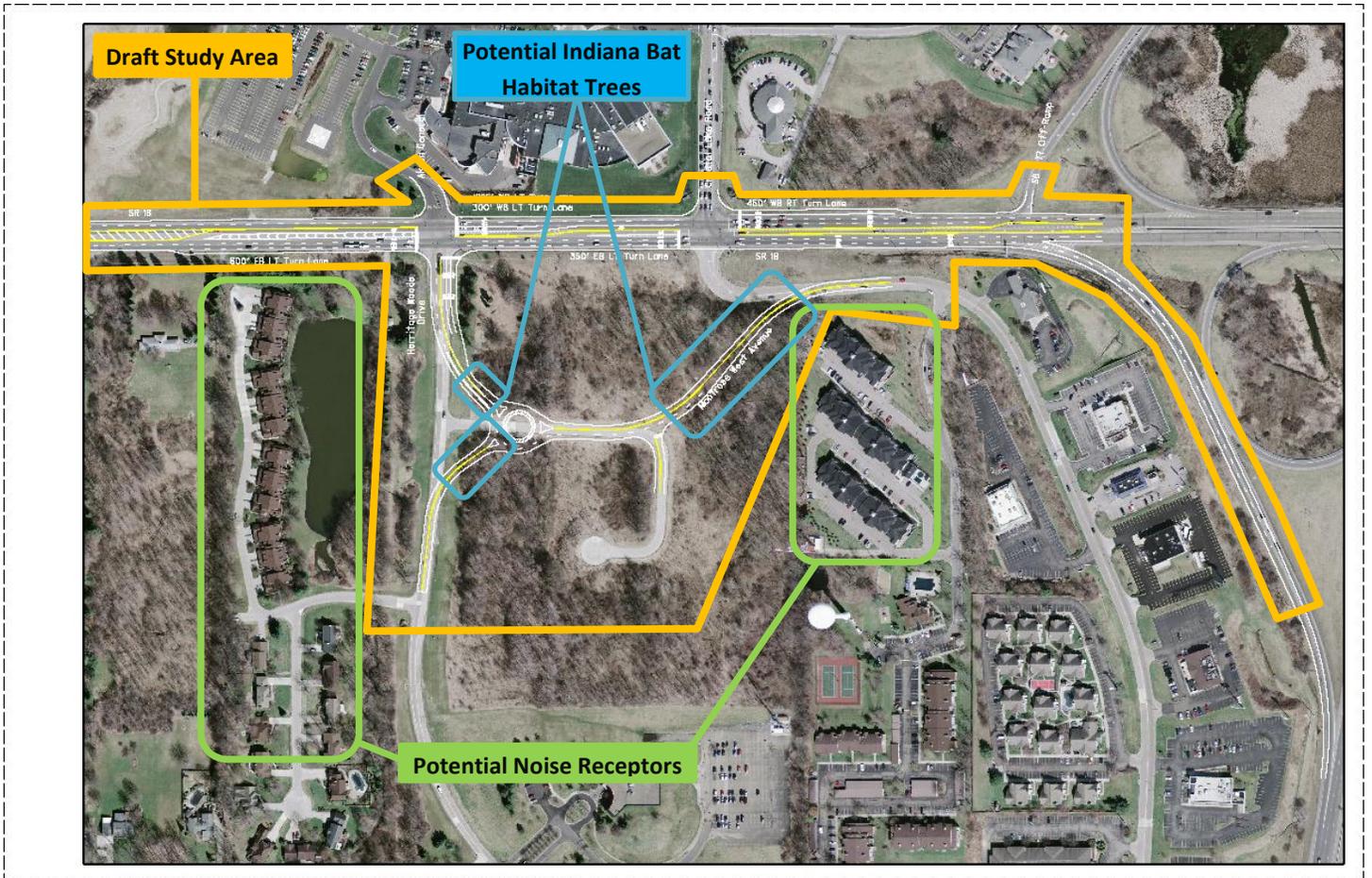


SUM-West Montrose ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY

Draft Environmental Study Area:



Environmental Summary

NOTE: This summary is based on a cursory review of the project study area. Future environmental studies are needed to confirm the presence of environmental resources in the project study area.

Ecological Resources. No streams, wetlands, or other surface waters are apparent in the project study area. A considerable amount of tree cutting is expected, so the project area will need to be evaluated for potential Indiana bat habitat.

Permits. No waterway permits are expected. An NPDES Construction Storm Water Permit is expected with post-construction storm water management likely to be required.

Cultural Resources. No resources eligible or listed for National Register of Historic Places as well as historic districts are apparent in the project study area. The project study is mostly disturbed by modern development, but some areas will need to be evaluated for archaeological resources.

Hazardous Materials/Environmental Site Assessment. There are no hazardous materials and regulated substance issues apparent in the project study area, however, further investigations are needed.

Noise. The project involves a road on a new alignment and shifting of an existing road, so noise investigations are needed to document any impact to receivers and potential mitigation. Area residents expressed concern over noise in previous public involvement activities.

Other Issues. There are no apparent issues in the project study area concerning drinking water resources, floodplains, farmland, 4(f)/6(f) resources, and environmental justice. The project involves a road on a new alignment, so air quality investigations are needed to document any impact.

Public Involvement. Some public controversy has been associated with this project during study phase. The primary concerns from the public involved re-routing traffic through residential areas, congestion, neighborhood safety, noise, and housing values.