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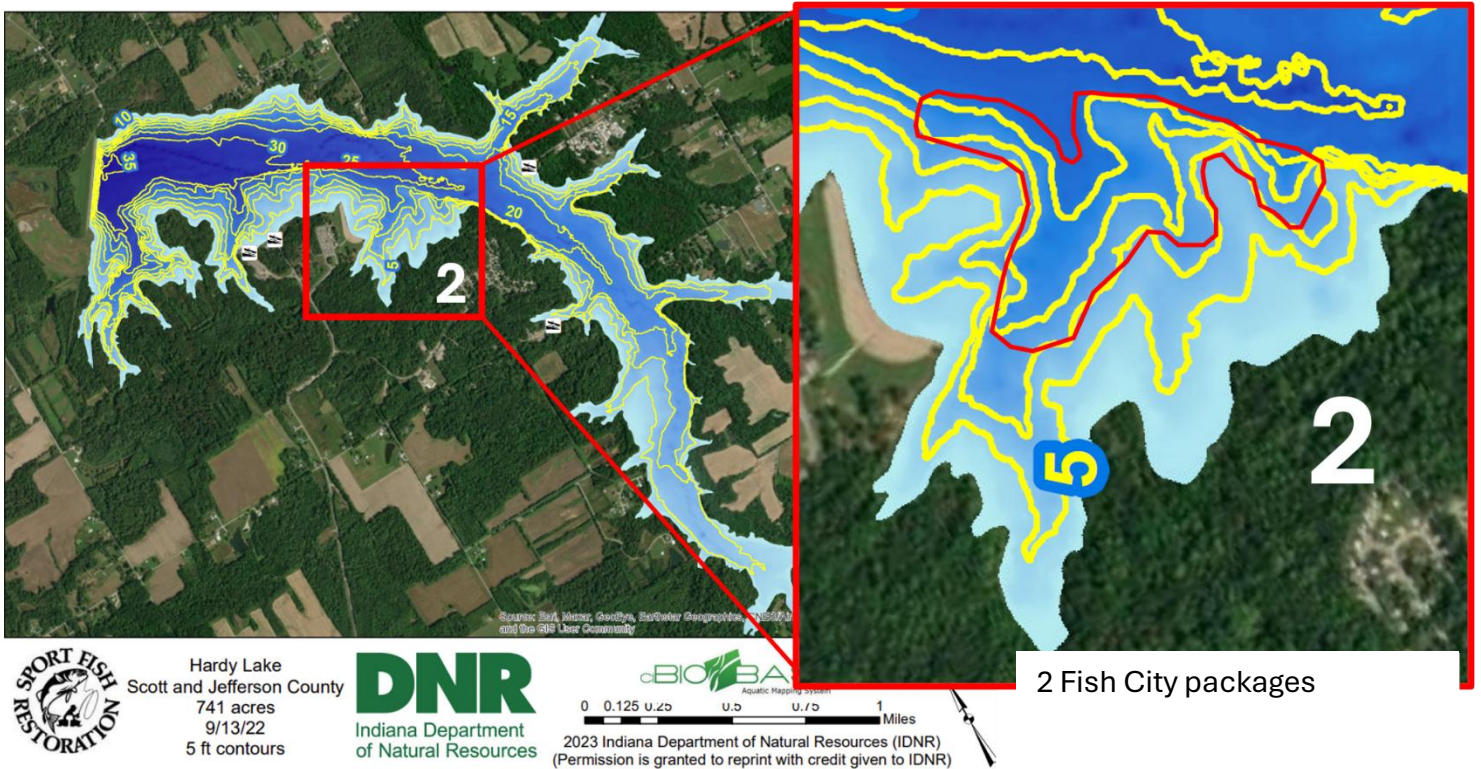
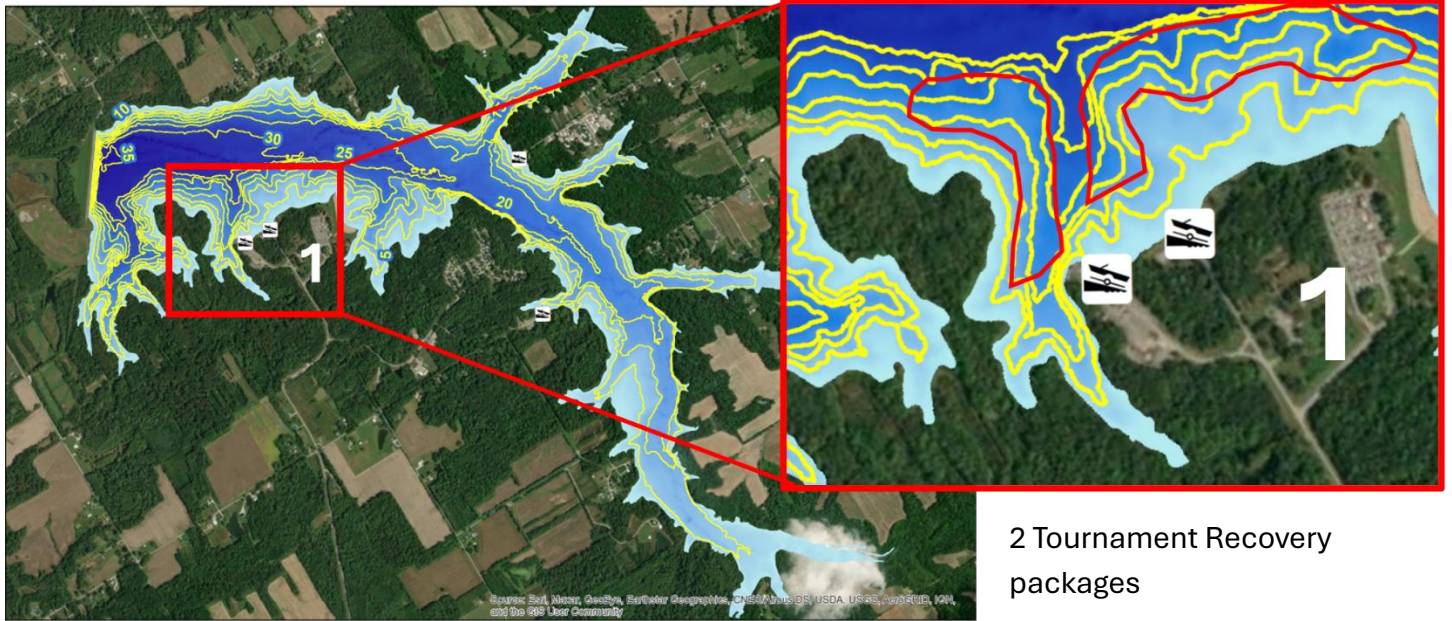
To all interested parties:

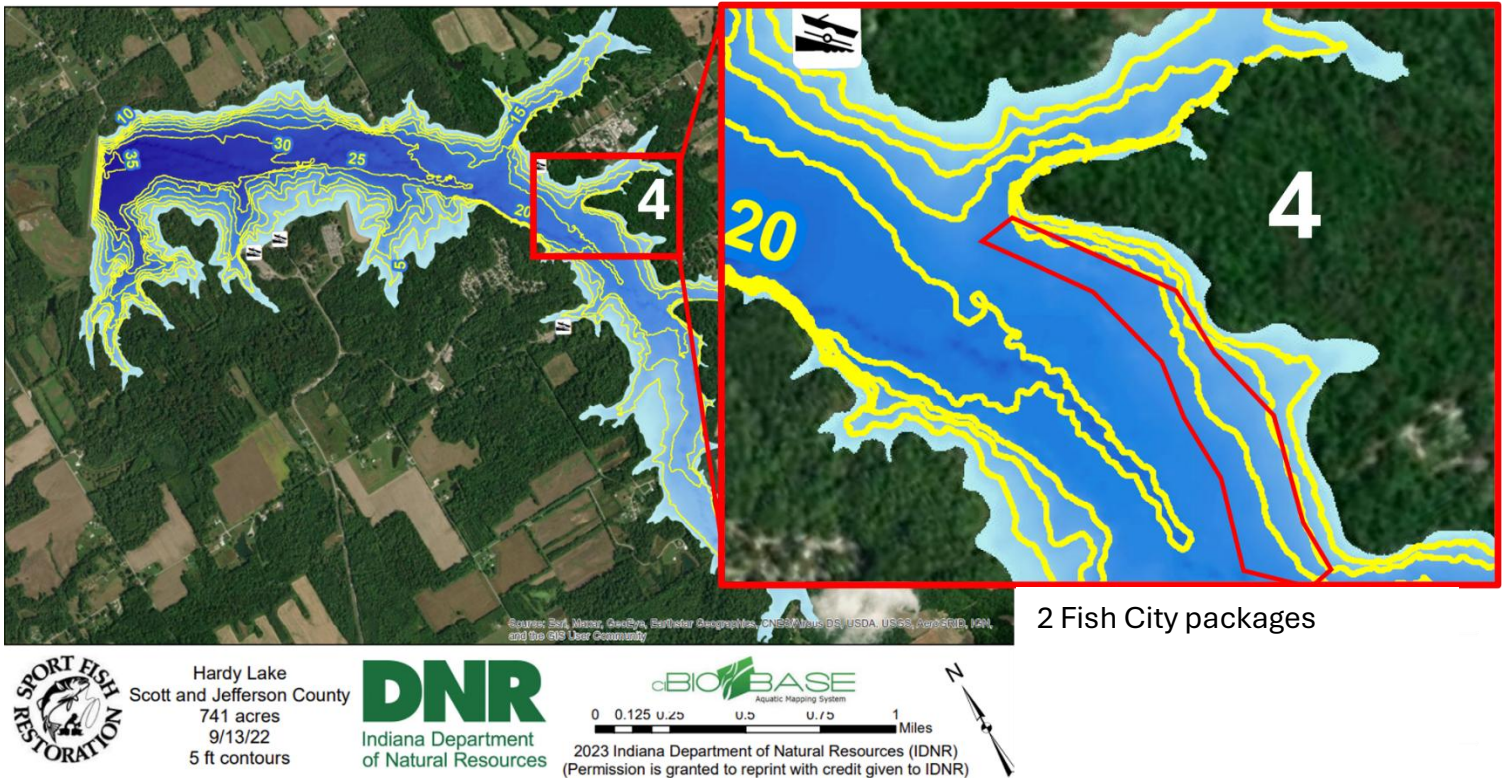
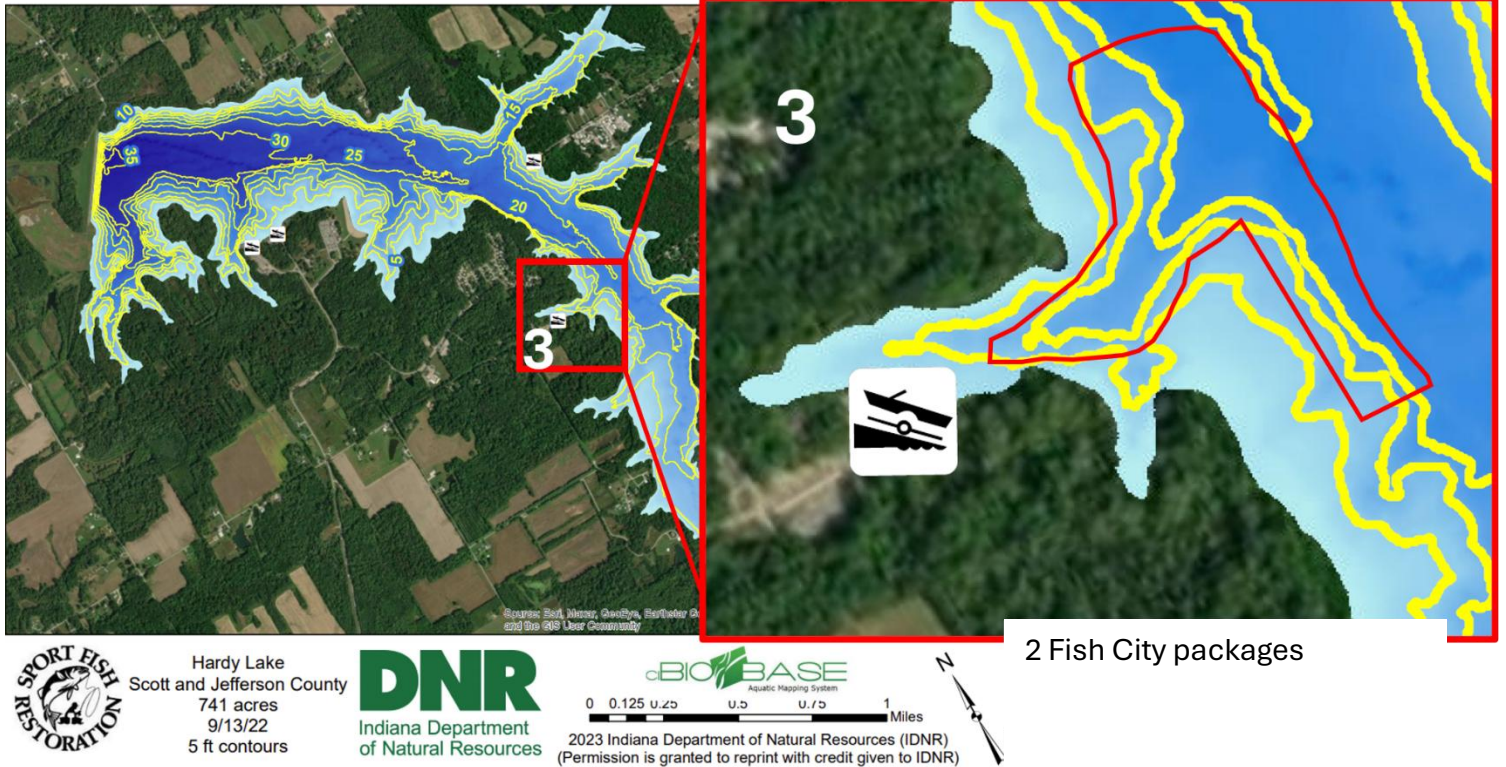
This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under 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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Indiana DNR | 2. Agent: | Sandy Clark-Kolaks
