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# SR 46 Pavement Improvements Project Decatur County, Indiana Des. Nos. 1800255 and 1800256

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# **Dates of Waters Field Investigation:**

A field investigation was conducted on June 9, 2021 by RQAW Corporation to evaluate the presence of *Waters of the United States* for the proposed SR 46 Pavement Improvements Project along SR 46 in Decatur County, Indiana.

### Location:

SR 46

Sections 1-3 and 9-12, Township 10 North, Range 9 East Forest Hill and Greensburg U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Quadrangles Decatur County, Indiana

West Survey Area: Des. No. 1800255

West East

Latitude: 39.33359°N Latitude: 39.33656°N Longitude: -85.5209°W Longitude: -85.48865°W

East Survey Area: Des. No. 1800256

West East

Latitude: 39.33663° N Latitude: 39.33633° N Longitude: -85.48148° W Longitude: -85.4663° W

# **National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Wetlands:**

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) data available through IndianaMap (<a href="http://www.indianamap.org/">http://www.indianamap.org/</a>), two NWI polygons are located within the survey areas. Within the western survey area (Des. No. 1800255) one NWI polygon transects the survey area and is confined to the channel of Muddy Fork Sand Creek. This polygon was identified as being a R2UBH (Riverine, Lower Perennial, Unconsolidated Bottom, Permanently Flooded) wetland. Within the eastern survey area (Des. No. 1800256) the NWI polygon transects the survey area is confined to the channel of Unnamed Tributary (UNT) 1 to Sand Creek. This polygon was also identified as being a R2UBH wetland. A map showing a half mile radius with the NWI layer turned on is provided in the attachments (Pages A13-A14).

# National Geological Survey (USGS) National Hydrography Dataset (NHD):

According to the United States National Geological Survey (USGS) National Hydrography Dataset (NHD), there are 13 NHD lines within the western survey area (Des. No. 1800255). Of these, 7 lines are classified as pipelines, 4 lines are classified as perennial streams, and 2 lines are classified as canal ditches. According to the USGS topographic map one perennial stream flowline is mapped as Muddy Fork Sand Creek and verified as a perennial stream. An additional perennial stream flowline was verified and identified during the field investigation as UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek. Within the eastern survey area (Des. No. 1800256) there are two NHD lines. Of these lines, 1 is classified as a perennial stream and 1 is classified as a pipeline. The perennial stream flowline was verified and identified as UNT 1 to Sand Creek during the field investigation. Further information about these streams identified during the field investigation can be found in the streams section of this report. Maps showing the NHD layer turned on is provided in the attachments (Pages A15-A16).

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# **Soils:**

According to the Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) Database for Decatur County, Indiana, the western survey

area (Des. No. 1800255) contains seven soil areas with nationally listed hydric soils.

<u>Map</u>	Soil Name	Hydric Component	<u>Classification</u>
<u>Abbreviation</u>		Range	
Cg	Chagrin loam, frequently flooded	0%	Not Hydric
Су	Cyclone silt loam, 0 to 2% slopes	66-99%	Hydric
FcA	Fincastle silt loam, 0 to 2% slopes	1-32%	Hydric
MmB2	Miami silt loam, 2 to 6% slopes	1-32%	Hydric
MmC2	Miami silt loam, 6 to 12% slopes	1-32%	Hydric
MoC3	Miami clay loam, 6 to 12%	0%	Not Hydric
	slopes, eroded	070	Not Hydric
Or	Orville silt loam	1-32%	Hydric
Wmb	Williamstown silt loam, 2 to 6%	1-32%	Hydric
	slopes	1=3270	Tiyane
XnA	Xenia silt loam, Southern Ohio	1-32%	Hydric
	Till Plain, 0 to 2 percent slopes	1=3270	Tiyane

According to the SSURGO Database for Decatur County, Indiana, the eastern survey area (Des. No. 1800256) contains four soil areas with nationally listed hydric soils.

<u>Map</u>	Soil Name	Hydric Component	<u>Classification</u>
<u>Abbreviation</u>		<u>Range</u>	
Cg	Chagrin loam, frequently flooded	0%	Not Hydric
MeB2	Martinsville loam, 2 to 6% slopes	0%	Not Hydric
MmB2	Miami silt loam, 2 to 6% slopes	1-32%	Hydric
MmC2	Miami silt loam, 6 to 12% slopes	1-32%	Hydric
MoC3	Miami clay loam, 6 to 12% slopes, eroded	0%	Not Hydric
XnA	Xenia silt loam, Southern Ohio Till Plain, 0 to 2 percent slopes	1-32%	Hydric
XnB	Xenia silt loam, 2 to 4 percent slopes	1-32%	Hydric

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Duplicate project maps have been removed and included in Appendix B. Wetland determination forms have also been omitted to reduce file size.

# **Attachments:**

Project Location Maps	
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil Survey Maps & Soils Reports	A5 – A9
StreamStats, NWI Maps, NHD Maps, & Floodplain Maps	A10 – A19
Water Resources Maps	A20 – A23
Photograph Location Maps and Photographs	A24 – A128
Wetland Determination Forms.	A129 – A150
Pre-Jurisdictional Determination Form.	A151 – A154

# **Project Description:**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), Seymour District propose to proceed with a pavement improvements project on SR 46 in Decatur County, Indiana. The proposed project is divided into two sections with two separate Des. Numbers (1800255 and 1800256).

**Des. No. 1800255:** The project limits are from SR 3 to the west junction with United States Highway (US) 421, totaling approximately 1.8 miles in length. From the SR 3 and SR 46 intersection to the Central Railroad Company of Indiana (CIND) railroad crossing, the proposed project will involve milling and Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) preventative maintenance overlay (including shoulders), with partial and full depth pavement patching at various

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locations. From the CIND railroad crossing through the west junction with US 421, the proposed project will involve a full depth pavement replacement. Also included in this section of the project will be the replacement and/or construction of a stormwater sewer system with curb and gutter, sanitary sewer, water main reconstruction, and street lighting. The intersections of West Street, Carver Street, Anderson Street, and US 421 (Ireland Street) will be reconstructed to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) standards. The existing sidewalks along the north side of SR 46 from the railroad crossing to the west junction of US 421 will be reconstructed or constructed if not existing which is approximately 0.5 miles in length. They will be reconstructed or constructed if not existing along the south side from approximately 220 feet west of West Street to the west junction of US 421. Additionally, the turning radii of the northeast quadrant of the west junction of US 421 will be improved by moving the curb back, and associated adjustments to the curb ramps, and signal poles.

**Des. No. 1800256:** The project limits begin from the east junction of the US 421 and SR 46 intersection to approximately 134 feet beyond Base Road in the eastern direction, totaling approximately 0.8 miles in length. The proposed project will involve full depth pavement replacement, and reconstruction/construction of sidewalks along SR 46 from the east junction of US 421 to the drive to the Greensburg Public Library (which is located approximately 0.09 mile west of the Base Road intersection). Along the north side of SR 46, from Lincoln Street to the Greensburg Public Library (approximately 0.6 miles), the existing sidewalk will be replaced with an up to 10 ft multi-use path. Additionally, the south side of SR 46 will have 5 ft. sidewalks and a 5 ft. grass buffer. The replacement and/or construction of a stormwater sewer system with curb and gutter, water main reconstruction, and street lighting will also be included for this portion of the project. Travel and parking lanes will be modified to one travel lane in each direction with parking along the south side of SR 46, roughly between Lincoln St. and Vine St., and parking on the north side between Stewart St. and Davidson St. Additionally, the traffic signal at the Lincoln Street intersection will be replaced. From the drive to the Greensburg Public Library to the eastern project termini, an HMA preventative maintenance overlay is anticipated, which is approximately 0.12 mile in length.

# Field Reconnaissance

Des. No. 1800255: The survey area is located in a mostly rural setting, dominated primarily by agricultural fields, light industry, and scattered woodlots. Land use in the western portion of the survey area (beginning at the intersection of SR 3 and SR 46) is rural commercial with open fields, agricultural crops, and woodlots. Vegetation found within this area primarily consists of woody and herbaceous species which are frequently found in roadside seed mixes and species found in commonly disturbed areas. Species observed in this portion of the survey area include silver maple (Acer saccharium), tartan honeysuckle (Lonicera tatarica), annual blue grass (poa annua), and tall fescue (Festuca Arundinacea). Further east, just after the crossing of Muddy Fork Sand Creek, the survey area transitions to more heavily industrialized section which is mostly dominated by maintained grass lawns which are periodically mowed. Vegetation observed includes annual blue grass (poa amnua) and tall fescue (Festuca Arundinacea). From the CIND railroad crossing, for approximately 0.25 mile the survey area begins to transition to local commercial businesses and then onto a more residentially dominated area, which is exhibited for the remainder of this survey area. The vegetation observed within this area primarily consists of woody species such as Bradford pear (Pyrus calleryana) and herbaceous species that are found within maintained lawns that are periodically moved such as annual blue grass (poa annua) and tall fescue (Festuca Arundinacea). The survey area terminates approximately 230 feet east of the SR 46 and US 421 intersection and approximately 280 feet north of where SR 46 and US 421 intersect. The entire survey area was investigated for potential stream and wetland features using USGS Topo and NWI maps.

**Des. No. 1800256:** The survey area is located in a mostly residential setting with the occasional scattered woodlot and open field. Land use in the western portion of the survey area (beginning at the intersection of SR 46, East St., and US 421) is commercial and residential with one wood lot on the south side of SR 46 just west before UNT 1 to Sand Creek. Vegetation observed in this portion of the survey area includes annual blue grass (*poa amnua*), tall fescue (*Festuca Arundinacea*), tartan honeysuckle (*Lonicera tatarica*), eastern redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) and silver maple (*Acer saccharium*). The remainder of the land use in this survey area is dominated by residential homes with the occasional commercial business until the Greensburg Public Library. The vegetation observed in this portion of the survey area is similar to the other residential areas within the survey area and includes annual blue grass (*poa amnua*), tall fescue (*Festuca Arundinacea*), tartan honeysuckle (*Lonicera tatarica*), eastern redbud

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(Cercis canadensis) and silver maple (Acer saccharium). Beginning at the Greensburg Public Library there is a transition back to rural agricultural with open fields and scattered wood lots. Vegetation found within this area primarily consists of maintained grass lawns which are periodically mowed and species that along the roadside and agricultural fields including autumn olive (Elaeagnus umbellate), annual blue grass (poa annua), and tall fescue (Festuca Arundinacea) as well as an abundance of poison ivy (Toxicodendron Radicans). The entire survey area was investigated for potential stream and wetland features using USGS Topo and NWI maps.

Species composition described throughout the survey area would be different for vegetation composition existing within water resources such as wetlands and riparian corridors of streams. A detailed description of these resources can be found in the wetlands and streams section of this report.

### Streams:

According to the hydrology data available through IndianaMap (<a href="http://www.indianamap.org/">http://www.indianamap.org/</a>) and the Forest Hill and Greensburg USGS topographic map (1:24,000 scale), two USGS perennial blueline streams, mapped as Muddy Fork Sand Creek (Des. No. 1800255) and UNT 1 to Sand Creek (Des. No. 1800256), are located within the survey area. Upon the field investigation, the presence of these streams was verified. One additional stream, UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek was also observed during the field investigation.

UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek flows in a northwest to southeast direction and originates at the inlet on the northwest side of SR 46, which is within the western survey area (Des. No. 1800255). According to the Forest Hill USGS topo map, the stream is not a mapped USGS stream. This stream was determined to have intermittent flow as it lacked sinuosity and demonstrated an absence of riffle-pool sequences, however debris deposits on plants outside the stream channel were observed. This stream exhibited ordinary high water mark characteristics (OHWM) of 4.5 feet wide and 4 inches (0.33 feet) deep. The OHWM was taken outside the influence of the structure approximately 15.5 feet away. North of the inlet of the structure, Wetland C is present, therefore only a downstream OHWM was measured.

Approximately 95 linear feet (0.01 acre) of UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek is within the survey area. According to the USGS StreamStats Report, UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek has a drainage area of 12.399 square miles and a gradient of 10.5 feet per mile. The substrate consisted predominantly of silt which was also observed on vegetation outside the stream channel. This stream exhibited poor quality due to roadway runoff and predominantly silt substrate. UNT 1 Muddy Fork Sand Creek drains into Muddy Fork Sand Creek, which drains into Sand Creek, which drains into East Fork White River which is a Traditional Navigable Waterways (TNW). Based on its contribution of intermittent surface flow into a TNW, UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek is likely to be considered a *Waters of the United States*.

**Muddy Fork Sand Creek** flows in a northeast to southwest direction through the western survey area (Des. No. 1800255). This stream was determined to have perennial flow as it had a continuous bed/bank, presence of riffle-pool sequences, and moderate sinuosity. According to the Forest Hill USGS topo map, the stream is a mapped blueline perennial stream. This stream exhibited an upstream OHWM of 29 feet wide and 9 inches (0.75 feet) deep. The OHWM was taken outside the influence of the structure approximately 25 feet away. The downstream OHWM of 31 feet wide and 18 inches (1.5 feet) deep. The OHWM was taken outside the influence of the structure approximately 25 feet away.

Approximately 157 linear feet (0.112 acre) of Muddy Fork Sand Creek is within the survey area. According to the USGS StreamStats Report, Muddy Fork Sand Creek has a drainage area of 10.1 square miles and a gradient of 12.342 feet per mile. The substrate consisted predominantly of sand and fine gravel however the presence of cobble was also observed near the bridge. This stream exhibited average quality due to moderate sinuosity and overhanging vegetation. Muddy Fork Sand Creek drains into Sand Creek, which drains into East Fork White River which is a TNW. Based on its contribution of perennial surface flow into a TNW, Muddy Fork Sand Creek is likely to be considered a *Waters of the United States*.

**UNT 1 to Sand Creek,** which is locally known as Gas Creek, flows in a north to south direction through the eastern survey area (Des. No. 1800256). This stream was determined to have perennial flow as it had a continuous bed/bank, presence of riffle-pool sequences, and moderate sinuosity. According to the Forest Hill USGS topo map, the stream is a mapped blueline perennial stream. This stream exhibited an upstream OHWM of 11.2 feet wide and 5 inches (0.42 feet) deep. The OHWM was taken outside the influence of the structure approximately 19 feet away. The

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downstream OHWM of 7.9 feet wide and 7 inches (0.58 feet) deep. The OHWM was taken outside the influence of the structure approximately 30 feet away.

Approximately 213 linear feet (0.055 acre) of UNT 1 to Sand Creek is within the survey area. According to the USGS StreamStats Report, UNT 1 to Sand Creek has a drainage area of 3.392 square miles and a gradient of 13.4 feet per mile. The substrate consisted predominantly of sand however the presence of artificial riprap was also observed within the channel. This stream exhibited average quality due to moderate sinuosity and overhanging vegetation. UNT 1 to Sand Creek drains into Sand Creek, which drains into East Fork White River which is a TNW. Based on its contribution of perennially surface flow into a TNW, Muddy Fork Sand Creek is likely to be considered a *Waters of the United States*.

# **Roadside Ditches:**

Four roadside ditches (RSD's) were identified within the survey area: RSD's 1 – 4. All RSD's lacked OHWM's and stream characteristics; therefore, they were not considered to be stream features. RSD's 1-4 were delineated and are shown in the attached maps on pages A21 and A25-A27.

### Wetlands:

Wetland A is a palustrine emergent (PEM) wetland located within the western survey area (Des. No. 1800255) at the southeast quadrant of the SR 46 and SR 3 intersection. Wetland A extends outside the survey area; however, 0.041 acre exists within the survey area. This wetland would likely be considered poor quality due to its small size, low species diversity, and disturbance from the roadway. Wetland A is connected hydrologically to Muddy Fork Sand Creek via RSD 1, which connects Wetland B and Wetland C to UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek. UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek begins at the inlet adjacent to Wetland C, and flows under SR 46, and then drains into Muddy Fork Sand Creek outside the survey area. As mentioned, above in the streams section, Muddy Fork Sand Creek contributes overland perennial flow to the East Fork White River, a TNW. Since Wetland A provides a hydrological connection to a TNW it is likely a *Water of the United States*. This connection is illustrated on Water Resources Map 1 of 3 (Page A21), Photo Location Map 1 of 8 (A25), and Photo Location Map 2 of 8 (A26). Two data points (A1 and A2) were taken to determine the boundaries of Wetland A. A discussion of data points A1 and A2 are provided below.

Data point A1 was taken within Wetland A. The dominant vegetation observed at data point A1 was broadleaf cattail (*Typha latifolia*) and rice cut grass (*Leerisa oryzoides*), which are both obligate (OBL) species. One hydric soil indicator, Redox Dark Surface (F6), was observed at this data point. This data point exhibited three primary wetland hydrology indicators including: Surface Water (A1), High Water Table (A2), and Saturation (A3). This data point exhibited all three criteria to be considered within a wetland.

Data point A2 was taken approximately 22 feet southeast of data point A1. The dominant vegetation observed at data point A2 was tall annual blue grass (*Poa amnua*) which is a facultative upland (FACU) species. Hydric soil and wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this data point. This data point failed to meet any of the three criterions to be considered within a wetland.

Wetland B is a PEM wetland located within the western survey area (Des. No. 1800255) at the SR 46 and S. 200 W. intersection. Wetland A is 0.081 acre in size. This wetland would likely be considered poor quality primarily due to its small size, low species diversity, and disturbance from the roadway. Wetland B likely drains into Muddy Fork Sand Creek, as discussed previously in the streams section, Muddy Fork Sand Creek contributes overland perennial flow to the East Fork White River, a TNW. Since Wetland B provides a hydrologic connection to a TNW it is likely a *Water of the United States*. Wetland B is connected hydrologically to Muddy Fork Sand Creek by RSD 1, which connects Wetland B to Wetland C, and then onto UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek. UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek, begins at the inlet adjacent to Wetland C, and flows under SR 46, and then drains into Muddy Fork Sand Creek outside the survey area. This connection is illustrated on Water Resources Map 1 of 3 (Page A21), Photo Location Map 1 of 8 (A25), and Photo Location Map 2 of 8 (A26). Two data points (B1 and B2) were taken to determine the boundaries of Wetland B. A discussion of data points B1 and B2 are provided below.

Data point B1 was taken within Wetland B. The dominant vegetation observed within the herb stratum was broadleaf cattail (*Typha latifolia*) which is an OBL species. Additionally, white mulberry (*Morus alba*) was the dominate vegetation observed within the sapling/shrub stratum and northern catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*) was dominate within the tree stratum. White mulberry (*Morus alba*) is a facultative species (FAC) while northern catalpa

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(*Catalpa speciosa*) is a FACU species. One hydric soil indicator, Redox Dark Surface (F6), was observed at this data point. This data point exhibited one primary wetland hydrology indicator which was Saturation (A3), and three secondary wetland hydrology indicators including: Drainage Patterns (B10), Crayfish Burrows (C8), and Geomorphic Position (D2). This data point exhibited all three criteria to be considered within a wetland.

Data point B2 was taken approximately 28 feet northwest of data point B1. The dominant vegetation observed within the herb stratum was white clover (*Trifolium repens*) and annual blue grass (*Poa annua*) which are both FACU species. Additionally, northern catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*) was dominate within the tree stratum which is a FACU species. Hydric soil and wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this data point. This data point failed to meet any of the three criterions to be considered within a wetland.

Wetland C is a PEM wetland located within the western survey area (Des. No. 1800255) approximately 580 feet east of the SR 46 and S. 200 W. intersection. Wetland C is 0.188 acre in size. Ponding water from agricultural field tile drain was observed within this wetland. This wetland would likely be considered poor quality primarily due to its small size, low species diversity, and disturbance from the roadway. Wetland C provides a hydrologic connection to UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek which drains into Muddy Fork Sand Creek. As discussed previously in the streams section, Muddy Fork Sand Creek contributes overland perennial flow to the East Fork White River, a TNW. Since Wetland C provides a hydrologic connection a TNW it is likely *Water of the United States*. Wetland C is connected hydrologically to Muddy Fork Sand Creek by UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek, which begins at the inlet adjacent to Wetland C and flows under SR 46 and then drains into Muddy Fork Sand Creek outside the survey area. This connection is illustrated on Water Resources Map 1 of 3 (Page A21), Photo Location Map 1 of 8 (A25), and Photo Location Map 2 of 8 (A26). Three data points (C1, C2, and C3) were taken to determine the boundaries of Wetland C. A discussion of data points C1-C3 are provided below.

Data point C1 was taken within Wetland C and RSD 1. The dominant vegetation observed within the herb stratum was broadleaf cattail (*Typha latifolia*), rice cut grass (*Leerisa oryzoides*), and reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*). Both broadleaf cattail (*Typha latifolia*) and rice cut grass (*Leerisa oryzoides*) are OBL species while reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) is a facultative wetland (FACW) species. One hydric soil indicator, Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1), was observed at this data point. This data point exhibited three primary wetland hydrology indicators including: Surface Water (A1), High Water Table (A2), and Saturation (A3), and one secondary wetland hydrology indicator of Crayfish Burrows (C8). This data point exhibited all three criteria to be considered within a wetland.

Data point C2 was taken approximately 24 feet northwest of data point C1. The dominant vegetation observed was annual blue grass (*Poa annua*) which is a FACU species. Hydric soil and wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this data point. This data point failed to meet any of the three criterions to be considered within a wetland.

Data point C3 was taken within Wetland C approximately 230 feet west of data point C1 and within RSD 1. The dominant vegetation observed within the herb stratum was reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) which is a FACW species. Additionally, bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera tatarica*) was the dominate vegetation observed within the sapling/shrub stratum which is a FACU species. While Bradford pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), and eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) was dominate within the tree stratum. Bradford pear (*Pyrus calleryana*) is an upland (UPL) species while sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*), and eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) are FACU species. One hydric soil indicator, Sandy Redox (S5), was observed at this data point. This data point exhibited three primary wetland hydrology indicators including: Surface Water (A1), High Water Table (A2), and Saturation (A3), and one secondary wetland hydrology indicator of Drainage Patterns (B10). This data point exhibited all three criteria to be considered within a wetland.

