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**Wood-Land-Lakes:**

- ◆ Combination of volunteers solving natural resource problems through local involvement
- ◆ Serves Noble, LaGrange, DeKalb, Elkhart, Steuben and Whitley counties
- ◆ Tax-exempt organization

**Mission**

VOLUNTEERS WORKING TOGETHER  
FOR RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP OF  
OUR NATURAL RESOURCES



Plug  
That  
Old  
Well

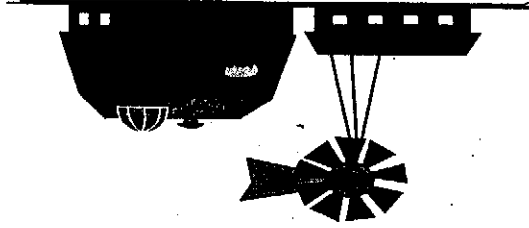
*What do you do with  
your old well?*

\* In the Yellow pages

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## What Is An Abandoned Well?

- ◆ Well that has been discontinued for more than 5 years
- ◆ Well that is impractical to use
- ◆ Well that is a health hazard



## Why Are Old Wells Risky?

- ◆ Connect land surface to ground water
- ◆ Direct channel to drinking water supplies
- ◆ Hazard to children, animals or other objects that may fall into or be trapped in unsealed wells

## Where Are Abandoned Wells?

- ◆ Most places where abandoned farmsteads are located
- ◆ Buried in farm fields
- ◆ Located near wooded areas or pastures



## Who Should Be Concerned?

- ◆ Rural land owners
- ◆ Urban land owners
- ◆ Well drillers
- ◆ Health professionals
- ◆ Municipal water departments
- ◆ Conservationists

## When Was Well Abandoned?

### Wells abandoned before 1988

- ◆ Required to be sealed at or above ground surface
- ◆ Seal with a welded, threaded or mechanically attached watertight cap
- ◆ May be sealed by land owner



### Wells abandoned after 1988

- ◆ Must be plugged with impervious grouting material
- ◆ Must be plugged by a licensed well driller