

#### Appendix I-4

The Indiana Department of the Environmental Management has written rules (327 IAC 17-1-3) defining the three classes of wetlands. Under those rules, the three wetlands classes are defined as follows:

“Class I wetland” means an isolated wetland described by one (1) or both of the following:

(A) At least fifty percent (50%) of the wetland has been disturbed or affected by human activity or development by one (1) or more of the following:

- (i) Removal or replacement of the natural vegetation.
- (ii) Modification of the natural hydrology.

(B) The wetland supports only minimal wildlife or aquatic habitat or hydrologic function because the wetland does not provide critical habitat for threatened or endangered species listed in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and the wetland is characterized by at least one (1) of the following:

- (i) The wetland is typified by low species diversity.
- (ii) The wetland contains greater than fifty percent (50%) areal coverage of nonnative invasive species of vegetation.
- (iii) The wetland does not support significant wildlife or aquatic habitat.
- (iv) The wetland does not possess significant hydrologic function.

“Class II wetland” means either of the following:

(A) An isolated wetland that is not a Class I or Class III wetland.

(B) A type of wetland listed in subdivision (3)(B) that would meet the definition of Class I wetland if the wetland were not a rare or ecologically important type.

“Class III wetland” means an isolated wetland:

(A) that:

- (i) is located in a setting undisturbed or minimally disturbed by human activity or development; and
- (ii) supports more than minimal wildlife or aquatic habitat or hydrologic function; or

(B) unless classified as a Class II wetland under subdivision (2)(B), that is of one (1) of the following rare and ecologically important types:

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| (i) Acid bog            | (xi) Muck flat                |
| (ii) Acid seep          | (xii) Panne                   |
| (iii) Circumneutral bog | (xiii) Sand flat              |
| (iv) Circumneutral seep | (xiv) Sedge meadow            |
| (v) Cypress swamp       | (xv) Shrub swamp              |
| (vi) Dune and swale     | (xvi) Sinkhole pond           |
| (vii) Fen               | (xvii) Sinkhole swamp         |
| (viii) Forested fen     | (xviii) Wet floodplain forest |
| (ix) Forested swamp     | (xix) Wet prairie             |
| (x) Marl beach          | (xx) Wet sand prairie         |