Both forks of White River originate in Eastern Indiana and flow generally south and west to an eventual confluence with the Wabash River. The White River basin is the largest watershed contained entirely within the state of Indiana.
The many sub-watersheds in Indiana all are part of seven major drainage basins. The White River watershed is a part of the Wabash River watershed.
Nearly all of Indiana drains into the Ohio River. A portion of Northwest Indiana drains to the Upper Mississippi, while the remainder of Northern Indiana empties into the Great Lakes.