**Wetland D** is a PEM wetland located within the western survey area (Des. No. 1800255) and RSD 3 south of SR 46. Wetland D is 0.012 acre in size. This wetland would likely be considered poor quality primarily due to its small size, low species diversity, and disturbance from the roadway. Wetland D likely drains into Muddy Fork Sand Creek and therefore provides a hydrologic connection to a TNW. As discussed previously in the streams section, Muddy Fork Sand Creek contributes overland perennial flow to the East Fork White River, a TNW. Since Wetland D provides a hydrologic connection a TNW it is likely *Water of the United States*. Wetland D is connected hydrologically to Muddy Fork Sand Creek by RSD 3, which provides a connection via UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek. This connection is illustrated on Water Resources Map 1 of 3 (Page A21) and Photo Location Map 2 of 8

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(A26). Two data points (D1 and D2) were taken to determine the boundaries of Wetland D. A discussion of data points D1 and D2 are provided below.

Data point D1 was taken within Wetland D. The dominant vegetation observed within the herb stratum was rice cut grass (*Leersia oryzoides*) and reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*). Rice cut grass (*Leersia oryzoides*) is an OBL species while reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) is a FACW species. Additionally, white mulberry (*Morus alba*) and black walnut (*Juglans nigra*) was observed to be the dominate vegetation within the sapling/shrub stratum. White mulberry (*Morus alba*) is a FAC species and black walnut (*Juglans nigra*) is FACU species. Black walnut (*Juglans nigra*) and American sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) were observed to be dominate within the tree stratum. Black walnut (*Juglans nigra*) is a FACU species while American sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*) is a FACW species. One hydric soil indicator, Redox Dark Surface (F6), was observed at this data point. This data point exhibited one primary wetland hydrology indicator which was Saturation (A3), and one secondary wetland hydrology indicators including: FAC-Neutral Test (D5). This data point exhibited all three criteria to be considered within a wetland.

Data point D2 was taken approximately 20 feet northeast of data point D1. The dominant vegetation observed within the herb stratum was annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*) which is a FACU species. Hydric soil and wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this data point. This data point failed to meet any of the three criterions to be considered within a wetland.

Wetland E is a PEM wetland located within the eastern survey area (Des. No. 1800256) approximately 100 feet east of Central Railroad Company of Indiana. Wetland E is 0.041 acre in size. This wetland would likely be considered poor quality primarily due to its small size, low species diversity, and disturbance from the roadway. Wetland E is connected hydrologically to Muddy Fork Sand Creek by a vegetated ditch outside the survey area located just north of SR 46 at a lower relief. This vegetated ditch is connected to the Greensburg Reservoir via an NHD line (canal ditch). The outlet of Greensburg Reservoir flows into Muddy Fork Sand Creek. Wetland E likely drains into Muddy Fork Sand Creek and therefore provides a hydrological connection to a TNW. As discussed previously in the streams section, Muddy Fork Sand Creek contributes overland perennial flow to the East Fork White River, a TNW. Since Wetland E provides a hydrologic connection to a TNW it is likely *Water of the United States*. This connection is shown via aerial and topographic mapping coupled with the NHD canal ditch line in the attachments on USGS Topo Map (Page A3), NHD Map 1 of 2 (Page A15), Water Resources Map 2 of 3 (Page A22), and Photo Location Map 5 of 8 (Page A29). Two data points (E1 and E2) were taken to determine the boundaries of Wetland E. A discussion of data points E1 and E2 are provided below.

Data point E1 was taken within Wetland E. The dominant vegetation observed at data point E1 was broadleaf cattail (*Typha latifolia*) and Franks sedge (*Carex fankii*) both of which are OBL species One hydric soil indicator, Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1), was observed at this data point. This data point exhibited three primary wetland hydrology indicators including: Surface Water (A1), High Water Table (A2), and Saturation (A3), and one secondary wetland hydrology indicator of Crayfish Burrows (C8). This data point exhibited all three criteria to be considered within a wetland.

Data point E2 was taken approximately 10 feet northeast of data point E1. The dominant vegetation observed within data point E2 was prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*), which is a FACU species, and common chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*), which is a FAC species. Hydric soil and wetland hydrology indicators were not observed at this data point. This data point failed to meet any of the three criterions to be considered within a wetland.

# **Open Water:**

No open water was observed within or adjacent to the survey area.

# **Conclusions:**

A field investigation was conducted on June 9, 2021 by RQAW Corporation to evaluate the presence of *Waters of the United States* for the SR 46 Pavement Improvements Project in Decatur County, Indiana. Field observations identified one intermittent stream (UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek) and two perennial streams (Muddy Fork to Sand Creek and UNT 1 to Sand Creek) and five wetlands (Wetland A – E) within the survey areas.

Based on their contribution of perennial or intermittent overland flow to the East Fork White River, a TNW, UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek, Muddy Fork to Sand Creek, and UNT 1 to Sand Creek would likely be considered

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Waters of the United States. Based on their hydrological connection to a TNW, Wetlands A – E, are likely Waters of the United States.

Every effort should be taken to avoid and minimize impacts to these waterways. If impacts are necessary, then mitigation may be required. The INDOT Ecology and Waterway Permitting Section should be contacted immediately if impacts will occur. The final determination of jurisdictional waters is ultimately made by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This report is our best judgement based on the guidelines set forth by the Corps.

# **Acknowledgement:**

This waters determination has been prepared based on the best available information, interpreted in the light of the investigator's training, experience and professional judgement in conformance with the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, the appropriate regional supplement, the USACE Jurisdictional Determination Form Instructional Guidebook, and other appropriate agency guidelines.

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# Table 1: Stream Summary SR 46 Pavement Improvements Project Decatur County, Indiana Des. Nos. 1800255 and 1800256

Stream Name	Photos	Lat/Long	OHWM Width (feet)	OHWM Depth (feet)	USGS Blue- line?	Riffles/ Pools?	Substrate	Total linear ft/acre	Quality	Flow Regime	Likely Water of U.S.?
UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek	53, 65 <b>-</b> 66	39.33415° N -85.51508° W	4.5	0.33	No	No	Silt	95 linear feet (0.01) acre	Poor	Intermittent	Yes
Muddy Fork Sand Creek	79-81	39.33591° N -85.51215° W	31	1.5	Perennial	Yes	Sand/Fine Gravel/ Cobble	157 linear feet (0.112 acre)	Average	Perennial	Yes
UNT 1 to Sand Creek	162- 163, 166- 167	39.33669° N -85.4792° W	11.2	0.58	Perennial	Yes	Sand	213 linear feet (0.055 acre)	Average	Perennial	Yes

# Table 2: Wetland Summary SR 46 Pavement Improvements Project Decatur County, Indiana Des. Nos. 1800255 and 1800256

Wetland Name	Photos	Lat/Long	Туре	Wetland Quality	Total Area (acres)	Likely Water of U.S.?
Wetland A	3-4, 7	39.33354° N -85.52061° W	PEM	Poor	0.041	Yes
Wetland B	20, 23-25, 27, 29, 31-32	39.33341° N -85.51832° W	PEM	Poor	0.081	Yes
Wetland C	46-47, 51-55	39.33409° N -85.51572° W	PEM	Poor	0.188	Yes
Wetland D	57-60, 64	39.33396° N -85.51548° W	PEM	Poor	0.012	Yes
Wetland E	116-118, 121-124	39.33659° N -85.4981° W	PEM	Poor	0.041	Yes

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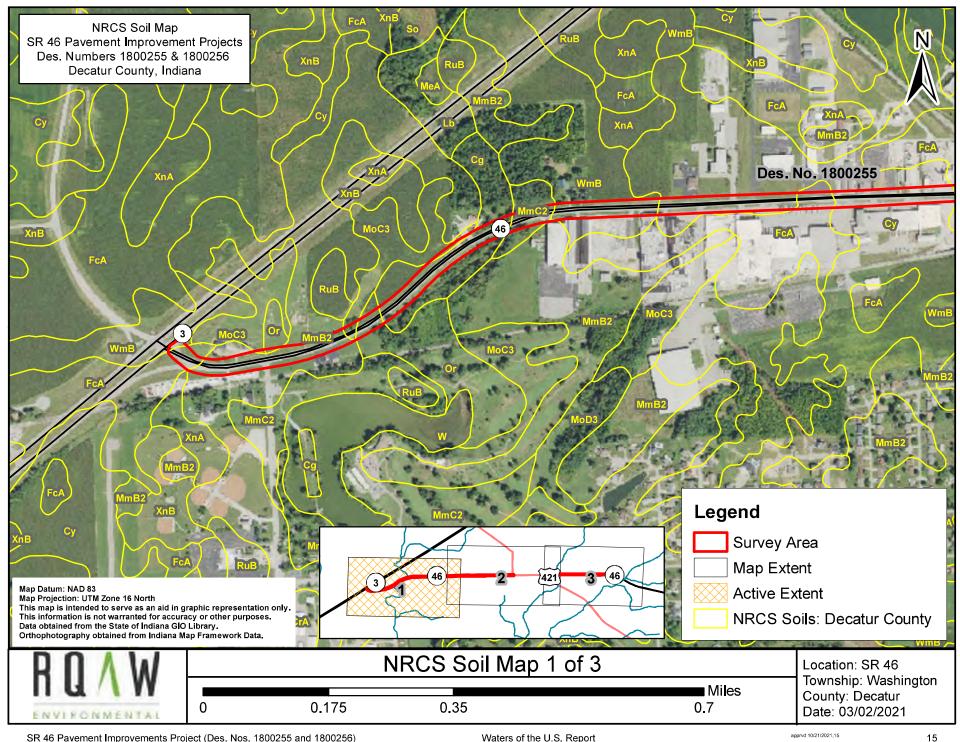
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# Table 3: Data Point Summary SR 46 Pavement Improvements Project Decatur County, Indiana Des. Nos. 1800255 and 1800256

