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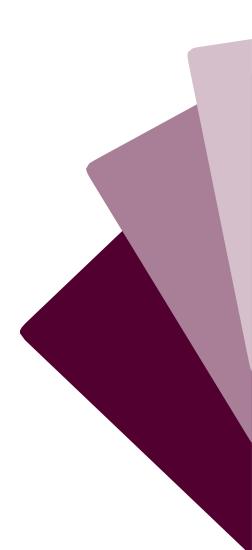


Pre-Construction Notification

Ohio to Erie Bridge over Big Walnut Creek

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ON BEHALF OF

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

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INTRODUCTION

This Pre Construction Notification (PCN) has been prepared as an attachment document to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 application for a permit to impact jurisdictional waters of the U.S. This PCN pertains to the rehabilitation of the Ohio to Erie Bridge over Walnut Creek (the "Project").

In the construction of the Project, total impact are proposed to 0.30 acres of Waters of the United States (WOTUS), including temporary impacts to 0.02 acres of wetland and 0.28 acres of stream as well as 0.001 acre of permanent stream fill. This report provides the information to show compliance with the terms and conditions of Nationwide Permit (NWP) 3. With these documents, we are requesting verification from the district engineer that this project complies with NWP 3 prior to commencing the proposed work.

In response to this NWP verification request and PCN, the district engineer reviews the information submitted by the permittee. If the district engineer determines that the activity complies with the terms and conditions of the NWP, the engineer will notify the permittee. Special conditions may be added to the NWP authorization to ensure that the activity results in minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the aquatic environment and other public interest factors. The special conditions are incorporated into the NWP verification, along with the NWP text and the NWP general conditions. The district engineer will respond to NWP verification requests within 45 days of receiving a complete PCN. A PCN is considered complete once all agency concerns/comments have been addressed.

Included in this report is information to show compliance with the conditions of the USACE NWP 3. This includes evaluation for endangered species, potential designation of onsite streams, water quality management and erosion control methods, assessments of wetlands, and a mitigation proposal.



1.0 RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

Name, address and telephone numbers of the prospective permittee:

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2.0 SITE LOCATION

The project site is approximately 1 acre in size and is located in the Village of Sunbury, Delaware County, Ohio. The property consists of PPN(s): 41623001062001 (partial) and 41623301063001 (partial). The site is located at 40.244963° by -82.848226° latitude/longitude. See the Location Map (Appendix A) for details.

3.0 NWP AUTHORIZATION

This Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) has been prepared on behalf of Preservation Park of Delaware County. This is an attachment document to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 application for authorization under Nationwide Permit #3 to impact jurisdictional waters of the U.S. This report provides the information to show compliance with the terms and conditions of Nationwide Permit (NWP) #3.



4.0 PROJECT DISCRIPTION

The Project involves the rehabilitation of the Ohio to Erie Bridge over Walnut Creek in the Village of Sunbury, Delaware County, Ohio. The existing Train Trestle Bridge is 200 ft. long, approximately 45 ft. high, spanning the width of Big Walnut Creek with riveted twin steel plate girder superstructure supported on concrete abutments and piers.

The proposed rehabilitation is intended to support a wider multi-use trial and strengthen the structural integrity of the bridge to prolong its useful life. This rehabilitation work includes: clean and paint entire steel superstructure, fix rear abutment scour and foundation undermining problem, replace existing narrow trail deck with a proposed 10 ft. wide walkway, repair and patch spalled bridge seat at all substructure units and seal surfaces with epoxy-urethane sealer, clean and refurbish all bearings, and repair embankment at new approach pavement at forward abutment.

The bridge construction rehabilitation work will be accomplished through temporary access fill (TAF), in accordance with ODOT Bridge Design Manual Section 201.3.2, which will be used as the medium for construction access within stream. TAF area includes 60 ft. south of bridge and 30 ft. north of bridge, totaling a length of 110 ft. and area of 0.28 acres within Big Walnut Creek. The maximum placement height of TAF will be set approximately one foot above the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM). TAF shall accommodate a flow rate equal to twice the highest mean monthly flows such that backwater elevation does not exceed the OWHM. Immediately following construction TAF shall be removed in its entirety and any affected areas of the stream banks will be restored to pre-construction contours and revegetated.

The proposed work at rear abutment includes scour mitigation and countermeasures to hamper the degradation. This includes a concrete encasement around foundation that will result in the permanent fill of 0.001 acre beneath the OWHM of Big Walnut Creek.

The construction of the Project will result in the temporary impact to 0.02 acres of wetland and 0.28 linear feet of stream as well as 0.001 acre of permanent stream fill. See the Wetland Impact Map in Appendix B for details.



5.0 DELINEATION

CT Consultants completed a wetland delineation in August 2021, to determine the presence, extent, and quality of wetlands, streams, and other surface water resources that may be subject to regulation under Section 404 and 401 of the United States Clean Water Act. The wetland delineation was performed in accordance with the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual and the 2012 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Delineating manual: Midwest Region (Version 2.0). This report summarizes the results of our wetland investigation.

A review of the available data has been completed to evaluate potential conditions of the site. A walk through of the property revealed that there were wetland areas on the property. Points were plotted on the property to best characterize the wetland and non-wetland areas. Field investigations were completed to determine the wetland boundaries. Delineated wetland boundaries have been marked on the property using neon pink wetland flagging. These boundaries were plotted on a map of the site and the areas were digitally calculated. Thus, it was determined that 0.02 acres of wetlands and 225 linear feet of stream are present within study site.

5.1 METHODOLOGY

On August 17, 1991, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was directed under the 1991 appropriation bill to utilize the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual. The Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Midwest Region (Version 2.0) was issued in April 2012 and is to be used in conjunction with the 1987 Manual. This Supplement is applicable to all or portions of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

An experienced wetland scientist has reviewed all available resources of information including historic aerial photographs and topographic maps, as well as technical criteria and field indicators to assess the site in accordance to the USACE Wetlands Delineation Manual. Wetland Determination Data Forms are included in Appendix D.



5.2 RESOURCE INFORMATION

USDA SOIL SURVEY

The US Department of Agriculture *Web Soil Survey* (Appendix A) indicated the presence of the following soil types in declining order that are present on the site:

1. LoA	(75%)	Lobdell silt loam, channery substratum	0 to 2 percent slopes, occasionally flooded
2. W	(25%)	Water	

None of the above listed soil series are listed as "hydric" within the *Hydric Soils of the United States* (1987).

NATIONAL WETLAND INVENTORY

An examination of the US Fish and Wildlife National Wetland Inventory (NWI) Map, (Appendix A) indicates a previously mapped Riverine feature (Big Walnut Creek) within the study site. This area roughly correspond to the currently mapped Big Walnut Creek. The NWI map has been compiled using aerial photography in conjunction with collateral data sources and fieldwork. It should be noted that, however useful it may be as a preliminary wetland resource, the size and shape of wetlands could vary greatly between the available data sources and the on-site observed conditions. NWI maps are not to be construed as the final authority for wetlands existence.

5.3 SITE CHARACTERISTICS

This property is located within the Till Plains Region of central Ohio. The surficial geology of the property was formed by the deposition of silty glacial till or loamy material over silty glacial till. The soils on the property are of the Cardington-Bennington association and are nearly level to steep, moderately well drained, poorly drained, and very poorly drained soils; formed on an undulating low-lime glacial till plain.

The property consists primarily of forested plant communities. Surrounding land use is primarily forested and residential.



5.4 LAND COVER/PLANT COMMUNITIES

Plant communities and/or land covers were determined by characterizing the dominant vegetative strata present within areas that share similar topographical relief, soil types and hydrology. A map of the land covers is located in Appendix C.

1. Mixed Hardwood, Hydrophytic:

Species include American sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*), American elm (*Ulmus americana*), Common Violet (*Viola sororia*), White Grass (*Leersia virginiana*), False Nettle (*Boehmeria cylindrica*), and Poison Ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*).

2. Mixed Hardwood, Mesophytic:

Species include Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*), American Basswood (*Tilia americana*), American Beech (*Fagus grandifolia*), Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*), Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*), Poison Ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*), and Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*).

5.5 WETLAND DELINEATION RESULTS

It has been determined that 0.02 acres of wetlands and 225 linear feet of Big Walnut Creek are present on the study site. It is the opinion of CT Consultants that wetlands and streams are considered federally jurisdictional 'Waters of the United States' (WOTUS).

5.6 EXTENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The wetland boundaries were plotted on a map of the site and the areas were digitally calculated. (See the Delineation Map in Appendix B). The following tables show a breakdown of the wetland and stream areas.

Table 1. E	Extent of V	Vater Resou	urces- Wetlands	5		
Wetland Label	Area (ac.)	Wetland Type	Jurisdictional Status ¹	ORAM Category	Latitude	Longitude
W-A	0.02	Forested	Jurisdictional	2	40.245073°	-82.848003°

¹Preliminary jurisdictional status based on the professional opinion of CT Consultants; subject to review by USACE.



Table 2. Field Quantitative Assessments- Streams								
Stream label								
Big Walnut Creek	225	140- 160	Per.	64.5	4	40.244963°	-82.848226°	

6.0 MITIGATION

The Project will result in a loss of 0.001 acres of waters of the United States. Additional impacts include 0.02 acres of temporary wetland impact, and 0.28 acres of temporary perennial stream impact for construction. Below is a discussion of compensatory mitigation and restoration that offsets the unavoidable impacts for the construction of the project.

6.1 WETLAND MITIGATION

Proposed wetland impacts are minimal (0.02 acres) and temporary for construction access. Temporary fill will be removed immediately following construction and wetland will be restored to pre-construction contours and revegetated. The project will not result in a loss of wetlands and no mitigation is proposed.

6.2 STREAM MITIGATION

The proposed 0.001 acre of permanent fill to Big Walnut Creek is minimal and beneath the compensatory mitigation requirement. Sandbags and pumps will be used to keep abutment foundation dry for concrete pouring.

The proposed 0.28 acres of temporary impacts to Big Walnut Creek for the purposes of heavy machinery access for bridge rehabilitation. Temporary Access Fill (TAF) will be used in accordance with ODOT BDM Section 201.3.2 and will be removed immediately following construction activities. Flow will be sustained to protect aquatic life and prevent the interruption of existing downstream use. The stream impact is unlikely to have any effect on lowering of the water quality. TAF includes removal of fill material to pre-construction contours and revegetation of disturbed stream banks.



7.0 LISTED SPECIES

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) was consulted with to obtain an official list of threatened and endangered species that may occur within the project boundaries (TAILS# 03E15000-2021-TA-2351). After reviewing the comments from the USFWS a total of two mammal species were identified. A copy of the USFWS official response is provided in Appendix F.

See the following chart for a breakdown of the identified species, results of the habitat assessment, and potential effects to each species.

Table 5. Information for Planning and Consultation Species List							
Scientific NameCommon NameFederalHabitatSpeciesStatusPresentImpacted							
Mammals							
Myotis septentrionalis	Northern long-eared bat	Threatened	Summer	Potential			
Myotis sodalist	Indiana bat	Endangered	Summer	Potential			

Northern long-eared Bat (Myotis septentrionalis) and Indiana Bat (Myotis sodalist):

The federally endangered Indiana bat and the federally threatened Northern long-eared bat have distinct habitats during the winter and summer months. During the winter, both of these species can be found hibernating in underground hibernacula typically consisting of caves and abandoned mines. The summer habitat for these species consist of variety of forested habitats, which are, utilized for roosting, foraging, and commuting. Critical habitat has been designated for the Indiana bat but this project is not located within it. No critical habitat has been designated for the Northern long-eared bat.

