

# Indiana Watershed Networking Session

Summer 2008: Urban Best Management Practices

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Krueger Memorial Park, Michigan City, IN

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Local Time

Sign in (9:30 -10:00 AM)

**Session Begins (10:00 AM)**

## Introductions and Housekeeping Items

### Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) Green Infrastructure Project

Kathy Luther, *Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)*

Kathy will present an overview of some planning tools for non-structural BMPs such as the Sensible Tools Handbook for Indiana a NIRPC “Smart Growth” publication and others.

### Public Education & Outreach: How can we engage young students?

Al Walus, *Michigan City Sanitary District*

The city MS4 and NPDES permits require many public agencies to conduct education and outreach efforts. With the many demands on local school districts, scheduling time for classroom presentations by third parties can be problematic. Thus, alternative strategies such as participation in Afterschool and Summer School programs can be beneficial in delivering quality instruction pertaining to watershed-centered environmental programming to local students. This presentation will discuss how multiple agencies and water resource professional volunteers can be organized into discrete blocks of lesson plan instruction for successful education and outreach efforts aimed at Elementary and Middle School students.

**Lunch (45 - 60 minutes)**

### Tour of Michigan City Best Management Practices for stormwater management (1:00 PM)

For the past three years, the City of Michigan City has constructed several variations of storm water management BMPs as components of larger infrastructure replacement projects. The tour will highlight key BMP’s to provide a visual examination of the various methods implemented in Michigan City regarding storm water management

**Recap / Follow up/ Evaluations**

**Session Ends (3:00 PM)**

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