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# PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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WQC001454

Corps of Engineers ID Number:  
LRE-2023-00646-102

## To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of a public hearing to be held regarding the project referenced below. The public hearing will be a **virtual Microsoft Teams meeting** that can be accessed at the following link: [HEARING](#). The meeting ID is: **295 254 793 692 59**. The passcode is: **EP9vD7vh**. More information on how to join is on the next page. It will take place on **Thursday, April 30th**, beginning at **5pm Eastern Time**. Anyone who wishes to comment on this project is welcome to attend.

**CORRECTION:** A previously posted notice announced an in-person public hearing. The hearing for Phase 3 of the Hatchworks LLC project impacting state waterbodies **will be held virtually**. No in-person hearing will be held.

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**3. Project location:** Latitude 41.030378, Longitude -85.048069  
858-acre parcel east of Adams Center Road, north of E Tillman Road, south of Logistics Drive, and west of the CFE Railroad in the city of Fort Wayne, Allen County.

**4. Affected waterbodies:** Adams Ditch, an unnamed tributary of Doctor Ditch, and one forested wetland.

**5. Project description:** The expansion of the existing data center campus, involving three additional buildings, associated utility infrastructure, internal drives, and stormwater facilities. This is Phase 3 of a multi-phase project.

Phase 3 of the project proposes relocation of a portion of Adams Ditch, permanently impacting 3,415 linear feet (0.78 acre) of stream. The stream relocation will result in the establishment of 3,255 linear feet (1.49 acres) of new, open stream channel. The installation of a sanitary sewer line will temporarily impact the unnamed tributary of Doctor Ditch (68 linear feet; 0.01 acre) and a forested wetland (0.84 acre). The impacted forested wetland will be restored to an herbaceous wetland.

Proposed mitigation for impacts to water resources involves: the restoration to pre-construction conditions of the 68 linear feet of temporarily impacted stream; the restoration and conversion of 0.84 acre of impacted forested wetland to herbaceous wetland; the creation of 3,255 linear feet of open stream channel onsite with a 170-foot-wide corridor, to be monitored for a minimum of five years to ensure successful establishment; the purchase of 160 linear feet of stream credits from the Maumee Service Area of the Indiana Stream and Wetland Mitigation Program; and the purchase of 2.52 acres of forested wetland credits from the Openings Wetland Mitigation Bank Phase II.

## Written Testimony

If you would like to submit written testimony in-lieu of or in addition to speaking at the hearing, please send it to [WaterwaysComments@idem.IN.gov](mailto:WaterwaysComments@idem.IN.gov).

**Request to Speak**

During the hearing: at the bottom or top of your screen (depending on your device), you'll see a menu bar (you may have to move your mouse or touch your screen for the menu bar to pop up). In the middle of that menu, there is a "chat" icon which you can click on to show the chat dialogue. You should also see the "raise hand" option. Please utilize the "raise hand" or "chat" features if you have any questions or comments, and you'll be called upon at the appropriate time.

**Questions?**

Additional information may be obtained from [WaterwaysComments@idem.IN.gov](mailto:WaterwaysComments@idem.IN.gov). Please reference the IDEM project identification number, listed on the top right corner of the first page of this notice, in the subject line. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Physical comments and inquiries may also be forwarded to –