No caves or mines were identified during the habitat assessment; therefore, no winter habitat for these species is present in the project boundary.

The project area contains a less than 1 acres of wooded habitat that contained suitable summer roosting, foraging, and commuting habitat for the Indiana and Northern long-eared bat.



Effects and Minimization

To complete the project, it is necessary to clear a total of 0.14 acres of suitable forested habitat. Trees will be cleared during the Seasonal clearing limits (October 1 – March 31) to reduce adverse effects to these species. Due to the lack of potential winter habitat in the project boundaries, no adverse effects to hibernating Indiana or Northern long-eared bats are anticipated from the project.

8.0 HISTORICAL PROPERTIES AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

The project is intended for the bridge to be rehabilitated to support a wider multi-use trail. The work will also strengthen the structural integrity of the bridge and prolong its useful life. Given the project type, it is unlikely to affect Historic Places or cultural resources.

9.0 NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SYSTEM

There are no scenic river systems on or near the project site.

10.0 CONCLUSION

The construction of the Project will result in 0.02 acres of temporary wetland impacts, 0.28 acres of temporary perennial stream impact and 0.001 acre of permanent perennial stream fill. Based on all of the information provided in this Pre-construction Notification, the applicant is requesting Department of the Army authorization to proceed with the project under Nationwide Permit #3.

Please contact me with any questions you may have concerning this submittal.

Respectfully,

CT Consultants, Inc.

Carrie Ricker, PWS Director of Ecological Services



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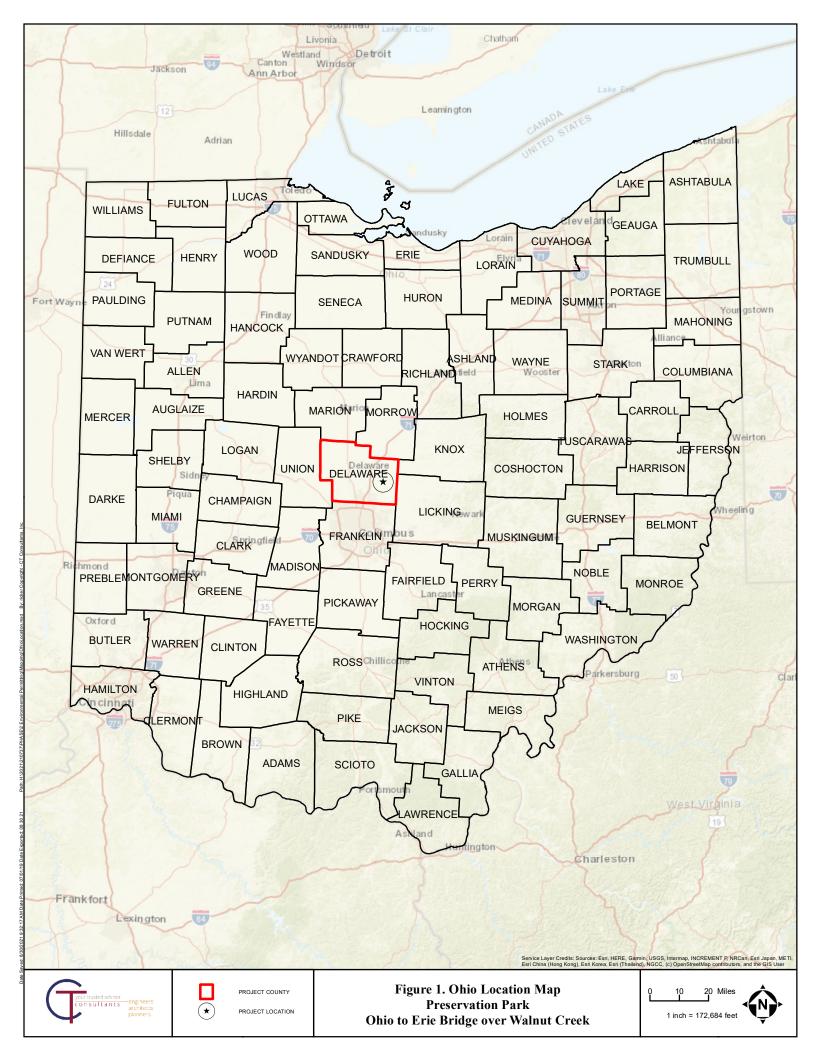
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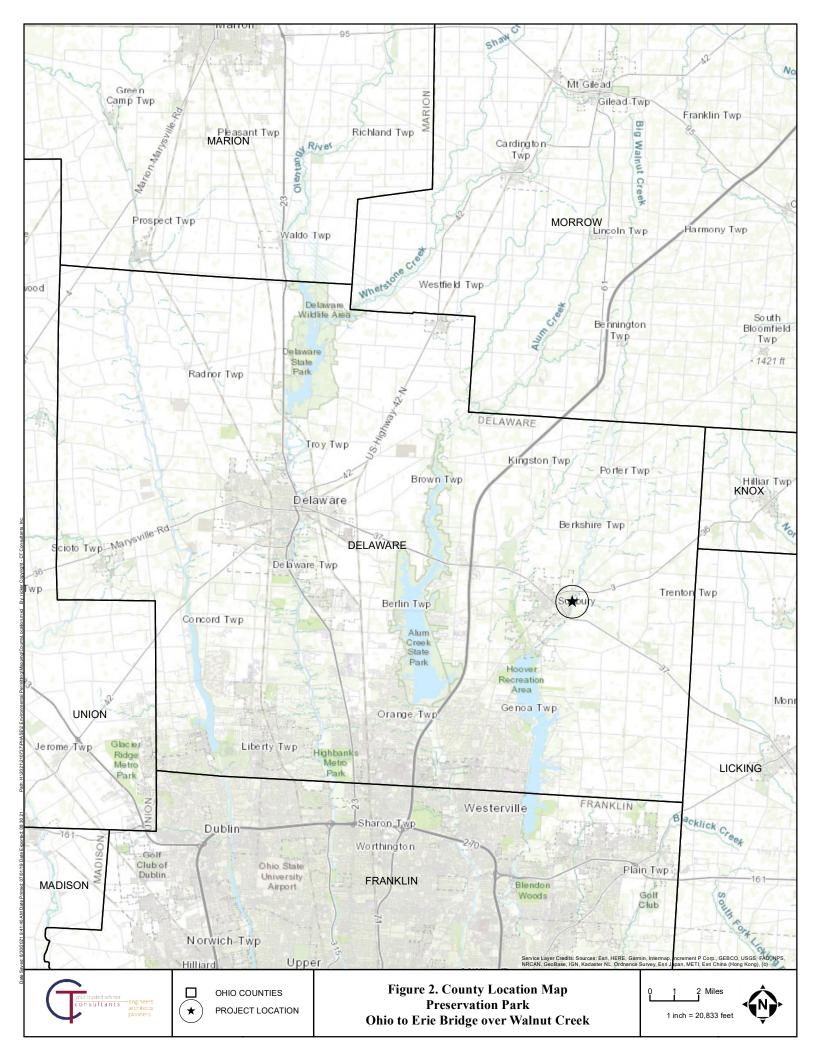
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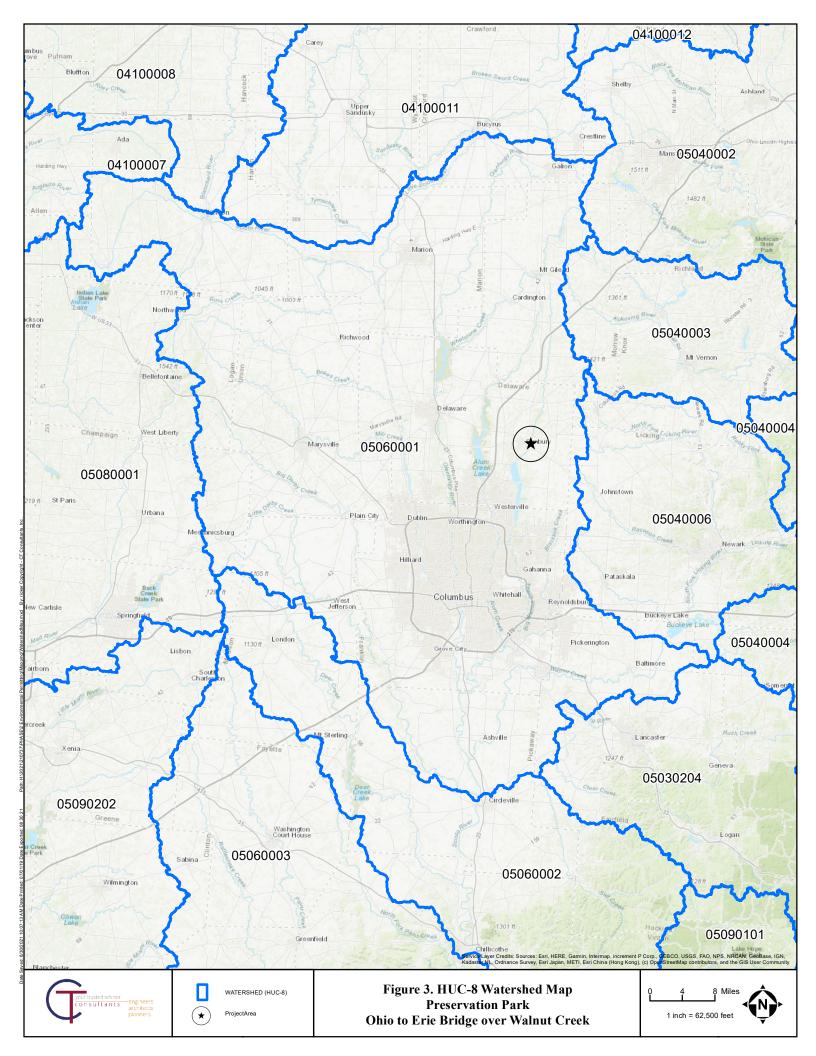


