



Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Quality
Waterways Section

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IDEM Permit Number:
WQC001447

PUBLIC NOTICE

Closing Date:
March 26, 2026

Corps of Engineers ID Number:
LRE-2025-00324-144

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.

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| 3. Project location: | Approximately 0.3 miles east of the CR 400 N & CR 525 E intersection in Mongo, Indiana, 46771
Latitude: 41.698540
Longitude: -85.330134 | | |
| 4. Affected waterbody: | Wetlands Regulated under CWA Section 404/401 | | |
| 5. Project Description: | A wetland restoration project is proposed within the Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area to create suitable habitat for the state-listed Marsh Hawk. Approximately 54.2 acres of wetland will be converted from a near-monotypic stand of invasive reed canary grass to native wetland vegetation. Groundwater hydrology within the wetland will be restored by abandoning and filling 5,140 linear feet of excavated ditch.
For additional information visit the Regulatory ePortal at:
https://stormwater.idem.in.gov/nsite/default/map/results/detail/4048378/57 | | |

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.

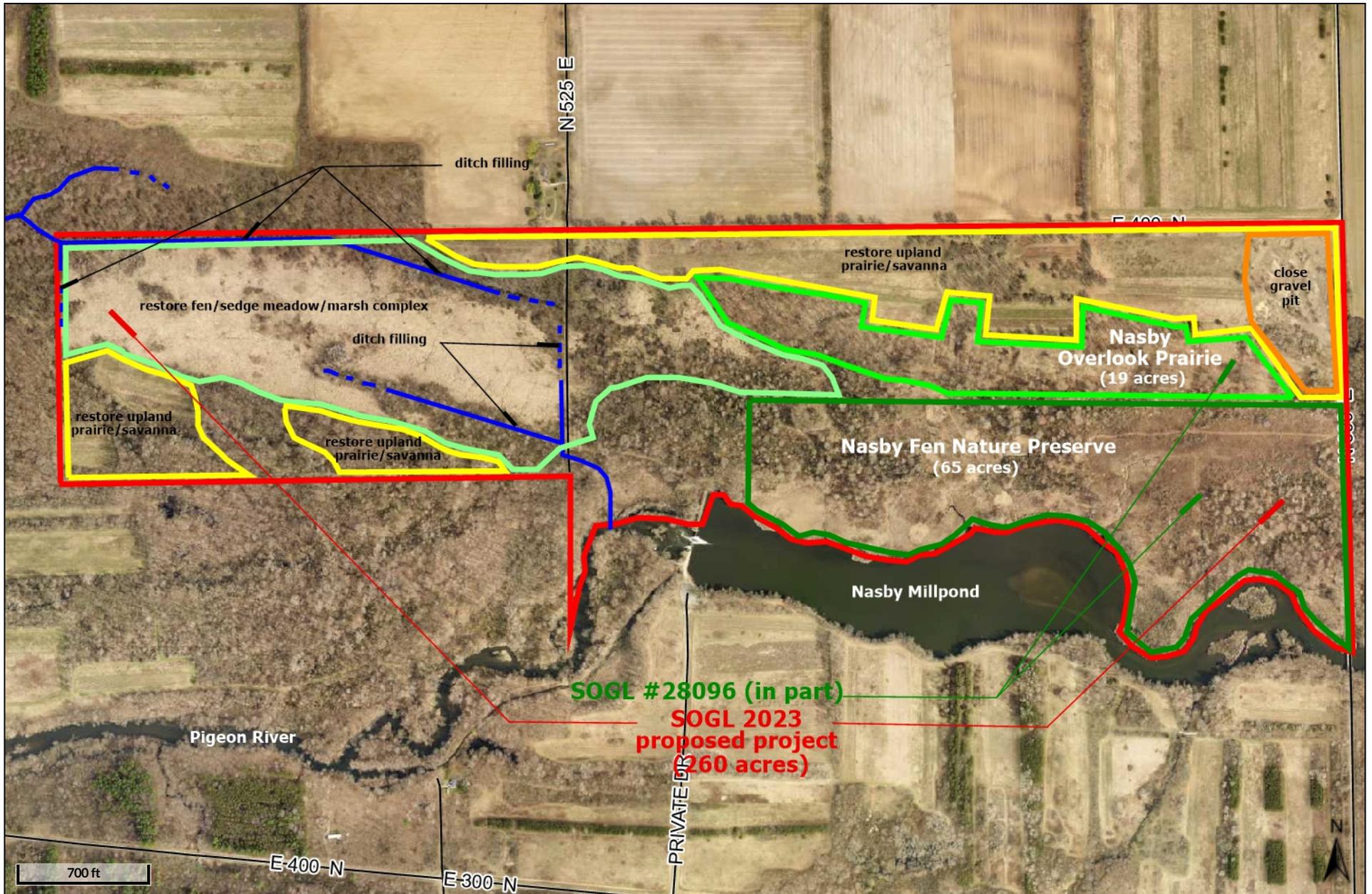
Public Hearing: Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