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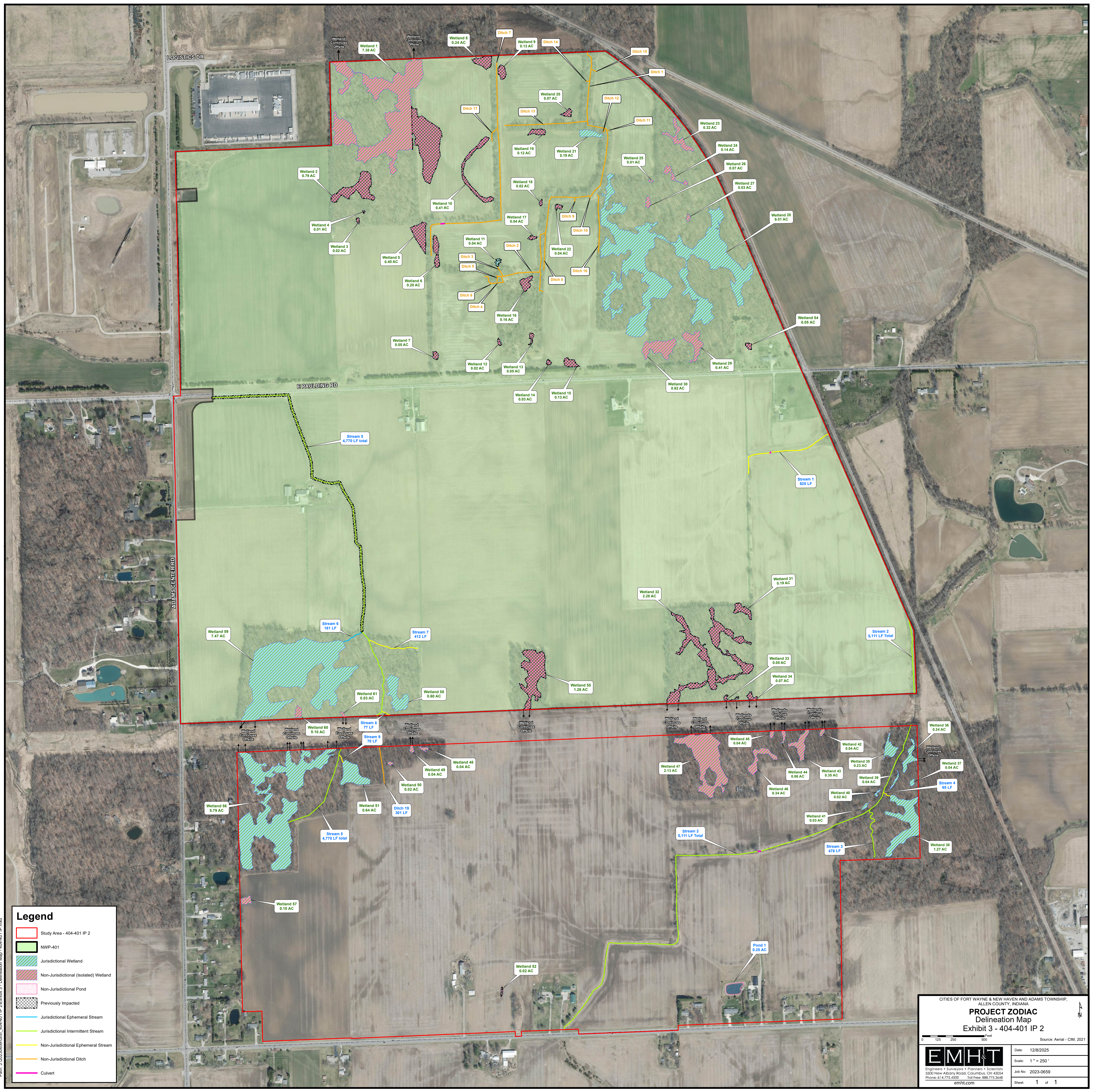
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**Legend**

- Study Area - 404-401 IP 2
- NWP-401
- Jurisdictional Wetland
- Non-Jurisdictional (Isolated) Wetland
- Non-Jurisdictional Pond
- Previously Impacted
- Jurisdictional Ephemeral Stream
- Jurisdictional Intermittent Stream
- Non-Jurisdictional Ephemeral Stream
- Non-Jurisdictional Ditch
- Culvert