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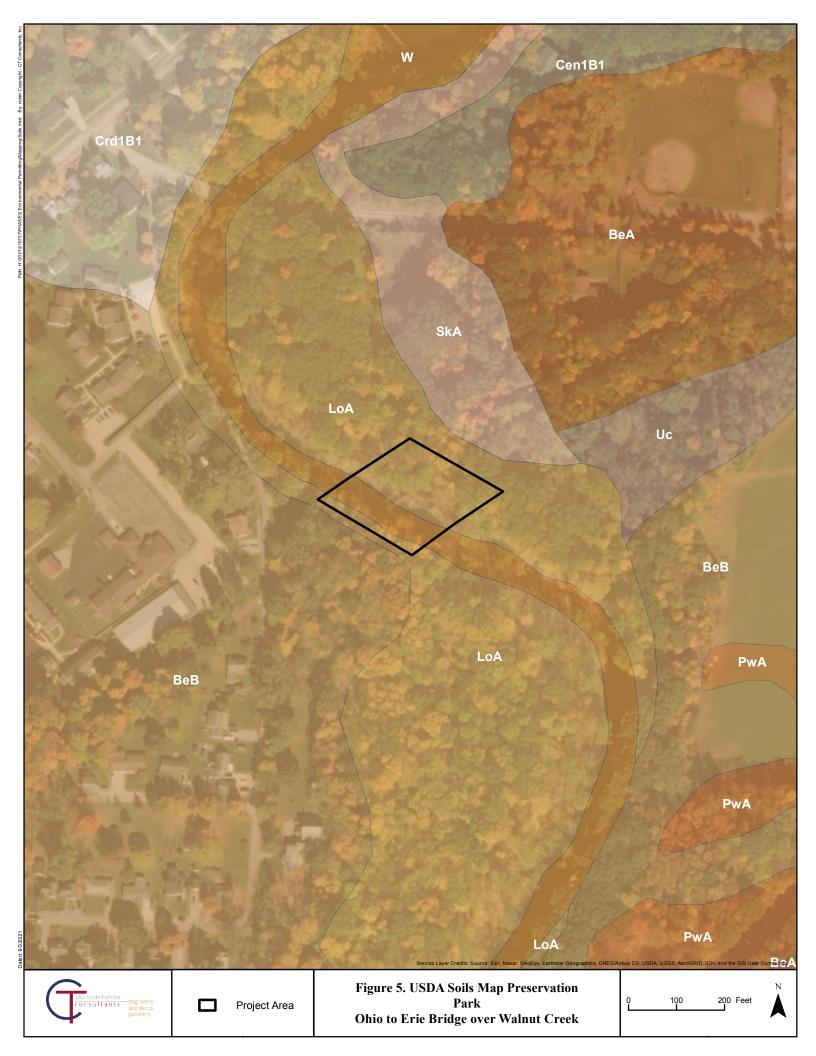
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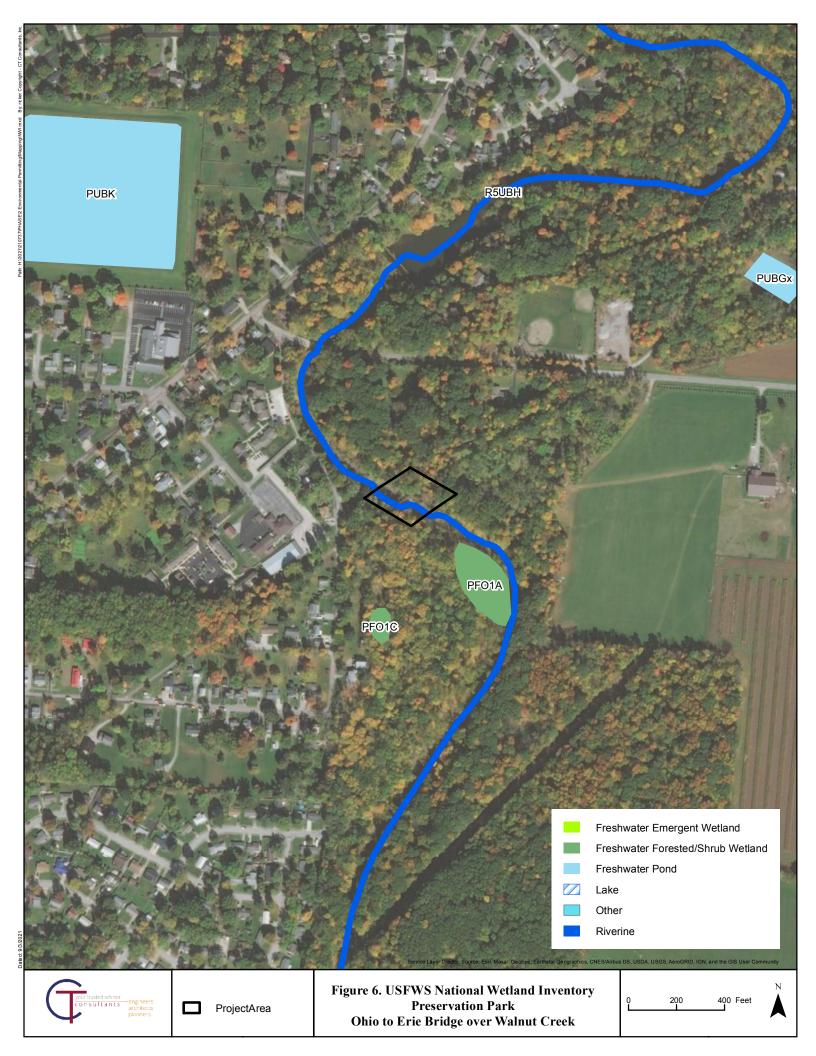


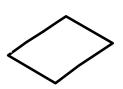








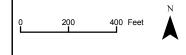




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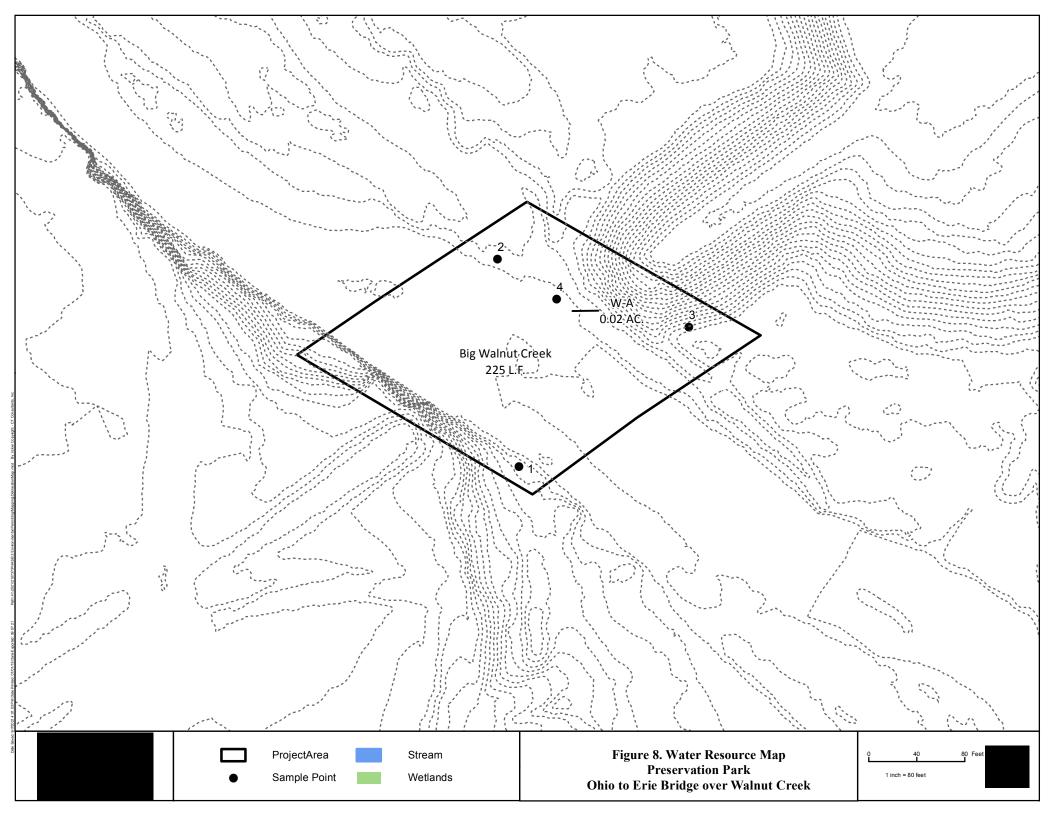
Figure 7. FEMA Flood Hazard Preservation Parks Ohio to Erie Bridge over Walnut Creek



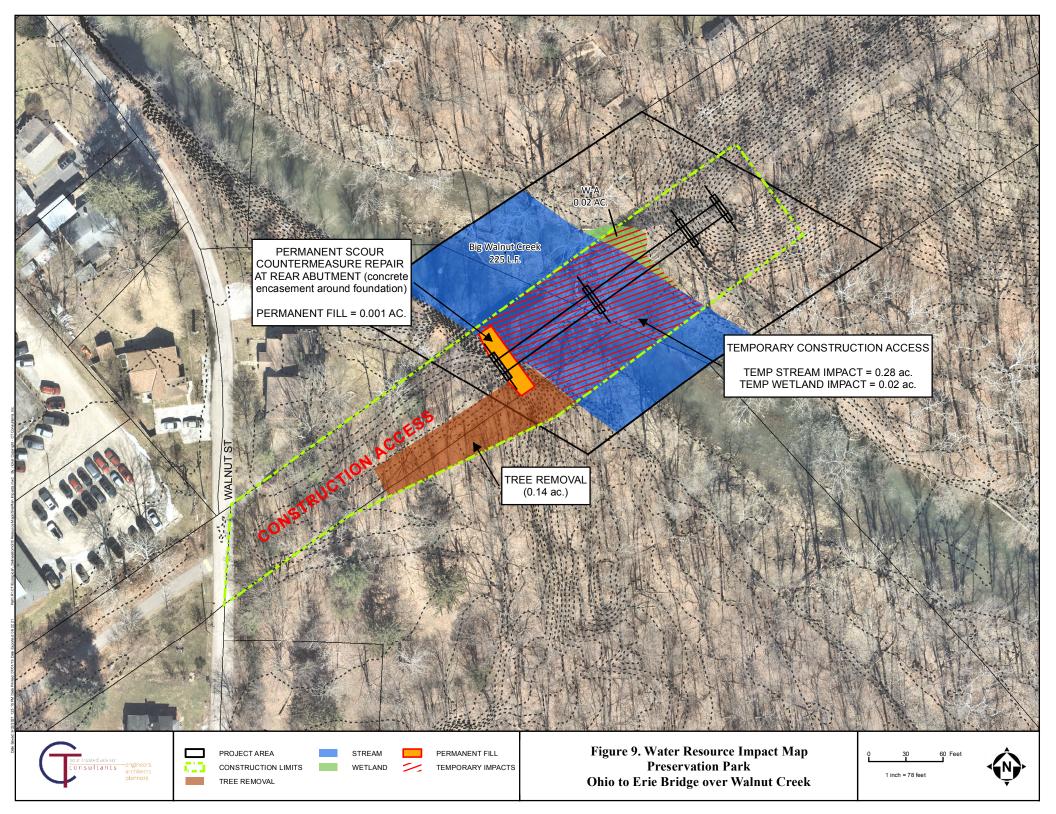
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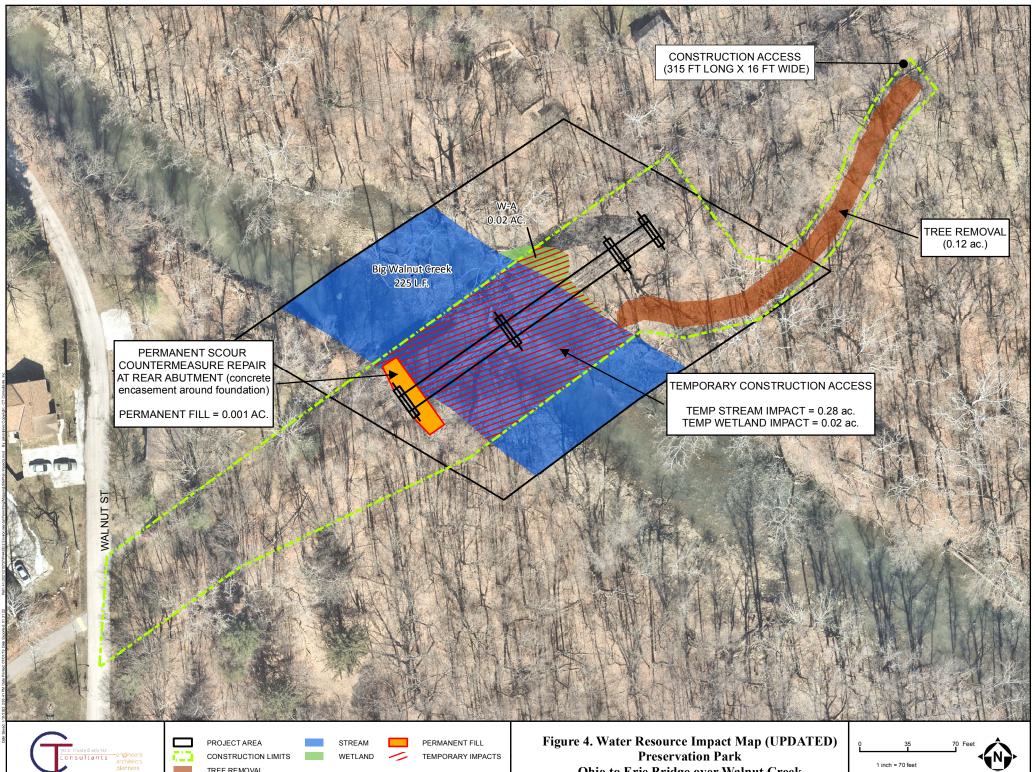
Appendix B

