



Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Office of Water Quality

Wetlands Section

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Corps of Engineers ID Number:
LRC-2024-00437

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
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2. Agent: Neal Bennett
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3. Project location: Latitude: 41.73555 Longitude: -86.79351

4. Affected waterbodies: Unnamed Tributary(UNT) 2 to Lubke Arm, Three(4) Forested Wetlands, One(1) Scrub-Shrub Wetland, and five(5) Emergent Wetlands

5. Project Description: The existing westbound I-94 Michigan City Rest Area will be reconstructed to provide adequate standard vehicle and semi-truck parking capacity. This will result in 0.6384 acre of impacts to ten(10) wetlands due to the placement of clean earthen fill for regrading. Additionally, 1,847 linear feet of UNT 2 to Lubke Arm will be relocated into an 1,868 linear foot channel to accommodate the entrance road and proposed parking. The relocated channel will be replanted with native vegetation and monitored for a minimum of three years. Wetland mitigation will be provided through the purchase of 1.70 acres of wetland credits from the Indiana Stream and Wetland Mitigation Program(IN SWMP). Additional information pertaining to the project can be found in the attachments of this application.

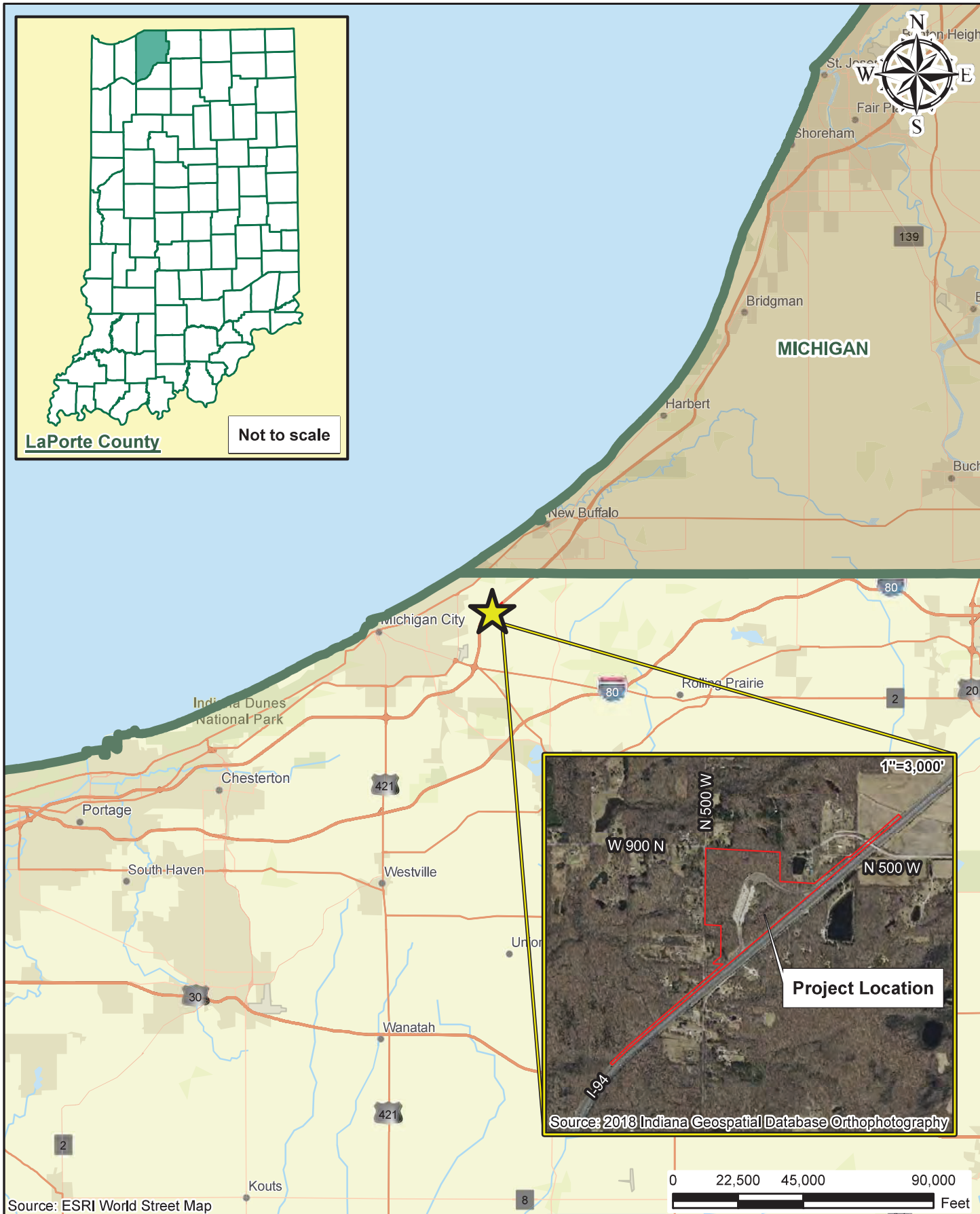
Comment period: Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the 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 e-mail at 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 -

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MC65-42 WQS IGCN 1255
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251 FAX: 317/232-8406



Project Location



I-94 Michigan City Rest Area Modernization Project
Des No: 1902735
Location: Michigan City, LaPorte County, Indiana

