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Ox Creek Watershed now online

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BENTON TOWNSHIP — The website for the Ox Creek Watershed has gone live.

Visit www.sustainoxcreek.org for information on the Ox Creek Watershed Improvement Plan and what steps are being taken to improve water quality, according to a press release from the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission.

For information on what grants are available to improve the watershed, contact Marcy Hamilton at the SWMPC at 925-1137 ext. 1525 or by emailing her at hamiltonm@swmpc.org.

Ox Creek is on the list of impaired water bodies in Michigan. Water from the creek ends up in Lake Michigan via the Paw Paw River and St. Joseph River.

Revitalizing the Ox Creek Watershed will improve the environment and support regional economic growth.

The plan focuses on a revitalized Orchards Mall area with mixed use development and public gathering spaces as a gateway to Benton Harbor and St. Joseph.

Besides SWMPC, other agencies working to revitalize the watershed are the Berrien County Drain Commission, Cornerstone Alliance, Benton Charter Township, Two Rivers Coalition and the Berrien Conservation District.