Water Resource Map



Appendix C Site Plan Impact Map





CONSTRUCTION LIMITS
TREE REMOVAL

WETLAND \sim

TEMPORARY IMPACTS

Preservation Park Ohio to Erie Bridge over Walnut Creek



Appendix D Wetland Data Sheets

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region

Project/Site: Preservation Park		City/Count	y: Sunbury	/ / Delaware	Sampling Date:	08/17/21
Applicant/Owner:			_	State: OH	Sampling Point:	1
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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region

Project/Site: Preservation Park	City/Co	unty: Sunbury	/ Delaware	Sampling Dat	e: 08/17/21	
Applicant/Owner:			State: OH	Sampling Poir	nt: 2	
Investigator(s): Emmett Messer-Kruse, Lindsay Jackovljevic	Section,	Township, Rar				
Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): Hillside		Local relief (co	oncave, convex, none):			
Slope (%): 5-10 Lat: 40.245206°	Lona:	-82.848207°	-	Datum:		
Soil Map Unit Name: Lobdell silt loam	3		NWI classif			
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this tin	ne of vear?	Yes	No (If no, exp			
Are Vegetation , Soil , or Hydrology significar	•		ircumstances" present?		No	
					NO	
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrologynaturally			blain any answers in Re			
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map sho	wing sampli	ng point lo	cations, transects	, important f	eatures, et	tC.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes No X Hydric Soil Present? Yes No X Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No X		e Sampled Aro in a Wetland?		No <u>X</u>		
Remarks:						
VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.						
Absolu <u>Tree Stratum</u> (Plot size:) % Cov		Indicator Status	Dominance Test wor	ksheet:		
1. Acer saccharum25	Yes	FACU	Number of Dominant			
2. Platanus occidentalis 15	Yes	FACW	Are OBL, FACW, or F		3 (A))
3.Carya ovata15	Yes	FACU	Total Number of Dom	inant Species		
4			Across All Strata:		7 (B))
5		·	Percent of Dominant			
Saaliaa/Ohruk Stratura (Distaire)	=Total Cove	r	Are OBL, FACW, or F	AC:	42.9% (A/E	B)
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size:) 1. Rosa multiflora 5	Yes	FACU	Prevalence Index wo	vrkshoot.		
2.	163	1,400	Total % Cover of		iply by:	
3.		·	OBL species 0		<u> </u>	
4.			FACW species 1		30	
5.			FAC species 10	0 x 3 =	30	

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4.				FACW species 15 x 2 =	= 30
5.				FAC species 10 x 3 =	= 30
	5	=Total Cover		FACU species 45 x 4 =	180
Herb Stratum (Plot size:)		_		UPL species 5 x 5 =	25
1. Toxicodendron radicans	5	Yes	FAC	Column Totals: 75 (A)	<u>265</u> (B)
2. Fragaria vesca	5	Yes	UPL	Prevalence Index = B/A =	3.53
3. Solidago rugosa	5	Yes	FAC		
4.				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicato	rs:
5.				1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic	Vegetation
6.				2 - Dominance Test is >50%	
7.				3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹	
8.				4 - Morphological Adaptations	¹ (Provide supporting
9.				data in Remarks or on a se	
10.				Problematic Hydrophytic Vege	tation ¹ (Explain)
	15	=Total Cover			
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:)				¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetlat be present, unless disturbed or pro-	
1				Hydrophytic	
2.				Vegetation	
		=Total Cover			<u>x</u>
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separ	ate sheet.)		-	

SOIL

	Matrix		Redo	x Featur				
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²	Texture	Remarks
0-4	10YR 4/2	100					Loamy/Clayey	
4-18	10YR 4/4	90	2.5YR 6/2	10	D	PL	Loamy/Clayey	
	·							
	Concentration, D=Dep	letion, RM	=Reduced Matrix, N	MS=Mas	ked Sand	d Grains		PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.
-	Indicators:							s for Problematic Hydric Soils ³ :
Histoso	()		Sandy Gle	•	rix (S4)			Prairie Redox (A16)
	pipedon (A2)		Sandy Red					Manganese Masses (F12)
	istic (A3)		Stripped N		5)			Parent Material (F21)
	en Sulfide (A4)		Dark Surfa	• •				Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
	d Layers (A5)		Loamy Mu	•	. ,		Other	(Explain in Remarks)
	uck (A10) d Rolow Dork Surfood	. (Loamy Gle Depleted N					
	d Below Dark Surface ark Surface (A12)	e (ATT)	Redox Da		,		³ Indicator	s of hydrophytic vegetation and
	Mucky Mineral (S1)		Depleted [` '			nd hydrology must be present,
	ucky Peat or Peat (S3	3)	Redox Depleted I		```			s disturbed or problematic.
		,		proceien	0 (1 0)	<u> </u>		
Type:	Layer (if observed):							
Depth (i	nches):						Hydric Soil Present	2 Vac No V
							Tryunc Son Tresent	? Yes <u>No X</u>
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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region

Project/Site: Preservation Park	City/County: Sunbury	y / Delaware	S	Sampling Date:	08/17/2	21
Applicant/Owner:		State:	OH S	Sampling Point:	3	3
Investigator(s): Emmett Messer-Kruse, Lindsay Jackovljevic	Section, Township, Ra	inge:				
Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): Hillside	Local relief (c	concave, conve	ex, none):			
Slope (%): 30 Lat: 40.245026°	Long: <u>-82.847668°</u>		Dat	tum:		
Soil Map Unit Name: Lobdell silt loam		N	IWI classificat	tion:		
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of ye	ear? Yes	No	(If no, explain	n in Remarks.)		
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrologysignificantly dist	urbed? Are "Normal (Circumstances	" present?	Yes No	<u></u> د	
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrologynaturally problem	matic? (If needed, ex	plain any ansv	vers in Remar	rks.)		
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing		ocations, tra	ansects, in	nportant fea	tures,	etc.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes No X Hydric Soil Present? Yes No X Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No X	Is the Sampled A within a Wetland?		′es	No <u>X</u>		
Remarks:						
VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.						
	Dominant Indicator Species? Status	Dominance	e Test worksl	heet:		
1. Acer saccharum 40 2. Carya ovata 10	Yes FACU Yes FACU		Dominant Spe ACW, or FAC		2_((A)
3. 4.		Total Numb Across All S	er of Dominar Strata:	nt Species	5 ((B)

	Absolute	Dominant	Indicator			
Tree Stratum (Plot size:)	% Cover	Species?	Status	Dominance Test worksheet:		
1. Acer saccharum	40	Yes	FACU	Number of Dominant Species That		
2. Carya ovata	10	Yes	FACU	Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:	2	(A)
3				Total Number of Dominant Species		
4.				Across All Strata:	5	(B)
5				Percent of Dominant Species That		
	50	=Total Cover		Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:	40.0%	(A/B)
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size:)						
1				Prevalence Index worksheet:		
2.				Total % Cover of: Mu	ltiply by:	_
3.				OBL species 0 x 1 =	0	-
4.				FACW species 0 x 2 =	0	
5.				FAC species 20 x 3 =	60	-
		=Total Cover		FACU species 60 x 4 =	240	-
Herb Stratum (Plot size:)				UPL species 0 x 5 =	0	-
1. Persicaria virginiana	10	Yes	FAC	Column Totals: 80 (A)	300	(B)
2. Toxicodendron radicans	10	Yes	FAC	Prevalence Index = B/A =	3.75	-
3. Parthenocissus quinquefolia	10	Yes	FACU			-
4.				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators	:	
5.				1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic V	egetation	
6.				2 - Dominance Test is >50%	-	
7.				$3 - Prevalence Index is \le 3.0^{1}$		
8.		·		4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide sup	porting
9.		·		data in Remarks or on a sepa	rate sheet)	
10.		·		Problematic Hydrophytic Vegeta	ition ¹ (Expla	ain)
	30	=Total Cover		¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland	Ibydrology	must
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:)		•		be present, unless disturbed or probl	, 0,	must
1				· · ·		
2.		·		Hydrophytic Vegetation		
		=Total Cover		Present? Yes No	Х	
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separ	ate sheet.)			<u> </u>		

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Depth	Matrix			x Featur		1 2	-			
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²	Texture		Remarks	
0-3	10YR 4/2	100					Loamy/Clayey			
3-18	10YR 4/4	100					Loamy/Clayey			
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Hydric Soil	oncentration, D=Dep	letion, Rivi=	Reduced Matrix, N	/IS=IVIas	ked Sand	Grains		on: PL=Pore Li		
Histosol			Sandy Gle	vod Mot	riv (S4)			ast Prairie Redo	-	5011S :
	oipedon (A2)		Sandy Gle	•	. ,			n-Manganese M		
Black Hi			Stripped N					d Parent Materi		
	n Sulfide (A4)		Dark Surfa)			ry Shallow Dark	. ,	2)
	Layers (A5)		Loamy Mu		eral (F1)			her (Explain in F		-)
	ick (A10)		Loamy Gle	-			0		(onland)	
	Below Dark Surface	e (A11)	Depleted N	-						
	ark Surface (A12)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Redox Dar				³ Indicat	tors of hydrophy	rtic vegetation) and
	lucky Mineral (S1)		Depleted [. ,			tland hydrology	-	
	icky Peat or Peat (S3	5)	Redox Dep					ess disturbed o		
Restrictive	Layer (if observed):	,			· · /				•	
Type:										
Depth (ir	nches):						Hydric Soil Prese	ent?	Yes	No X
Remarks:	,									
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Wetland Hv	drology Indicators:									
-	cators (minimum of c	ne is requir	ed; check all that	apply)			Second	dary Indicators (minimum of t	wo required)
	Water (A1)		Water-Stai		ves (B9)			rface Soil Crack		
High Wa	iter Table (A2)		Aquatic Fa	iuna (B1	3)		Dra	ainage Patterns	(B10)	
Saturatio	on (A3)		True Aqua	tic Plant	s (B14)		Dry	/-Season Water	Table (C2)	
Water M	arks (B1)		Hydrogen	Sulfide (Odor (C1))	Cra	ayfish Burrows (C8)	
Sedimer	nt Deposits (B2)		Oxidized R	hizosph	eres on L	_iving R	oots (C3) Sa	turation Visible	on Aerial Ima	gery (C9)
Drift Dep	oosits (B3)		Presence	of Redu	ced Iron (C4)	Stu	unted or Stresse	ed Plants (D1))
Algal Ma	it or Crust (B4)		Recent Iro	n Reduc	tion in Ti	lled Soil	s (C6) Ge	omorphic Positi	on (D2)	
Iron Dep	osits (B5)		Thin Muck	Surface	e (C7)		FA	C-Neutral Test	(D5)	
Inundatio	on Visible on Aerial I	magery (B7))Gauge or \	Nell Dat	a (D9)					
Sparsely	Vegetated Concave	Surface (B	8)Other (Exp	olain in F	(emarks					
Field Obser	vations:									
Surface Wat	er Present? Ye	s	No	Depth (i	nches):					
Water Table	Present? Ye	s			nches):					
Saturation P	resent? Ye	s	No	Depth (i	nches):		Wetland Hydro	logy Present?	Yes	No X
(includes ca	oillary fringe)									
Describe Re	corded Data (stream	gauge, mo	nitoring well, aeria	l photos	, previous	s inspec	tions), if available:			
Remarks:										