CITIES OF FORT WAYNE & NEW HAVEN AND ADAMS TOWNSHIP,  
ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA

**PROJECT ZODIAC**  
Delineation Map  
Exhibit 3 - 404-401 IP 2

Source: Aerial - CIM, 2021

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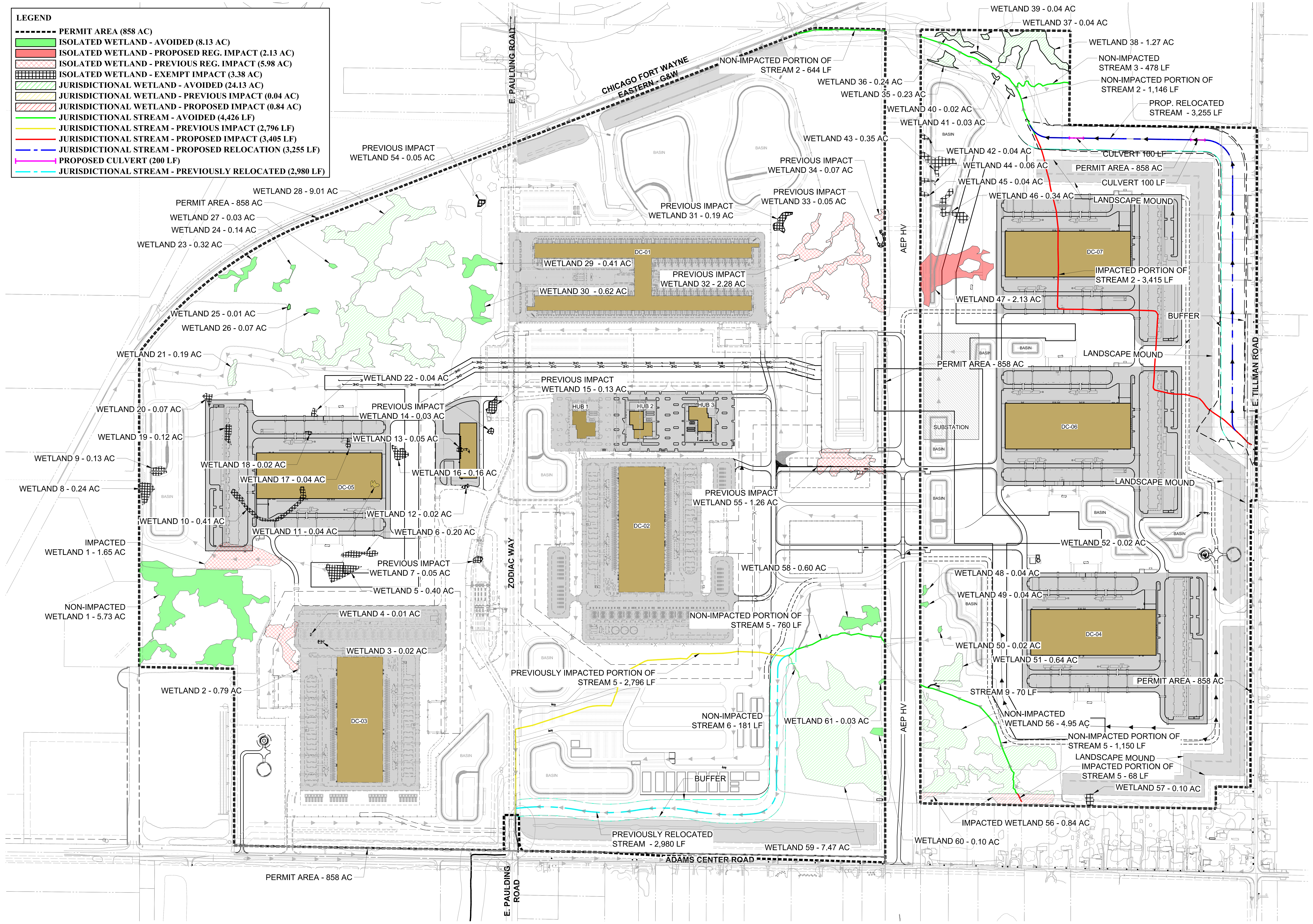
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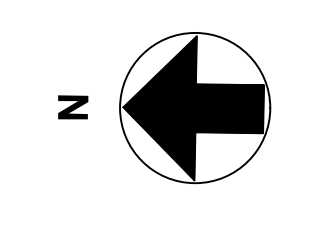
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- LEGEND**
- PERMIT AREA (858 AC)
  - ISOLATED WETLAND - AVOIDED (8.13 AC)
  - ISOLATED WETLAND - PROPOSED REG. IMPACT (2.13 AC)
  - ISOLATED WETLAND - PREVIOUS REG. IMPACT (5.98 AC)
  - ISOLATED WETLAND - EXEMPT IMPACT (3.38 AC)
  - JURISDICTIONAL WETLAND - AVOIDED (24.13 AC)
  - JURISDICTIONAL WETLAND - PREVIOUS IMPACT (0.04 AC)
  - JURISDICTIONAL WETLAND - PROPOSED IMPACT (0.84 AC)
  - JURISDICTIONAL STREAM - AVOIDED (4,426 LF)
  - JURISDICTIONAL STREAM - PREVIOUS IMPACT (2,796 LF)
  - JURISDICTIONAL STREAM - PROPOSED IMPACT (3,405 LF)
  - JURISDICTIONAL STREAM - PROPOSED RELOCATION (3,255 LF)
  - PROPOSED CULVERT (200 LF)
  - JURISDICTIONAL STREAM - PREVIOUSLY RELOCATED (2,980 LF)