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| 3. Project Location: | 5620 N. Hardy Lake Road, Scottsburg, IN, 47170
Latitude: 38.785869, Longitude: -85.700712 | | |
| 4. Affected Waterbody: | Hardy Lake | | |
| 5. Project Description: | Placement of 250 artificial habitat structures within Hardy Lake. Structures will be placed to provide cover for fish including largemouth bass, bluegill, and crappie to aid in their recovery.
For additional information visit the Regulatory ePortal at: https://waterquality.idem.in.gov | | |

- 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?** You can view application documents on IDEM's Regulatory ePortal website. Go to waterquality.idem.in.gov. Once there, click on the box that says "Site Map Explorer". This will open a new browser tab. In the "Search" box on the left, type "Hardy Lake", then click on the site when it shows up underneath the search box. The box will expand and show information about the site. Under the "Documents" tab in this box, you'll be able to find and download documents related to the project.
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 –

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Indiana Department of Environmental Management
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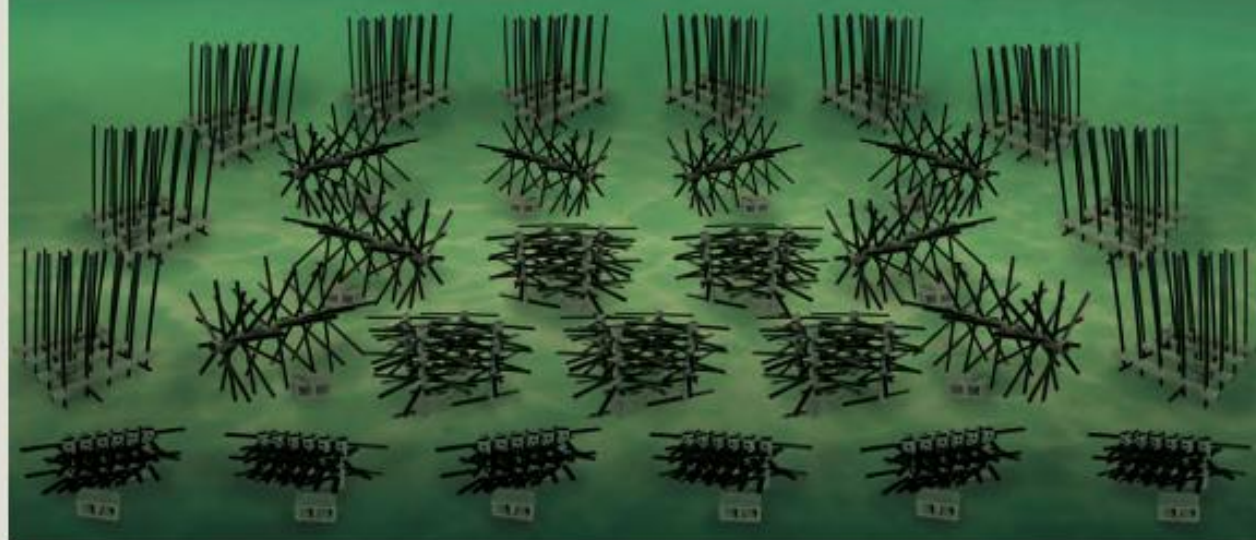
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