



# Indiana Department of Environmental Management

## Office of Water Quality

### Waterways Section

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**IDEM Permit Number:**  
SRIP01381

**Closing Date:**  
February 20, 2026

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Corps of Engineers ID Number:**  
Not Applicable

### To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for a State Isolated Wetland Individual Permit by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for permits required under IC 13-18-22 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 and all applicable provisions of IC 13-18-22.

**1. Applicant:** Kempis Wilkerson  
Davis Homes  
3950 Priority Way South Dr, Suite 210  
Indianapolis, IN 46240-1409

**2. Agent:** Bailey Duncan  
Meristem, LLC  
877 Port Dr  
Avon, IN 46123-1201

**3. Project location:** Latitude 39.6565, Longitude -86.0928  
East of Carolling Way and South of Tarragon Drive, Indianapolis, Marion County

**4. Affected waterbody:** 2 Class I wetlands and 9 Class II wetlands.

**5. Project Description:** The purpose of the project is to establish the Trees at Southport Crossing, a Section 1 residential community with ~120 individual lots. Construction activities will include grading and filling within portions of each wetland identified on-site for the purpose of home sites, residential roadways, multi-purpose paths/trails, and retention/detention ponds, involving 2.281 acres of impact to isolated wetlands on-site.

Compensatory mitigation will occur in the form of off-site mitigation. 0.194-acre of non-forested wetland and 1.92-acre of forested wetland will be created at a mitigation site located within Johnson County in the same watershed as the impact site.

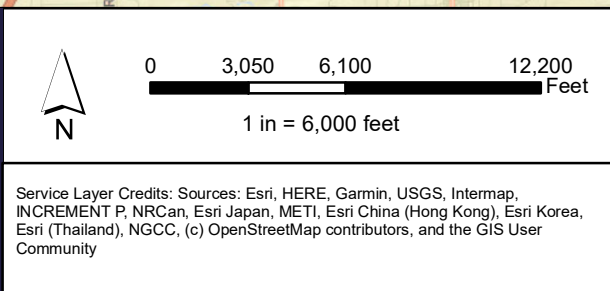
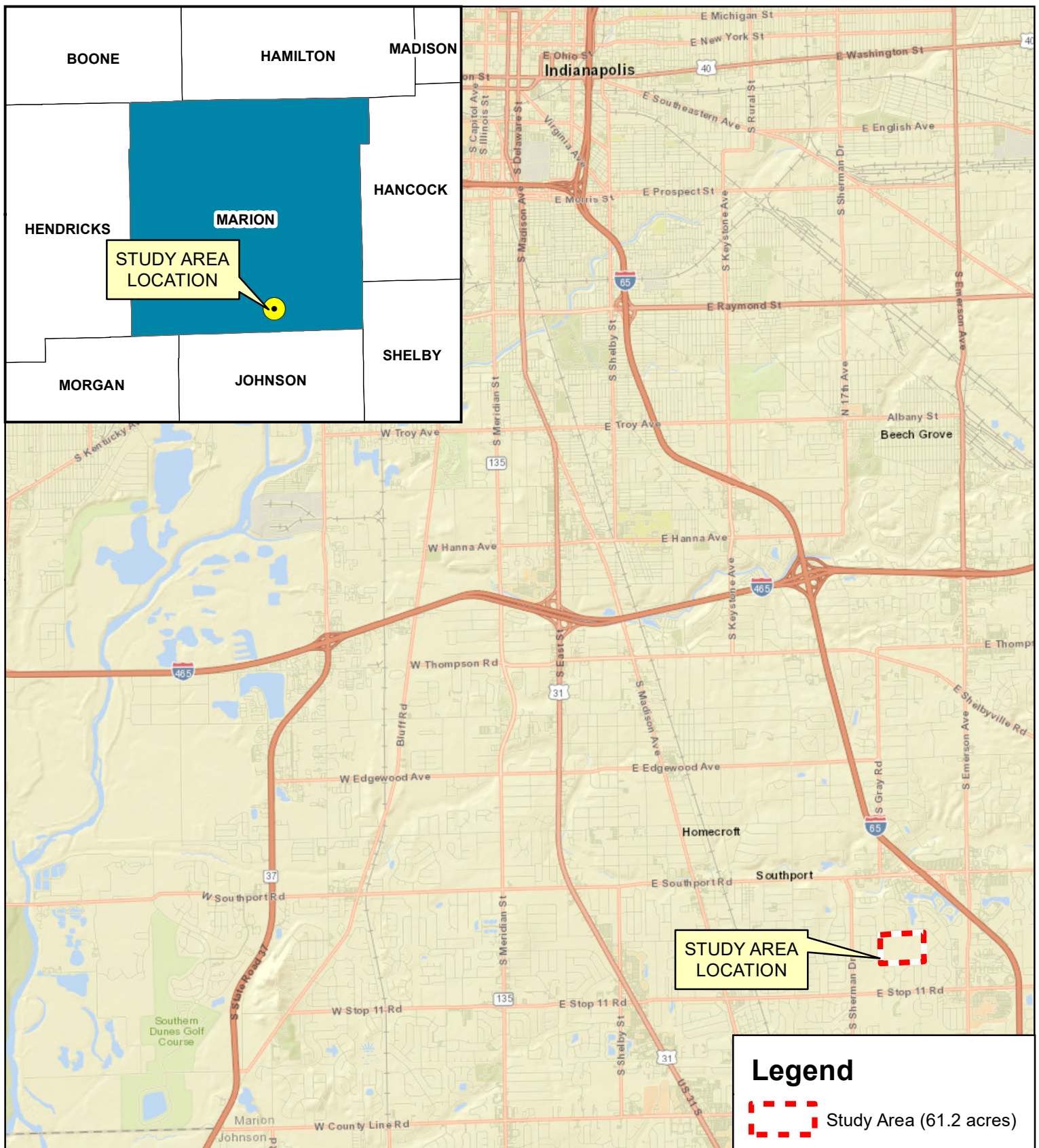
**Comment period:** Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM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