Data Point	Vegetation?	Hydric Soil?	Wetland Hydrology?	Wetland?
A1	YES	YES	YES	YES
A2	NO	NO	NO	NO
B1	YES	YES	YES	YES
B2	NO	NO	NO	NO
C1	YES	YES	YES	YES
C2	NO	NO	NO	NO
C3	YES	YES	YES	YES
D1	YES	YES	YES	YES
D2	NO	NO	NO	NO
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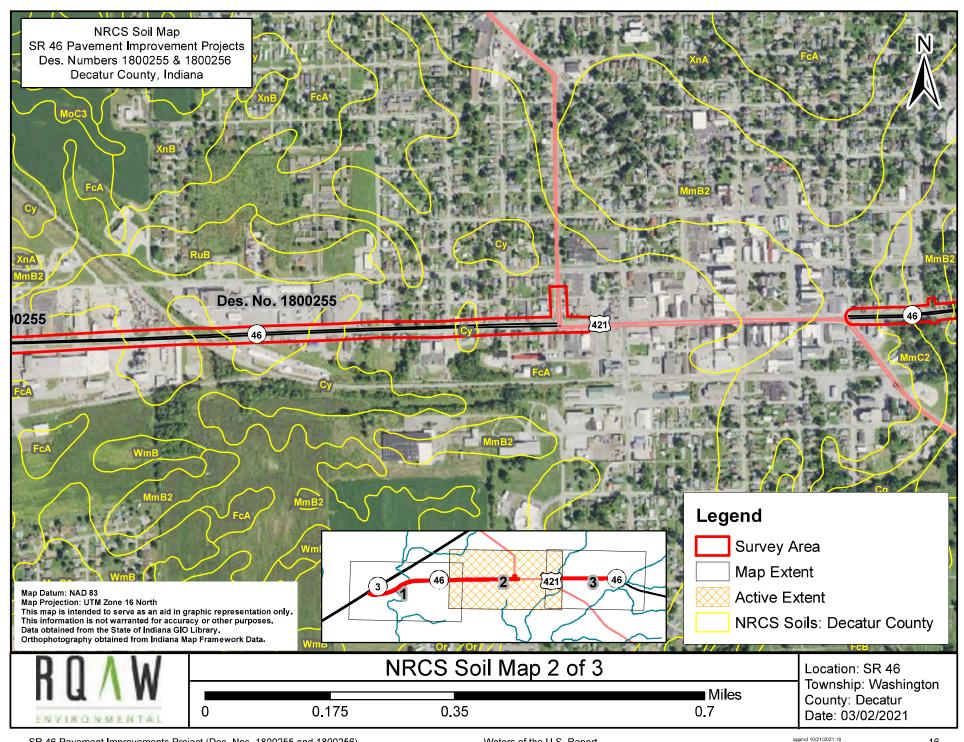
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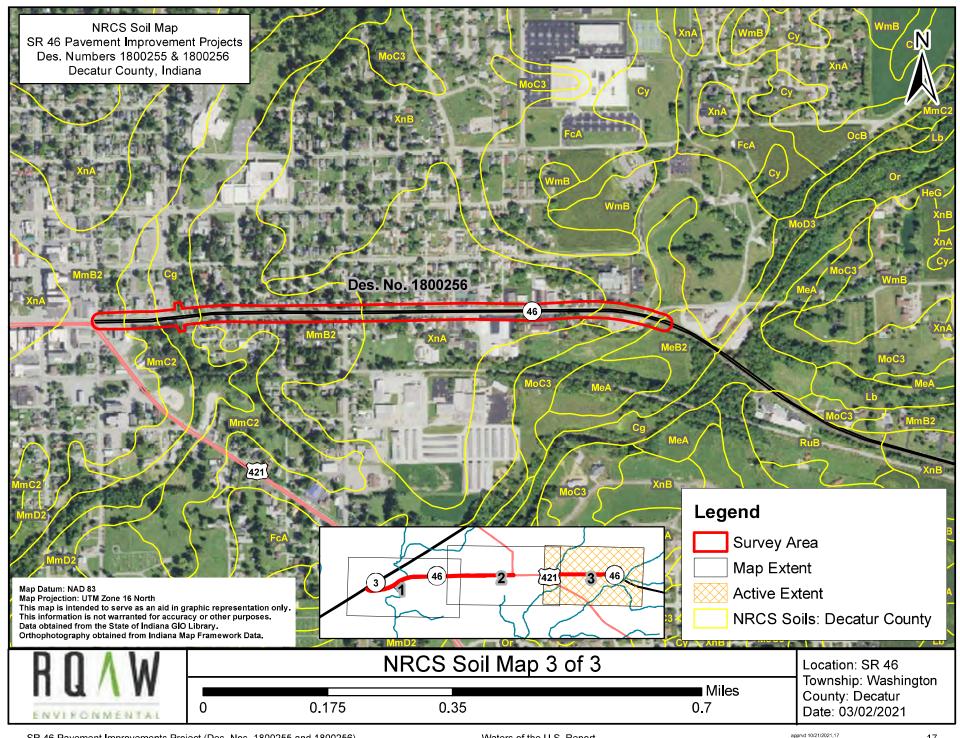


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# Hydric Rating by Map Unit

Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Cg	Chagrin loam, frequently flooded	0	3.1	11.9%
Су	Cyclone silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	85	7.1	27.1%
FcA	Fincastle silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	10	8.6	32.9%
MmB2	Miami silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes, eroded	5	3.2	12.4%
MmC2	Miami silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, eroded	5	0.9	3.4%
MoC3	Miami clay loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, severely eroded	0	0.4	1.4%
Or	Orrville silt loam, frequently flooded	3	0.6	2.4%
WmB	Williamstown silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes, eroded	5	2.2	8.5%
XnA	Xenia silt loam, Southern Ohio Till Plain, 0 to 2 percent slopes	5	0.0	0.0%
Totals for Area of Inter	est		26.3	100.0%

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# Hydric Rating by Map Unit

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Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Cg	Chagrin loam, frequently flooded	0	1.0	8.1%
MeB2	Martinsville loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes, eroded	0	0.2	1.9%
MmB2	Miami silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes, eroded	5	3.9	33.0%
MmC2	Miami silt loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, eroded	5	0.7	5.8%
MoC3	Miami clay loam, 6 to 12 percent slopes, severely eroded	0	0.3	2.4%
XnA	Xenia silt loam, Southern Ohio Till Plain, 0 to 2 percent slopes	5	4.8	40.2%
XnB	Xenia silt loam, 2 to 4 percent slopes	10	1.0	8.5%
Totals for Area of Inter	est	•	12.0	100.0%

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# StreamStats Report Des No 1800255

Region ID: IN

Workspace ID: IN20210811155729289000

Clicked Point (Latitude, Longitude): 39.33410, -85.51498

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Parameter			
Code	Parameter Description	Value	Unit
DRNAREA	Area that drains to a point on a stream	12.399	square miles
T2INDNR	Average transmissivity (ft2/d) for the full depth of unconsolidated deposits from InDNR well database.	1228	square feet per day
LOWREG	Low Flow Region Number	1729	dimensionless
QSSPERMTHK	Index of the permeability of surficial Quaternary sediments computed as in SIR 2014-5177	47.15	dimensionless
LC01FOREST	Percentage of forest from NLCD 2001 classes 41-43	2.6	percent
K2INDNR	Average hydraulic conductivity (ft/d) for the full depth of unconsolidated deposits from InDNR well database.	16	ft per day
CSL10_85	Change in elevation divided by length between points 10 and 85 percent of distance along main channel to basin divide - main channel method not known	10.5	feet per mi

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# StreamStats Report Des. No. 1800256

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Workspace ID: IN20210811160825946000

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Parameter Code	Parameter Description	Value	Unit
CSL10_85	Change in elevation divided by length between points 10 and 85 percent of distance along main channel to basin divide - main channel method not known	13.4	feet per mi
DRNAREA	Area that drains to a point on a stream	3.392	square miles
K2INDNR	Average hydraulic conductivity (ft/d) for the full depth of unconsolidated deposits from InDNR well database.	14	ft per day
LC01FOREST	Percentage of forest from NLCD 2001 classes 41-43	1.8	percent
LOWREG	Low Flow Region Number	1729	dimensionless
QSSPERMTHK	Index of the permeability of surficial Quaternary sediments computed as in SIR 2014-5177	43.98	dimensionless
T2INDNR	Average transmissivity (ft2/d) for the full depth of unconsolidated deposits from InDNR well database.	1083	square feet per day

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Parameter Code	Parameter Description	Value	Unit
CSL10_85	Change in elevation divided by length between points 10 and 85 percent of distance along main channel to basin divide - main channel method not known	10.1	feet per mi
DRNAREA	Area that drains to a point on a stream	12.342	square miles
K2INDNR	Average hydraulic conductivity (ft/d) for the full depth of unconsolidated deposits from InDNR well database.	16	ft per day
LC01FOREST	Percentage of forest from NLCD 2001 classes 41-43	2.5	percent
LOWREG	Low Flow Region Number	1729	dimensionless
QSSPERMTHK	Index of the permeability of surficial Quaternary sediments computed as in SIR 2014-5177	47.25	dimensionless
T2INDNR	Average transmissivity (ft2/d) for the full depth of unconsolidated deposits from InDNR well database.	1229	square feet per day

