



Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Quality
Waterways Section

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Closing Date:
April 24, 2026

Corps of Engineers ID Number:

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: Thomas Barnett
Shorewood Forest Property Owners
Association
143 Guilford Road
Valparaiso, IN, 46385

2. Agent: Erik Hellmuth
McAlpine Consulting

398 E 400n
Valparaiso, IN, 46383

3. Project location: Valparaiso, IN, 46385
Latitude: 41.4658
Longitude: -87.1658

4. Affected waterbody: Lake Louise is regulated under CWA Section 404/401.

5. Project Description: The purpose of the project is to increase the depth of water around the dock areas for navigation and recreational use.

This is an iteration of Lake Louise dredging, with this being the fourth phase.

Shorewood Forest POA is planning to dredge 9.8 acres at the outlets of three drainage ravines in the lake. They plan to use a mini-dredge to pump sediment into Geo-tubes on to the adjacent POA property. The clarified water will drain back directly into the lake. The dried material will be trucked and placed onto POA property (farmland) upstream of the lake or to a second farmsite 4 miles west. The geotubes will filter out most of the solids, only a minimal amount of solids will drain back into the Lake. Estimated Wet sediment volume to be removed: 32,500 cubic yards.

No mitigation is required.

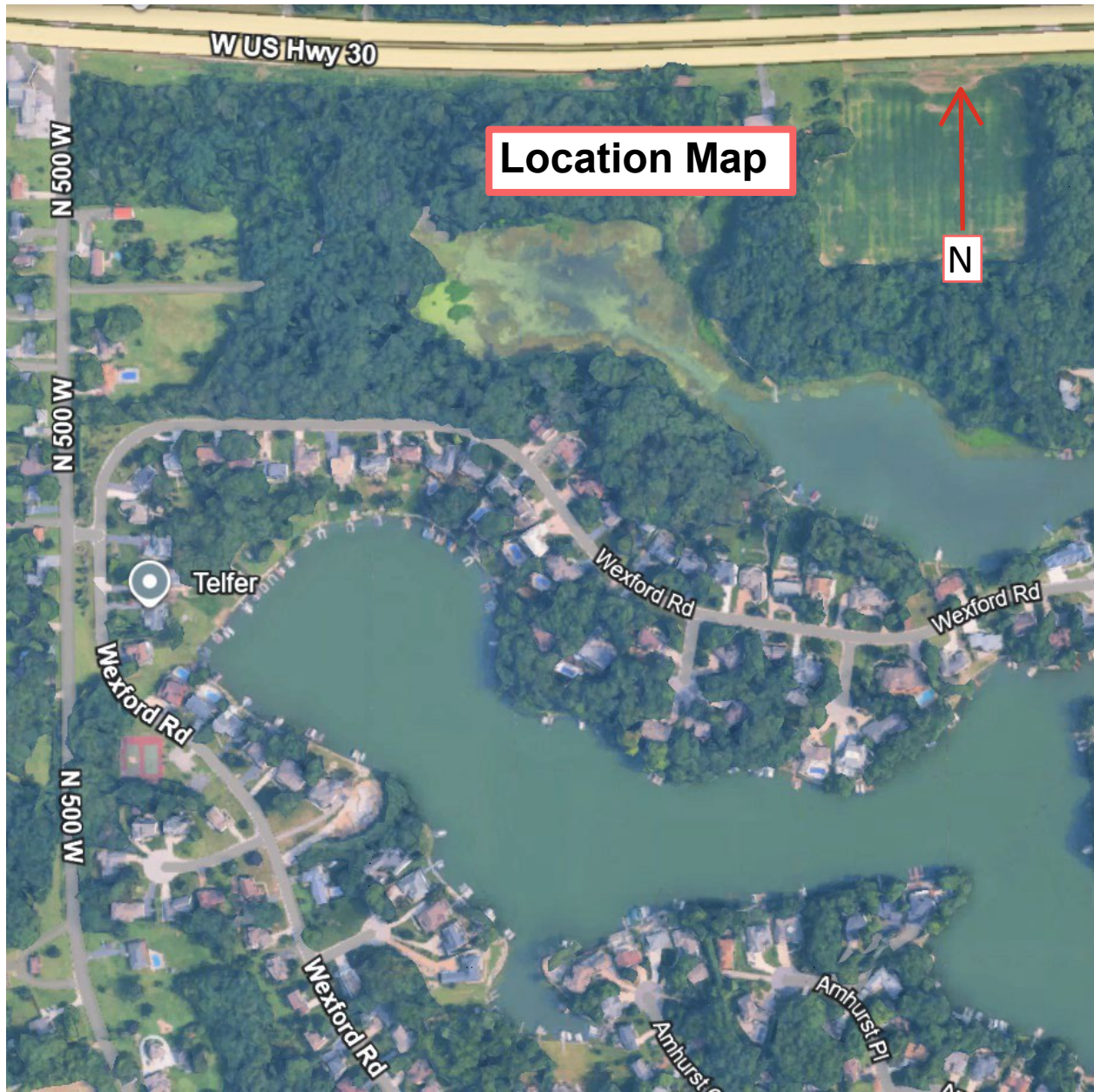
Comment period: Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the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



Dredge Area