



## ZIONSVILLE STREET AND STORMWATER DEPARTMENT

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### STREET AND STORMWATER DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2012

1. **SYCAMORE ST. PATHWAY**

This project is complete. A dedication ceremony was held on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and was well attended.

2. **STORMWATER PERMIT ACTIVITIES**

Routine inspections of ten (10) Rule 5-permitted sites were conducted last month.

Construction of the rain garden at Town Hall has been completed, and culminated in a workshop on May 9<sup>th</sup> to educate participants on rain gardens and their benefits in reducing runoff and promoting clean water. The workshop attendees participated in the planting effort using native plants adapted to the local climate. While very hearty and most likely to thrive, native plant material will take several years to reach full maturity and thus the desired effect both aesthetically and performance-wise. The project was enhanced by the donation of a rain barrel by the Boone County Soil and Water Conservation District which has been installed to raise awareness of water conservation. This project will also help fulfill the Town's Public Education commitment under its NPDES permit as informational signage will be provided once developed.

The Stormwater Program Manager participated in the Hoosier Riverwatch Basic Training on May 12<sup>th</sup> in the IDNR co-sponsored event. Data collected through this program is submitted to the state to assist in tracking the health of Indiana waterways.

Six municipal facility inspections were conducted for their semi-annual stormwater pollution prevention assessments including the Golf Course, Municipal Services Building, Wastewater Treatment Plant and all Fire Stations. Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Plans are being developed and implemented at these facilities as well.

Staff attended the annual MS-4 Conference, which included a presentation by the Stormwater Program Manager regarding Rule 13 stormwater regulations and the implications of ordinance development and utility creation under government reorganization. This state-wide conference is sponsored by IDEM and draws participants from across Indiana.

**3. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD**

No meeting was held in May, and no actions were taken.

**4. FIRST STREET PROJECT**

Revisions have been made to the design development plans, and meetings with individual business and property owners are on-going with one property owner remaining as currently contemplated. Upon completion of this series of meetings, appropriate adjustments will be made to the plans and the working group of Councilors Mundy and Hopper along with Town Manager Mitro and Superintendent Lantz will meet to determine if additional contact with individual business/property owners is merited. A final public information meeting will be scheduled. It is expected that individual meetings will be complete by the end of June, as it has proven difficult to make contact with absent land-owners. Due to heavy schedules, the meetings with individual property/business owners are proving cumbersome.

A project web site has been developed for this project, and the layout may be viewed at [www.reasite.com/firststreet/](http://www.reasite.com/firststreet/). Revisions to this project will not be posted until all individual meetings are complete.

**5. STREET REPAIRS**

Rieth-Riley has completed the repaving and repairing of streets remaining from last year's project.

Also included in this project was the reconstruction of portions of the Rail Trail and access from Ninth St. as well as from the Nancy Burton parking lot, which has been completed as well.

Streets under consideration for repair in the 2012 project are currently under review. The final cost-constrained annual program should be developed by the end of May, with a start of construction in July.

**6. DOWNTOWN AMENITIES INSTALLED**

Four new bike racks have been installed in the downtown business area, two at each of the public parking lots. Additionally, 10 new trash cans and 5 new recycling collection cans have been placed throughout the Main St. area. Usage of the recycling containers appears to be going well, with most users appropriately using them for recyclable material and very little trash.