# **Appendix B: Fish Index of Biotic Integrity for Selected Headwaters in NW Indiana**

## **Metadata:**

Identification\_Information:

Citation:

Citation\_Information: Originator: Openlands Publication\_Date: 2015 Title: LocationsShapefile

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: ESRI Shapefile

Online\_Linkage: Description:

Abstract:

The goal of this project was to determine species richness in selected headwater streams in the Lake Michigan Watershed of Northwest Indiana and make suggestions about how best to protect these headwaters and the aquatic life they support. The biological health of headwaters has a great impact on the biological health of downstream waters, including Lake Michigan. The species inventories and suggested protection actions are intended to add value to the protection, restoration and planning efforts of local groups such as the Shirley Heinze Land Trust, Coffee Creek Conservancy, Save the Dunes, and Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. Seventeen sites were inventoried in headwater areas where there was an interested landowner and where there was either a lack of information about the aquatic species supported at the site or where restoration to enhance the habitat or water quality had been undertaken. Taxa inventoried were fish, macroinvertebrates, and mussels. The condition of the creek was also assessed using the Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI) and processes that might be expected to have a negative effect on aquatic species were noted. Where we noted problems or potential problems we suggest possible sources and make suggestions to protect the headwaters

This shapefile represents the sites sampled for the study and summary information about was found there.

The project was funded by the Illinois Coastal Management Program.

#### Purpose:

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Time\_Period\_of\_Content: Time\_Period\_Information: Range\_of\_Dates/Times: Beginning\_Date: 20130806 Ending\_Date: 20141027

Currentness\_Reference: ground condition

Status:

Progress: Complete

Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency: None planned

Spatial Domain:

Bounding\_Coordinates:

West\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -87.089950 East\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -86.718117 North\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 41.743656 South Bounding Coordinate: 41.535567

Keywords: Theme:

Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: none Theme\_Keyword: sampling locations Theme\_Keyword: stream quality

Theme\_Keyword: Aquatic species inventories

Theme:

Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: ISO 19115 Topic Category

Theme\_Keyword: environment Theme\_Keyword: inlandWaters

Theme\_Keyword: 007 Theme\_Keyword: 012

Theme\_Keyword: geoscientificInformation

Theme\_Keyword: 008

Place:

Place Keyword Thesaurus:

Department of Commerce, 1995, Countries, Dependencies, Areas of Special Sovereignty, and Their Principal Administrative Divisions, Federal Information

Processing Standard (FIPS) 10-4, Washington, DC, National Institute of

Standards and Technology

Place\_Keyword: United States

Place\_Keyword: US

Place:

Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus:

U.S. Department of Commerce, 1987, Codes for the identification of the States, the District of Columbia and the outlying areas of the United States, and associated areas (Federal Information Processing Standard 5-2): Washington,

DC, NIST

Place\_Keyword: Indiana

Place\_Keyword: IN

Place:

Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus:

Department of Commerce, 1990, Counties and Equivalent Entities of the United States, Its Possessions, and Associated Areas, FIPS 6-3, Washington,

DC, National Institute of Standards and Technology

Place\_Keyword: LaPorte County Place Keyword: Porter County

Place:

Place\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: none

Place\_Keyword: Shirley Heinze Meadowbrook Place\_Keyword: Coffee Creek Conservancy Place\_Keyword: Moraine Nature Preserve

Place\_Keyword: Suman Fen
Place\_Keyword: Springfield Fen
Place\_Keyword: Ambler Flatwoods
Place\_Keyword: Red Mill County Park

Temporal:

Temporal\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: none

Temporal\_Keyword: none Access\_Constraints: none Use\_Constraints: none Point\_of\_Contact: Contact\_Information:

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*Browse\_Graphic:* 

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Name:

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Description:

Browse\_Graphic\_File\_Type:

Data\_Set\_Credit:

Project personnel include Laura Barghusen, Openlands and Roger Klocek, Huff&Huff.

*Native\_Data\_Set\_Environment:* Data are available in ESRI Shapefile format (.shp files)

Cross\_Reference:

Citation\_Information:

Originator:

Klocek, Roger, Barghusen, Laura

Publication\_Date: 2015

Title:

Biological Richness of Selected Headwater Streams of Northwest Indiana:

2013 through 2014

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: report

Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Issue\_Identification:

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Publication\_Place: Chicago, IL

Publisher: Openlands

Online\_Linkage:
Cross\_Reference:
Citation\_Information:

Originator: Laura Barghusen, Roger Klocek

Publication\_Date: 2015

# Data\_Quality\_Information:

Logical\_Consistency\_Report: not applicable

Completeness\_Report: not available

Positional\_Accuracy:

Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:

Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:

Positions of sampling sites were determined by global positioning (GPS) with a garmin unit, or in some cases using aerial photography through Google Earth and using land marks to position the sampling sites. The location of measuring points are reported with reference to the WGS\_1984 datum. In all cases the accuracy is expected to be better than +/- 100 feet, which is sufficient for this project.

Vertical\_Positional\_Accuracy:

*Vertical\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report*: not applicable.

Lineage:

Process Date:

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

Process\_Date: 2014

Process\_Step

*Process\_Description*:

Process Date:

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 $Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information:$ 

Indirect\_Spatial\_Reference: NW Indiana

Spatial\_Reference\_Information:

 $Horizontal\_Coordinate\_System\_Definition:$ 

Geographic:

Latitude\_Resolution: 0.001

*Longitude\_Resolution:* 0.001

Geographic\_Coordinate\_Units: Decimal Degrees

Geodetic\_Model:

Horizontal\_Datum\_Name: WGS1984

Ellipsoid\_Name: Semi-major\_Axis:

*Denominator\_of\_Flattening\_Ratio:* 

*Vertical\_Coordinate\_System\_Definition:* 

*Altitude\_System\_Definition:* 

Altitude\_Datum\_Name:

Altitude\_Resolution:

Altitude\_Distance\_Units:

*Altitude\_Encoding\_Method:* 

### *Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Information:*

Overview\_Description:

Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Overview:

Attributes include: site number, site name, name of preserve in which site is located, watershed, latitude, longitude, Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index score (QHEI), Macroinvertebrate Index of Biotic Integrity Score (mIBI), EPT Metric score (EPT taxa are members of the orders of Ephemeroptera (mayfly), Plecoptera (stonefly), and Trichoptera (caddisfly), which are generally environmentally sensitive. Sites received a score of either 1,3, or 5) depending on the quality of the assemblage of EPT taxa at the site. EPT taxa is one of the metrics used to calculate the mIBI score), and Fish Index of Biotic Integrity score (IBI).

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Resource\_Description: NW Indiana fish data

Distribution\_Liability: The data have no implied or explicit guarantees

Standard\_Order\_Process:

Digital\_Form:

Digital\_Transfer\_Information: Format\_Name: ESRI Shapefile

Format\_Version\_Number: Format\_Information\_Content:

Transfer\_Size:

Digital\_Transfer\_Option:

Online\_Option:

 $Computer\_Contact\_Information:$ 

*Network\_Address:* 

Network\_Resource\_Name:

Access\_Instructions: Data may be obtained through contact person

Fees: none

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