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# State of Indiana
# DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
# Division of Fish and Wildlife
## Early Coordination/Environmental Assessment

**DNR #:** ER-24491 **Request Received:** February 16, 2022

**Requestor:** Amereco, Inc
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**Project:** Installation of an EZ Dock ADA accessible kayak/canoe pull-thru launch in Wolf Lake, at Wolf Lake Memorial Park; City of Hammond
**Federal Consistency review**

**County/Site info:** Lake

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above referenced project per your request. Our agency offers the following comments for your information and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

If our agency has regulatory jurisdiction over the project, the recommendations contained in this letter may become requirements of any permit issued. If we do not have permitting authority, all recommendations are voluntary.

**Regulatory Assessment:** This proposal may require the formal approval of our agency pursuant to the Flood Control Act (IC 14-28-1) for any proposal to construct, excavate, or fill in or on the floodway of a stream or other flowing waterbody which has a drainage area greater than one square mile. Please contact the Division of Water's Technical Services Section (toll free 1-877-928-3755) if you are unsure whether or not a permit will be required.

**Natural Heritage Database:** The Natural Heritage Program's data have been checked.
The managed lands and species below have been documented within 1/2 mile of the project area. The Division of Nature Preserves does not anticipate any impacts to the plant species as a result of this project.

A) MANAGED LANDS:
1. Lost Marsh Golf Course & Environmental Recreation Area; Hammond Port Authority
2. Wolf Lake; Hammond Parks & Rec (LWCF property)

B) PLANT: Silverweed (Potentilla anserina); state threatened

C) BIRDS (all state endangered):
1. American Bittern (Botaurus lentiginosus)
2. Marsh Wren (Cistothorus palustris)
3. Sedge Wren (Cistothorus platensis)
4. Least Bittern (Ixobrychus exilis)
5. Black-crowned Night-heron (Nycticorax nycticorax)
6. King Rail (Rallus elegans)
7. Virginia Rail (Rallus limicola)

D) AMPHIBIANS & REPTILE (all state special concern):
1. Blanchard's Cricket Frog (Acris blanchardi)
2. Common Mudpuppy (Necturus maculosus)
3. Plains Garter Snake (Thamnophis radix)

**Fish & Wildlife Comments:** We do not foresee any impacts to the bird, amphibian, or reptile species above as a result of this project.

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The measures below should be implemented to avoid, minimize, or compensate for impacts to fish, wildlife, and botanical resources:

1. Minimize the movement of resuspended bottom sediment from the immediate project area.
2. Revegetate all bare and disturbed areas landward of the shoreline with a mixture of grasses (excluding all varieties of tall fescue) and legumes as soon as possible upon completion.
3. To prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, any equipment used for the project shall be cleaned of any plants, mud, and debris prior to project initiation and after completion of the work.

**Contact Staff:** Christie L. Stanifer, Environ. Coordinator, Fish & Wildlife

Our agency appreciates this opportunity to be of service. Please contact the above staff member at (317) 232-4080 if we can be of further assistance.

Christie L. Stanifer **Date:** March 21, 2022

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