Website & Membership Management System

www.FotSJR.org
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Welcome!

The Friends of the St. Joe River Association, Inc. (FotSJR) is helping Conservation Districts and other partners in Indiana and Michigan with watershed education, planning and implementation projects within the St. Joseph River Basin.

The FotSJR aspires to:

- Serve as a center for watershed information
- Offer technical assistance and support to partners
- Coordinate implementation of watershed management plans
- Provide tools to target and secure funding for conservation practices

"The FotSJR is like a personal trainer for the watershed. We help our partners get their waterbodies in shape!" - Matt Meersman, President
We want our website to:

- Provide information to the public
- Store and deliver resources for us and our partners
- Manage our membership
- Manage event registration
- Help us raise money
Provide information about:

- The watershed
- Our group
- The river
- Strategies for protection/restoration
- Education and volunteer opportunities
Our Watershed

The St. Joseph River Watershed is located in the southwest portion of Michigan and the northern portion of Indiana. The river flows near the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek area in Michigan and through the Elkhart-Goshen and the South Bend metropolitan areas in Indiana before emptying into Lake Michigan at St. Joseph, Michigan.

The St. Joseph River Watershed by the Numbers:

- 4,685 square miles are drained by the river (watershed size)
- 3rd largest watershed draining to Lake Michigan
- 2 states - Indiana and Michigan share the watershed
- 3,000 square miles of the watershed are in Michigan
- 1,685 square miles of the watershed are in Indiana
- 15 counties are entirely or partially within the watershed
- 1,524,941 people live in the watershed (2000 Census)
- 210 miles - length of the main branch of the river
- 2 times - the main branch crosses the IN/MI state line
- 1,631 miles - length of significant tributaries to the river
- 600 feet of fall from the headwaters to Lake Michigan
- 70% of the watershed land is used for crop/animal production
- 50% of historic wetlands in the watershed have been lost

Click here to download a watershed fact sheet. More information
Board of Directors

Executive Committee

- Matt Meersman - President
- Maria Mast - Vice President
- Melanie Stoughton - Secretary
- Danielle Meersman - Treasurer

Directors

- Eldred Adams
- Bruce Barton
- Jim Coury
- Geoffrey Cripe
- Daragh Deegan
- Rudy Kappe
- Eric Kerney
- Ray Leising
- Brian Musser
A Watershed Management Plan (WMP) is developed to guide the restoration and protection of a waterbody. Many lakes, rivers and streams in the St. Joseph River Watershed (SJRW) have their own management plan. These plans supplement the overall WMP created for the entire SJRW. Contact us if you have a WMP that should be listed here.

**Lake Management Plans**

- Paw Paw Lake Management Plan
- Maple Lake Management Plan
- More to come...

**Tributary Management Plans**

- Paw Paw River WMP
- Rocky River WMP
- Elkhart River WMP
Please contact us if you have a watershed related event to promote.

Upcoming events

Waterways, Wetlands, and You!

When  19 Apr 2012
       1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location  Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Public Library, Mishawaka, Indiana

Please join the Corps’ Regulatory Staff for a forum that will provide an overview of their Regulatory program. Everyone is welcome to attend! This is a free event, pre-registration is not required. Seating may be limited depending on the venue, so you may want to arrive early.

These forums will also provide an opportunity to interact with Regulatory Project Managers to discuss working in regulated waterways, wetlands, and along shorelines; when a permit is required from the Corps; and the information needed to apply for permits.

The forums will be held at multiple locations on the specified dates and times. Click here to view the full workshop schedule and to find the location nearest you.
Deliver Resources:

- Studies & Data
- Press Releases
- Photos
- Outreach Materials
- Documents
St. Joseph River Watershed Fish Migration Barrier Inventory

- **Final Report** (2MB)
- Appendix 1. Culvert Assessment Data Form
- Appendix 2. Dam Assessment Data Form
- Appendix 3. Culvert Maps, Completed Assessment Forms and Photographs (Part 1 (8MB) & Part 2 (8MB)) [Due to file size, this Appendix has been separated into two files]
- Appendix 4. Dams, Completed Assessment Data Forms and Photographs (4MB)
- Appendix 5. Interactive Mapping Application (Contact FoSJR for more information)
Workshop Looks At Barriers to Fish Migration

Elkhart, IN, October 14, 2011 – The Friends of the St. Joe River assisted the Potawatomi RC&D in gathering local information about fish migration barriers, and hosted a workshop today at the Christiana Creek Country Club in Elkhart on the results of the prioritization process. An inventory of large barriers (i.e. dams) has been completed for the entire watershed. The final report is meant to provide guidance and justification for the funding of barrier removal projects and passage studies by local partners.

