



**Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
Office of Water Quality  
Waterways Section**

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**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:** Tim Frame  
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**3. Project location:** 700 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, IN, 46360  
Latitude: 41.717326  
Longitude: -86.892708

**4. Affected waterbody** Trail Creek

**5. Project Description:** The purpose of the proposed project is to remove sediment that has built up at Trail Creek Marina, Sprague Creek Marina, and the Federal Navigation Channel of Trail Creek. The dredging will occur to bring the boat ramp and boat well to their original depths and bring the docking areas to set depths from the Federal Navigation Channel.

The first proposed dredging area will be the Trail Creek Marina spanning the length of the marina's facilities along Trail Creek and towards the Federal Navigation Channel. The volume of dredged material associated with this area is 2000 cubic yards of spoils.

The second proposed dredging area will be of Sprague Creek Marina spanning the length of the marina's current docking system along Trail Creek and towards the Federal Navigation Channel. The volume of dredged material associated with this area is 1800 cubic yards of spoils.

The third proposed dredging area will be the Federal Navigation Channel that is set between the channel boundaries and between the W Michigan Blvd bridge and the E Street bridge. The volume of dredged material associated with this area is 7500 cubic yards of spoils.

After the proposed dredging has been completed, the material will be dewatered on-site in an upland location with sedimentation controls in place. Post dewatering, the material will be disposed of at an IDEM/USACE approved landfill.

**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 by contacting [WaterwaysComments@idem.IN.gov](mailto:WaterwaysComments@idem.IN.gov). In the subject line of the email, please include the IDEM ID Number listed in the top right corner of the first page of this public 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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