

COMMISSION
UPDATE

September 26, 2026
KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN AND
YELLOW RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Scott D. Pelath, Executive Director

FORTY-YEAR WORK PLAN

Active Management Recommendation	2020	2022	2024	2026	2028	2030	2032	2034	2036	2038	2040	2042	2044	2046	2048	2050	2052	2054	2056	2058	2060
Yellow River Upstream Improvements	★																				
Kankakee Bank Stabilization Improvements	★																				
Zone-Specific Access and Logjam Management	★																				
Large Wood Removal along Yellow River at Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area	★																				
Selective and Temporary Berm Maintenance	★																				
Strategic Berm Removal & Setback Berm Construction	★																				
Yellow River Downstream Improvements	★																				
Bridge Removal / Replacement	★																				
Storage Areas to Offset Increased Runoff	★																				
Update Stormwater Ord. and Tech. Standards	★																				
Education, Outreach, and Implementation Program Management	★																				
Develop Flood Response and Resilience Plans	★																				
Remove Infrastructure from Berm-Reliant Areas	★																				

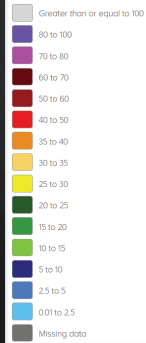
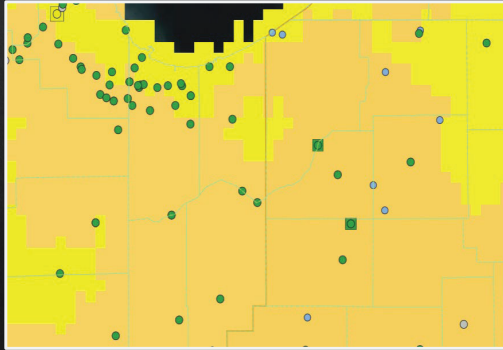


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The Kankakee River Basin and Yellow River Basin Development Commission advances Northwest Indiana's safety, economic prosperity, and quality of its natural resources.

YEAR-TO-DATE
RAINFALL AND
CONDITIONS

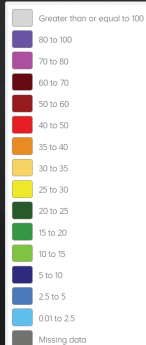
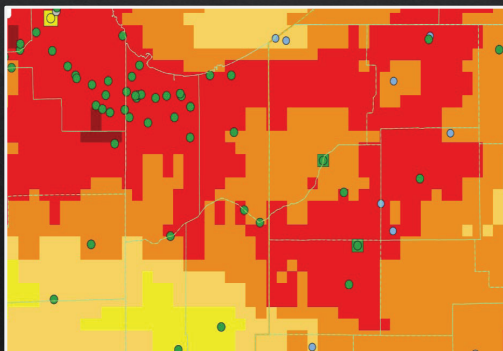
NORMAL REGIONAL RAINFALL



REGIONAL RAIN GAUGES YTD

LOCATION	INCHES ABOVE AVERAGE
Thayer Farm Parking Lot	13.1
Ball Fields at LaPorte Middle School	11.2
Plymouth Amphitheater	10.6
Demotte Library	9.1
Bremen Community Hospital	8.9
Scott's House	8.3
Crumstown Gauge	8.2

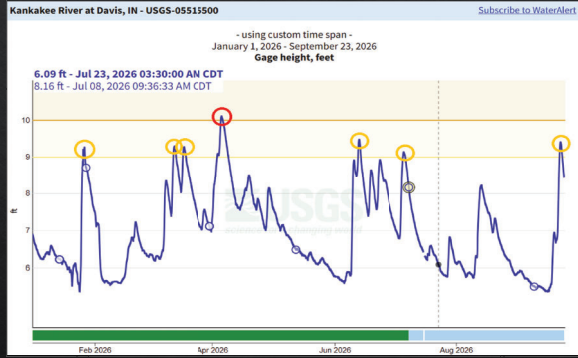
RAINFALL 2026 YTD



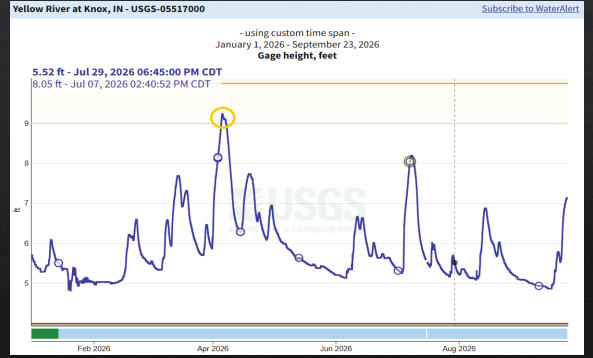
REGIONAL RAIN GAUGES YTD

LOCATION	INCHES ABOVE AVERAGE
Knox Park	8.1
English Lake Kayak Launch	7.6
Cedar Lake Lighthouse	6.9
LaCrosse Gas Station	6.8
Porter County Fairgrounds	6.7
River's Edge Farm	6.6
LaPorte CR 1200 South Bridge	5.9
Hebron Ball Field	5.2