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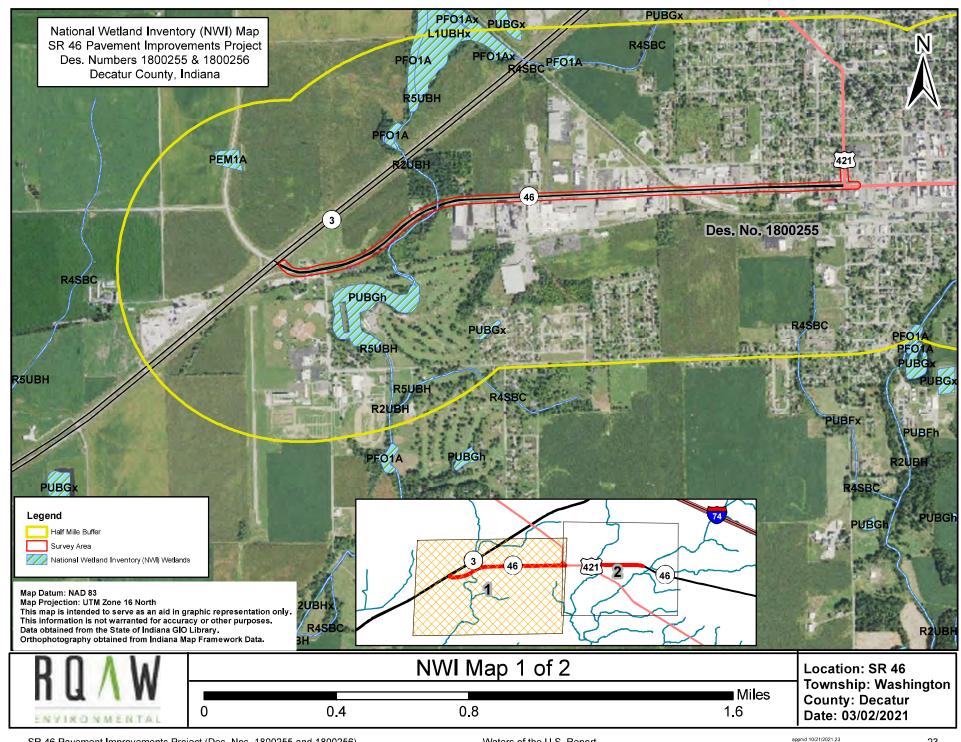
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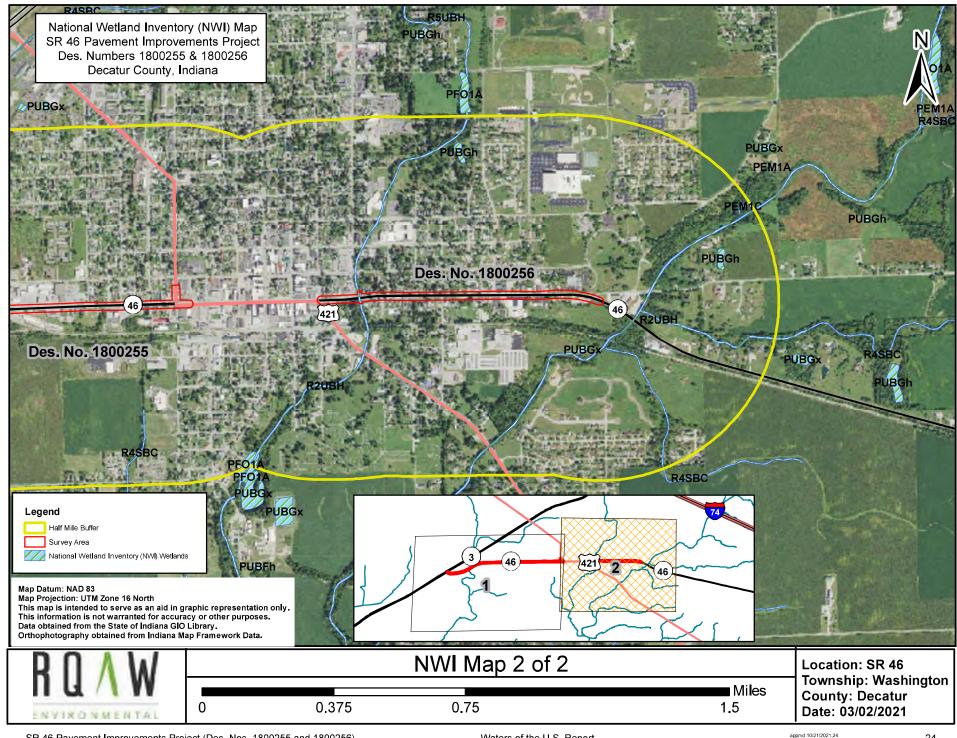
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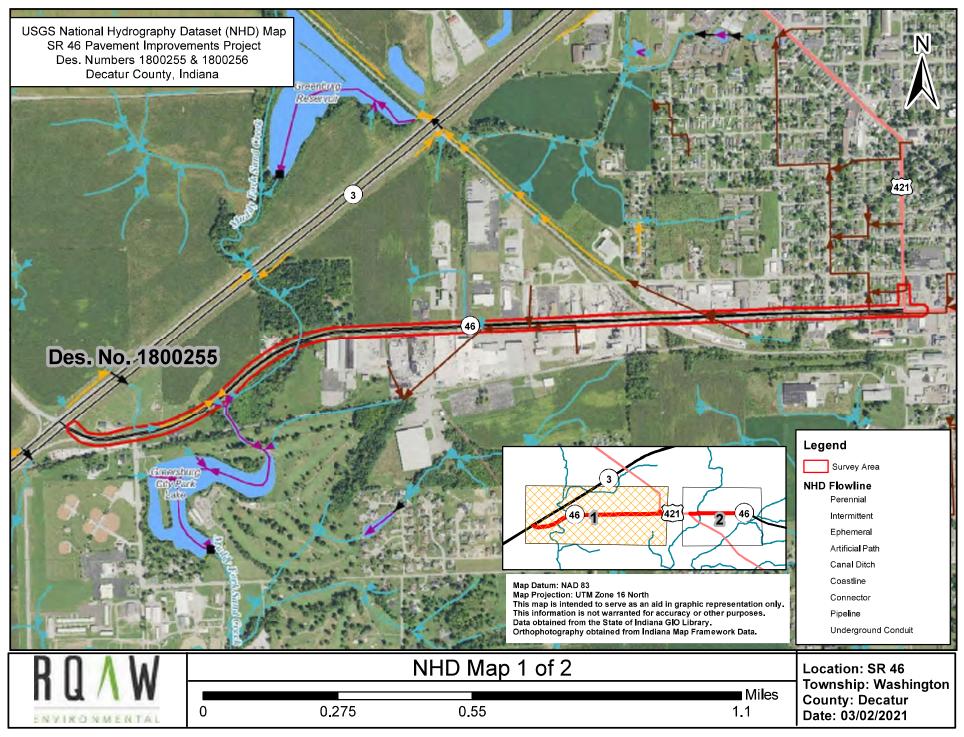
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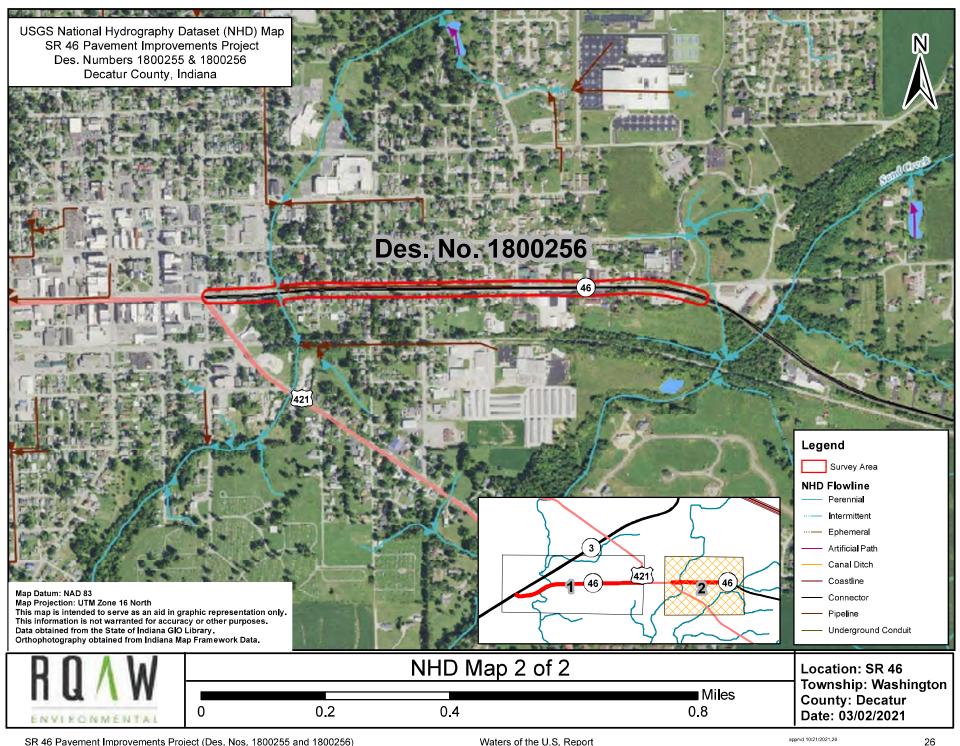


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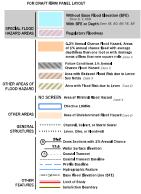


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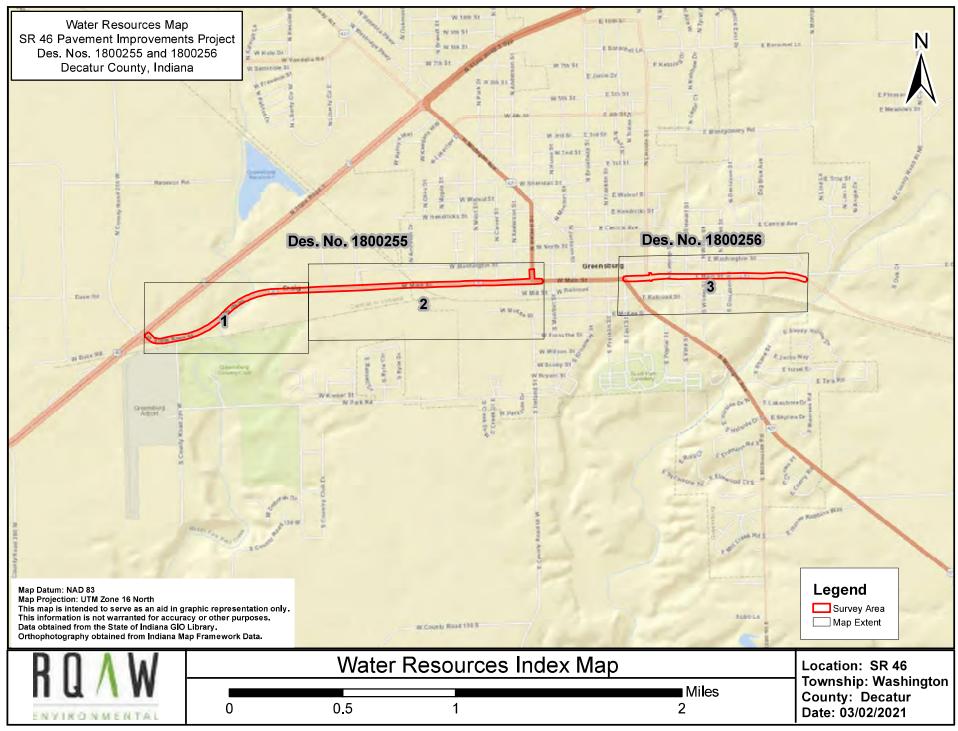
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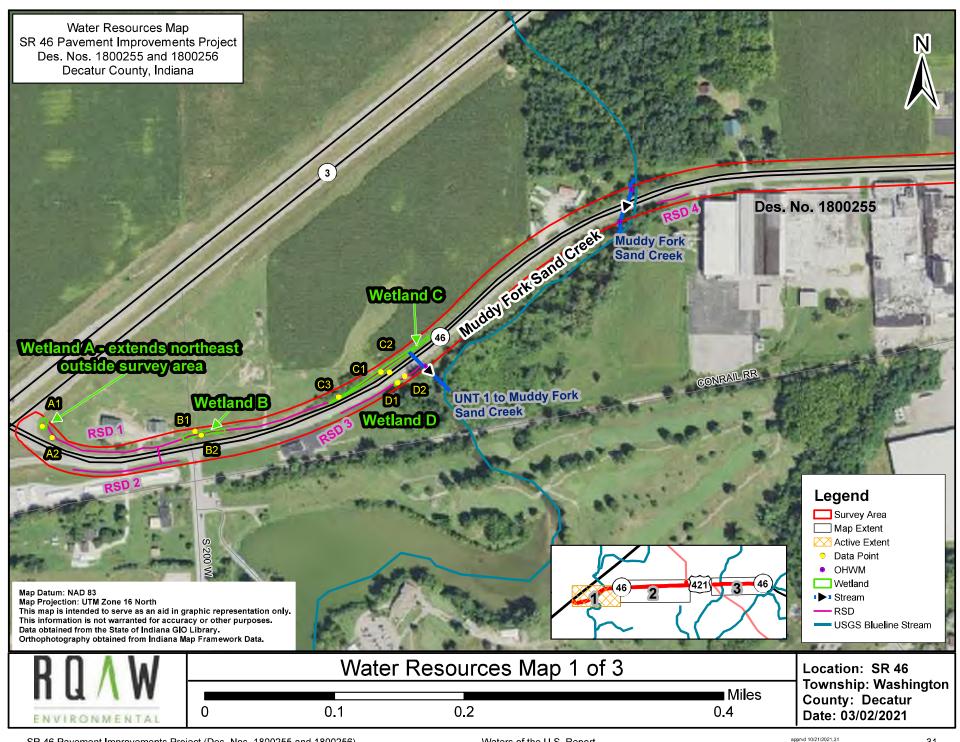