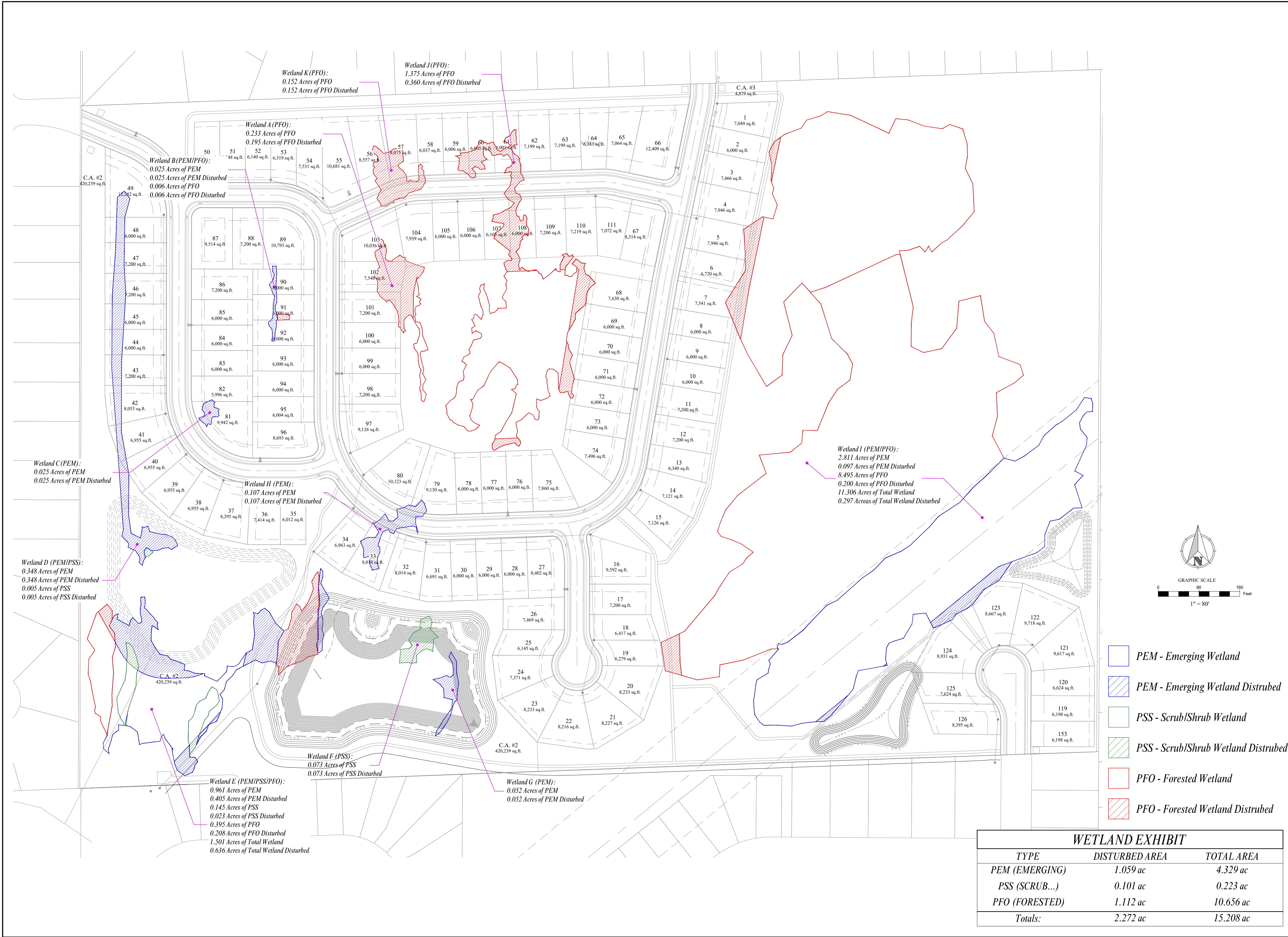
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**Appendix A, Figure 1:**  
**Study Area Location Map**