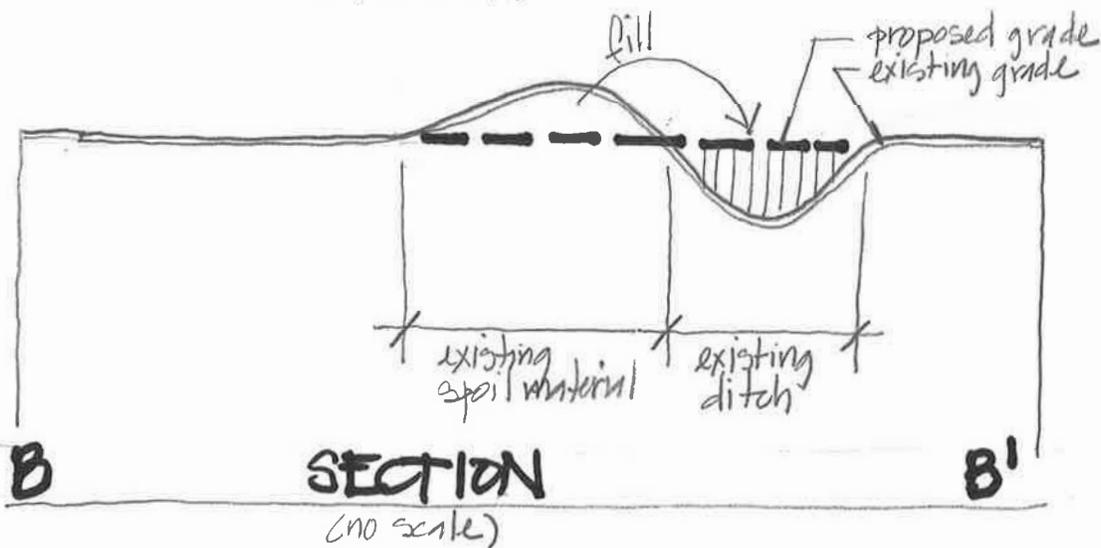
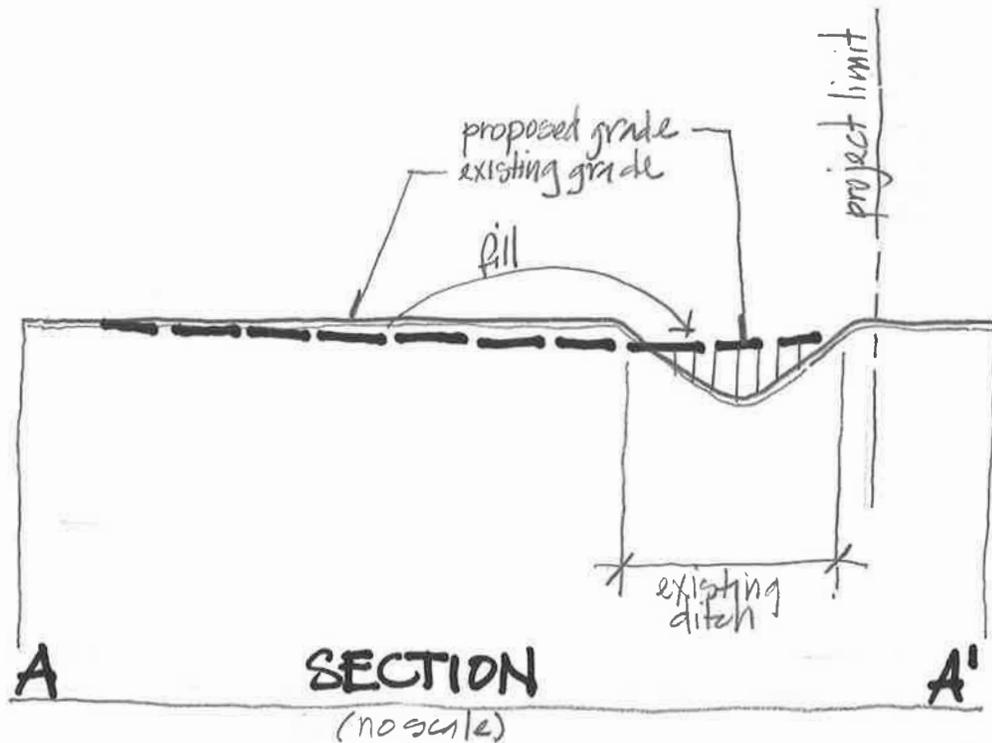
Questions? Submit requests for additional information and written comments to WaterwaysComments@idem.IN.gov. In the subject line of the email, please include the IDEM ID Number listed in the top right corner of the first page of this public notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Comments and inquiries may also be forwarded to -

Office of Water Quality
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue, IGCN 1255
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251

Making More Room for Marsh Hawks at Nasby Fen

map source: <https://beacon.schneider.com>





Note: All disturbed grades are to be seeded with sedge meadow/wet prairie seed mixes.

