NOTICE TO CITIZENS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: A PORTION OF ZOLLINGER DITCH RECLASSIFICATION

Notice is hereby given that the Elkhart County Drainage Board has scheduled a Public Hearing for **9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, August 9, 2022**, in Room A of the County Public Services Building, 4230 Elkhart Road, Goshen, Indiana (U.S. 33 @ C.R. 26) for consideration of the **Zollinger Ditch Reclassification.** It is the landowner's responsibility to advise any renters of their property or lands being sold under land contract of this notice.

The portion of the Zollinger Ditch that is subject to the reclassification is located in Section 20 of Benton Township beginning approximately 500 feet south of the County Road 33 crossing over Zollinger Ditch on the east side of County Road 33, continuing east and south approximately 1,300 feet to the top end of the system. This reclassification is to remove this portion of the Zollinger Ditch from the Regulated Drain inventory and make it a Private/Mutual Drain. In evaluating the options related to this portion of the Regulated Drain and the best and cheapest — to Elkhart County — method for maintaining a drain in this end of the Zollinger Ditch, the County Surveyor recommends that the best approach is to allow it to be reclassified as a Private/Mutual Drain with an obligation for the private landowner, and his/her successors, to bear the expense necessary to maintain the Private/Mutual Drain. The Report of the County Surveyor is available for public inspection at the office of the County Surveyor.

Interested property owners and concerned citizens will be given an opportunity to present their views on the reclassification and raise any concerns of possible damages from said reclassification. In order to help reduce the need for individuals to appear in person, we support and encourage any individual interested in presenting comment at the public hearing to submit their written comments to the Elkhart County Surveyor's Office in advance. The Elkhart County Surveyor's Office will present any comments submitted to the Board during the public hearing. If you wish to make public comment directly to the Board, please attend the Public Hearing. If you have questions, you may contact our office at (574) 971-4677.

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