



January 8, 2021

ECL Mailing List

Re: Early Coordination Letter  
Des. No. 2002553  
DPW Project ST-45-067  
County Line Road  
Added Travel Lanes  
Marion & Johnson Counties, Indiana

Dear Ms. Carmany-George:

The City of Indianapolis with assistance from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intends to proceed with a project involving the widening of County Line Road from the east end of the I-69 Interchange east to SR 135 in Marion and Johnson counties, Indiana. Widening will include the construction of a sidewalk and multi-use path along County Line Road and the replacement of two bridges, Structure No. 49-4503F over Pleasant Run Creek and Structure No. 49-4510F over Buffalo Creek. This letter is part of the early coordination phase of the environmental review process. We request comments from you within your area of expertise regarding any potential environmental or community effects associated with this proposed project. **Please use the above designation number and description in your reply.** We will incorporate your comments into a study of the project's environmental effects which will be conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). At this time, we do not know the NEPA class of action for the proposed action.

**Project Location:** This project is located on County Line Road, begins 0.30 mile west of Morgantown Road, in a rural portion on the dividing line between Marion and Johnson Counties and extends east to SR 135/Meridian Street. More specifically, the project is located in Sections 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, and 28, Township 14 North, Range 3 East in White River Township.

**Existing Conditions:** County Line Road is classified as a two-lane primary arterial roadway through the majority of the project corridor. The road expands to 5 lanes (two lanes in each direction with a turning lane to Meridian Street) between South Illinois Street and SR 135. The majority of the project area does not have pedestrian facilities, curb and gutter, or shoulders. Sidewalks, curb and gutter, and shoulders are only associated with the 5 lane section of County Line Road between South Illinois Street and Royal Meadow Drive.

There are two major intersections along County Line Road and within the project limits: Morgantown Road and Railroad Road/Peterman Road. The Morgantown Road intersection is controlled by a traffic signal and has left turn lanes in all directions. There is a steep hill on



County Line Road just west of this intersection, with an existing roadway grade of approximately 9 percent.

The Railroad Road/Peterman Road intersection is controlled by a 4-way stop, with a single approach lane from all four directions. The Indiana Railroad has a single-track rail line immediately adjacent to Railroad Road/Peterman Road, with an at-grade crossing of County Line Road less than 50 feet west of the intersection. The crossing has overhead flashers but no gates.

The existing structure over Pleasant Creek Run (Structure No. 49-4503F) is approximately 650 feet east of the Morgantown Road Intersection. It is a 3-span concrete box beam bridge approximately 100 feet in length. The second existing structure within the project limits over Buffalo Creek (Structure No. 49-4510F) is located just west of Leisure Lane on County Line Road. It is a 3-span reinforced concrete slab approximately 150 feet in length.

**Purpose and Need:** The purpose of the South County Line Road project is to address capacity deficiencies, improve east-west mobility, and improve safety within the corridor. The need for this project is the existing and future capacity restrictions as the projected traffic demands will exceed the capacity of the existing two-lane configuration. Additionally, there are no pedestrian or bicycle facilities associated with the existing roadway which is in a high density residential area.

**Proposed Project:** The proposed project includes County Line Road being expanded to a 5-lane road (two 11 foot lanes in each direction and a 13 foot two-way left turn lane) with a 10-foot multi-purpose trail on the north side, 6-foot grass buffers on either side and a 6-foot sidewalk on the south side of the roadway. The two existing bridges will also be replaced to accommodate the additional travel lanes. The proposed bridge structures will accommodate the proposed roadway with the only modification to the typical section being that the grass buffers will be 2 feet per side within the bridge structure limits. The project will also construct stormwater detention, enclosed stormwater system, and address the sharp vertical curve at Morgantown Road.

**Right-of-Way:** The project requires the acquisition of approximately 15 acres of permanent and/or temporary right-of-way. It is anticipated that up to 22 residential relocations will be required. During the design phases, the amount of right-of-way to be acquired and the number of relocations will be minimized to the extent possible.

**Maintenance of Traffic (MOT):** Maintenance of traffic will be phased corresponding with the different phases of construction. Two way traffic and access to all properties is anticipated to be maintained at all times.

**Surrounding Resources:** Land use in the vicinity of the project is primarily residential with a few commercial entities on both ends of the project area and one area of agricultural land. The project is located within a MS4 permitted area. The project will cross Pleasant Run and Buffalo Creek, both of which have a regulated floodway. Additionally, the project area is located in a wellhead protection area for groundwater resources.

