

# Elliott Ditch Project Update

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On behalf of Arconic Lafayette, LLC, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) is pleased to provide this status update regarding the Elliott Ditch Project. As a reminder, project status updates will be provided weekly during clean-up activities and quarterly during non-clean-up activities, at a minimum. These updates will be posted on the Updates section of the Elliott Ditch Project Website (<http://elliottditchproject.cecinc.com/updates.aspx>).

- By-passing of Elliott Ditch in Upper Reach 1 (from the intersection of Concord Rd and Brady Ln to the Norfolk Southern railroad crossing) is complete. Backfill activities within Upper Reach 1 of Elliott Ditch are complete.
- Disturbed areas in Upper Reach 1 were restored (i.e., topsoil installation, seed, and straw). Tree planting activities will be initiated following completion of project activities in accordance with the Habitat Mitigation Plan.
- Excavation activities in Lower Reach 1, downstream of the Norfolk Southern railroad crossing, is complete. Additionally, both soil and sediment areas in Lower Reach 1 have been backfilled and restored.
- Excavation activities in Reach 2 (from the abandoned Norfolk Southern railroad crossing to the South 18<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge) are continuing the week of August 30<sup>th</sup>. Backfill and restoration will begin once excavation is complete.
- Site improvements (i.e., fencing/access road) and sediment excavation activities in Reach 3 on Duke Energy's property, off of Ortman Lane, will begin the week of August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Arconic has secured the following permits, which can be found by visiting the project repository at <http://elliottditchproject.cecinc.com/repository.aspx>:
  - United States Army Corp of Engineers Nationwide Permit 38;
  - Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) 401 Water Quality Certification;
  - IDEM NPDES Temporary Discharge General Permit;
  - NPDES General Construction Stormwater, Rule #5 Permit; and,
  - Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Construction in a Floodway Permit.
- The Interim Measures Work Plan (IMWP) summarizing this phase of the cleanup project can be found by visiting the project repository, or on IDEM's virtual file cabinet (<https://vfc.idem.in.gov/>, Document No. 83081121).
  - U.S. EPA issued approval of the IMWP in May 26, 2021.
  - IDEM issued approval of the IMWP on June 10, 2021

Should you have questions or concerns, please call the Elliott Ditch Hotline at 317-613-4514, or send an email to [elliottditchquestions@gmail.com](mailto:elliottditchquestions@gmail.com).

**Photographs:**



Photograph 1: Loading excavated material in Reach 2.