ARCHITECTURE:	STRUCTURE:	MEP:	CIVIL:
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**PROJECT ZODIAC PHASE 3  
ALTERNATIVE B**



REVISIONS	
NO.	DESCRIPTION

DRAWN: FORT WAYNE, IN  
 APPR'D:  
 PROJ. NO. XXXXX.00

ALTERNATIVE B  
 SCALE: 1" = 200'  
 GRAPHIC SCALE  
 0 100 200 400  
 1 INCH = 200 FEET

SHEET NUMBER:  
**EXHIBIT 7**  
 PAPER SIZE: E (36"x48")  
 PHASE: DD1

Grading across the site will be completed using standard earthmoving practices. For the stream relocation, the majority of the new channel will be constructed offline from the existing stream to avoid sedimentation within the existing channel. After grading is complete and the new channel is stabilized, stream flow will be diverted to the new channel and then existing channel will be abandoned and filled.

### **4.3 Anticipated Project Schedule**

The third phase of construction, including impacts described herein, is expected to commence in early 2027 following permit approvals. Mass excavation activities for the third phase of construction are expected to continue onsite through early 2028, at which time all requested stream and wetland fills will be completed. Building construction is anticipated to continue through 2030.

### **4.4 Proposed Impacts to Jurisdictional Waters**

The proposed development plan (Alternative B) is depicted on Exhibit 7. This design provides for the expansion of the data center campus by providing three additional data center buildings (comprising 867,435 square feet), as well as associated utility infrastructure, internal drives, and stormwater facilities within the proposed expansion footprint.

Stream impacts under Alternative B include 3,415 linear feet (0.78 acre) of intermittent Stream 2 and 68 linear feet (0.01 acre) of intermittent Stream 5. Stream 2 (Adams Ditch) will be permanently filled and relocated to accommodate the construction of two of the data center buildings (DC06 and DC07). The applicant proposes to relocate Stream 2, which will flow for 3,455 linear feet. The relocated channel will be primarily open channel (3,255 linear feet), with two culverts (200 linear feet) to be installed. Approximately 3,794 cubic yards of clean soil fill will be placed in the existing channel; the area will be filled and graded in association with the building pads for DC06 and DC07. Stream 5 will be temporarily impacted in order to install a sanitary sewer line; approximately 45 cubic yards of clean fill will be excavated and replaced in Stream 5 in association with the utility installation.

Jurisdictional wetland impacts associated with Alternative B include 0.84 acre of forested Wetland 56. The impact includes clearing and installation of a sanitary sewer line. Approximately 1,355 cubic yards of clean soil fill will be placed in Wetland 11 in conjunction with the utility installation. This impact will be temporary, as the utility line will be installed subsurface and the area will be restored to pre-construction contours. However, as the utility installation will result in the conversion of forested wetland to herbaceous, it has been treated as a permanent impact herein.