E of Stop 10 RD and Carrolling Way  
 Perry Township  
 Marion County, Indiana







## 1.0 Introduction

The Trees at Southport project site is located east of the intersection of Stop 10 Road and Carolling Way in Section 16, Township 14 North, Range 4 East in Perry Township, Marion County, Indiana (see Appendix A, Figure 1). The Trees at Southport project site is located within the Beech Grove USGS topographic quadrangle and within the Upper White Watershed, Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC8) 05120201.

The DeHart Farms Mitigation Site is located southeast of the intersection of County Line Road and Stotts Creek – South Prong in Section 6, Township 11 North, Range 3 East in Hensley Township, Johnson County, Indiana (see Appendix A, Figure 2). The DeHart Farms Mitigation Site is located within the Trafalgar and Cope USGS topographic quadrangles and is also within the Upper White Watershed.

Meristem, LLC (Meristem) is submitting a wetland mitigation plan on behalf of Davis Homes (Davis) to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Meristem is submitting this plan to serve as mitigation for impacts to the forested portion of one (1) emergent/ scrub-shrub/ forested wetland, one (1) emergent/ forested wetland, and one (1) forested wetland from the proposed Trees at Southport residential development.

It is the opinion of Meristem that Wetlands A, B, and K meet the exemption criteria outlined in IC 13-11-2-74.5(a)(6)(B); Wetlands D, F, H, and the non-forested portion of Wetland E meet the exception criteria outlined in IC 13-18-22-1(c)(2); and Wetlands C and G meet the exemption criteria outlined in IC 13-11-2-74.5(a)(5). Wetlands I, J, and the forested portion of Wetland E should be considered jurisdictional by IDEM. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has no remaining In-Lieu Fee mitigation credits for the Upper White service area; thus, Meristem is submitting a permittee responsible mitigation plan for proposed impacts.

A total of eleven (11) wetlands were identified within the project area. All eleven (11) wetlands within the project area are proposed to be impacted partially to in entirety. Wetlands I, J, and the forested portion of Wetland E are the only IDEM-jurisdictional wetlands within the project area, and thus this mitigation plan only addresses the mitigation need for impacts associated with Wetlands I, J, and the forested portion of Wetland E.

- Wetland E (1.501 acres) is to be partially impacted by construction and grading for sidewalks and one retention pond. Impacts to the forested portion of Wetland E total 0.208-acre. A total of 0.865-acre of this wetland system is to be avoided, including an avoidance of 0.187-acre of the forested portion.
- Wetland I (11.306 acres) is to be partially impacted by construction and grading for homesites, sidewalks, and retention ponds. Impacts to Wetland I as divided by wetland type are as follows: 0.097-acre PEM disturbance, 0.200-acre PFO disturbance. A total of 11.009 acres of this wetland system is to be avoided.
- Wetland J (1.375 acres) is to be partially impacted by construction and grading for homesites and one residential roadway. Impacts to Wetland J total 0.360-acre of PFO wetland impact. A total of 1.015 acres of this wetland system is to be avoided.



