

Annual Report 2005

Sugar Creek Advisory Board

ARTICLE 1 ANNUAL REPORT¹: An annual report will be prepared by the Sugar Creek Advisory Committee to be submitted to the County Commissioners each year. This report will include but not be limited to the following:

1. Number of permits
2. Number of violations
3. Changes in land use along the riparian corridor, *i.e.*, building, tree planting, tree harvest, bank stabilization signage, *etc.*
4. Any other matter that the Advisory Board deems significant

Attached are the meeting minutes for the year.

The Sugar Creek Advisory Board elected officers and set the agenda for the year. No permits were issued during the year.

Three notice letters to CEL&P, Crawfordsville Park and Recreation, and Karle Farms of potential violations concerning removal of trees were written. In all cases 40 basal feet of woody stems remained so there were no violation reports. Permits should have been obtained before the clearing activities occurred but were not.

Letters about the raising of the dike, an after the fact permitted structure from the 1990s at Walt's Service, 1006 Covington St Crawfordsville, were sent to Walt and DNR Division of Water highlighting some problems with enforcement of various stream rules by different levels of Government. The dirt used to raise the structure was removed.

A logjam at Deer's Mill Covered Bridge was removed by INDOT. Letters from board member Jason Seward helped get the situation resolved before damage was done by displaced floodwaters.

The Lyons situation, above 275E river left, where trees were removed from the bank and a driveway put in without permit in 2004, was removed from the current issues after he planted trees to replace those he removed.

The Darlington Auto Junkyard, downstream from the Covered Bridge river right, has been removing vehicles from the floodplain. The court case continues to be postponed.

¹ Sugar Creek Ordinance, Title IX