A waters and wetlands determination and a biological assessment has been completed to identify any ecological resources that may be present. Pleasant Run and Buffalo Creek were identified as jurisdictional waterways. This project may qualify for the application of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) range-wide programmatic informal consultation for the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat. The USFWS Information, Planning, and

Consultation System (IPaC) will be utilized to determine the project's potential to affect the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat.

**Comments Request:** You are asked to review this information and provide any comments you may have relative to the anticipated effects of the project on areas which you have jurisdiction or special expertise. Please send your comments to Adin McCann, of HNTB Corporation, at [amccann@hntb.com](mailto:amccann@hntb.com) or (317) 917-5325. Should we not receive your response within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this letter, it will be assumed that your agency feels that there will be no adverse effects incurred as a result of the proposed project. However, should you find that an extension to the response time is necessary, a reasonable amount may be granted upon request.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Adin McCann of HNTB at [amccann@hntb.com](mailto:amccann@hntb.com) or (317) 917-5325, or Ericka Miller of the City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works at [ericka.miller@indy.gov](mailto:ericka.miller@indy.gov) or (317) 327-5252. Thank you in advance for your input.

Sincerely,

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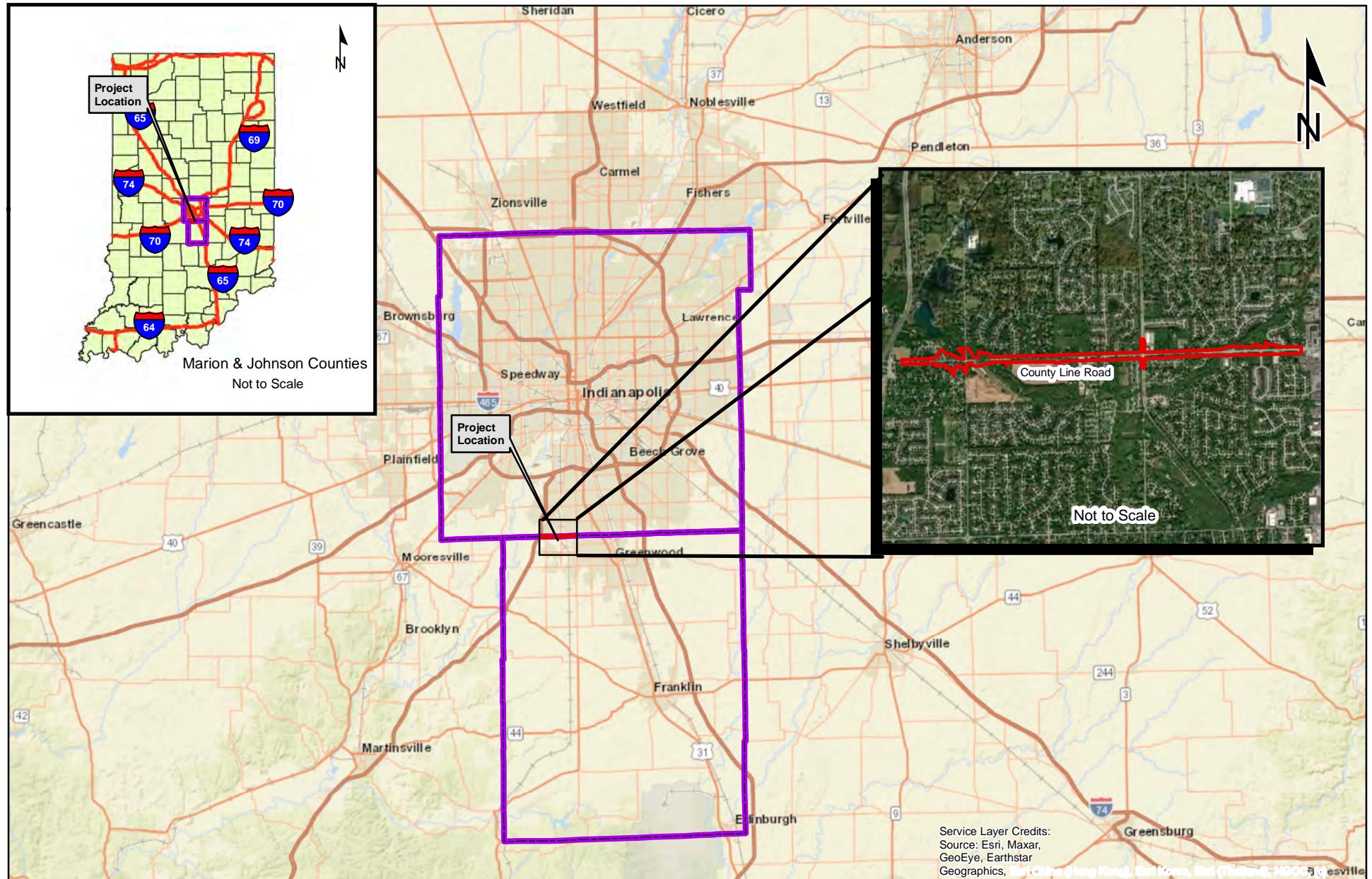
*Adin McCann*