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region

Project/Site: Preservation Park	C	City/County: Sunbu	ıry / Delaware	Sampling Date:	08/17/21
Applicant/Owner:			State: OH	Sampling Point:	4
Investigator(s): Emmett Messer-Kruse, Lindsay Jacko	ovljevic Se	ection, Township, R	Range:		
Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): Hillside			(concave, convex, none):		
Slope (%): Lat: 40.245108°		Long: -82.848043°		Datum:	
Soil Map Unit Name: Lobdell silt loam		-	NWI classifi	-	
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical	for this time of year				
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology			Circumstances" present?		'n
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology			explain any answers in Rer		
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site n	_				tures etc
Hydric Soil Present? Yes X	No No No	Is the Sampled A within a Wetland		No	
Remarks:					
VEGETATION – Use scientific names of p	lants.				I
	Absolute Dom	ninant Indicator	Т		
Tree Stratum (Plot size:)		cies? Status	Dominance Test wor	ksheet:	
1. Platanus occidentalis		res FACW	Number of Dominant S	•	- (A)
2. Ulmus americana		Yes FACW	Are OBL, FACW, or F		<u>5</u> (A)
 Carya ovata 4. 	10	No FACU	Total Number of Domi Across All Strata:	•	5 (B)
4 5.					<u> </u>
		I Cover	Percent of Dominant S Are OBL, FACW, or F		0.0% (A/B)
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size:	_)		Prevalence Index wo	-labot.	
			Total % Cover of:		hv:
			OBL species 10		10
3. 4.			FACW species 65		30
5.			FAC species 15		45
	=Total	I Cover	FACU species 10) x 4 =	40
Herb Stratum (Plot size:)			UPL species 5	x 5 = 2	25
1. Viola sororia	15Y	res FAC	Column Totals: 10		250 (B)
2. Leersia virginica		fes FACW	Prevalence Index =	= B/A =2.38	
3. Boehmeria cylindrica		res OBL			
4. Fragaria vesca	<u> </u>	No UPL	Hydrophytic Vegetati		
5			1 - Rapid Test for X 2 - Dominance Te	Hydrophytic Vegeta	ation
6 7.			X 3 - Prevalence Ind		
8				Adaptations ¹ (Provi	de supporting
9.				s or on a separate	
10.			Problematic Hydro	ophytic Vegetation ¹	(Explain)
	40 =Total	l Cover	¹ Indicators of hydric so	bil and wetland hydr	rology must
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:	_)		be present, unless dist	lurbed or proplema	liC.
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Ζ.			Vegetation		

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

SOIL

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Depth	Matrix		Rede	ox Featur	es			
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²	Texture	Remarks
0-6	10YR 4/2	100					Loamy/Clayey	
6-18	10YR 4/2	70	10YR 5/6	30	С	М	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations
ydric Soil Histosol Histic Ep Black Hi Hydroge Stratified 2 cm Mu Depleted Thick Da Sandy M	oncentration, D=Dep Indicators: (A1) Dipedon (A2) istic (A3) en Sulfide (A4) d Layers (A5) uck (A10) d Below Dark Surfact ark Surface (A12) Mucky Mineral (S1) ucky Peat or Peat (S3)	e (A11)	I=Reduced Matrix, Sandy Glu Sandy Re Stripped I Dark Surf Loamy Glu X Depleted Redox Da Depleted Redox Da	eyed Mat dox (S5) /latrix (S6 ace (S7) ucky Mine eyed Mat Matrix (F rk Surfac Dark Sur	rix (S4) 6) trix (F1) trix (F2) 3) ce (F6) face (F7)		Indicator ? Coas Iron-I Red I Very Othe ³ Indicator wetla	: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix. rs for Problematic Hydric Soils³: t Prairie Redox (A16) Manganese Masses (F12) Parent Material (F21) Shallow Dark Surface (F22) r (Explain in Remarks) s of hydrophytic vegetation and nd hydrology must be present, s disturbed or problematic.
Restrictive Type: Depth (ii	Layer (if observed):						Hydric Soil Present	? Yes <u>X</u> No
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Appendix E

Water Resource Assessments

	Ohio Rapid Assessment	Method for Wetlands
Version 5.0	Background Information Scoring Boundary Worksheet Narrative Rating Field Form Quantitative Rating ORAM Summary Worksheet	Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water Final: February 1, 2001
	Wetland Categorization Worksheet	

Instructions

The investigator is *STRONGLY URGED* to read the Manual for Using the Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands for further elaboration and discussion of the questions below prior to using the rating forms.

The Narrative Rating is designed to categorize a wetland or to provide alerts to the Rater based on the presence or possible presence of threatened or endangered species. The presence or proximity of such species is often an indicator of the quality and lack of disturbance of the wetland being evaluated. In addition, it is designed to categorize certain wetlands as very low quality (Category 1) or very high quality (Category 3) regardless of the wetland's score on the Quantitative Rating. In addition, the Narrative Rating also alerts the investigator that a particular wetland may be a Category 3 wetland, again, regardless of the wetland's score on the Quantitative Rating.

It is *VERY IMPORTANT* to properly and thoroughly answer each of the questions in the ORAM in order to properly categorize a wetland. To *properly* answer all the questions, the boundaries of the wetland being assessed must be correctly identified. Refer to Scoring Boundary worksheet and the User's Manual for a discussion of how to determine the "scoring boundaries." In some instances, the scoring boundaries may differ from the "jurisdictional boundaries."

Refer to the most recent ORAM Score Calibration Report for the scoring breakpoints between wetland categories. The most recent version of this document is posted on Ohio EPA's Division of Surface Water web page at: http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/wetlands/WetlandEcologySection.aspx

Background Information

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e-mail address:	emesserkruse@ctconsultants.com			
Name of Wetland:	W-A			
Vegetation Communit(ies):	Forested/Emergent			
HGM Class(es):	Riverine			
Lat/Long or UTM Coordir	iate	40.244703° -82.848441°		
USGS Quad Name		Sunbury		
County		Delaware		
City/Township				
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Name of Wetland:	W-A
Wetland Size (acres, hectares):	0.02
Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface wate	ers, vegetation zones, etc.
See Attached.	
Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes:	

Final score : 46

Category: CAT 2

Scoring Boundary Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS. The initial step in completing the ORAM is to identify the "scoring boundaries" of the wetland being rated. In many instances this determination will be relatively easy and the scoring boundaries will coincide with the "jurisdictional boundaries." For example, the scoring boundary of an isolated cattail marsh located in the middle of a farm field will likely be the same as that wetland's jurisdictional boundaries. In other instances, however, the scoring boundary will not be as easily determined. Wetlands that are small or isolated from other surface waters often form large contiguous areas or heterogeneous complexes of wetland and upland. In separating wetlands for scoring purposes, the hydrologic regime of the wetland is the main criterion that should be used. Boundaries between contiguous or connected wetlands should be established where the volume, flow, or velocity of water moving through the wetland changes significantly. Areas with a high degree of hydrologic interaction should be scored as a single wetland. In determining a wetland's scoring boundaries.

use the guidelines in the ORAM Manual Section 5.0. In certain instances, it may be difficult to establish the scoring boundary for the wetland being rated. These problem situations include wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, wetlands divided by artificial boundaries like property fences, roads, or railroad embankments, wetlands that are contiguous with streams, lakes, or rivers, and estuarine or coastal wetlands. These situations are discussed below, however, it is recommended that Rater contact Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, 401/Wetlands Section if there are additional questions or a need for further clarification of the appropriate scoring boundaries of a particular wetland.

#	Steps in properly establishing scoring boundaries	done?	not applicable
Step 1	Identify the wetland area of interest. This may be the site of a proposed impact, a reference site, conservation site, etc.	V	
Step 2	Identify the locations where there is physical evidence that hydrology changes rapidly. Such evidence includes both natural and human- induced changes including, constrictions caused by berms or dikes, points where the water velocity changes rapidly at rapids or falls, points where significant inflows occur at the confluence of rivers, or other factors that may restrict hydrologic interaction between the wetlands or parts of a single wetland.		
Step 3	Delineate the boundary of the wetland to be rated such that all areas of interest that are contiguous to and within the areas where the hydrology does not change significantly, i.e. areas that have a high degree of hydrologic interaction are included within the scoring boundary.		
Step 4	Determine if artificial boundaries, such as property lines, state lines, roads, railroad embankments, etc., are present. These should not be used to establish scoring boundaries unless they coincide with areas where the hydrologic regime changes.	V	
Step 5	In all instances, the Rater may enlarge the minimum scoring boundaries discussed here to score together wetlands that could be scored separately.		
Step 6	Consult ORAM Manual Section 5.0 for how to establish scoring boundaries for wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, divided by artificial boundaries, contiguous to streams, lakes or rivers, or for dual classifications.	V	

End of Scoring Boundary Determination. Begin Narrative Rating on next page.