Fill to be placed Stream 2, Stream 5 and Wetland 56 during construction of Alternative B is estimated to total approximately 5,194 cubic yards, as summarized in Table 2. Table 2 also presents the cumulative impacts associated with prior project phases. The remainder of jurisdictional surface waters within the permit area will be avoided.

**TABLE 2: Proposed Impacts to Jurisdictional Surface Waters for Alternative B**

**a. Streams**

Stream ID	Type	Length Onsite (LF)	Previous Impact		Proposed Impact		Impact Type	% Avoided (Cumulative)
			LF	CY	LF	CY		
Stream 2	Intermittent	5,111	0	0	3,415	3,794	Fill	33%
Stream 3	Intermittent	478	0	0	0	0	--	100%
Stream 5	Intermittent	4,770	2,796	1,864	68	45	Temp. Fill	40%
Stream 6	Ephemeral	181	0	0	0	0	--	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>10,540</b>	<b>2,796</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>3,483</b>	<b>3,839</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>40%</b>

**b. Wetlands**

Wetland ID	Type	Area Onsite (AC)	Previous Impact		Proposed Impact		Impact Type	% Avoided (Cumulative)
			AC	CY	AC	CY		
Wetland 11	PEM	0.04	0.04	65	0	0	Fill	0%
Wetland 21	PEM/PFO	0.19	0	0	0	0	--	100%
Wetland 28	PFO	9.01	0	0	0	0	--	100%
Wetland 35	PFO	0.23	0	0	0	0	--	100%
Wetland 36	PFO	0.24*	0	0	0	0	--	100%
Wetland 37	PFO	0.04	0	0	0	0	--	100%
Wetland 38	PFO	1.27*	0	0	0	0	--	100%
Wetland 39	PFO	0.04	0	0	0	0	--	100%
Wetland 40	PFO	0.02	0	0	0	0	--	100%
Wetland 41	PEM	0.03	0	0	0	0	--	100%
Wetland 51	PFO	0.64	0	0	0	0	--	100%
Wetland 56	PFO	5.79*	0	0	0.84	1,355	Fill	85.5%
Wetland 58	PFO	0.60	0	0	0	0	--	100%
Wetland 59	PFO	7.47*	0	0	0	0	--	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>25.61</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>96.6%</b>

\* Wetland extends offsite; represents portion of the wetland located within the permit area.

**4.5 Means and Methods**

**Material to be Discharged**

The material to be discharged includes approximately 5,194 cubic yards of clean earthen fill material. This material will be chemically non-contaminating and physically stable. Placement of fill would be accomplished via standard earthmoving practices. As described below, Best Management Practices (BMPs) would be employed at all times during construction.

**Erosion and Sediment Control**

Prior to the start of construction, a Notice of Intent (NOI) will be filed with IDEM to obtain permit coverage under the Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP). A Construction/Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) will be prepared for the project, following the requirements of

the CSGP. Appropriate, site-specific BMPs will be included in the construction plans to decrease erosion and sedimentation during and after construction of the proposed roadway project.

BMPs for erosion and sediment control will be implemented at all times during the construction of any portion of the proposed project. These BMPs may include: silt fence; compost filter sock; rock check dams; temporary and permanent seeding and mulching; construction road stabilization; and temporary inlet protection. These measures would be placed and maintained to reduce the potential for sediment-laden runoff from discharging directly to an existing watercourse. The designated BMPs will be kept in place during construction activities and will remain until the site has been stabilized.

### **Control of Water**

The existing Stream 2 channel will remain open during the early phases of the project while certain improvements are being constructed. The new (relocated) channel will be constructed off-line from the existing channel, and then the new channel will be connected at the upstream and downstream ends. The connection of the new channel will require the control of water through the use of temporary rock check dams and/or pump around at both the upstream and downstream connection points. These features will be detailed on the construction plans along with the other construction-phase BMPs.