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Attachments: Figure 1: Project Location Map  
Figure 2: Project Area Aerial  
Figure 3: USGS 7.5 Minute Topographic Quad Map  
Figure 4: Photo Location Map  
Project Location Photographs

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Ron Bales, Greenwood Common Council  
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Indiana Geological Survey  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
Texas Eastern Transmission Corp. / Enterprise Products Company  
Neil VanTrees, Johnson County Highway Department  
Jonathan Wallace, Indiana Department of Transportation



Project Area  
 Marion & Johnson Counties

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**Figure 1: Project Location Map**

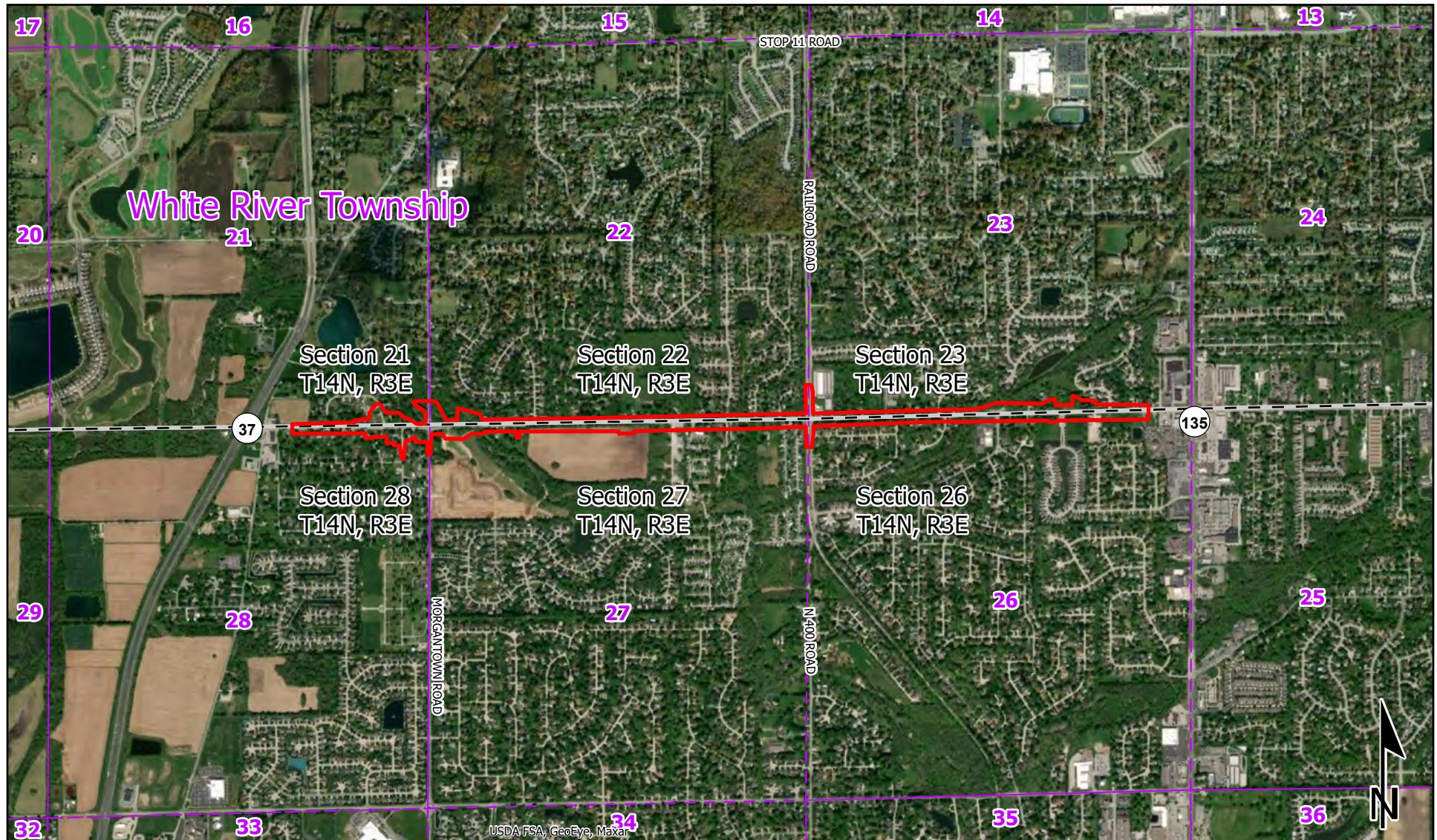
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**Figure 2: Project Aerial Map**