Narrative Rating

INSTRUCTIONS. Answer each of the following questions. Questions 1, 2, 3 and 4 should be answered based on Information obtained from the site visit or the literature and by submitting a Data Services Request to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, Natural Heritage Data Services, 1889 Fountain Square Court, Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phone), 614-265-3096 (fax), http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/dnap . The remaining questions are designed to be answered primarily by the results of the site visit. Refer to the User's Manual for descriptions of these wetland types. Note: "Critical habitat" is legally defined in the Endangered Species Act and is the geographic area containing physical or biological features essential to the conservation of a listed species or as an area that may require special management considerations or protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquarters or the Columbus Ecological Services Office for updates as to whether critical habitat has been designated for other federally listed threatened or endangered species. "Documented" means

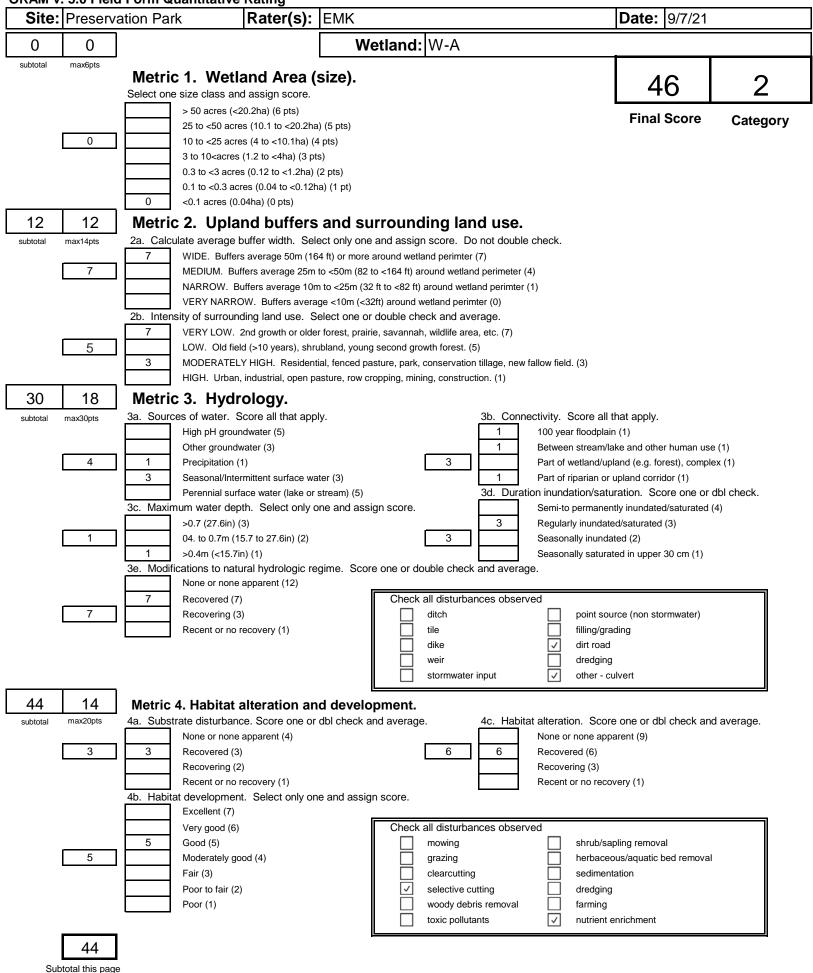
the wetland is listed in the appropriate State of Ohio database.

#	Question	YES	NO	
1	Critical Habitat. Is the wetland in a township, section, or subsection of a United States Geological Survey 7.5 minute Quadrangle that has been designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as "critical habitat" for any threatened or endangered plant or animal species? Note: as of January 1, 2001, of the federally listed endangered or threatened species which can be found in Ohio, the Indiana Bat has had critical habitat designated (50 CFR 17.95(a)) and the piping plover has had critical habitat proposed (65 FR 41812 July 6, 2000).	Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 2	Go to Question 2	
2	Threatened or Endangered Species. Is the wetland known to contain an individual of, or documented occurrences of federal or state-listed threatened or endangered plant or animal species?	Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 3	Go to Question 3	\triangleleft
3	Documented High Quality Wetland. Is the wetland on record in Natural Heritage Database as a high quality wetland?	Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 4	Go to Question 4	\checkmark
4	Significant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the wetland contain documented regionally significant breeding or nonbreeding waterfowl, neotropical songbird, or shorebird concentration areas?	Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 5	Go to Question 5	\checkmark
5	Category 1 Wetlands. Is the wetland less than 0.5 hectares (1 acre) in size and hydrologically isolated and either 1) comprised of vegetation that is dominated (greater than eighty per cent areal cover) by <i>Phalaris arundinacea, Lythrum salicaria,</i> or <i>Phragmites australis</i> , or 2) an acidic pond created or excavated on mined lands that has little or no vegetation?	Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 6	Go to Question 6	\checkmark
6	Bogs. Is the wetland a peat-accumulating wetland that 1) has no significant inflows or outflows, 2) supports acidophilic mosses, particularly <i>Sphagnum</i> spp., 3) the acidophilic mosses have >30% cover, 4) at least one species from Table 1 is present, and 5) the cover of invasive species (see Table 1) is <25%?	Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 7	Go to Question 7	\checkmark
7	Fens. Is the wetland a carbon accumulating (peat, muck) wetland that is saturated during most of the year, primarily by a discharge of free flowing, mineral rich, ground water with a circumneutral ph (5.5-9.0) and with one or more plant species listed in Table 1 and the cover of invasive species listed in Table 1 is <25%?		Go to Question 8a	\checkmark
8a	"Old Growth Forest." Is the wetland a forested wetland and is the forest characterized by, but not limited to, the following characteristics: overstory canopy trees of great age (exceeding at least 50% of a projected maximum attainable age for a species); little or no evidence of human-caused understory disturbance during the past 80 to 100 years; an allaged structure and multilayered canopies; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with canopy gaps; and significant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs?	Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8b	Go to Question 8b	\checkmark

8b	cover of upper f	(dbh), generally diameters greater than 45cm (17.7in) dbh? f		Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Go to Question 9a	Go to Question 9a
9a				Go to Question 9b	Go to Question 10
9b	loss of aquatic p	or landward dikes or other hydrological controls? for			Go to Question 9c
9c	i.e. the wetland i or the wetland ca influenced hydro	ater levels the wetland's primary hydro s hydrologically unrestricted (no lakew an be characterized as an "estuarine" logy. These include sandbar depositic ands, or those dominated by submers	vard or upland border alterations), wetland with lake and river on wetlands, estuarine wetlands,	Go to Question 9d	Go to Question 9d
9d		d have a predominance of native spec hough non-native or disturbance toler:		Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 10	Go to Question 9e
9e		d have a predominance of non-native hin its vegetation communities?	or disturbance tolerant native	Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 10	Go to Question 10
10	Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings) Is the wetland located in Lucas, Fulton, Henry, or Wood Counties and can the wetland be characterized by the following description: the wetland has a sandy substrate with interspersed organic matter, a water table often within several inches of the surface, and often with a dominance of the gramineous vegetation listed in Table 1 (woody species may also be present). The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves can provide assistance in confirming this type of wetland and its quality.			Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 11	Go to Question 11
11	Relict Wet Prairies. Is the wetland a relict wet prairie community dominated by some or all of the species in Table 1. Extensive prairies were formerly located in the Darby Plains (Madison and Union Counties), Sandusky Plains (Wyandot, Crawford, and Marion Counties), northwest Ohio (e.g. Erie, Huron, Lucas, Wood Counties), and portions of western Ohio Counties (e.g. Darke, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Van Wert etc.).				Complete Quantitative Rating.
Table 1.	Characteristic p	plant species.			
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End of Narrative Rating. Begin Quantitative Rating on next page.

ORAM v. 5.0 Field Form Quantitative Rating



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ORAM v. 5.0 Field Form Quantitative Rating

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		Mudflats				vegetation and is of moderate quality	
		Open water			2	part and is of hgh quality.	
		Other				Present and comprises significant par	t or more of wetland's
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46.0 GRAND TOTAL (max 100 pts)

Refer to the most recent ORAM Score Calibration Report for the scoring breakpoints between wetland categories at the following address: http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/401/401.html last revised 1 February 2001 jjm

Comments:

End of Quantitative Rating. Complete Categorization Worksheets.

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Present in moderate or greater amounts and of highest quality

ORAM Summary Worksheet

		YES	NO	Result
Narrative Rating	Question 1 Critical Habitat		\checkmark	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species		\checkmark	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 3. High Quality Natural Wetland		$\overline{}$	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 4. Significant bird habitat		$\overline{}$	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 5. Category 1 Wetlands		\checkmark	If yes, Category 1.
	Question 6. Bogs		$\overline{}$	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 7. Fens		$\overline{}$	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8a. Old Growth Forest		$\overline{}$	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland		\checkmark	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands - Restricted		\checkmark	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands – Unrestricted with native plants		$\overline{}$	If yes, Category 3
	Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands - Unrestricted with invasive plants		\checkmark	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 10. Oak Openings		\checkmark	If yes, Category 3
	Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies		\checkmark	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
Quantitative Rating	Metric 1. Size	0		
	Metric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use			
	Metric 3. Hydrology			
	Metric 4. Habitat	14		
	Metric 5. Special Wetland Communities	0		
	Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersion, microtopography	2		
	TOTAL SCORE	46		Category based on score breakpoints

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet.

Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Choices	Yes	NO	Evaluation of Categorization Result of ORAM
Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions: Narrative Rating Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8a, 9d, 10	Wetland is categorized as a Category 3 wetland	V	Is quantitative rating score <i>less</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>excluding</i> gray zone)? If yes, reevaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been over- categorized by the ORAM
Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions: Narrative Rating Nos. 1, 8b, 9b, 9e, 11	Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status	V	Evaluate the wetland using the 1) narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and 2) the quantitative rating score. If the wetland is determined to be a Category 3 wetland using either of these, it should be categorized as a Category 3 wetland. Detailed biological and/or functional assessments may also be used to determine the wetland's category.
Did you answer "Yes" to Narrative Rating No. 5	Wetland is categorized as a Category 1 wetland		Is quantitative rating score <i>greater</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold <i>(including</i> any gray zone)? If yes, reevaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been under-categorized by the ORAM
Does the quantitative score fall within the scoring range of a Category 1, 2, or 3 wetland?	✓ Wetland is assigned to the appropriate category based on the scoring range		If the score of the wetland is located within the scoring range for a particular category, the wetland should be assigned to that category. In all instances however, the narrative criteria described in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) can be used to clarify or change a categorization based on a quantitative score.
Does the quantitative score fall with the "gray zone" for Category 1 or 2 or Category 2 or 3 wetlands?	Wetland is assigned to the higher of the two categories or assigned to a category based on detailed assessments and the narrative criteria	V	Rater has the option of assigning the wetland to the higher of the two categories or to assign a category based on the results of a nonrapid wetland assessment method, e.g. functional assessment, biological assessment, etc, and a consideration of the narrative criteria in OAC rule 3745-1-54(C).
Does the wetland otherwise exhibit moderate OR superior hydrologic OR habitat, OR recreational functions AND the wetland was <i>not</i> categorized as a Category 2 wetland (in the case of moderate functions) or a Category 3 wetland (in the case of superior functions) by this method?	undercategorized by this method. A written justification for recategorization should	✓ Wetland is assigned to category as determined by the ORAM.	A wetland may be undercategorized using this method, but still exhibit one or more superior functions, e.g. a wetland's biotic communities may be degraded by human activities, but the wetland may still exhibit superior hydrologic functions because of its type, landscape position, size, local or regional significance, etc. In this circumstance, the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C)(2) and (3) are controlling, and the under-categorization should be corrected. A written justification with supporting reasons or information for this determination should be provided.

Final Category

CAT 2

End of Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands.



Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index and Use Assessment Field Sheet

Stream & Location: Big Walnut Creek, Sunbury Ohio *RM:* 51.1 *Date:* 08/17/21 Scorers Full Name & Affiliation: Lindsey Jakovlievic/ CT Lat./Long.: 40 . 244963 /8_2. 848226 ce verified River Code: STORET #: location 1] SUBSTRATE Check ONLY Two substrate TYPE BOXES; Check ONE (Or 2 & average) estimate % or note every type present OTHER TYPES POOL RIFFLE **BEST TYPES** ORIGIN QUALITY POOL RIFFLE HEAVY [-2] 🗌 🗌 HARDPAN [4] LIMESTONE [1] BLDR /SLABS [10] 10 10 TILLS [1] MODERATE [-1] Substrate BOULDER [9] DETRITUS [3] SILT 50 WETLANDS [0] 40 X NORMAL [0] □ □ MUCK [2] 20 HARDPAN [0] GRAVEL [7] SILT [2] 15 FREE [1] 15 MODERAL MODERAL [0] 17 EXTENSIVE [-2] SANDSTONE [0] SAND [6] 20 20 □ □ ARTIFICIAL [0] RIP/RAP [0] MODERATE [-1] BEDROCK [5] (Score natural substrates; ignore Maximum NUMBER OF BEST TYPES: 4 or more [2] sludge from point-sources) 20 SHALE [-1] 3 or less [0] Comments COAL FINES [-2] 2] /NSTREAM COVER Indicate presence 0 to 3: 0-Absent; 1-Very small amounts or if more common of marginal AMOUNT quality; 2-Moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality; 3-Highest quality in moderate or greater amounts (e.g., very large boulders in deep or fast water, large diameter log that is stable, well developed rootwad in deep / fast water, or deep, well-defined, functional pools. Check ONE (Or 2 & average) EXTENSIVE >75% [11] MODERATE 25-75% [7] **UNDERCUT BANKS [1]** X **OXBOWS, BACKWATERS [1]** POOLS > 70cm [2] . **OVERHANGING VEGETATION** [1] X **ROOTWADS** [1] Х **AQUATIC MACROPHYTES [1]** X SPARSE 5-<25% [3] SHALLOWS (IN SLOW WATER) [1] □ NEARLY ABSENT <5% [1]</p> Х BOULDERS [1] Х LOGS OR WOODY DEBRIS [1] **ROOTMATS** [1] Cover Comments Maximum 12 20 3] CHANNEL MORPHOLOGY Check ONE in each category (Or 2 & average) SINUOSITY DEVELOPMENT **CHANNELIZATION** STABILITY EXCELLENT [7] **NONE** [6] HIGH [3] MODERATE [3] GOOD [5] Χ **RECOVERED** [4] **MODERATE** [2] X FAIR [3] **RECOVERING** [3] LOW [2] LOW [1] Channel NONE [1] POOR [1] RECENT OR NO RECOVERY [1] Maximum 10 Comments 20 4] BANK EROSION AND RIPARIAN ZONE Check ONE in each category for EACH BANK (Or 2 per bank & average) River right looking downstream **RIPARIAN WIDTH** FLOOD PLAIN QUALITY EROSION 🖄 🖄 WIDE > 50m [4] ☑ ☐ FOREST, SWAMP [3] CONSERVATION TILLAGE [1] 📋 🗋 NONE / LITTLE [3] □ □ SHRUB OR OLD FIELD [2] URBAN OR INDUSTRIAL [0] **MODERATE 10-50m [3]** MODERATE [2] □ □ NARROW 5-10m [2] □ □ HEAVY / SEVERE [1] □ □ VERY NARROW < 5m [1] □ □ FENCED PASTURE [1] Indicate predominant land use(s) □ □ OPEN PASTURE, ROWCROP [0] past 100m riparian. Riparian Comments Maximum 8 10 5] POOL / GLIDE AND RIFFLE / RUN QUALITY Recreation Potential MAXIMUM DEPTH **CHANNEL WIDTH CURRENT VELOCITY** Check ONE (ONLY!) Check ONE (Or 2 & average) Check ALL that apply Primary Contact POOL WIDTH > RIFFLE WIDTH [2] 🗌 > 1m [6] Secondary Contaci 🛛 0.7-<1m [4] POOL WIDTH = RIFFLE WIDTH [1] VERY FAST [1] □ INTERSTITIAL [-1] (circle one and comment on back) ☑ POOL WIDTH < RIFFLE WIDTH [0]</p> FAST [1] 0.4-<0.7m [2] INTERMITTENT [-2] MODERATE [1] EDDIES [1] 0.2-<0.4m [1] Pool □ < 0.2m [0] Indicate for reach - pools and riffles. Current 6.5 Maximum Comments 12 Indicate for functional riffles; Best areas must be large enough to support a population NO RIFFLE [metric=0] of riffle-obligate species: Check ONE (Or 2 & average). **RIFFLE DEPTH RUN DEPTH RIFFLE / RUN SUBSTRATE RIFFLE / RUN EMBEDDEDNESS** BEST AREAS > 10cm [2] MAXIMUM > 50cm [2] X STABLE (e.g., Cobble, Boulder) [2] **NONE** [2] MAXIMUM < 50cm [1] MOD. STABLE (e.g., Large Gravel) [1] BEST AREAS 5-10cm [1] **LOW** [1] Riffle BEST AREAS < 5cm UNSTABLE (e.g., Fine Gravel, Sand) [0] MODERATE [0] [metric=0] 5 Comments 8 6] GRADIENT (30 ft/mi) VERY LOW - LOW [2-4] %POOL 15 %GLIDE: 15 Gradien MODERATE [6-10] **DRAINAGE AREA** Maximum 10 %RIFFLE %RUN: 60 HIGH - VERY HIGH [10-6] (78.2 mi²) 10

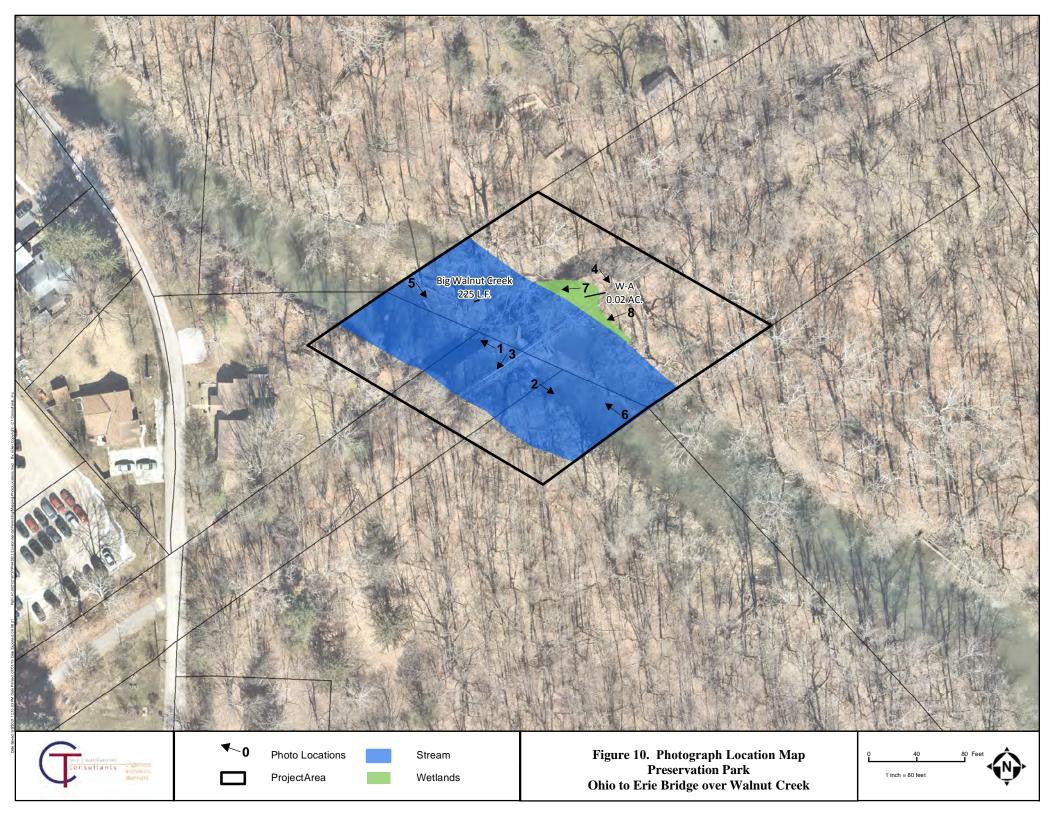
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OHEI Score:

	<i>ED REACH</i> ALL that apply	Comment RE: Reach consistency/	s reach typical of steam?, Recreation	n/ Observed - Inferred, Other	Sampling observations, Concerns, Acce	ess directions, etc.
METHOD BOAT WADE L. LINE OTHER DISTANCE	STAGE 1st -sample pass- 2nd HIGH UP NORMAL LOW DRY	snails, corbicula, crayfish, justica beds, water	level was up at the time of survey most likely the rif	fles are mostly dry during normal or low	v flow.	
□ 0.5 Km □ 0.2 Km □ 0.15 Km □ 0.12 Km □ 0THER <u>221</u> meters CANOP □ > 85%- OP □ 55%-<85% □ 30%-<55%	CLARITY 1st -sample pass 20 cm 20-<40 cm	 INVASIVE MACROPHYTES EXCESS TURBIDITY DISCOLORATION FOAM / SCUM OIL SHEEN TRASH / LITTER NUISANCE ODOR SI LIDGE DEPOSITS 	DJ MAINTENANCE PUBLIC / PRIVATE / BOTH / NA ACTIVE / HISTORIC / BOTH / NA YOUNG-SUCCESSION-OLD SPRAY / SNAG / REMOVED MODIFIED / DIPPED OUT / NA LEVEED / ONE SIDED RELOCATED / CUTOFFS MOVING-BEDLOAD-STABLE ARMOURED / SLUMPS ISLANDS / SCOURED MUDINIDED / DESICCATED	Circle some & COMMENT	E] ISSUES WWTP / CSO / NPDES / INDUSTRY HARDENED / URBAN / DIRT&GRIME CONTAMINATED / LANDFILL BMPs-CONSTRUCTION-SEDIMENT LOGGING / IRRIGATION / COOLING BANK / EROSION / SURFACE FALSE BANK / MANURE / LAGOON WASH H20 / TILE / H20 TABLE ACID / MINE / QUARRY / FLOW NATURAL / WETLAND / STAGNANT	FT MEASUREMENTS \overline{x} width \overline{x} depth max. depth \overline{x} bankfull width bankfull \overline{x} depth W/D ratio bankfull max. depth floodprone x^2 width entrench. ratio
☐ 10%-<30% ☐ <10%- CLO		<i>EATION</i> area depth <i>POOL:</i> □>100ft2□>3ft	IMPOUNDED / DESICCATED FLOOD CONTROL / DRAINAGE		PARK / GOLF / LAWN / HOME ATMOSPHERE / DATA PAUCITY	Legacy Tree:

Stream Drawing:

Appendix F Site Photographs





PHOTOGRAPH 1

DESCRIPTION

Upstream Walnut Creek at Bridge

DIRECTION

Northwest

DATE

08/17/2021



PHOTOGRAPH 2

DESCRIPTION

Downstream Walnut Creek at bridge

DIRECTION

Southeast

<u>DATE</u>





PHOTOGRAPH 3

DESCRIPTION

View of western bridge abutment

DIRECTION

Southwest

DATE

08/17/2021



PHOTOGRAPH 4

DESCRIPTION

View of upland adjacent to eastern bridge abutment

DIRECTION

Southeast

<u>DATE</u>





PHOTOGRAPH 5DESCRIPTIONView downstream Walnut
Creek towards bridgeDIRECTIONSoutheastDATE
08/17/2021