## **7.0 MITIGATION**

In order to proceed with the proposed project under Alternative B, authorization for the placement of fill in 3,483 linear feet of jurisdictional, intermittent stream and 0.84 acre of jurisdictional, forested wetland is requested. To compensate for these impacts, the following mitigation is proposed.

### **7.1 Stream Mitigation**

#### **Temporary Stream Impacts**

Approximately 68 linear feet of Stream 5 will be temporarily impacted in association with the sanitary sewer installation under Alternative B. This impact area will be restored to pre-construction contours and stabilized upon completion of the utility line crossing. No mitigation is proposed for this temporary impact.

#### **Permanent Stream Impacts**

Permanent stream impacts under Alternative B will involve the fill and relocation of 3,415 linear feet of Stream 2. A total of 3,455 linear feet of stream will be relocated and restored on site to offset this impact, which will serve in part as onsite mitigation. It should be noted that two culvert crossings are anticipated on the relocated channel, as shown on Exhibit 7. As such, only 3,255 linear feet of open stream channel will serve as onsite mitigation.

The new Stream 2 channel will have a bottom width of four feet and a bankfull width of approximately 20 feet. A 25-foot wide floodplain bench will be established on either side of the bankfull channel, providing an overall floodplain beltwidth of approximately 70 feet. The side slopes from the benches will be graded at an approximate 3:1 slope. The overall stream corridor will be 170 feet wide ( $\pm 75$  feet along each stream bank) and will be revegetated with native species. The stream corridor will coincide with a drainage easement to be granted to Allen County.

Monitoring of the relocated Stream 2 channel will begin after the first growing season following completion of construction and stabilization and continue through a minimum five-year monitoring period. The monitoring reports will identify the extent to which the mitigation is meeting established performance standards. Additional details regarding the stream mitigation objectives, work plan, performance standards, and monitoring and maintenance are provided in the Stream Mitigation Plan (Appendix C).

In addition to the 3,255 linear feet of onsite stream relocation, 160 linear feet of stream mitigation credit will be purchased from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program, Maumee Service Area. This in-lieu fee credit, coupled with the onsite stream relocation, will provide mitigation for the 3,415 linear feet of permanent stream impacts at a 1:1 ratio.

### **7.2 Wetland Mitigation**

As described previously, approximately 0.84 acre of Wetland 56 will be temporarily impacted for the installation of a sanitary sewer line. A restoration plan for the temporary impact is provided

in Appendix D. However, as the utility installation will result in the conversion of forested wetland to herbaceous wetland, it has been treated as a permanent impact, for which the purchase of either mitigation bank or in-lieu fee credit is proposed.

It is IDEM’s recommendation that mitigation be provided at a 4:1 ratio for impacts to forested wetlands regulated under the Clean Water Act. However, in this case, as the impacts are temporary in nature and the area is expected to revert to wetland habitat over time, a 3:1 ratio is proposed. Accordingly, the mitigation to be provided is shown in Table 6.

**TABLE 6: Proposed Wetland Impacts and Mitigation Acreage**

Wetland ID	Type	Proposed Impact (ac)	Mitigation Ratio	Mitigation Acreage
Wetland 56	PFO	0.84	3:1	2.52
<b>Total</b>	--	<b>0.84</b>	--	<b>2.52</b>
<b>Forested</b>	--	<b>0.84</b>	--	<b>2.52</b>
<b>Non-Forested</b>	--	--	--	--

The applicant proposes to purchase mitigation credit for the proposed project from the Openings Wetland Mitigation Bank Phase II. The Openings Mitigation Bank is located in Eel River Township, Allen County, Indiana on the border between the Eel and St. Joseph River watersheds (HUC 05120104 and 04100003). The primary service area of the bank includes the portion of the Upper Maumee watershed (HUC 04100005) within Allen County. In the event that sufficient credit from the Openings Mitigation Bank is unavailable, the applicant will satisfy the mitigation obligation via purchase of wetland credit from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program, Maumee Service Area.