Making More Room for Marsh Hawks

CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS

Typical Cross-Sections

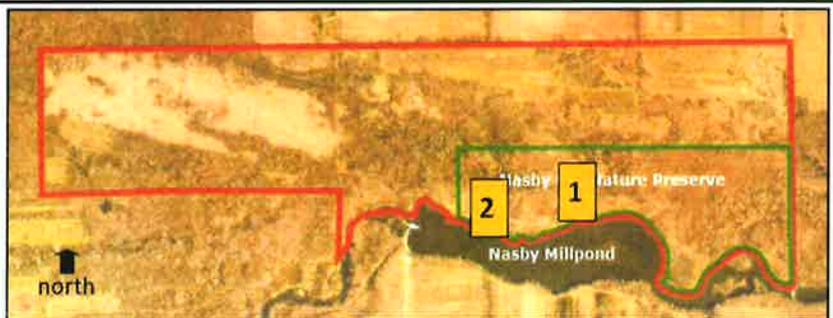


1.
Nasby Fen looking south to Nasby Millpond following March 2021 prescribed fire.



2.
Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake at Nasby Fen on May 2, 2018.

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3.
 Nasby Fen looking northeast to Nasby Overlook Prairie following March 2021 prescribed fire.
 Note:
 Maintained grassland continuum.



4.
 Nasby Overlook Prairie looking southwest to Nasby Millpond following March 2021 prescribed fire.

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5.
Cattail beds in Nasby Millpond threaten to invade Nasby Fen .



6.
Reed canary grass and Asian bush honeysuckle threaten to invade Nasby Fen. Tree canopy shades portions of the fen. View looking west from County Road 525 E.

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7.

More than 30 acres of reed canary grass will be converted to a floristically-diverse sedge meadow community. View looking west from County Road 525 E.

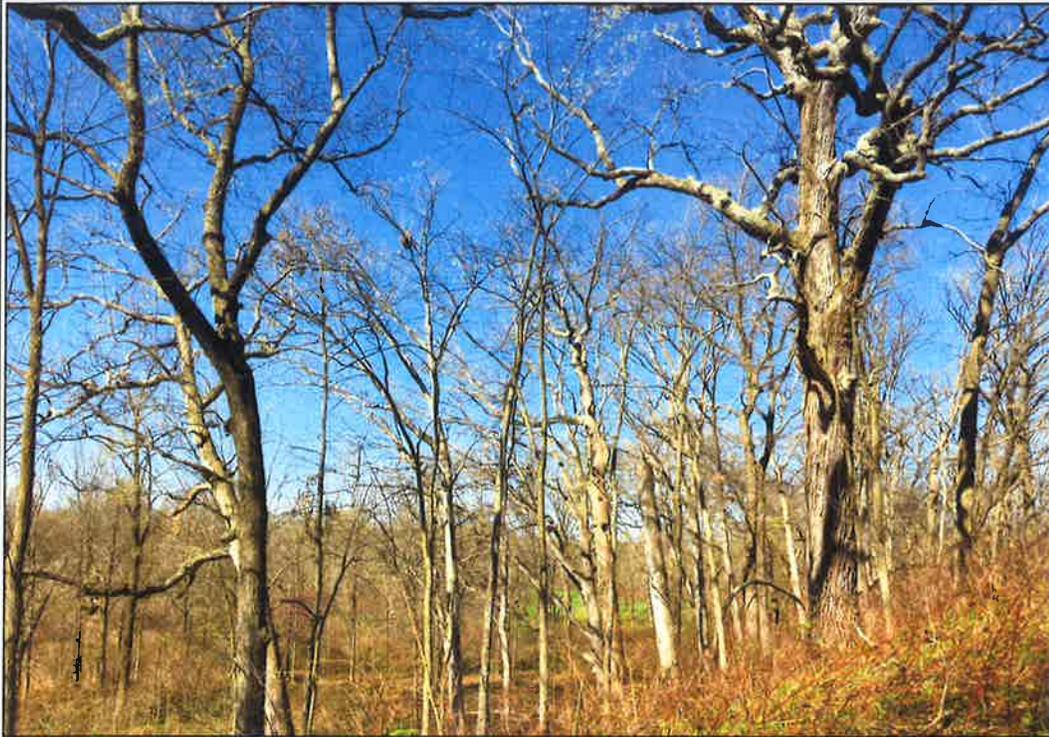


8.

