



INDIANA ASSOCIATION for FLOODPLAIN and STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Legislative Committee Report
September 14, 2021

2021 Interim Legislative Study Committees:

No Stormwater or Floodplain specific topics were assigned to any Interim Study Committees by the Legislative Council. No meetings have been scheduled for the Interim Study Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Interim Study Committee on Environmental Affairs is scheduled to meet on October 5, 2021, but from the posted meeting agenda, it appears that only recycling related issues will be discussed. The issue of Watershed Development Commissions was to be discussed at the September 14, 2021 meeting of the Interim Study Committee on Fiscal Policy but the meeting was cancelled.

I still have not yet seen any appointees to the Wetlands Task Force created through Senate Enrolled Act 389 nor any meetings for this group scheduled.

Senate Bill 389:

Ramifications from this bill are still being felt as resulting changes to wetland permitting rules, policies and procedures are established. The bill and its impacts are to be discussed in presentations at this conference.

Waters of the United States (WOTUS):

The Navigable Waters Protection Rule put in place by the previous administration on April 21, 2020 was suspended on August 30, 2021 by a U.S. district Court in Arizona. At the federal level the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. environmental Protection Agency will go back to the WOTUS definition developed and used up to 2015 (Bush Administration Definition and Rule).