

Appendix H: Second Public Involvement and Stakeholder Press Release

PRESS RELEASE

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2nd Public Meeting Announced for the Trail Creek Watershed Management Plan Update

Michigan City, IN – The Second Public Involvement and Stakeholder Meeting for the Trail Creek Watershed Management Plan Update is scheduled for Thursday, June 29, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of Springfield Elementary School located at 3054 W 800 N in LaPorte County. Stakeholders and the general public are encouraged to attend and provide input into the Watershed Management Plan. Water quality data gathered to date will be presented and the public will have an opportunity to share their issues and observations with regards to water quality within the watershed.

The Sanitary District of Michigan City hosted its first Public Involvement and Stakeholder meeting earlier this year in February to introduce the Watershed Plan and process. Since the February meeting and with the assistance and input of local volunteers and agencies, the Sanitary District of Michigan City has made significant progress with the ongoing update of the 1993 Trail Creek Watershed Plan. The completion of the Trail Creek Watershed Plan update later this year will allow Michigan City, LaPorte County, the Town of Trail Creek and various public and private institutions to apply for additional grant money from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and others to implement projects within the Trail Creek watershed to reduce non-point source pollution and enhance water quality.

The study and design of the plan is partially funded by a grant from the Unity Foundation, a Section 319 grant from IDEM and in-kind services provided by the Sanitary District of Michigan City. The focus of these grant monies is to create a Watershed Plan for Trail Creek which will address the classification of Trail Creek as an “impaired waterway” and the Total Maximum Daily Load requirements for *E. coli*.

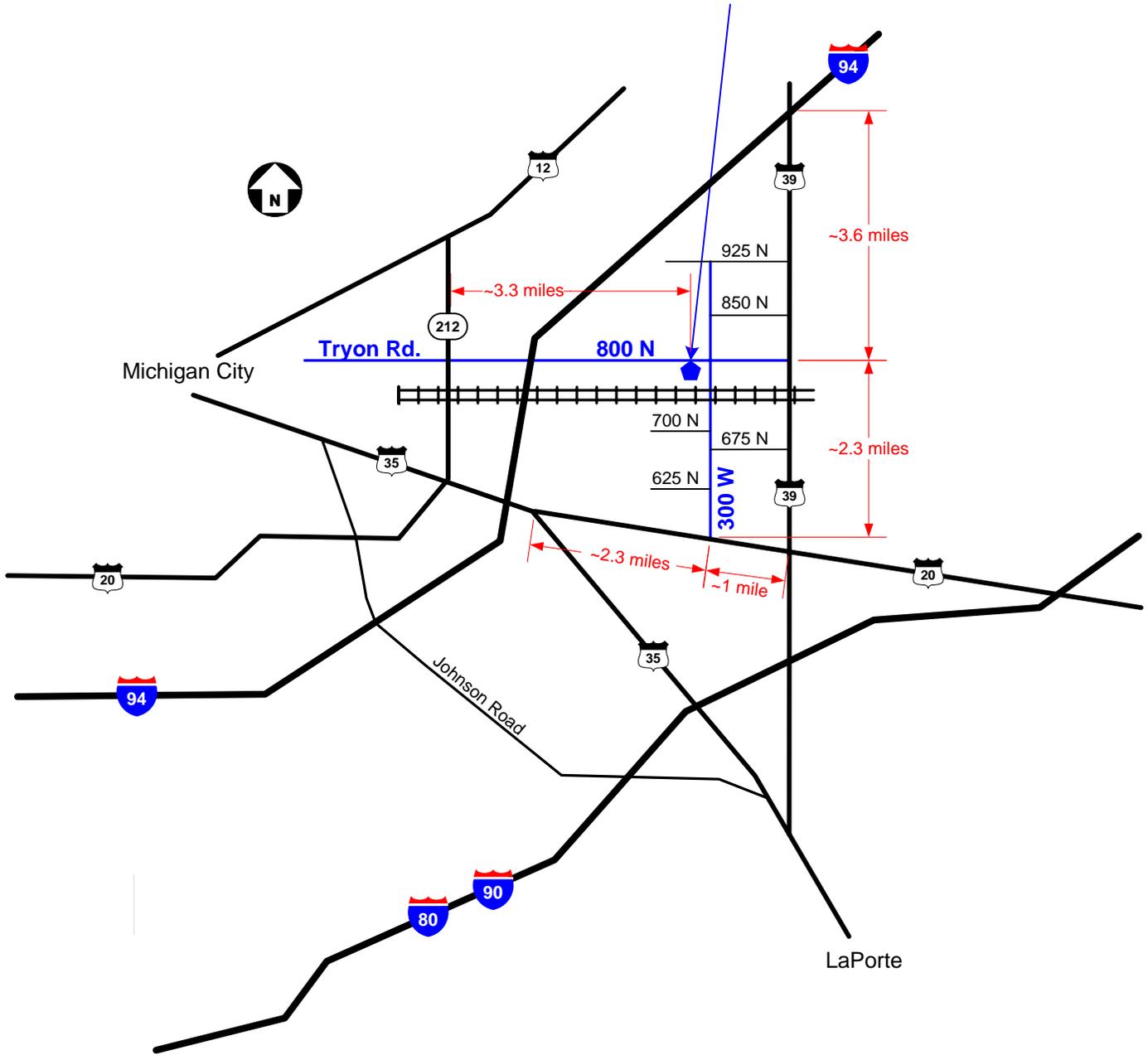
The Sanitary District of Michigan City has completed a year and a half of water quality sampling within the Trail Creek watershed and is preparing a list of issues and activities within the watershed which may affect water quality within Trail Creek. The list of issues is based on the water quality data and land use within the watershed.

For questions regarding the project or participation, please contact Al Walus of the Sanitary District of Michigan City at 219-874-7799, or Christine Meador of American Consulting at 317-547-5580.

The Trail Creek watershed encompasses an area of 59 square miles throughout parts of Michigan Township, Coolspring Township, Springfield Township and Center Township. The watershed extends as far south as the I-80 Toll Road and as far east as State Road 39.

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**Springfield Elementary School:
3768 N 525 W**



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