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**December 2008:** A coalition of Manchester University, Wabash and Miami county conservation agencies, and at least 17 other groups will embark on a \$1 million initiative to improve the water quality of a 30-mile stretch of the Eel River.

The Middle Eel River Watershed Initiative this month received nearly \$600,000 in "Section 319" Clean Water Act funds designated by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). An additional \$400,000 in contributions will come from agencies, schools, organizations, businesses and individuals who are stakeholders in the quality of the Eel River.

"Our goal is to make the Eel River a better place for aquatic life and people," declared Manchester University scientist Jerry Sweeten, who wrote the grant request and has done considerable research on water pollution and flow of the Eel River, particularly as it affects smallmouth bass. "It's a tremendous natural resource that's been neglected for many years."

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**November 2008:** The University became one of 85 recipients of a Coca Cola/National Recycling Coalition (NRC) grant that provides bins to improve our recycling efforts. There were over 1,400 applicants for this grant. When the bins arrive, employees will distribute them to various campus buildings. Look for one of the new blue recycling bins soon.

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4 tons of waste are typically thrown into the landfill during the construction of a 2,000 square foot home.

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