

## Natural Stormwater Solutions:

*Practices & Management for Post Construction*

Merry Lea Environmental Center—  
Farmstead

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

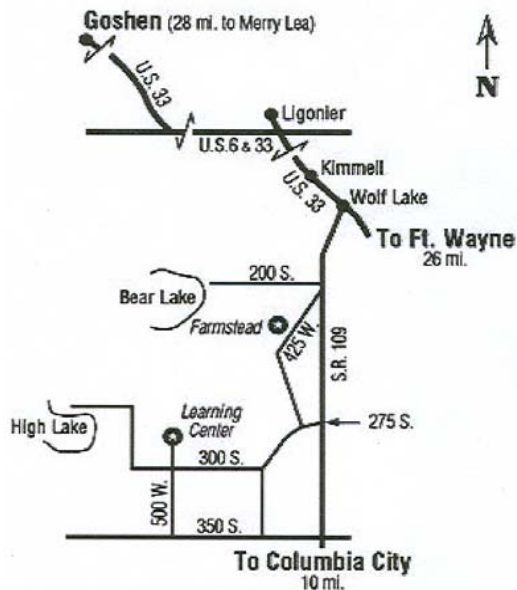
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### Where is Merry Lea—Farmstead?

Merry Lea is located south of Wolf Lake, IN. From US 33 in Wolf Lake, take 109 south 1/2 mile. Bear right at a Y onto 425 W and continue another 1/4 mile to **Merry Lea Farmstead**. Take the first driveway and follow it to the Farmstead Barn. The workshop will be held in this building.

### What is Merry Lea?

Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center is a 1,150 acre nature preserve owned and operated by Goshen College, Goshen, IN. The newest addition to the Merry Lea campus is Rieth Village, a facility that exemplifies some of the practices and philosophies highlighted during this workshop. The final component of the workshop will include a presentation on the stormwater design used at Rieth Village, as well as a tour of the facility.



### The workshop is being presented by the

- DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Earth Source Inc.
- Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District
- LaGrange County Soil and Water Conservation District
- St. Joseph River Basin Commission
- St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative
- Spence Restoration Nursery, Inc.
- Wood-Land-Lakes RC&D
- Whitley County Soil and Water Conservation District.

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**Registration fee \$10.00**

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations \_\_\_\_\_

There is a **\$10.00** per person registration fee which is payable at the time of registration. There will be **NO** registrations at the door.

**Deadline for reservations is  
March 9, 2007.**

Please complete this form, enclose your check payable to the Whitley County SWCD

**Mail to:**  
Whitley County SWCD  
1919 E Business 30  
Columbia City, IN 46725

8:30 am	<b>Registration—coffee &amp; rolls</b>
9:00—9:15	<b>Merry Lea—Welcome</b> <i>Luke Gascho</i>
9:15—10:00	<b>EPA Region 5: Low Impact Development</b> <i>Bob Newport</i>
10:00—10:15	<b>Randy Braun, IDEM</b>
10:15—10:30	<b>Break</b>
10:30—11:15	<b>Examples of Conservation Design</b> <i>Bob Coolman, Developer</i>
11:15—12:00	<b>BMP Design options, integration into sites</b> <i>Eric Ellingson, Earth Source</i>
12:00—1:00 pm	<b>Lunch provided</b>
1:00—1:30	<b>Plant installation &amp; species selection</b> <i>Kevin Tungsveck, Spence Restoration Nursery</i>
1:30—2:00	<b>New Operation &amp; Maintenance of BMPs</b> <i>Brian Neilson, JF New</i>
2:00—2:30	<b>Stormwater Design at Merry Lea's Rieth Village</b> <i>Luke Gascho</i>
2:30—2:45	<b>Break</b>
2:45—3:45	<b>Walking Tour of Rieth Village, dress for the weather including proper footwear</b> <i>Luke Gascho</i>

### **Workshop has been designed to cover these important issues**

In compliance with the Federal National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Phase II Stormwater Management Program and Indiana's Rule 5 Erosion Control requirements, communities throughout the region have developed programs that serve to manage stormwater runoff, and ultimately reduce the amount of sediments and other pollutants from reaching neighboring waterbodies.

A critical component of each program focuses on post-construction responsibilities to insure that best management practices, installed as part of the site development, are not neglected after the development is complete. Lack of post construction maintenance and inspection of practices could result in continued soil erosion and impacts to our natural resources.

**Space for the workshop is limited.** There will be no registration at the door. A registration fee of \$10.00 per person is required at time of registration to cover expenses. An agenda and registration form has been posted at [www.sjrwi.org](http://www.sjrwi.org) for downloading.