White Paper #3 - Local Authority for Managing Storm Water at the Watershed Level in Indiana

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This White Paper examines a more effective way of managing storm water in Indiana. Currently, a municipality's jurisdiction with regard to problems such as flooding, poor drainage, sedimentation, and water pollution is limited by its corporate boundaries. This White Paper describes the Municipal Sewage Works statute, which allows municipalities to impose user fees upon property owners within ten miles of corporate boundaries, thus facilitating watershed-wide stormwater management. Because watersheds typically overlap municipalities, the statute also encourages intergovernmental agreements.