



Fall/Winter 2016

# TTK NEWSLETTER

## **319 Cost-Share Funding Available in the Turman Creek Watershed**

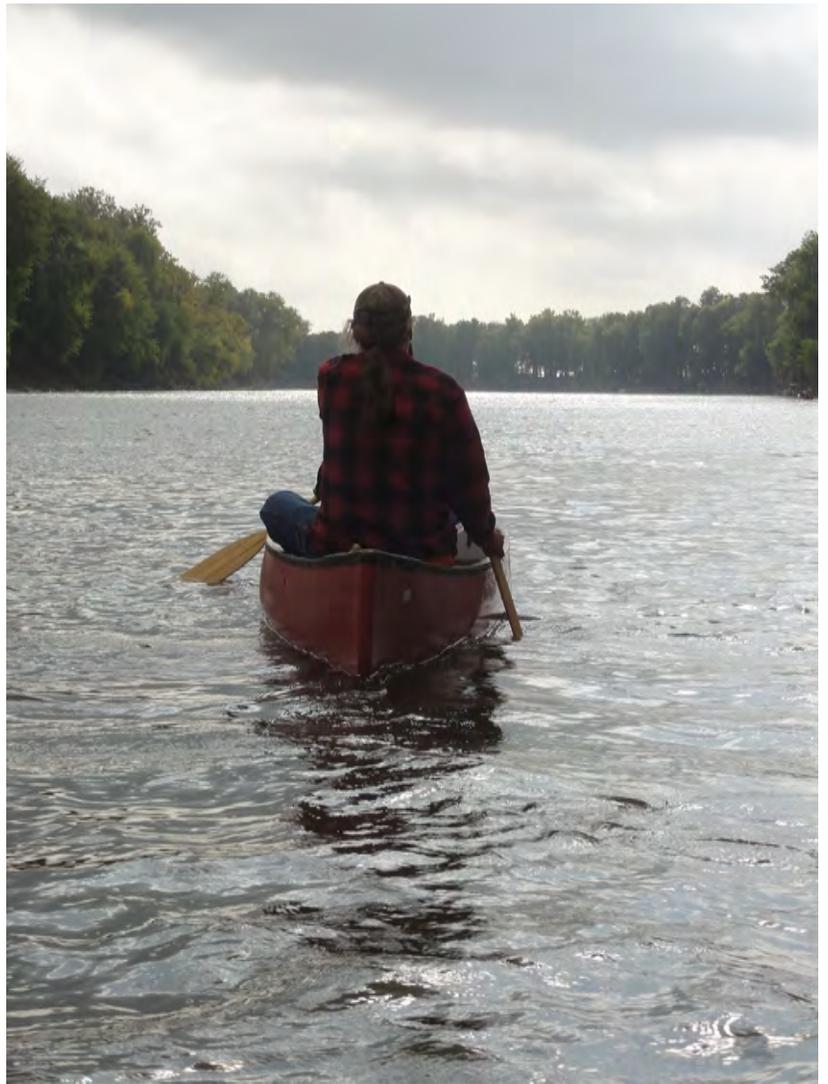
Do you live in the **Turman Creek Watershed**? Are you interested in a best management practice (cover crops, filter strips, precision ag, etc.) for your land? Contact us now to review eligibility and available options. Cost-Share Program information available:

<http://watershed-alliance.org/index.php/ttk-cost-share-program-guidelines/>



***Pictured Above:*** Brad Smith of The Nature Conservancy gives a presentation on the Wabash River to conclude the TTK Canoe Float Field Day.

***-Pictured Right:*** Dugger IN resident, Tim Goldman, and guest enjoy a relaxing paddle on the Wabash River during the TTK Canoe Float Field Day.



## **Quotes and Quips**



*“Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day.”*

- Shira Tamir

*“Nature is not a place to visit. It is home.”*

- Gary Snyder



Allison McKain and Laura Demarest pause for a picture before the Sullivan SWCD 8th Grade Annual Wabash River Expedition.

## Upcoming Area Events

### Southern Region Soil Health Workshop

**Tuesday, January 31st 8:30-3**  
Cornerstone Hall, Salem, IN

### 2017 CCSI Basic Soil Health Training

**Wednesday, February 8th**  
**8:30-3:30**  
Beck Agricultural Center, West Lafayette, IN

### Sullivan SWCD Annual Mtg. Feb. 27

## TTK Wabash River Canoe Float Field Day

The first TTK Canoe Float field day was held this past October 15, after being rained out at for earlier date in August. The canoe float invited community members and conservation partners to spend a day on the Wabash River, where the impact of conservation efforts (as well as work that still must be done) can be seen first-hand. The event was launched at the Hutsonville, IL boat ramp; participants of the float trip brought their own canoes and/or kayaks or rented them from the Merom Conference Center. Conservation Officers ensured safety as everyone paddled leisurely downstream to Merom, IN, stopping at various points of interest, taking in native wildlife and participating in a geo-location contest.

After the 7.2 mile journey was complete, Brad Smith of The Nature Conservancy spoke to field day participants during a picnic at the Merom Bluff Park. Smith, a Wabash River expert, spoke of the biological diversity of the mighty Wabash and the important conservation efforts taking place to ensure the preservation of the river's heritage.

**Thank you TTK Canoe Float participants and volunteers for a fun-filled day on the river!**

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**Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District**



Kevin Cross and Sullivan H.S. Natural Resources classes show off their invasive removal efforts.

## Local High School Hosts Invasive Plant Workshop

The Sullivan High School FFA chapter along with students enrolled in agriculture and natural resources classes worked hard this fall semester to complete a hands-on learning project to eradicate invasive species in the outdoor lab and cross-country course. The students focused particularly Asian Bush Honeysuckle and were able to purchase supplies for control from a grant they received in 2016.

NRCS District Conservationist, Travis Walters and Watershed Coordinator, Laura Demarest joined the class at the beginning of the semester. Travis and Laura helped students learn identification and eradication methods, as well as how controlling invasive species can benefit native plants and wildlife.

The class project, spearheaded by teacher Kevin Cross, culminated in a free educational presentation hosted by the students at the SHS Agricultural Education Center. To learn more about invasive species ID and control, contact the Sullivan SWCD/NRCS office.



## **Seasonal Recipe:**

### **Roasted Rosemary Chicken**

#### **Ingredients**

2 sprigs fresh rosemary, plus 1 tablespoon leaves

1 clove garlic, smashed

Pinch of red pepper flakes

Juice of 2 lemons (squeezed halves reserved)

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

4 skin-on, bone-in chicken breasts

10 ounces cremini mushrooms, halved

#### **Directions:**

Preheat the oven to 450°. Cover the potatoes with cold water in a saucepan and salt the water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat and cook until tender; drain and set aside.

Pile the rosemary leaves, garlic, 2 teaspoons salt and the red pepper flakes on a cutting board, then mince and mash into a paste using a large knife. Transfer the paste to a bowl. Stir in the juice of 1 lemon and the olive oil. Add the chicken and turn to coat.

Heat a large cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken, skin-side down, cover and cook until the skin browns, about 5 minutes. Turn the chicken; add the mushrooms and potatoes to the skillet and drizzle with the juice of the remaining lemon.

Add the rosemary sprigs and the squeezed lemon halves to the skillet; transfer to the oven and roast, uncovered, until the chicken is cooked through and the skin is crisp!

~Foodnetwork.com