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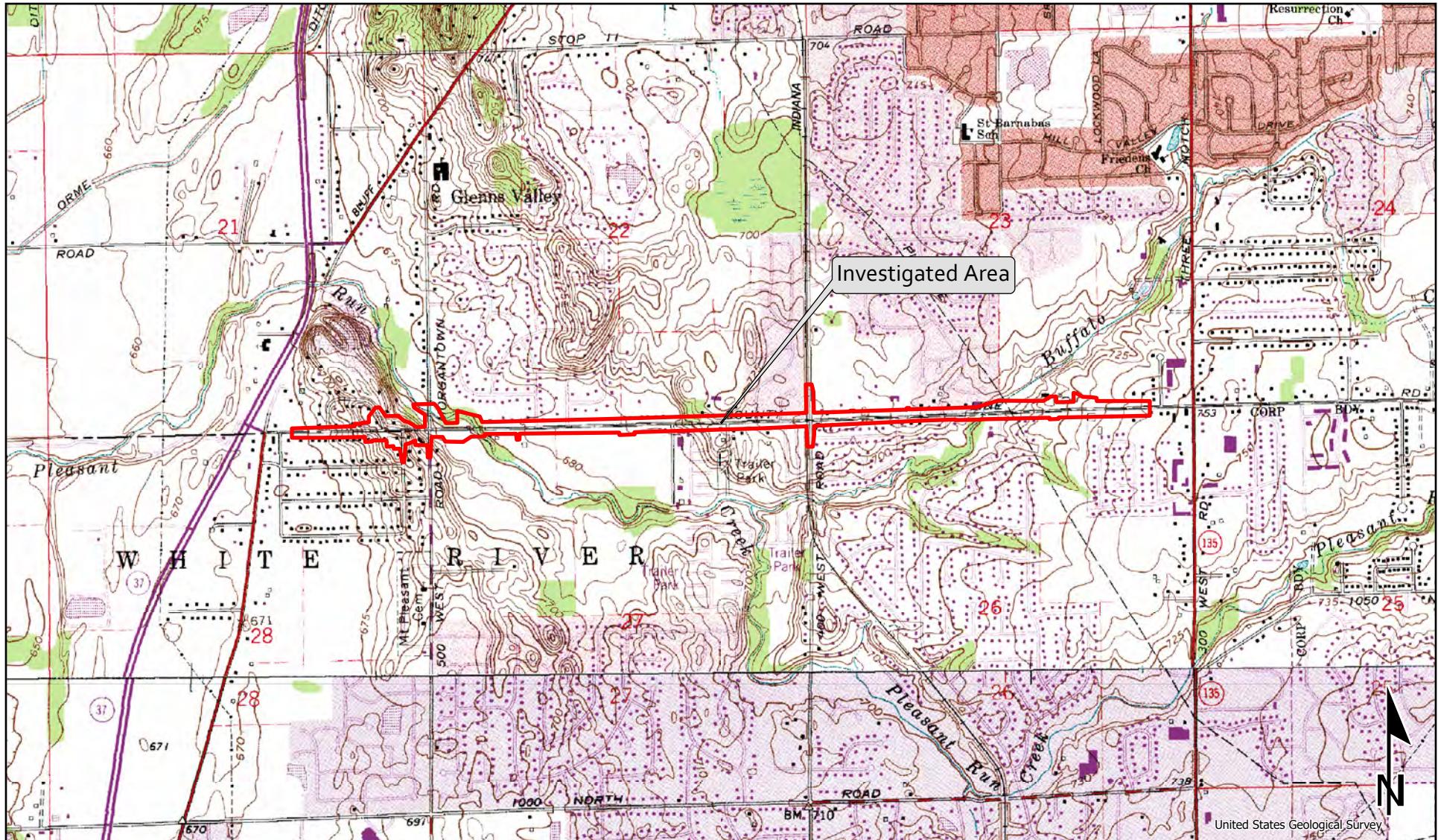
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**Figure 3: Maywood & Bargersville 7.5 Minute USGS Topographic Quadrangle Map**

