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: GDS Holdings, LLC
   130 North Main Street
   Crown Point, IN 46307

   402 West Liberty Drive

3. Project location:
   41.42969, -87.46733.
   10335 Wicker Avenue, St. John, Indiana

4. Affected waterbody: A tributary of West Creek and associated wetlands.

5. Project Description: The applicant proposes to discharge fill material into an unnamed tributary of West Creek and 0.25 acre of wetland to facilitate the construction of a road crossing. This is Phase II of the site development. A Section 401 Water Quality Certification (No. 2019-005-45-MTM-A) was granted on April 1, 2019, for the placement of fill material into 0.5 acre of wetland on the project site to facilitate commercial development. The applicant is also proposing to place a water control structure on the crossing to create a detention basin. Additional information may be found on line 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 Marty Maupin, Project Manager, by phone at 317-233-2471 or by e-mail at mmaupin@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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PHASE 2 CROSSING
PROPOSED
FILL AREA 11016.21 SF
(0.25 acres)

Phase 1 Roadway

Phase 2 Roadway

Delineated Wetland Boundaries

One-way Emergency Access Road

Existing House

Future Commercial Development

SCALE: 1"=120'

PHASE TWO IMPACT EXHIBIT