanks for the community participation in helping protect our watersheds!



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SPRING TOX AWAY DAY

June 25th, 2022

MOORESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

8:00 am – 1:00 pm (rain or shine)

MORGAN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

*Businesses are not included (due to the volume of material);
they may call NuGenesis at 800-487-1010 to make other arrangements.*

What You Can Dispose of for Free: Prescription Medications & Sharps, Oil fuels, Antifreeze, Motor Oil/Filters, Adhesives, Driveway Sealers, Stain, Pesticides, Herbicides, Fertilizers, Pool Chemicals, Varnish, Auto Batteries, Oil Base and Latex Paints, Paint Tubes/PCB, Ballasts, Acids & Bases, Household Cleaning Agents, Rechargeable Batteries and Weed Killers.

We Accept All Appliances (CFC & non-CFC) for Free: Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Stoves, Washers, Dryers, Water Heaters, Microwaves, Humidifiers, and De-Humidifiers. **FEES for TELEVISIONS and MONITORS: \$20.00 each**

FEES for TIRES are as follows:

Car/Light Truck Tires: First 6 free—\$2.00 per each additional tire (12 max)

Heavy/Truck Tires: First 2 free—\$5.00 per each additional tire (6 max)

Farm tractor Tires (54" diameter & greater): intact, \$75.00 each; if fully

Quartered (No Halves & No Thirds): first two quartered tires for free;

\$15.00 for each additional quartered tire (6 max)

Tires on rims are an additional \$1.00 each

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT: Asbestos, Lab Chemicals, Large Propane Tanks, Explosives, Ammunition or Firearms, Medical or Infectious Waste, Radioactive Materials.

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GET INVOLVED! Community Event Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Meeting Time</i>	<i>Additional Info</i>
May 10, 2022	Meeting	Morgan County Native & Invasive Plant Partnership (MC NIPP)	6p	
May 11, 2022	Meeting	Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District	6p	
May 14, 2022	Weed Wrangle	Morgan County Native & Invasive Plant Partnership (MC NIPP)	9a – 12non	Jimmy Nash City Park
June 4, 2022	Weed Wrangle	Morgan County Native & Invasive Plant Partnership (MC NIPP)	9a – 12noon	Fred & Dorothy Meyer Preserve
June 7, 2022	Meeting	Morgan County Native & Invasive Plant Partnership (MC NIPP)	6p	
June 15, 2022	Meeting	Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District	6p	
June 22, 2022	Tox AWAY Day	Morgan County Recycling	9a-12noon	

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