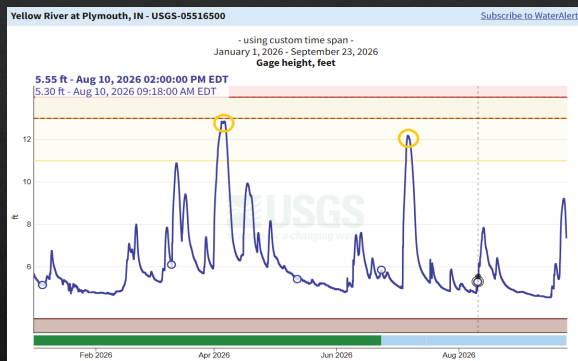
DAVIS 2026 YTD



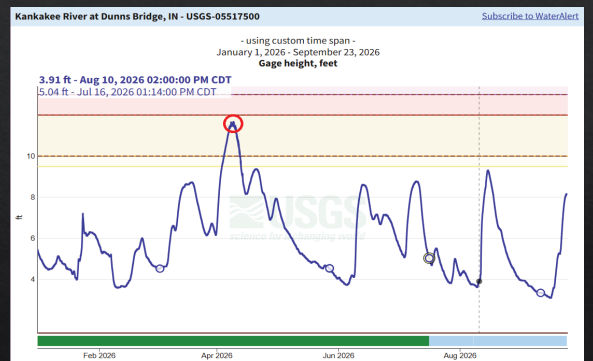
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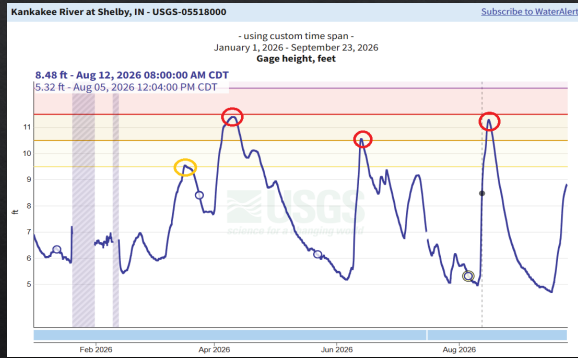
PLYMOUTH 2026 YTD



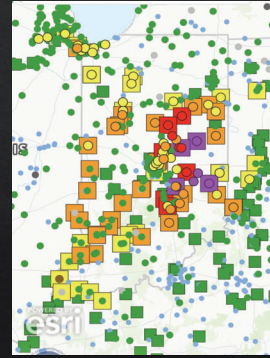
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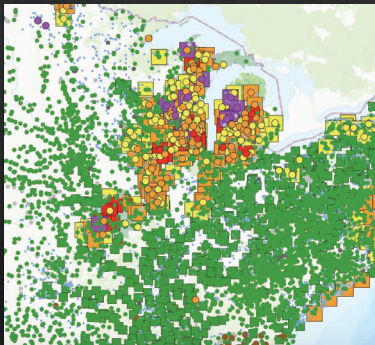
SHELBY 2026 YTD



AUGUST 2026



APRIL 2026



FORECAST V. ACTUAL CREST

FORECAST at SHELBY, AUGUST 14

12.4' (*Major Flood Stage 12.5'*)

CREST at SHELBY, AUGUST 15

11.3' (*Minor Flood Stage*)

MAINTENANCE CASE STUDY No. 1

Railroad Bridge Downstream of I-65





MAINTENANCE CASE STUDY No. 2

Yellow River Bank at Burkholder Farm



REPEAT HEAVY
EVENTS DEMAND
REPEAT
MAINTENANCE



FOLLOWING ACTION STAGE EVENT

FOLLOWING
ACTION
STAGE
EVENT



EMERGENCY REPAIR

FOLLOWING
ACTION
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LEVEE NOTCH COMPLETION

Kankakee FWA Structural Improvements

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STATE LINE BRIDGE EXPECTED TO BE
REMOVED DURING WEEK OF OCTOBER 19.

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KANKAKEE RIVER
DAYS



CRICHFIELD FOURTH GRADE



SEDIMENT AND EROSION



RIVER SAFETY



MICROPLASTICS



WATER QUALITY



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