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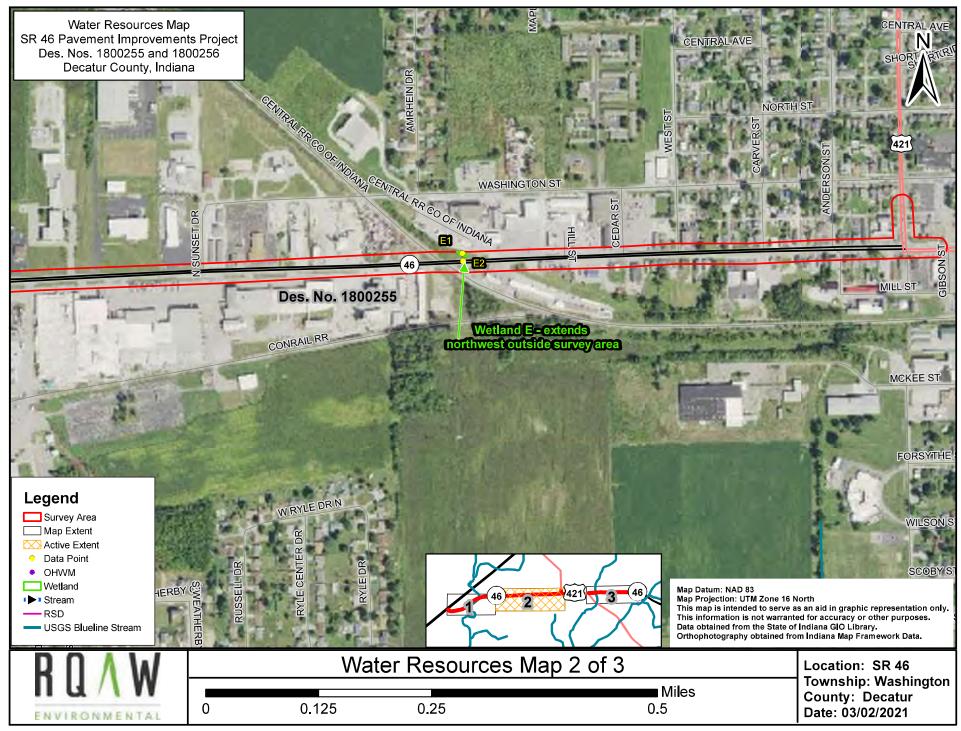
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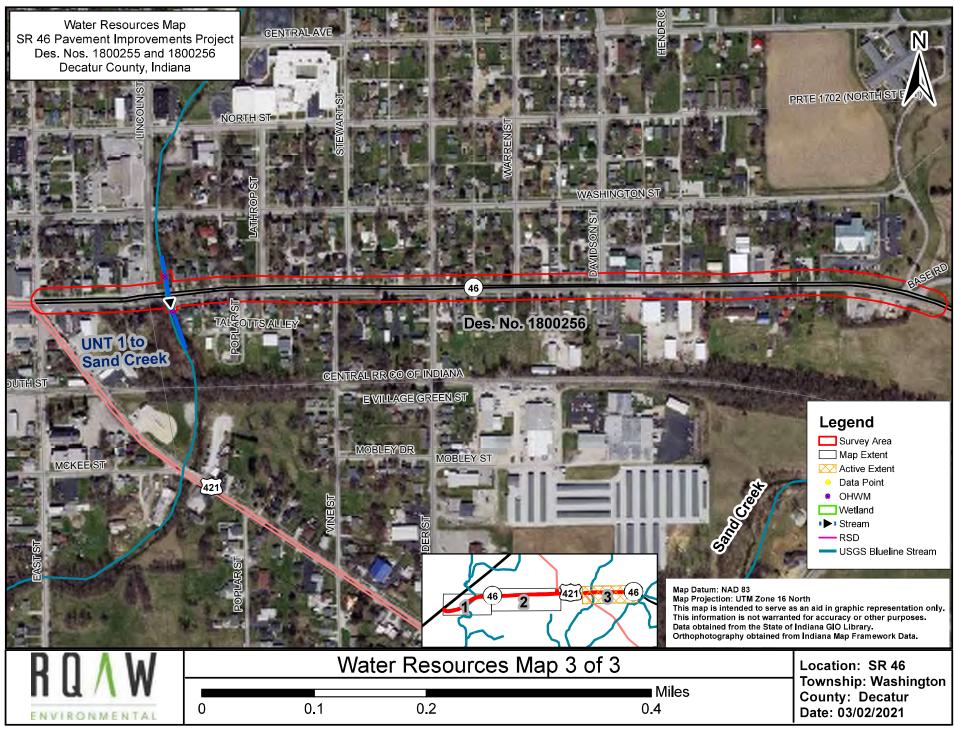
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# Appendix 2 - PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (PJD) FORM

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- **A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FORPJD:** October 7, 2021
- **B.** NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON REQUESTING PJD: Brooke Fox, RQAW Corporation§770 North Street, Suite 110, Fishers, IN. 46038
- C. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER:

# **D.** PROJECT LOCATION(S) AND BACKGROUNDINFORMATION:

# **Project Description:**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), Seymour District propose to proceed with a pavement improvements project on SR 46 in Decatur County, Indiana. The proposed project is divided into two sections with two separate Des. Numbers (1800255 and 1800256).

Des. No. 1800255: The project limits are from SR 3 to the west junction with United States Highway (US) 421, totaling approximately 1.8 miles in length. From the SR 3 and SR 46 intersection to the Central Railroad Company of Indiana (CIND) railroad crossing, the proposed project will involve milling and Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) preventative maintenance overlay (including shoulders), with partial and full depth pavement patching at various locations. From the CIND railroad crossing through the west junction with US 421, the proposed project will involve a full depth pavement replacement. Also included in this section of the project will be the replacement and/or construction of a stormwater sewer system with curb and gutter, sanitary sewer, water main reconstruction, and street lighting. The intersections of West Street, Carver Street, Anderson Street, and US 421 (Ireland Street) will be reconstructed to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) standards. The existing sidewalks along the north side of SR 46 from the railroad crossing to the west junction of US 421 will be reconstructed or constructed if not existing which is approximately 0.5 miles in length. They will be reconstructed or constructed if not existing along the south side from approximately 220 feet west of West Street to the west junction of US 421. Additionally, the turning radii of the northeast quadrant of the west junction of US 421 will be improved by moving the curb back, and associated adjustments to the curb ramps, and signal poles.

**Des. No. 1800256:** The project limits begin from the east junction of the US 421 and SR 46 intersection to approximately 134 feet beyond Base Road in the eastern direction, totaling approximately 0.8 miles in length. The proposed project will involve full depth pavement replacement, and reconstruction/construction of sidewalks along SR 46 from the east junction of US 421 to the drive to the Greensburg Public Library (which is located approximately 0.09 mile west of the Base Road intersection). Along the north side of SR 46, from Lincoln Street to the Greensburg Public Library (approximately 0.6 miles), the existing sidewalk will be replaced with an up to 10 ft multi-use path. Additionally, the south side of SR 46 will have 5 ft. sidewalks and a 5 ft. grass buffer. The replacement and/or construction of a stormwater sewer system with curb and gutter, water main reconstruction, and street lighting will also be included for this portion of the project. Travel and parking lanes will be modified to one travel lane in each direction with parking along the south side of SR 46, roughly between Lincoln St. and Vine St., and parking on the north side between Stewart St. and Davidson St. Additionally, the traffic signal at the Lincoln Street intersection will be replaced. From the drive to the Greensburg Public Library to the eastern project termini, an HMA preventative maintenance overlay is anticipated, which is approximately 0.12 mile in length.

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# (USE THE TABLE BELOW TO DOCUMENT MULTIPLE AQUATIC RESOURCES AND/OR AQUATIC RESOURCES AT DIFFERENT SITES)

State: Indiana County/parish/borough: Decatur City: Greensburg, IN
Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format):

Des. No. 1800255:

Lat.: 39.33637°N Long.: -85.50148° W

Universal Transverse Mercator: 16S 629145 4355175

Des. No. 1800256:

Lat.: 39.33666° N Long.: -85.47290° W

Universal Transverse Mercator: 16S 631608 4355249

Name of nearest waterbody: Greensburg City Park Lake

E.	REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)
	Office (Desk) Determination. Date:
	Field Determination. Date(s):

# TABLE OF AQUATIC RESOURCES IN REVIEW AREA WHICH "MAY BE" SUBJECT TO REGULATORY JURISDICTION.

Site number	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Estimated amount of aquatic resource in review area (acreage and linear feet, if applicable)	Type of aquatic resource (i.e., wetland vs. non-wetland waters)	Geographic authority to which the aquatic resource "may be" subject (i.e., Section 404 or Section 10/404)
UNT 1 to Muddy Fork Sand Creek	39.33415° N	-85.51508° W	95 linear feet (0.01 acre)	Non-wetland	Non Section 10/Section404
Muddy Fork Sand Creek	39.33591° N	-85.51215° W	157 linear feet (0.112 acre)	Non-wetland	Non Section 10/Section404
UNT 1 to Sand Creek	39.33669° N	-85.4792° W	213 linear feet (0.055 acre)	Non-wetland	Non Section 10/Section404
Wetland A	39.33354° N	-85.52061° W	0.041 acre	Wetland	Non Section 10/Section404

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Wetland B	39.33341° N	-85.51832° W	0.081 acre	Wetland	Non Section 10/Section404
Wetland C	39.33409° N	-85.51572° W	0.188 acre	Wetland	Non Section 10/Section404
Wetland D	39.33396° N	-85.51548° W	0.012 acre	Wetland	Non Section 10/Section404
Wetland E	39.33659° N	-85.4981° W	0.041 acre	Wetland	Non Section 10/Section404

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- 1) The Corps of Engineers believes that there may be jurisdictional aquatic resources in the review area, and the requestor of this PJD is hereby advised of his or her option to request and obtain an approved JD (AJD) for that review area based on an informed decision after having discussed the various types of JDs and their characteristics and circumstances when they may be appropriate.
- In any circumstance where a permit applicant obtains an individual permit, or a Nationwide General Permit (NWP) or other general permit verification requiring "pre- construction notification" (PCN), or requests verification for a non-reporting NWP or other general permit, and the permit applicant has not requested an AJD for the activity, the permit applicant is hereby made aware that: (1) the permit applicant has elected to seek a permit authorization based on a PJD, which does not make an official determination of jurisdictional aquatic resources; (2) the applicant has the option to request an AJD before accepting the terms and conditions of the permit authorization, and that basing a permit authorization on an AJD could possibly result in less compensatory mitigation being required or different special conditions; (3) the applicant has the right to request an individual permit rather than accepting the terms and conditions of the NWP or other general permit authorization; (4) the applicant can accept a permit authorization and thereby agree to comply with all the terms and conditions of that permit, including whatever mitigation requirements the Corps has determined to be necessary; (5) undertaking any activity in reliance upon the subject permit authorization without requesting an AJD constitutes the applicant's acceptance of the use of the PJD; (6) accepting a permit authorization (e.g., signing a proffered individual permit) or undertaking any activity in reliance on any form of Corps permit authorization based on a PJD constitutes agreement that all aquatic resources in the review area affected in any way by that activity will be treated as jurisdictional, and waives any challenge to such jurisdiction in any administrative or judicial compliance or enforcement action, or in any administrative appeal or in any Federal court; and (7) whether the applicant elects to use either an AJD or a PJD, the JD will be processed as soon as practicable. Further, an AJD, a proffered individual permit (and all terms and conditions contained therein), or individual permit denial can be administratively appealed pursuant to 33 C.F.R. Part 331. If, during an administrative appeal, it becomes appropriate to make an official determination whether geographic jurisdiction exists over aquatic resources in the review area, or to provide an official delineation of jurisdictional aquatic resources in the review area, the Corps will provide an AJD to accomplish that result, as soon as is practicable. This PJD finds that there "may be" waters of the U.S. and/or that there "may be" navigable waters of the U.S. on the subject review area, and identifies all aquatic features in the review area that could be affected by the proposed activity, based on the following information:

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# SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for PJD (check all that apply)

Checked items should be included in subject file. Appropriately reference sources below where

indicated for all checked items: Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the PJD requestor: Maps: Indiana GIO Library, IndianaMap, USGS, NWI Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the PJD requestor. Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report. Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report. Rationale:\_\_\_\_\_ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Corps navigable waters' study: U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: USGS TNM-NHD: Data Refreshed October, 2020 USGS NHD data. USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps. U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name: Forest Hill and Greensburg / 1:24,000 Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: NRCS Web Soil Survey: Decatur County \_\_\_\_. National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: <u>USFWS NWI data</u>: Decatur County State/local wetland inventory map(s):\_\_\_\_\_ FEMA/FIRM maps: FEMA/FIRM Decatur County, Indiana Aerial (Name & Date): Decatur County / NAIP Imagery 2016 Photographs: Other (Name & Date): Photos taken: June 9, 2021 Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: Other information (please specify):\_\_\_\_\_ IMPORTANT NOTE: The information recorded on this form has not necessarily been verified by the Corps and should not be relied upon for later jurisdictional determinations. Broke Se 10/07/2021 Signature and date of Signature and date of Regulatory staff member person requesting PJD completing PJD (REQUIRED, unless obtaining the signature is impracticable)<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Districts may establish timeframes for requestor to return signed PJD forms. If the requestor does not respond within the established time frame, the district may presume concurrence and no additional follow up is necessary prior to finalizing an action.

# **Brooke Fox**

From: Sperry, Steve <SSPERRY@indot.IN.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 4:44 PM

**To:** Brooke Fox; Summers, Terry **Cc:** Curry, Jennifer; Curtis, William

**Subject:** [EXT] Waters Report Approval, 1800256/255, SR 46,, Decatur Co

**Attachments:** PD Questionnaire.docx

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# Brooke,

Thank you for submitting the waters report for the above referenced project.

### Terry,

The 10/7/2021 WOTUS report has been stamped approved. It has been posted to ProjectWise in the following two locations, EWPO's Ecology folder, 1800256 255 Waters Report Approved 10.21.2021.pdf and Michael Baker International's Shared folder, 1800256 255 Waters Report Approved 10.21.2021.pdf

The approved copy is the only report recognized by this Office. Copies that do not contain our approval stamp will not be accepted for permitting or any other use.

The information in this report should be used by the Project Designer to determine if Waters of the U.S. will be impacted by the project. If it appears that impacts will occur, then action will need to be taken to avoid them to the maximum practical extent. If avoidance is not feasible then impacts will need to be minimized to the maximum practicable extent. These steps must be taken before any mitigation can be considered. If it is determined that mitigation will be required, the Project Manager or Project Designer will need to coordinate with the Ecology and Waterway Permitting Office to discuss how this will be provided.

The Project Manager or designer should notify the Ecology and Waterway Permitting Office if there is any change to the project footprint presented in the approved report. Changes may require additional fieldwork and a new report to cover areas not previously investigated.

The report is valid for a period of five years from the date of the earliest fieldwork. If this approved report expires prior to submittal of the waterway permit applications a new report will need to be generated.

This e-mail serves as notice that the Project Designer is to complete the attached Permit Determination questionnaire. Once completed please have them submit it to <u>Steve Sperry</u>.

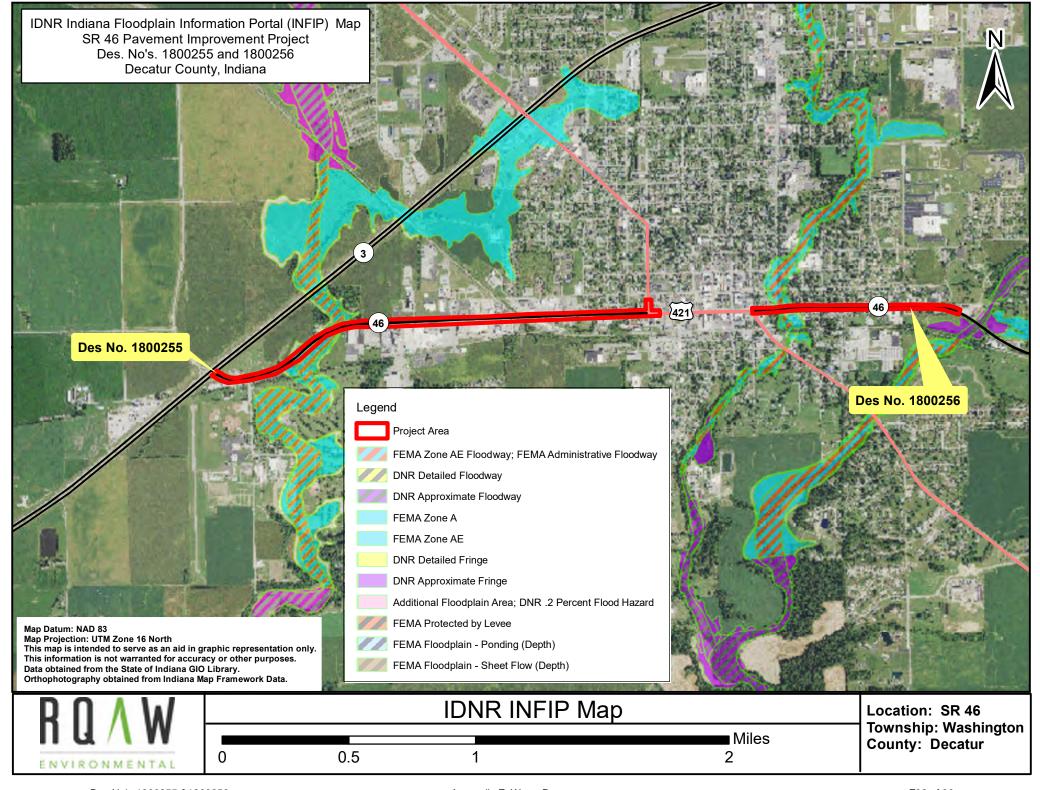
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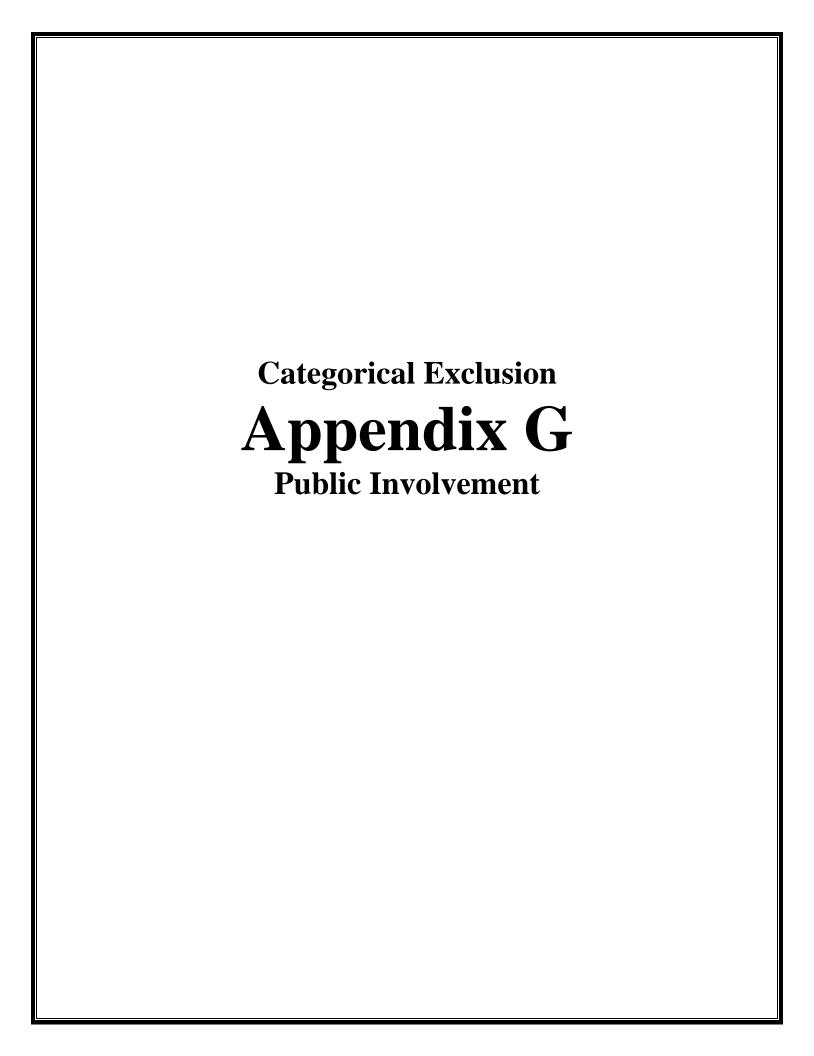
**Thanks** 

Steve Sperry,

**Ecology and Permits Coordinator,** Multi-district East Team INDOT, Office of Ecology and Waterway Permitting 100 N. Senate Ave., *N758-ES* Indianapolis, IN 46204

Phone: (317)-417-3623







November 4, 2019

# **EXAMPLE NOTICE OF SURVEY LETTER**

RE: S.R. 46 Project, Des. Nos.: 1800255 & 1800256

Dear Property Owner,

Certified Engineering, Inc. has been selected by INDOT for field survey of the above referenced project. Our information indicates that you own property near the above proposed roadway project. Certified Engineering, Inc. will be performing a survey of the project area in the near future. It may be necessary for representatives from Certified Engineering, Inc. to enter your property to complete this work. This is permitted by law per Indiana Code (IC) 8-23-7-26. Anyone performing this type of work has been instructed to identify him or herself, if you are available, before they enter your property. If you no longer own this property or it is currently occupied by someone else, please let us know the name of the new owner or occupant so that we can contact them about the survey.

At this stage, we generally do not know what effect, if any, the project may eventually have on your property. If we later determine that your property is involved, you will be contacted with additional information.

The survey is needed for this roadway project. Please be assured of our sincere desire to cause you as little inconvenience as possible during this survey.

If any problems do occur, please contact Jason Hesler of Certified Engineering, Inc. at (317) 546-1599 or at 3939 Millersville Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Certified Engineering, Inc.

Jason R. Hesler, PE, PLS



#### INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Seymour District 185 Agrico Lane Seymour, Indiana 47274 PHONE: (855) 463-6848 FAX: (812) 522-7658

**Eric Holcomb, Governor Michael Smith, Commissioner** 

April 29, 2022

Re: Notice of Public Information Meeting

SR 46: Roadway Project in City of Greensburg, Decatur County, Indiana

Des. Number(s): 1800255 & 1800256

To whom it may concern:

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), Seymour District will host a public information meeting regarding the proposed SR 46 Roadway Project in Decatur County, Indiana. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (doors open to public at 5:30 pm) at the Greensburg City Hall, 314 W. Washington Street Greensburg, IN 47240. The meeting will inform the community of the project scope, schedule, preliminary design plans. The meeting will feature a brief presentation followed by an informal discussion time. INDOT and their representatives will be available to discuss the project with the public and project plans and exhibits will be available.

