

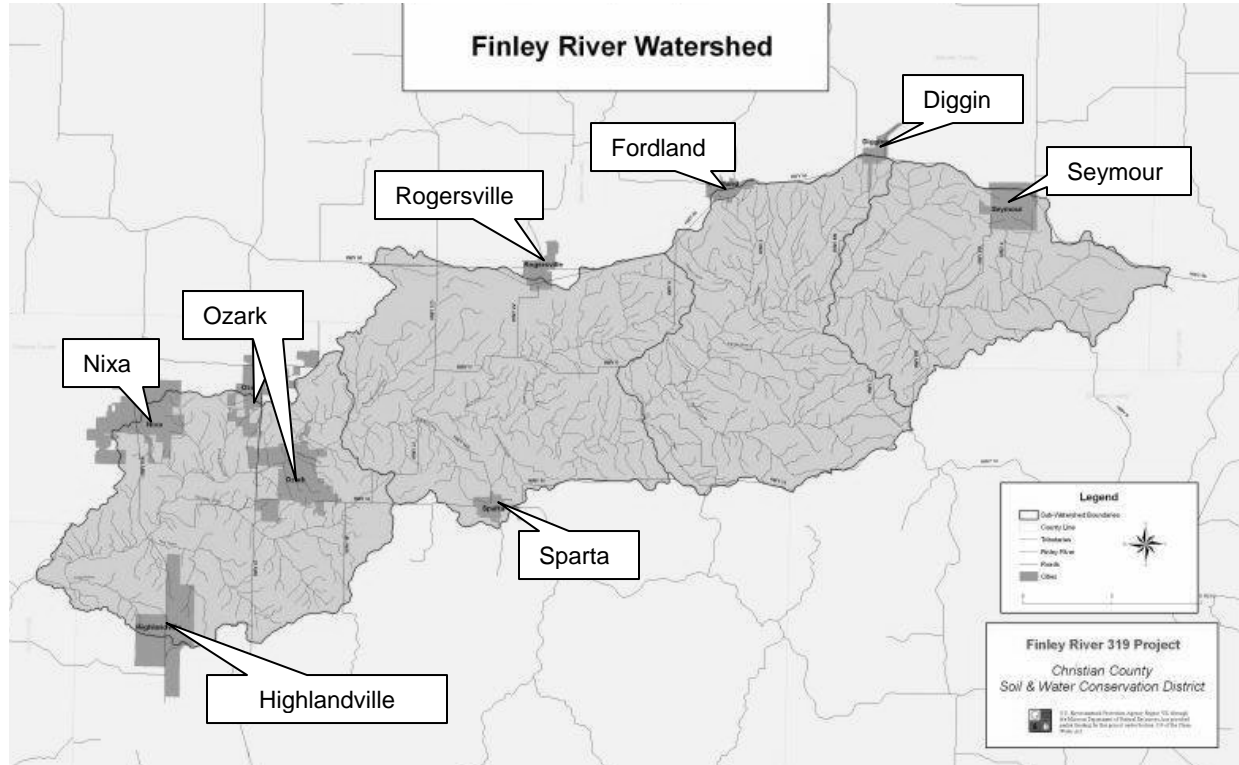
# Finley River 319

## Non-Traditional Agricultural Implementation Project

The Finley River Non-Traditional Agricultural Implementation Project is a non-point source water quality project that will target agricultural operations not presently serviced by existing financial/technical programs. These operations range in size from 3 acres to 40 contiguous acres.

The primary water quality problems of this watershed have been identified as excessive sedimentation, excessive nutrient loading, and inadequate buffering of concentrated flow areas. A combination of education efforts and financial incentives will be provided to landowners to achieve reduction in sedimentation and nutrient loading and for improvement of riparian corridors.

This project, in collaboration with local partnerships, is critical for raising awareness of non-point source concerns and providing means for funding of conservation practices that limit the non-point source impact on water quality.



The Finley watershed area is over 172,000 acres and crosses six county line boundaries to include parts of Stone, Christian, Greene, Webster, Douglas, and Wright counties. Cooperation and partnerships have been established with all county SWCD's involved, NRCS, MDC, DNR, M.U. Extension, and local groups like the James River Basin Partnership in Springfield to ensure the success of the project and provide many avenues for landowner understanding and involvement. For more information about the project contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

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"This project is designed to provide technical and financial assistance to an underserved group of landowners within the Finley River Watershed. Addressing the resource issues outlined here on an individual basis will help to improve the quality of the water within the watershed. Through information and education focused on reductions of sediment and nutrients within the watershed and by increasing riparian corridors along its streams it is our hope that this grant will provide the citizens of the watershed with an improved environmental outlook and a clean water resource.. This project will only succeed through the collaborative efforts of the public and all of the agencies involved. Together, we can make a difference."

*Justin Jenkins*

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