

September 30, 2025

Dear Property Owner/Waterway User:

Enclosed you will find your 2025 User Fee Assessment for the parcel(s) of property identified on the assessment form. The East Chicago Waterway Management District (ECWMD) has passed a resolution to assess user fees upon owners of property along the waterway to help fund the on-going operations and projects of the ECWMD. The authority to assess these user fees was granted to the ECWMD by the Indiana legislature which enacted I.C. 8-10-9. A copy of the relevant provisions of this law may be found on our website www.in.gov/ecwmd/.

The User Fee Assessment is based upon waterway frontage distances for property within the jurisdiction of the ECWMD. The Assessment form shows how many feet of waterway frontage were assigned to you per parcel.

Payment of the User Fee Assessment is due no later than November 30, 2025.

If you believe you were assessed in error, or that the amount of the Assessment has not been calculated correctly, you may file an appeal with the ECWMD. The Appeal Form and applicable Procedures may be found on our website www.in.gov/ecwmd/.

Also attached is our 2025 Communicator summarizing our two marquee projects – the East Chicago Waterways Environmental Clean-up Project and the US Army Corps of Engineers' Navigational Dredging Project.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (mobile) (219) 741-7714, or fmtconsulting@aol.com.

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Attachments:

- 1. 2025 User Fee Assessment/Invoice, dated 9/30/2025
- 2. 2025 ECWMD Communicator, dated September 26, 2025, and the
- 3. 2025 Contact Update Information Form