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WATeR PARTICIPATES WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL COURT'S SETTLEMENT CONCERNING MADISONVILLE'S NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT



Water Quality Improvement Committee members collect water samples

Bill Walrop, Chair of the Water Quality Improvement committee reports: WATeR, Tennessee Clean Water Network, and Madisonville have reached and are implementing a settlement on litigation in Federal Court. This settlement includes a plan for Madisonville to construct a new Waste Water Treatment Plant. The new plant will continue to discharge at the current location into Bat Creek within the city of Madisonville.

In lieu of fines for the thousands of violations of their discharge permit during the last decade or more, Madisonville has agreed to contribute funds toward *initiating a plan for* addressing other sources of nonpoint source pollution that also pollute Bat Creek. The Water Quality Improvement Committee of WATeR is currently **designing** a program to collect water samples throughout the Bat Creek Watershed in 2016 to identify sources and types of pollution other than from the treatment plant.

Madisonville will pay up to \$10,000 for laboratory analysis of the samples. WATeR will then issue a report of findings and assist a Monroe County government agency to apply for a State or Federal grant in 2017 to address the primary sources of this other pollution.

This cost-share grant request will be patterned after the grants totaling \$1.1 million currently being administered throughout the Fork and Baker Creek Watersheds that WATeR has initiated and currently supports. The goal is to improve water quality in these creeks sufficiently for TDEC to remove them from the list of polluted streams in Tennessee.