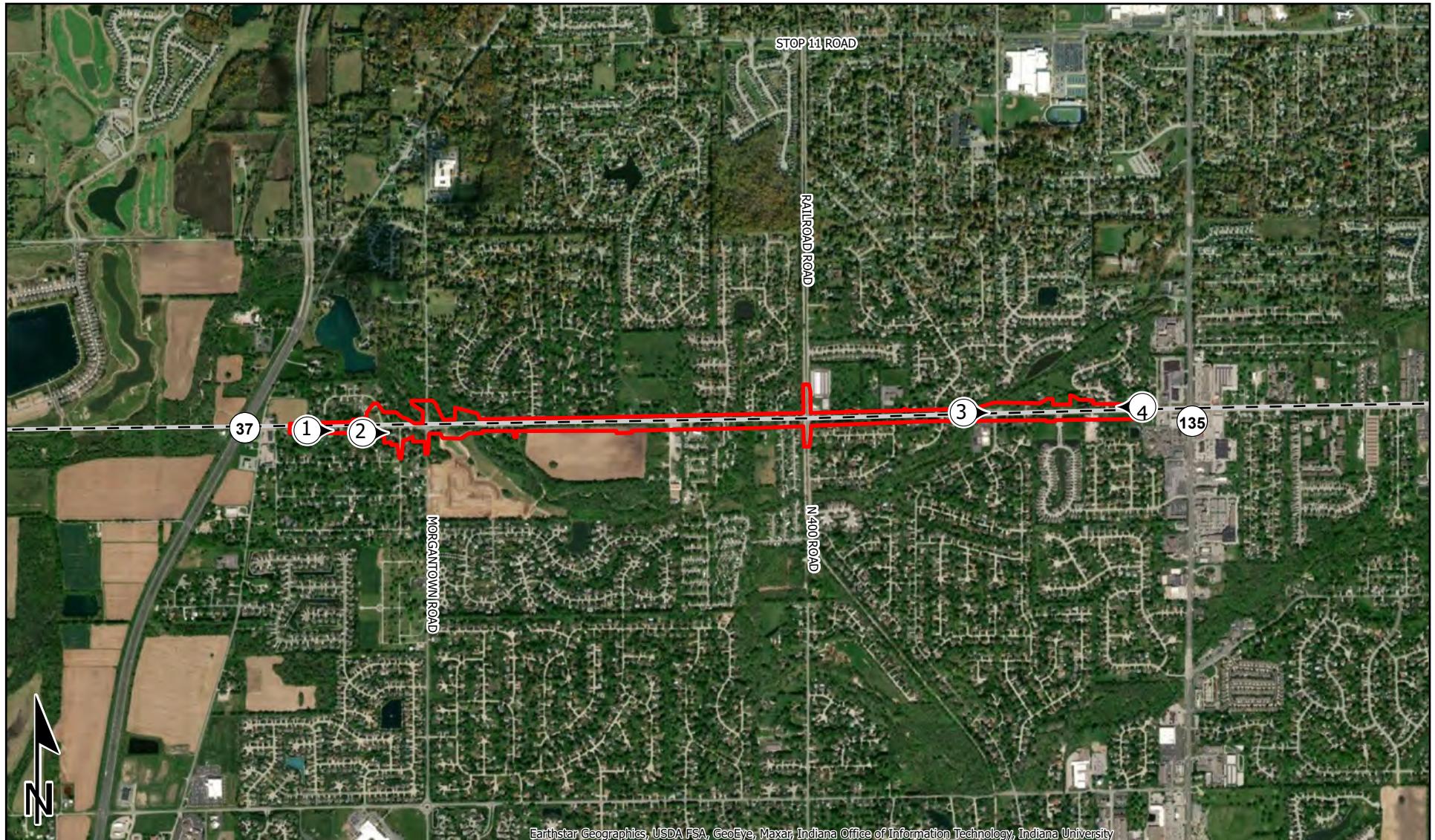
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### Figure 4: Photo Location Map