Dams and road/stream crossings can have negative effects on local stream ecology and hydraulics, and road/stream crossings often fail due to design and installation problems. Attendees of the workshop learned ways to properly assess, design and install culverts at road/stream crossings. The workshop also explored case studies illustrating both problems and solutions. Additionally, the workshop attendees enjoyed an afternoon field trip where they visited and discussed impacts of a dam and design considerations of good and bad road/stream crossings.

The final report and workshop presentations are available here.
Do you have a spectacular photo of the St. Joseph River that you would like share? Send them to our Outreach Coordinator fotsjr.outreach@gmail.com.

- Baby Purple Martin
- St. Joseph River South Bend, Indiana
- Aerial of St. Joseph River St. Joseph County, Indiana
- Fall Along the St. Joseph River Buchanan, Michigan
- Frog on White Water Lily (Nymphaea odorata)
Workshop Materials

October 14, 2011: "Reducing the Impacts of Road Stream Crossings & Dams In the St. Joseph River Watershed"

- Workshop Agenda

Presentations:

- Stream Morphology & Impacts of Fragmentation (3 MB), Chris Freiburger

- SJRW Fish Passage Inventory (4 MB), Aaron Snell [Final Report Available Soon]

- Legal Considerations: Laws & Policies Relating to Road Stream Crossings
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1 MB), Aaron Damrill
  - Indiana Department of Environmental Management (2 MB), Aaron McMahan
  - Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (2 MB), Holly Vickers

- Road Stream Crossing Design Considerations, Part 1 (2 MB) & Part 2 (9 MB), Chris Freiburger [Due to file size, this presentation has been separated into two files]
Newsletters

FotSJR Newsletter Winter 2012.pdf (Single Page View)
FotSJR Newsletter Winter 2012.pdf (Full Page View)

Theme: Marsh Madness
Inside this issue:
It's A Swamp Thing! How to Help the Public Care About Marshy, Mucky and Ducky Places
5th Annual St. Joseph River Watershed Council Meeting
Marsh Madness In The St. Joseph River Watershed
Creature Feature: Wood Duck
FotSJR Announces Al Smith Watershed Stewardship Award

FotSJR Newsletter Fall 2011.pdf

Theme: Impacts To Fisheries
Inside this issue:
No Dumping, Drains To River: Stormdrains Add Pollution, Harm Fisheries
Is Our Water Protected?
Put A LID On It! Reducing Urban Runoff in the St. Joseph River Watershed
Taking The Bait! Understanding the Risks Of Aquatic Invasive Species
Monthly Board Meeting

Monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and Watershed Council are usually held on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Three Rivers (Michigan) Public Library at 1:00 p.m. EDT.

Click here to see the February 2012 Meeting Agenda.

Click here to see the January 2012 Minutes.

Meetings are free and open to the public.
Manage Membership

- Online Sign-up
- Renewal Reminders
- Membership Levels
Member

Join the Friends of the St. Joe River (FoSJRW)

We offer a variety of tax-deductible membership levels below for Personal and Business contributors, or consider making a donation to support our Wetland Project. Learn more about the benefits of membership. Already a member? Log on and View Profile to renew your membership.

Select membership level

* Mandatory fields

- **Basic Individual Member** - $25.00 (USD)
  - Subscription period: 1 year
  - No recurring payments
  - Basic Individual Members contribute $25.00 annually.

- **Business/Organization Member** - $100.00 (USD)
  - Bundle (up to 5 members)
  - Subscription period: 1 year
  - No recurring payments
  - Business/Organization members contribute $100.00 annually.

