

9-Element NPS-IS Plan Preparation for Headwaters Loramie Creek Watershed

The Shelby Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is pleased to announce plans to prepare a 9-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy (NPS-IS) plan for the Headwaters Loramie Creek watershed in Shelby County. The time and efforts made to implement this plan are made possible through grant funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA).

The Headwaters Loramie Creek Watershed is in Northern Shelby County and contains the uppermost portion of Loramie Creek. Starting near the intersection of Botkins and Reineke Schipper Roads, Loramie Creek flows Southwest then drains into Lake Loramie. This watershed drains Dinsmore and part of Van Buren Townships as well as the villages of Botkins, Anna, and Kettlersville.

The purpose of the 9-Element NPS-IS Plan is to improve water quality by identifying and evaluating sources of impairment such as: agricultural runoff, stream channel modification, sedimentation, and excessive nutrients. Then water quality goals, restoration methods, and conservation practices needed will be outlined. The 9-Element Plan will identify and prioritize the watershed critical areas and describe measures to address those areas. To ensure the success of the plan, the Ohio EPA encourages cooperation with local community members and farmers who can help to develop and implement the watershed restoration and protection strategies.

Interested parties are also encouraged to visit <https://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/nps/index#120843254-319-grants> for additional information about the program and details of a 9-Element plan. You can contact Shelby SWCD at (937) 492-6520 ext. 3 for more information.