



# Indiana Department of Environmental Management

## Office of Water Quality

### Wetlands Section

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Corps of Engineers ID Number:**  
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### 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:** Crystal Rehder  
Indiana Department of Transportation  
100 N Senate Ave N 758-ES  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**2. Agent:** James Landry  
Lochner, Inc.  
9000 Keystone Crossing, Suite 503  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

**3. Project location:** Latitude: 41.637997 Longitude: -86.894018

**4. Affected waterbody:** Unnamed Tributary(UNT) to West Branch Trail Creek

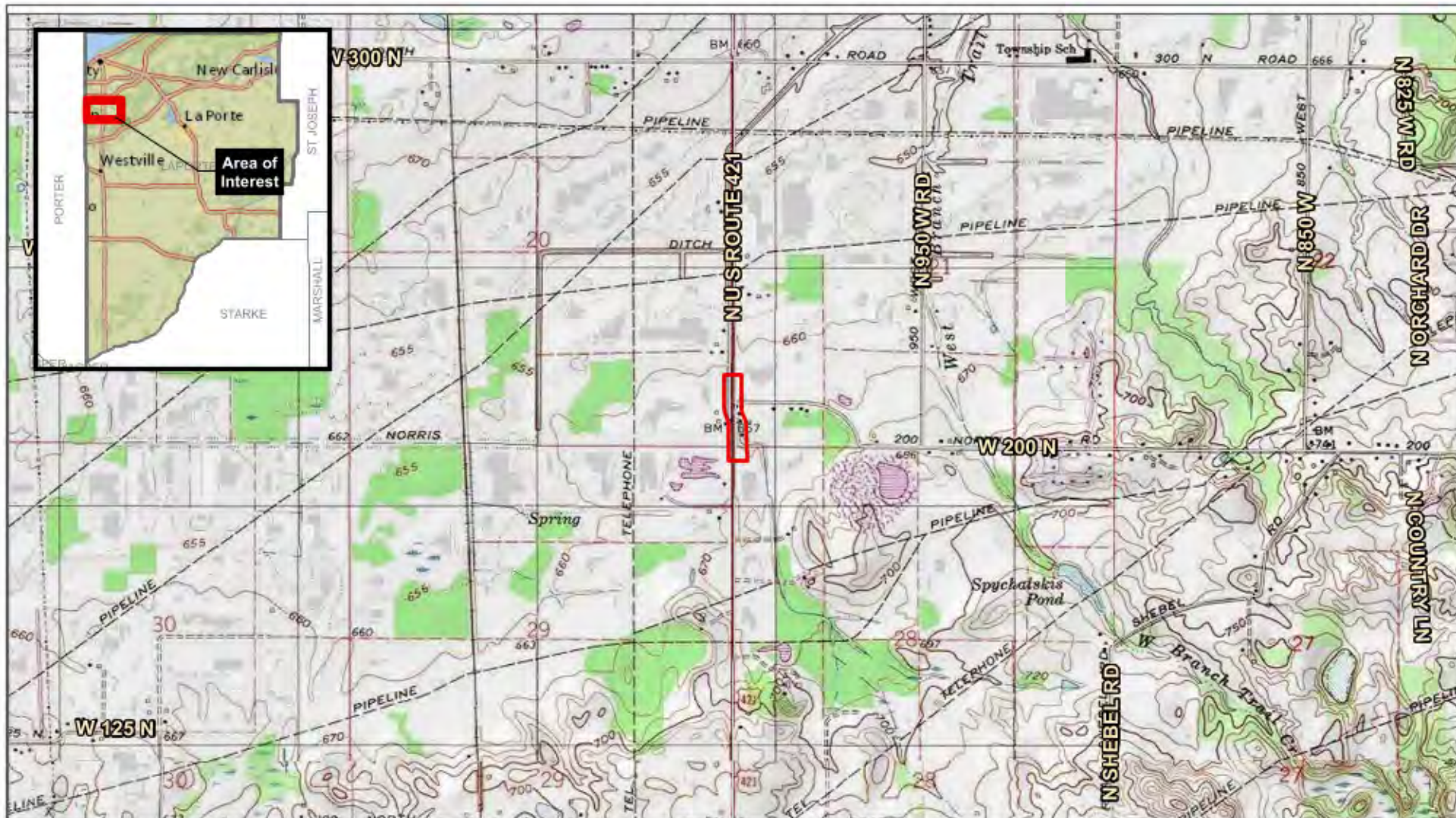
**5. Project Description:** The existing structure carrying US 421 over UNT to West Branch Trail Creek will be replaced with a 69 foot long by 14 foot wide by 8 foot tall reinforced concrete box culvert. A total of 59 feet of riprap will be discharged at the inlet and outlet of the new structure. To mitigate the structure's impact on salmonid species, 69 feet of riprap and No. 53 stone will be placed within the new structure along with two rock berm structures which will reduce water velocities through the structure and provide resting pools. Additional information may be found online 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 Graham Wrin, Project Manager, by phone at 317-605-4105 or by e-mail at [GCWrin@idem.in.gov](mailto:GCWrin@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 -

Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
100 North Senate Avenue  
MC65-42 WQS IGCN 1255  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251 FAX: 317/232-8406



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Area of Interest

Township 37 North  
 Range 4 West  
 Sections 20, 21, 28, 29  
 Project No.  
 J233091903

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**Figure 1. Project Location**  
**US-421 1.2 Miles South of I-94**  
**Des No. 1900029**  
**Lochner**  
**LaPorte County, Indiana**

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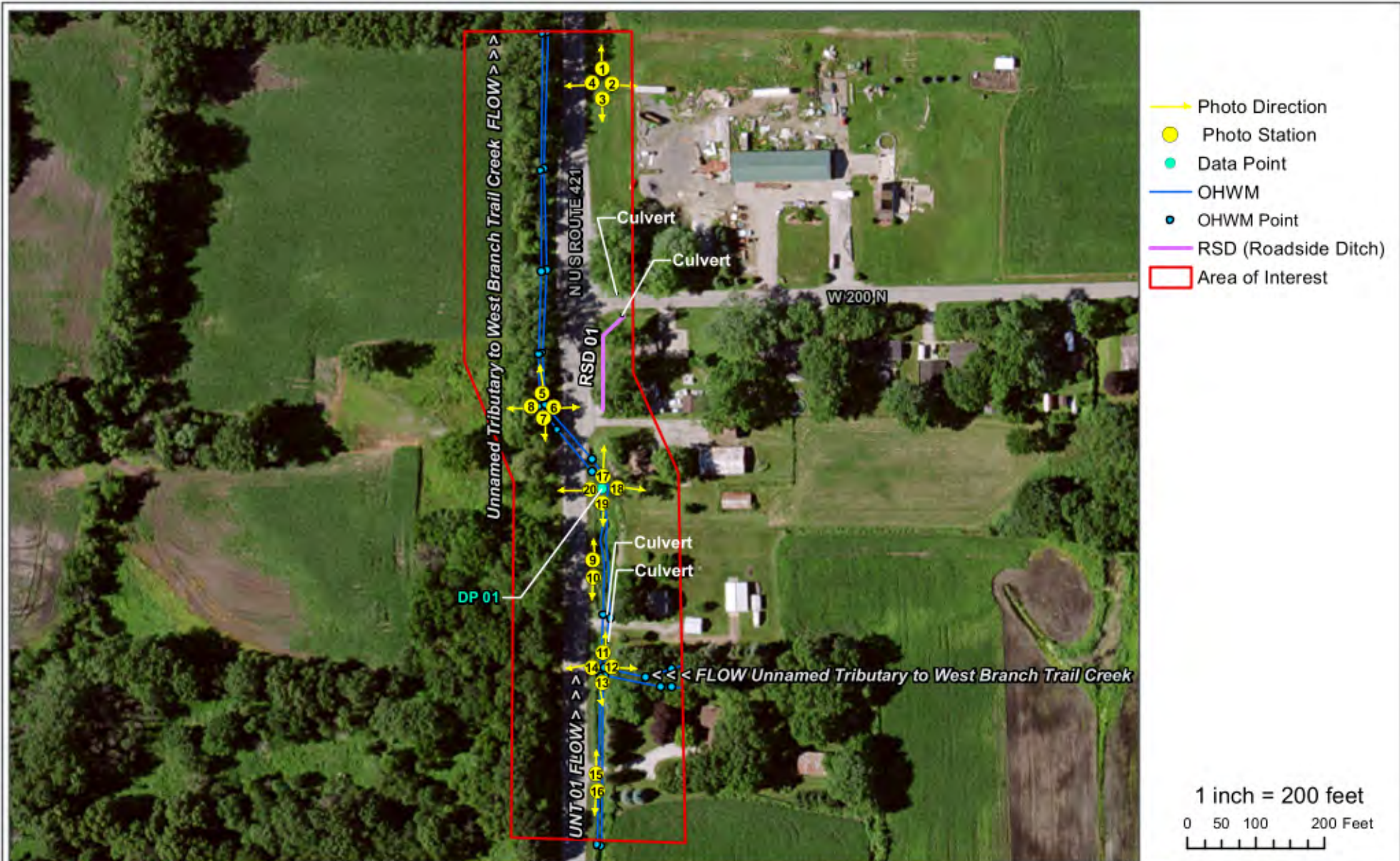


Figure 6. Delineated Features and Photo Orientation Map

US 421 over UNT West Branch Trail Creek  
1.2 Miles South of I-94  
Small Structure Project  
INDOT Des No. 1900029  
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