

Acronyms:

BSU	denotes Ball State University
Building Comm.	refers to the Delaware County Building Commissioner
BWQ	denotes the Bureau of Water Quality
CGI	denotes Cardinal Greenways Incorporated
Chamber	refers to the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce
CMAQ	denotes Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
County Comm.	refers to the Delaware County Board of Commissioners
DMMP	denotes the Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission
DNR	denotes the Indiana Department of Natural Resources
EDI	denotes the Economic Development Initiative of the Federal HUD program
EDIT	denotes Economic Development Income Tax
EPA	denotes the Environmental Protection Agency
Health Dept.	refers to the Delaware County Health Department
IAWC	denotes the Indiana-American Water Company
IDEM	denotes the Indiana Department of Environmental Management
LRS	denotes Local Road and Street
MSD	denotes the Muncie Sanitary District
Muncie Civic	refers to Muncie Civic Theater
N/A	denotes activity requires no money or is to be funded through the normal work activities of the participants
NRCS	denotes the Natural Resources Conservation Service
OSDS	denotes onsite sewage disposal system
PC Park Supt.	Denotes the Prairie Creek Park Superintendent
RTC	denotes the Red Tail Conservancy
RTP	denotes the Recreational Trail Program
STP	denotes Surface Transportation Program
Surveyor	refers to the Delaware County Surveyor
SWCD	denotes the Soil and Water Conservation District
WRWP	denotes the White River Watershed Project



Conclusion

The citizens of Muncie and Delaware County enjoy the benefits of Prairie Creek Reservoir and have acknowledged it as one of the important factors contributing to the quality of life in our community. Government plays a vital role in establishing and maintaining good water quality, public parks and protected natural environments. Governments can enact regulations and fund public efforts towards those goals, but cannot achieve them without assistance from nonprofit groups, citizens and business leaders. The success of this plan will depend on the support it receives from a coordinated effort between all stakeholders.

Like any plan this document should be periodically revised. It is intended to be dynamic and changing as future situations and needs may develop. The goals and objectives outlined in this plan aim to protect and enhance the quality of water, park facilities and the natural landscape in the Prairie Creek Reservoir, Park and watershed while providing for human use and enjoyment of those resources. Water quality plays a central role throughout the plan. Good water quality is essential not only for human consumption, but also for the health of the plants and wildlife that make this area their home and for the continued recreational use of the reservoir. At a minimum the current good water quality of the reservoir and watershed should be maintained. Implementing the recommendations made here will accomplish that. Many of those recommendations would also improve water quality conditions throughout Delaware County if the objectives were adopted countywide.

This plan is an outgrowth of the partnership between the Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission and the White River Watershed Project. The White River Watershed Project is funded through a grant and therefore may have an uncertain future. It is important that the initiative began with the Watershed Project be continued in some form. It is therefore recommended that in some future venue a committee of interested and informed persons such as that formed for the guidance of this plan should take advisory and advocacy roles similar to those demonstrated by the White River Watershed Project if that project expires.

