



# Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Quality Wetlands Section

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for **Section 401 Water Quality Certification** by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

- 1. Applicant:** Fort Wayne City Utilities Engineering  
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- 2. Agent:** Earth Source, Inc.  
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- 3. Project location:** Pierson Drain in the city of Fort Wayne, IN, Allen County  
Latitude 41.087742, Longitude -85.079008
- 4. Affected waterbody:** Pierson Drain
- 5. Project Description:** Permanent impacts of 741 linear feet of Pierson Drain for the replacement of two culverts, upstream and downstream stabilization of the drain, and the replacement of a sanitary utility line. The banks of Pierson Drain will be stabilized and planted with native vegetation. A combination of improvements along Pierson Drain and a recently constructed bypass channel will serve as mitigation.  
Additional information may be found online at <https://www.in.gov/idem/5474.htm>

**Comment period:** Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

**Public Hearing:** Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

**Questions?** Additional information may be obtained from Emersyn Harriman, Project Manager, by phone at 317-409-7580 or by e-mail at [eharrima@idem.in.gov](mailto:eharrima@idem.in.gov). Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

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