Old fields adjacent to proposed sedge meadow conversions will be restored to floristically-diverse prairie to create a native grassland continuum landscape. View looking west near western extent of the project area.

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9.
 High quality bur oak and white oak savanna on Nasby Overlook Prairie maintained by fire. View looking southwest.



10.
 Degraded oak woodlands will be restored by daylighting established oak trees, removing competing trees, and removing invasive brush species. View looking north from utility lane.

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11.

Tenant-farmed upland fields will be converted from annual crops to floristically-diverse prairie.

View looking west from visitor parking lot E2.



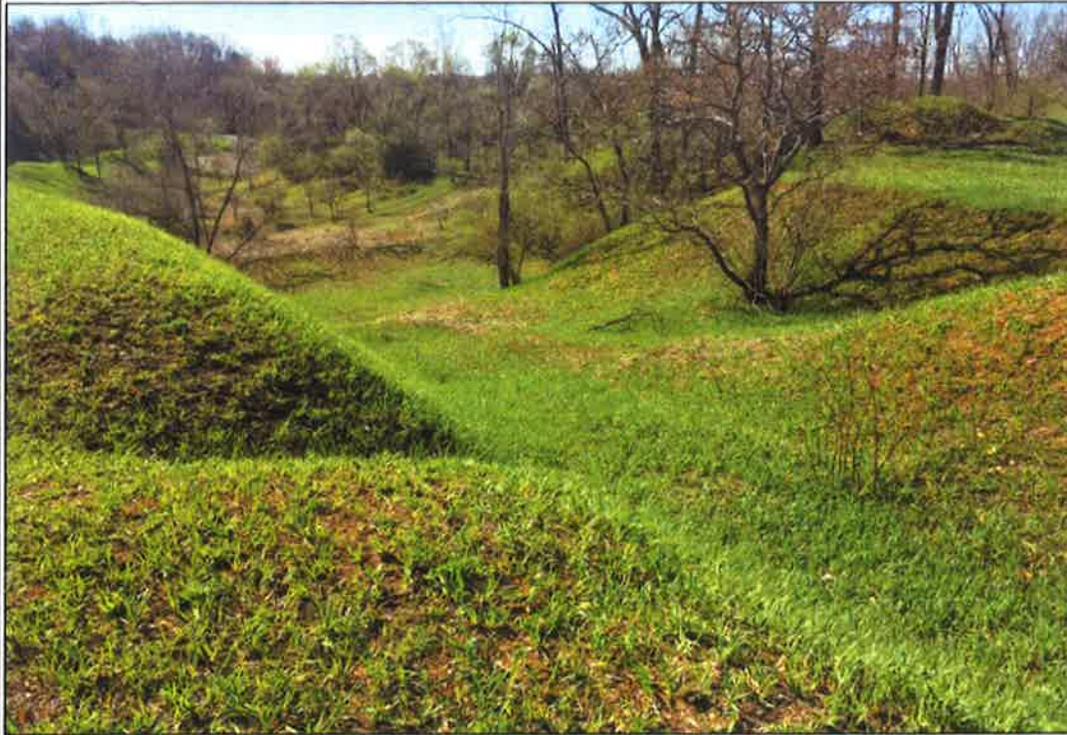
12.

Annual wildlife food plots will be converted to floristically-diverse prairie. Field edges invaded by Asian bush honeysuckle, autumn olive, multiflora rose, and opportunistic trees will be removed.

View looking west on terrace above Nasby Overlook Prairie.

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13.

An abandoned gravel pit will be re-shaped using earth-moving equipment, will have invasive trees and brush removed, and will be restored to a floristically-diverse prairie.

View looking south from County Road 600 N.



14.

An interior drainage ditch will be filled with native, on-site spoil material. Invasive brush and opportunistic trees will be removed to restore a native sedge meadow plant community.

View looking west near County Road 525 E.

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15.

A perimeter drainage ditch will be filled with native, on-site spoil material in order to restore hydrology to the valley prior to establishment of a native sedge meadow plant community. View looking west from the north line of the project area.



16.

An interior drainage ditch will be filled with native, on-site spoil material to restore landscape connectivity between the proposed sedge meadow and proposed upland savanna restorations. View looking west near County Road 525 E.

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