This project is divided into two sections with two separate Des Nos. Des No. 1800255 encompasses the western portion of the project area, while Des No. 1800256 encompasses the eastern portion of the project area. The project limits for Des No. 1800255 are from SR 3 to the west junction with United States Highway (US) 421, totaling approximately 1.8 miles in length. The project limits of Des. No. 1800256 are from the east junction with US 421 to Base Road, totaling approximately 0.8 miles in length.

The scope of work for Des No. 1800255 would include milling and applying a Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) with partial and full depth patching at various locations from SR 3 to the railroad crossing belonging to the Central Railroad of Indiana (CIND) railroad. From the CIND railroad to the west junction with US 421 the proposed project recommends full depth pavement replacement along with replacement and/or construction of a stormwater sewer system, sanitary sewer system, water main installation, and curb and gutter. In addition, new street lighting would be installed along this portion of the project. The intersections of West Street, Carver Street, Anderson Street, and US 421 (Ireland St.) are proposed to be reconstructed to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) standards. Sidewalk construction /reconstruction would occur from the Needler's (736 W. Main St.) parking lot to the SR 46 and Ireland St. intersection on both the north and south sides. In addition, from the Needler's parking lot, west to the CIND railroad crossing, there would be a sidewalk added to the north side only. The project would include reconstructing the intersection at the west junction of US 421 and SR 46 (locally known as Main Street and Ireland Street). In addition to the pavement reconstruction at this location the scope of work includes new storm sewer and inlets, improved turning radii in the northeast quadrant (moving the new curb to roughly the back of the existing sidewalk), adjusting the signal pole locations, and replacing curb ramps to meet current ADA standards.

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Preliminary design plans, comment sheet, and a pre-recorded meeting are available for a review at the INDOT, Seymour District website (<u>Seymour.indot.in.gov</u>) if you prefer or are unable to attend in person.

All interested persons may express their questions or concerns by submitting comments to the attention of Mitchell Wilcox at 3815 River Crossing Parkway, Suite 20, Indianapolis, IN 46240, at 317-663-8265, or at mitchell.wilcox@mbakerintl.com.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Willcox

Michael Baker International | Project Manager

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# AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

#### STATE OF INDIANA County of Decatur

City of Greensburg

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The subscriber, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he (she) is the said Jennifer Hensley of GREENSBURG DAILY NEWS and that the foregoing notice for

INDOT DES NO. 1800255

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3rd day of May, A.D. 2022

Annette Burcharts

Notary Public Seal, State of Indiana



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May 3, 2022

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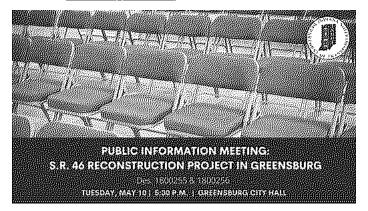
Doors open at 5:30 p.m., presentation at 6 p.m. at Greensburg City Hall

GREENSBURG, Ind.— In partnership with Michael Baker International, the Indiana Department of Transportation will host a public information meeting for a roadway reconstruction project on S.R. 46 in Greensburg on Tuesday, May 10, at Greensburg City Hall (314 W. Washington Street, Greensburg, IN). The meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project, ask questions, and provide feedback.

As proposed, the nearly \$13 million project includes pavement replacement and asphalt resurfacing along two sections of S.R. 46; between the east junction of S.R. 3 and the west junction of U.S. 421, and the east junction of U.S. 421 and Base Road. Additionally, the project includes sidewalk replacement, ADA curb ramp upgrades, construction of a multi-use path, drainage work and additional lighting. The project aims to reset the service life of the roadway and update transportation facilities to current standards. The contract is currently scheduled to let to contractors in early 2024.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. to allow the public time to view displays and interact with the project team. A formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m. Project information will also be posted on the <a href="https://link.google.com/link.google.com/">INDOT</a> Seymour District webpage prior to May 10 and can be viewed any time.

Questions and comments may be submitted in-person at the information meeting or via email to Mitchell Wilcox (mitchell.wilcox@mbakerintl.com) with Michael Baker International.



#### Stay Informed

Motorists in Southeast Indiana can monitor road closures, road conditions, and traffic alerts any time via:

- Facebook: facebook.com/INDOTSoutheast
- Twitter: @INDOTSoutheast
- CARS 511: indot.carsprogram.org
- Mobile App: <u>iTunes App Store</u> and the <u>Google Play store for Android</u>



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"With a sustainable, data-driven plan in place to fund roads and bridges, Hoosiers can rest assured that Indiana will remain the Crossroads of America for generations to come." – Governor Eric J. Holcomb

Governor Holcomb's Next Level Roads plan is a fully-funded, data-driven investment in Indiana's transportation infrastructure. Implemented in 2017, Next Level Roads dedicates more than \$60 billion to construction and maintenance projects for at least the next 20 years to improve and maintain

Des No's. 1800255 and 1800256

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Indiana's state highways, finish major projects, and plan for the future. The plan fosters partnerships between the state and Hoosier cities, towns, and counties to deliver high-priority local road projects. Next Level Roads is enhancing Indiana's economic edge and the quality of life for all Hoosiers. View our interactive Next Level Roads construction map at <a href="https://www.nextlevelroads.com">www.nextlevelroads.com</a>.

#### About the Indiana Department of Transportation

Over the past 100 years, INDOT has transformed the state of Indiana into the Crossroads of America we know today. With six district offices and 3,500 employees, the agency is responsible for constructing and maintaining more than 29,000 lane miles of highways, more than 5,700 bridges, and supporting 4,500 rail miles and 117 airports across the state. Indiana once again ranked #1 in the U.S. for infrastructure in CNBC's 2019 "America's Top States for Business" ranking. Learn more about INDOT at <u>in.gov/indot</u>.

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#### **Kyle J. Boot**

From: Garrett, Natalie R <NaGarrett@indot.IN.gov>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 12:43 PM **To:** Wilcox, Mitchell; Walker, Annie

**Cc:** Summers, Terry

Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: Des1800255 & 1800256 - SR 46 Greensburg\_ Templates, presentations,

etc

The news release also went out yesterday and information has been shared on our social media pages today.

Natalie

#### SR 46 Greensburg

Pavement Overlay & Reconstruction Project DES. 1800255 &1822256 R-41463

East Junction of SR 3 to West Junction of US 421
East Junction of US 421 to .83 miles East of East Junction US 421
in Greensburg
Decatur County

**Indiana Department of Transportation** 

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Greensburg City Hall



Welcome: SR 46 Pavement Overlay & Reconstruction

Project Manager:

Mitchell Wilcox, PE, Michael Baker International Inc.







#### Welcome

- Purpose/explanation of public information meeting
- Public information meeting format
- Purpose and Need Overview
- Proposed Project Improvements
- Environmental Process
- Anticipated Project Schedule
- Open House/Project display area



#### **Project Resource Locations**

Project Information can be found online at: Seymour.indot.in.gov

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## **Project Stakeholders**

- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highway Administration
- City of Greensburg and Decatur County
- Elected and local officials
- Residents and citizens
- Commuters
- Businesses
- Emergency services
- Schools
- Churches
- Community organizations



- Introduction of INDOT project team
  - · Project management
  - · Public Information
  - Seymour District INDOT Regional Office
  - Environmental services
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- Recognition of elected and local public officials



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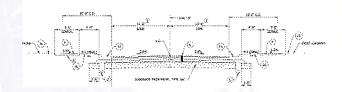
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  - Overlay East Junction of SR 3 to Railroad
  - <u>Reconstruction</u> Railroad to West Junction of US 421





#### DES. 1800255 - West Project

- Reconstruction Details
- Sidewalk and ADA facilities
- Stormwater additions
- Ireland St. Intersection Reconstruction





#### DES. 1800255 – West Project

- HMA Overlay Preventative Maintenance (1.5" mill and overlay assumed) w/ Patching from SR 3 approach to west side of railroad tracks
- Full Depth Reconstruction from east side of railroad tracks to US 421/Ireland Street generally matching the existing grade
- Typical Section is 2-12' lanes with curb and gutter
- Drive approaches on the west end have been reduced to control access locations and improve drainage
- Sidewalk will be replaced. Additional sidewalk was added in front of West Main Laundromat. ADA curb ramps throughout
- Signal reestablishment of the traffic loops (west and north approach)
- Drainage
- Lighting



#### DES. 1800256 – East Project

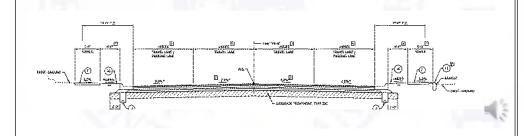
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#### DES. 1800256 - East Project

- Reconstruction Details
- Pedestrian facilities (shared use path)
  - Historic District Details
- Stormwater additions
- Lighting



#### DES. 1800256 - East Project

- Full Depth Reconstruction from just east of East St to Greensburg Public Library
- HMA overlay for 500' to tie into existing superelevation
- Typical section with 2-12' lanes with curb and gutter. Parking lanes will be provided from Lincoln to Davidson
- Drive approaches on the west end have been reduced to control access locations and improve drainage
- Pedestrian Facilities: South side sidewalk, North Side 8' to 10' multi-use path. ADA curb ramps throughout.
- US421 Reestablishment of the traffic loops and detector housing (east approach only)
- Lincoln Street reestablish all underground signal equipment (east and west approaches only)
- Drainage
- · Lighting



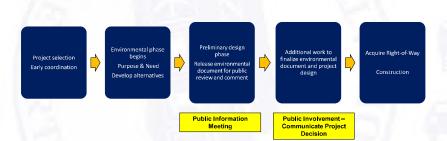
#### Maintenance of Traffic Plan

- SR 46 East
  - Eastbound Traffic along SR 46 will remain open during construction
- SR 46 West
  - Westbound Traffic will be detoured during construction
  - US 421 and SR 3





## **Project Development**





#### **Environmental Document**

#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Requires INDOT to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a proposed project to the natural and socioeconomic environments
- NEPA is a decision-making process
  - · Purpose and Need
  - · Alternatives Screening
  - · Preferred Alternative

#### Impacts are analyzed, evaluated, and described in an environmental document

- · What are the impacts this project might have on the community?
- · How can impacts be avoided?
- Can impacts be minimized?
- · Mitigation for impacts?

#### Environmental document anticipated to be completed

- Fall 2022
- · Available for review via public repositories

# • Environmental Process

- · Establish purpose and need
- Develop possible alternatives
- The "Do Nothing" alternative is a baseline for comparison
- · Evaluate and screen alternatives
- · Identify a preferred alternative
- · Inform the public on environmental document and preliminary design plan
- Right-of-way
- · Streams, wetlands, and other waters
- Floodplains
- Endangered species
- · Farmland
- Cultural resources (historic/archaeological)
- Parks and recreational lands (trails)

- Air quality
- Noise
- Community impacts
- Environmental justice
- Hazardous materials
- · Permits
- Mitigation
- Public involvement
- Commercial development



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7/23/2023

10/06/2023

11/6/2023 1/18/2024 Letting

Summer 2024/2025 Construction





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# Questions?



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