



**State Regulated Wetland  
Class Determination Worksheet**

State Form: DRAFT  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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**Instructions:**

- (1) Complete this form when conducting wetland delineations where state-regulated (isolated) wetlands are present. One form should be completed for each state-regulated wetland.
- (2) If a wetland meets the definition for multiple wetland classes, the wetland will be classified according to the higher class.
- (3) Submit all completed forms with your wetland delineation and Approved Jurisdictional Determination when applying for Waters of the State Determinations or State Regulated Wetland Permits. Additional information regarding how to request Indiana Natural Heritage Data, including fees, required information, and timeframes, is available at <https://www.in.gov/dnr/nature-preserves/heritage-data-center/about-inhdc/>.

**Form Completed By:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Representing (Company Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Name:**

**Wetland ID:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Wetland Size (Acres):** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE REGULATED WETLAND CLASSIFICATION:**  Class I  Class II  Class III

**Class III Assessment**

(1) Is the wetland a listed rare or ecologically important type under IC 13-11-2-25.8(3)(B)?  Yes  No

If yes, please indicate:

- Acid Bog  Acid Seep  Circumneutral Bog  Circumneutral Seep  Cypress Swamp  Dune and Swale  
 Fen  Forested Fen  Forested Swamp  Marl Beach  Muck Flat  Panne  Sand Flat  
 Sedge Meadow  Shrub Swamp  Sinkhole Pond  Wet Floodplain Forest  Wet Prairie  Wet Sand Prairie

If yes, the Wetland is Class III. Check Class III at the top of the form and the form is now complete.  
If no, proceed to Question (2).

(2) Does the wetland generally possess the presence of, or habitat for rare, threatened, or endangered species within a ½ mile radius according to the IDNR Natural Heritage Database AND the species uses the habitat for any stage of its life cycle?  Yes  No

If yes, the Wetland is Class III. Check Class III at the top of the form and the form is now complete.  
If no, proceed to Question (3).

(3) Is the wetland in an undisturbed or minimally disturbed setting?  Yes  No

If yes, answer Question (4) and Question (5). If no, proceed to the Wetland Habitat Functional Assessment.

(4) Does the wetland support more than minimal wildlife or aqualic habitat?  Yes  No  Yes  No

If yes, the Wetland is Class III. Please complete the Habitat Functional Assessment below.

(5) Does the wetland support more than minimal hydrological function?  Yes  No  Yes  No

If yes, the Wetland is Class III. Please complete the Hydrology Functional Assessment below.

- Please include any additional comments, justifications, and/or supporting documentation related to the Class III Assessment as a separate attachment appended to this form.

**Any of the following scenarios indicate the Wetland is Class III:**

- Checking 'Yes' for Question 1
- Checking 'Yes' for Question 2
- Checking 'Yes' for Question 3 and Question 4

Checking 'Yes' for Question 3 and Question 5

If the Wetland is Class III, check Class III at the top of the form, complete the appropriate functional assessment on Page 2 (if applicable), and the form is now complete.

**Wetland Habitat Functional Assessment:**

(6) Does the wetland support moderate habitat? (see options below)

One "Yes" response below is needed to show moderate habitat function.

- Indicators of moderate habitat function:  Yes  No
  - Species of Special Concern within a ½ mile radius of the wetland according to the IDNR Natural Heritage Database AND the listed species or a life cycle stage uses wetlands for habitat?  Yes  No
  - Does the wetland provide critical habitat corridors for mobile, state-listed species  Yes  No
  - Are there Important Bird Areas (IBA) mapped for the wetland or within a ½ mile radius?  Yes  No  
<https://databasin.org/datasets/fdb91971a11d46d39661f0a56c3585ca/>
  - Is the wetland dominated by native species?  Yes  No
  - Do Rapid Assessment Methods indicate that the wetland supports moderate habitat?  Yes  No  
Indicate which method used:
  - Are other moderate habitat indicators present?  Yes  No  
(Explain as a separate attachment appended to this form)
- Please include any additional comments, justifications, and/or supporting documentation related to the Wetland Habitat Functional Assessment as a separate attachment appended to this form.

**Wetland Hydrology Functional Assessment:**

(7) Does the wetland support moderate hydrological function? (see options below)

Yes  No

Indicators of moderate hydrological function. At least one primary indicator or two secondary indicators are needed to show moderate hydrological function.

- Primary Indicators:
  - Wetland meets two or more primary hydrology indicators on the wetland determination data form.
  - Wetland is located within a floodway or floodplain.
  - Wetland position in the watershed is 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> order.
  - Dominant vegetation in wetland is highly adapted to prolonged inundation (FACW, OBL dominance).
  - Wetland possesses strong hydric soil indicators (gleyed matrix or >20% redox/mottles present).
  - Wetland is located within a groundwater Wellhead Protection Area.  
<https://www.in.gov/idem/cleanwater/information-about/groundwater-monitoring-and-source-water-protection/wellhead-protection-program/source-water-proximity-determination-tool/>
- Secondary Indicators:
  - Wetland is 0.75 acre or larger in size, indicating at least moderate water storage capacity.
  - Wetland substrate is sand or silt, indicating higher hydraulic conductivity.
  - Wetland is located within a highly developed landscape (>75% impervious surface in ½ mile radius).
  - Parcel with wetland is bordered by development, roads, or impervious surfaces.
  - Wetland supports multiple layers of species habitat (wading birds, dabblers, reptiles, amphibians, etc.)
  - Wetland is located within a drinking water Source Water Susceptibility Area.
  - Wetland is located within a drinking water Source Water Assessment Area
  - Other (Explain in Remarks)
- Please include any additional comments, justifications, and/or supporting documentation related to the Wetland Hydrology Functional Assessment as a separate attachment appended to this form.

**Any of the following scenarios indicate the Wetland is Class II:**

Checking 'Yes' to Question (6)

Checking 'Yes' to Question (7)

If the Wetland is Class II, check Class II at the top of the form, and the form is now complete.

If the Wetland is not Class III or Class II, check Class I at the top of the form and the form is now complete.

**Supporting Guidance Documents:**

- **Isolated Wetlands:** <https://www.in.gov/idem/wetlands/information-about/isolated-wetlands-program/>