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State funding to help keep Wabash River clean

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The Wabash River Enhancement Corporation (WREC) is getting new funding for a project to clean up the waterway.

The organization plans to use \$800,000 from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to continue its Watershed Planning project. Roughly half of this money will be used on

improvements to reduce runoff from urban and agricultural areas.

WREC Coordinator Sara Peel says implementation should begin in March.

"We're having discussions with several dozen interested landowners about the project. We want to be able to seek more funding, if additional people want to make improvements, we can continue to offer money."

Peel says the enhancement corporation is actively seeking new funds. For now, the project is slated to run through 2015.

Funds will help cover the cost of rain barrels, rain gardens, green roofs and native plantings for urban areas. For agricultural lands, techniques include filter strips, and grass waterways.

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