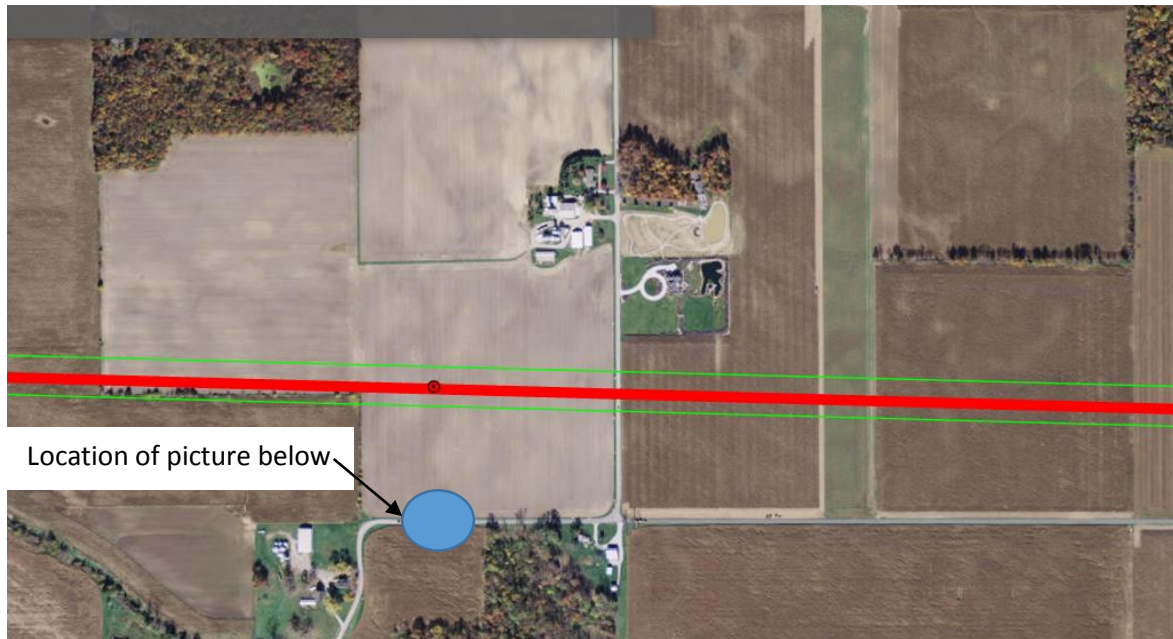
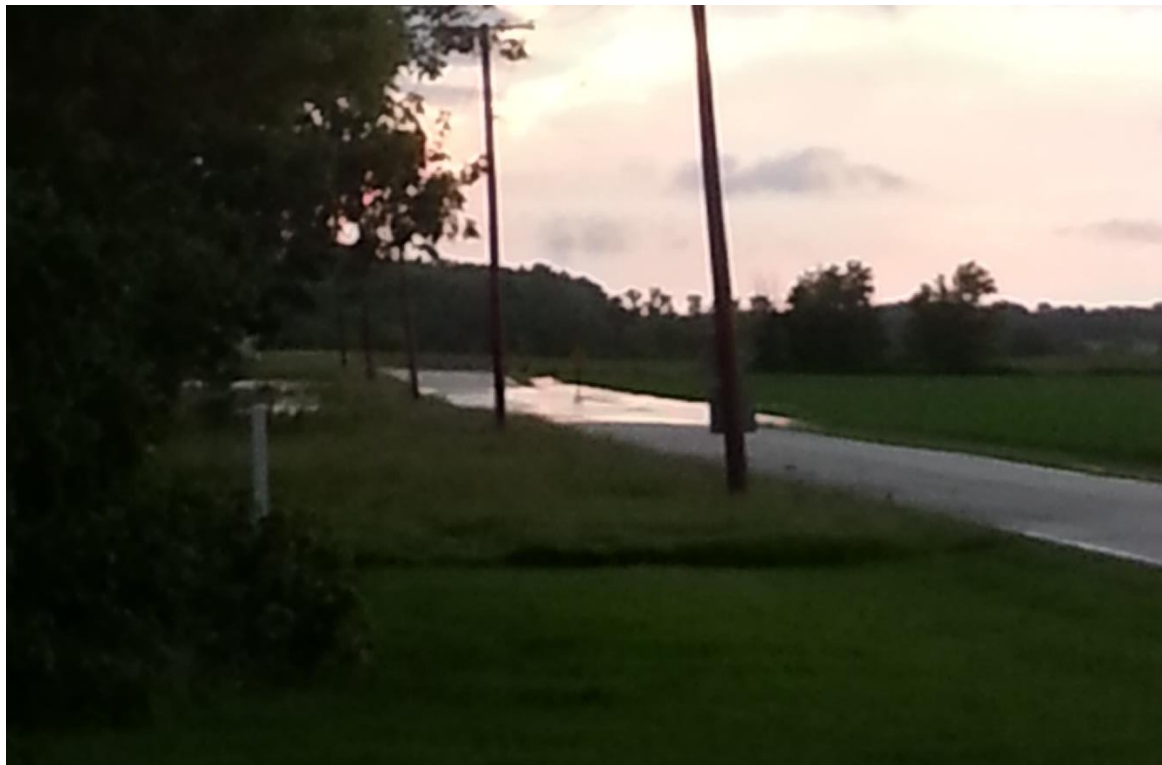


The purposed route splits my fields near Boone Grove across the flow of the natural drainage.



The heavy soils in this area create large amounts of surface water. The picture below is the water crossing the road to the south after a rain event. The railroad will act like a dam and slow the water and cause flooding damage to crops. We have to get the water off the crops as quick as possible or the plants will die. The railroad will also most likely damage underground clay tiles that help remove water from low spots in the field causing additional flooding.



This picture is just east of 200 West on 450 S. after a rain event.



This picture is my backyard after the same rain event. I normally don't have any water. This is my grass yard that I mow. The amount of water that flows through here turns my yard into a river!



This is prime farmland and the impact on drainage could destroy the productivity of the rest of the farm. We know this will happen because we are not far from north Porter County which has major drainage problems in fields due to the interstates and railroads that have passed through there. The railroad should not be built, but if it is the GLB should be required to proactively work with an agriculture drainage company to minimize any flooding.