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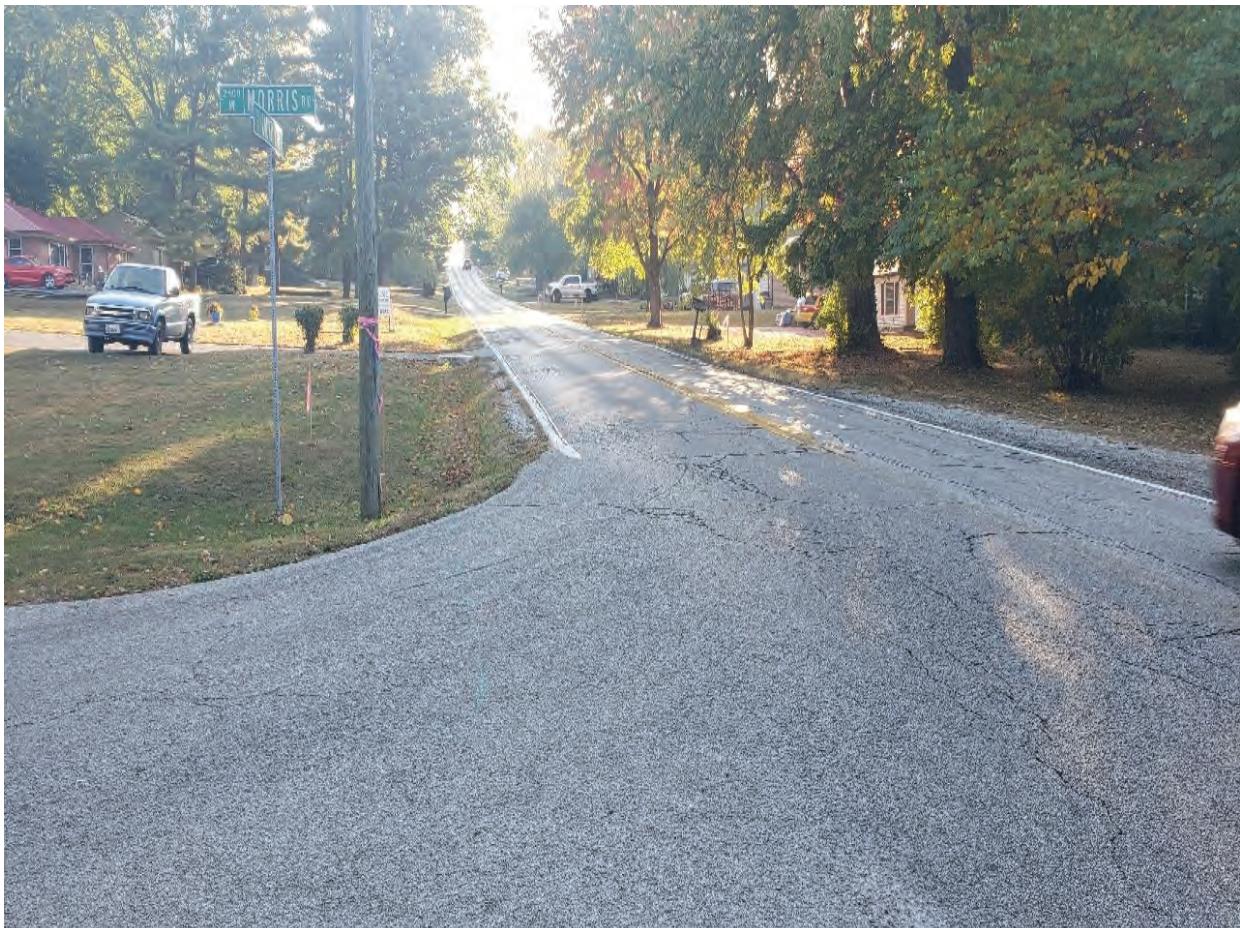
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1. Looking along County Line Road from west project end point



2. Looking east along County Line Road from Morris Road



3. Looking west along County Line Road over Buffalo Creek



4. Looking west along County Line Road from Greenwood Meadows