



The Watershed Foundation (TWF) focuses on the Upper Tippecanoe River Watershed. The Watershed Foundation (TWF) was founded in 1997 with the name: Tippecanoe Environmental Lake and Watershed Foundation (TELWF). The founding residents and leaders realized that to protect and enhance their community, a larger vision – a focus on the **entire watershed** – was needed. You can find out more about each of the lakes in our watershed by checking out the [Lake Biographies](#), which will be updated as they are written. TWF has 20 years of experience in our watershed keeping our lakes and streams healthy. We are often asked, "How are my lake association, Center for Lakes & Streams and The Watershed Foundation different?" The [diagram to the right](#) helps answer that question, but we would also like to expand on our successes.



A watershed is like a funnel; draining bacteria, nutrients and sediment into our lakes which are all connected by rivers and streams. Water doesn't follow political or governmental boundaries, which is why we proactively take a large-scale approach to address threats to our lakes.

Taking Action

We are taking action to **stop water pollution at its source on the land**. We will complete another 35 projects this year; [reducing runoff](#) and erosion through healthy shorelines, livestock fencing, wetland restoration, and many conservation farming practices.



We are taking action to **educate youth and adults on doing the right thing for our lakes** through local events, such as the [high school Water Drop](#), and www.ClearChoicesCleanWater.com where you can join your neighbors in pledging to not feed waterfowl, pick up pet poo, and maintain your septic system along with other actions.



We are taking action by **leading partnerships throughout the watershed**. Most recently the [Clean Waters Partnership](#) in the Warsaw-area, bringing together community leaders to develop a plan for protecting even more lakes and streams.

Water quality is improving because of our work! **Over the past 15 years, [9 of the 10 sampling sites](#) in our watershed have significantly improved biologically!**



Keep current on The Watershed activities and issues

We will attempt to keep you as current as possible with this website. It will complement the newsletter which we publish several times/year.

TWF Contact Information

To contact TWF we are providing a phone #, mail address and a 'contact us' email for your convenience.

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