- **Family Membership** - $65.00 (USD)
  - Bundle (up to 4 members)
  - Subscription period: 1 year
  - No recurring payments
  - Family members contribute $65.00 annually.

- **Individual Lifetime Member** - $300.00 (USD)
  - Subscription period: Unlimited
  - Individual Membership for life with a one time payment of $300.
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You are receiving this email because your account is configured to receive such emails at http://fotsjr.wildapricot.org.

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Dear John Wilks,

Your Friends of the St. Joe River Association, Inc membership is due today:

15 Apr 2012

For: John Wilks, Indian Lake Association of Vicksburg, Inc.
Membership Level: Basic Individual Member ($25.00 (USD))
Member Since: 15 Apr 2010

Online renewal is easy:

1. Log in with your email (indianlakepres@aol.com) and password at www.FotSJR.org
2. Click "View Profile" after you log in
3. Select the button that says "Renew until..." to initiate the renewal process.

Forgot your password? Don't worry, it's easy to update!

Let us know if you have any problems or questions: fotsjr.outreach@gmail.com

Thank you.

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Friends of the St. Joe River Association, Inc
A Bi-State Organization for Watershed Wide Improvement and Protection
Event Management

- Online registration
- Process payments
- Promote event
- Follow up
## 5th Annual St. Joseph River Watershed Council Meeting

**Event**  
5th Annual St. Joseph River Watershed Council Meeting  
26 Mar 2012 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Location: Sturges-Young Auditorium, Sturgis, Michigan

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Fundraising

- Online donations
- Track progress
- Email “blast”
Support the Friends

Help the Friends of the St. Joe River (FotSJR) offer education/outreach resources with your membership dues. Benefits of membership include newsletters, educational materials and the satisfaction of knowing you are supporting natural resources protection locally.

Your membership fees and donations are tax-deductible expenses.

There are several ways to support the mission of the FotSJR:

- Join the Friends - become a member
- Encourage someone else to get involved
- Organize or volunteer at a river clean-up in your area
- Make a tax-deductible donation
- Be a good steward of the water that enters and leaves your property!

Join and/or donate online, or click here to download our Membership and Donor Information brochure.
So how does it work?

- Website creation & editing
- Membership management
- Event management
- Email
- Cost
### Page management

- Click and drag to change position (including subpages)
- Click to view and edit settings

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For more access setting options see online help
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### Your account

- **Group, $25 / month**
- Currently using 133 MB (66%) of available 200 MB
- [Account and Billing](#)

### Referrals

- Spread the word - [Tell a friend](#)
- Or [Earn referral commissions](#)
### Member list

#### (Summary | Keyword search | Advanced search | Saved searches)

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# Event: Celebrating Our Water!

Registration is disabled.

## Event details

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### Description

Join Elkhart County Parks, Middlebury Parks and the Elkhart Environmental Center and Woodlawn Nature Center for an Earth Day celebration on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at the Elkhart County Rush Memorial Museum in Bristol, Indiana.

Click [here](#) for more details.

### Additional event information

To be inserted in registration confirmation email.
Hello,

A friendly reminder that your {Organization_Name} membership is due for renewal soon:

Renewal date: {Member_Renewal_Date}
For: {Contact_First_Name} {Contact_Last_Name}, {Contact_Organization}

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Let us know if you have any questions: {Organization_CONTACT_EMAIL}

Thank you for your membership!

{Organization_Name}
A Bi-State Organization for Watershed-Wide Improvement and Protection
Cost

- **OUR PLAN: $25/month**
  - 250 contacts, 200 MB file storage, 10 MB upload limit
- **FREE w/ Ads**
  - 50 contacts, 100 MB file storage, 5 MB upload limit
  - their domain name, limited themes, no online payments, only 1 administrator
- **$50/month**
  - 500 contacts, 400 MB file storage, 25 MB upload limit
  - recurring payments, limited access administrators
- **$100/month**
  - 2000 contacts, 800 MB file storage, 50 MB upload limit

*I am NOT a representative of:*
Questions???

Website: www.FotSJR.org

- Contact Information:
  Matt Meersman, President
  Friends of the St. Joe River Association
  269-657-4030 x115
  PaddleHeadz@Gmail.com