PHOTOGRAPH 6

DESCRIPTION

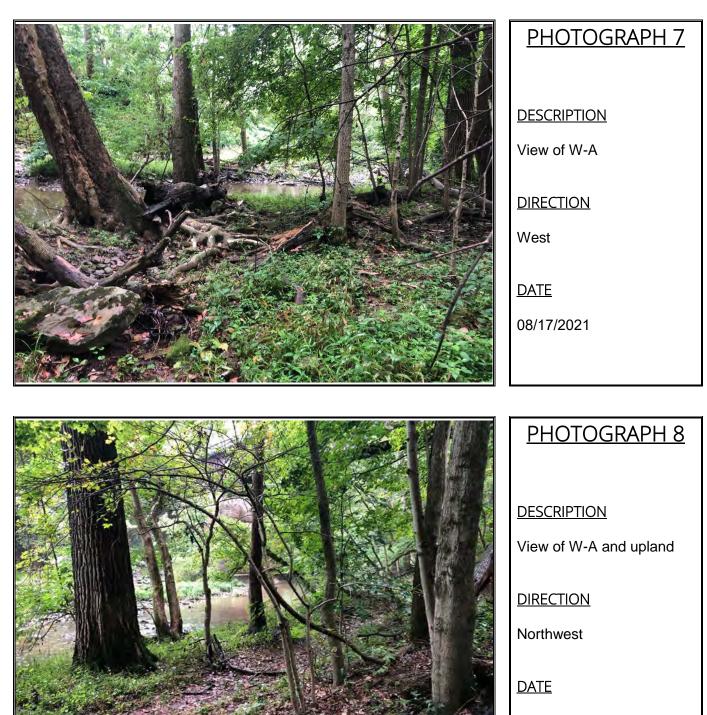
View upstream Walnut Creek towards bridge

DIRECTION

Northwest

<u>DATE</u>







Appendix G

Agency Coordination Documents

Lindsey Jakovljevic

From:	Ohio, FW3 <ohio@fws.gov></ohio@fws.gov>
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То:	Lindsey Jakovljevic
Cc:	nathan.reardon@dnr.state.oh.us; Parsons, Kate; Carrie Ricker
Subject:	Ohio to Erie Trail Bridge over Big Walnut Creek, Sunbury Ohio, Delaware County, Ohio

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TAILS# 03E15000-2021-TA-2351

Dear Ms. Jakovljevic,

The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received your recent correspondence requesting information about the subject proposal. We offer the following comments and recommendations to assist you in minimizing and avoiding adverse impacts to threatened and endangered species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq), as amended (ESA).

<u>Federally Threatened and Endangered Species</u>: The endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) occur throughout the State of Ohio. The Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat may be found wherever suitable habitat occurs unless a presence/absence survey has been performed to document absence. Suitable summer habitat for Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats consists of a wide variety of forested/wooded habitats where they roost, forage, and breed that may also include adjacent and interspersed non-forested habitats such as emergent wetlands and adjacent edges of agricultural fields, woodlots, fallow fields, and pastures. Roost trees for both species include live and standing dead trees ≥ 3 inches diameter at breast height (dbh) that have any exfoliating bark, cracks, crevices, hollows and/or cavities. These roost trees may be located in forested habitats as well as linear features such as fencerows, riparian forests, and other wooded corridors. Individual trees may be considered suitable habitat when they exhibit the characteristics of a potential roost tree and are located within 1,000 feet of other forested/wooded habitat. Northern long-eared bats have also been observed roosting in human-made structures, such as buildings, barns, bridges, and bat houses; therefore, these structures should also be considered potential summer habitat. In the winter, Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats hibernate in caves, rock crevices and abandoned mines.

Seasonal Tree Clearing for Federally Listed Bat Species: Should the proposed project site contain trees ≥ 3 inches dbh, we recommend avoiding tree removal wherever possible. If any caves or abandoned mines may be disturbed, further coordination with this office is requested to determine if fall or spring portal surveys are warranted. If no caves or abandoned mines are present and trees ≥ 3 inches dbh cannot be avoided, we recommend removal of any trees ≥ 3 inches dbh only occur between October 1 and March 31. Seasonal clearing is recommended to avoid adverse effects to Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats. While incidental take of northern long-eared bats from most tree clearing is exempted by a 4(d) rule

(see <u>http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/index.html</u>), incidental take of Indiana bats is still prohibited without a project-specific exemption. Thus, seasonal clearing is recommended where Indiana bats are assumed present. If implementation of this seasonal tree cutting recommendation is not possible, a summer presence/absence survey may be conducted for Indiana bats. If Indiana bats are not detected during the survey, then tree clearing may occur at any time of the year. Surveys must be conducted by an approved surveyor and be designed and conducted in coordination with the Ohio Field Office. Surveyors must have a valid federal permit. Please note that in Ohio summer mist net surveys may only be conducted between June 1 and August 15.

<u>Section 7 Coordination</u>: If there is a federal nexus for the project (e.g., federal funding provided, federal permits required to construct), then no tree clearing should occur on any portion of the project area until consultation under section 7 of the ESA, between the Service and the federal action agency, is completed. We recommend the federal action agency submit a determination of effects to this office, relative to the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat, for our review and concurrence. This letter provides technical assistance only and does not serve as a completed section 7 consultation document.

<u>Stream and Wetland Avoidance</u>: Over 90% of the wetlands in Ohio have been drained, filled, or modified by human activities, thus is it important to conserve the functions and values of the remaining wetlands in Ohio (<u>https://epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/facts/ohio_wetlands.pdf</u>). We recommend avoiding and minimizing project impacts to all wetland habitats (e.g., forests, streams, vernal pools) to the maximum extent possible in order to benefit water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. Additionally, natural buffers around streams and wetlands should be preserved to enhance beneficial functions. If streams or wetlands will be impacted, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should be contacted to determine whether a Clean Water Act section 404 permit is required. Best management practices should be used to minimize erosion, especially on slopes. Disturbed areas should be mulched and revegetated with native plant species. In addition, prevention of non-native, invasive plant establishment is critical in maintaining high quality habitats.

Due to the project type, size, and location, we do not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species, or proposed or designated critical habitat. Should the project design change, or additional information on listed or proposed species or their critical habitat become available, or if new information reveals effects of the action that were not previously considered, coordination with the Service should be initiated to assess any potential impacts.

Thank you for your efforts to conserve listed species and sensitive habitats in Ohio. We recommend coordinating with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources due to the potential for the proposed project to affect state listed species and/or state lands. Contact Mike Pettegrew, Acting Environmental Services Administrator, at (614) 265-6387 or at mike.pettegrew@dnr.state.oh.us.

If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact our office at (614) 416-8993 or <u>ohio@fws.gov</u>.

Sincerely,



United States Department of the Interior

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In Reply Refer To: Consultation Code: 03E15000-2021-SLI-2414 Event Code: 03E15000-2021-E-03389 Project Name: Ohio to Erie Trail Bridge Over Big Walnut Creek September 21, 2021

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)

(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF

Migratory Birds: In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts see http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/ RegulationsandPolicies.html.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures see http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/BirdHazards.html.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/AboutUS.html.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

Official Species List

Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Ohio Ecological Services Field Office 4625 Morse Road, Suite 104 Columbus, OH 43230-8355 (614) 416-8993

Project Summary

Consultation Code:	03E15000-2021-SLI-2414
Event Code:	Some(03E15000-2021-E-03389)
Project Name:	Ohio to Erie Trail Bridge Over Big Walnut Creek
Project Type:	RECREATION CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE
Project Description:	This site is proposed for a rehabilitation of the Ohio to Erie Bridge over
	Walnut Creek.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <u>https://www.google.com/maps/@40.24501715,-82.84816828894753,14z</u>



Counties: Delaware County, Ohio

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 3 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 1 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

Mammals

NAME	STATUS
Indiana Bat <i>Myotis sodalis</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5949</u>	Endangered
 Northern Long-eared Bat Myotis septentrionalis No critical habitat has been designated for this species. This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions: Incidental take of the northern long-eared bat is not prohibited at this location. Federal action agencies may conclude consultation using the streamlined process described at https://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/s7.html Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045 	Threatened
Insects	
NAME	STATUS
Monarch Butterfly <i>Danaus plexippus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <u>https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743</u>	Candidate

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

Appendix H Mussel Reconnaissance Survey



Matt Simpson Preservation Parks of Delaware County 2656 Hogback Road Sunbury, Ohio 43074

RE: Mussel Reconnaissance Survey - Ohio to Erie Trail Bridge over Big Walnut Creek

Dear Mr. Simpson:

CT Consultants, Inc. has completed a reconnaissance survey at the above captioned property. The survey area is approximately 725 feet in length in the Village of Sunbury, Delaware County, Ohio. The site is located at 40.244963° by -82.848226° latitude/longitude. This study area is a proposed for a rehabilitation of the Ohio to Erie Bridge over Walnut Creek. The property consists primarily of forested plant communities. Surrounding land use is primarily residential and forested. A location map is included in Exhibit A.

All freshwater mussel species are afforded protection in the State of Ohio and federally listed species are further protected by the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), thus impacts to mussels and their habitats should be avoided and minimized to the maximum extent practicable. Since impacts cannot be avoided for this Project, streams that contain mussels or potential mussel habitat must be surveyed prior to any proposed stream disturbance. Streams that may contain mussels or potential mussel habitat include those listed in the 2020 Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (Protocol) and any stream not listed in the Protocol with a drainage area greater than 5 square miles (ODNR and USFWS, 2020). To determine the effort required for freshwater mussel surveys, the Protocol classifies streams based on size and potential presence of federally listed freshwater mussel species, as Group 1, Group 2, Group 3, Group 4 and Unlisted. A reconnaissance survey was completed in Big Walnut Creek (Group 1) to determine mussel presence or absence.

<u>Methods</u>

Per the Protocol, a reconnaissance survey was to be conducted if the following specifications are met:

- Surveyed during the warm months from May 1 to October 1, unless prior approval was granted.
- Water levels at the site must be normal or below normal,
- Water clarity must have had at least 20 inches of visibility, and
- All stream substrates within the survey reach must have been visible and able to be surveyed.



Ms. Lindsey Jakovljevic (Permit SC210033) is qualified within the state of Ohio to conduct reconnaissance-level surveys within Group 1 and Unlisted streams. Reconnaissance surveys are meant to be utilized in small wadeable streams not known to contain federally listed species.

The procedures implemented at Big Walnut Creek included:

- Visual search for evidence of shells, shell fragments, or live mussels;
- Survey limits including the Area of Direct Impact plus 200 feet upstream and 400 feet downstream;
- Evaluation of all potential freshwater mussel habitats within the survey limits;
- Time based-visual search of the survey limits;
 - Search time was dependent upon drainage size: The site should be searched for at least 60 minutes for smaller streams (10-100) square miles, or 90 minutes for larger streams (above 100 square miles), unless evidence of a mussel population is found. (Protocol);
 - Detection of live mussels or fresh shells at any point during the search concluded the reconnaissance survey effort; and
 - If weathered dead shells are observed but no live mussels are found during the upstream and downstream search, an additional 20 minutes will be dedicated to a search of the salvage zone (the salvage zone includes the ADI and all applicable buffers)
- An Ohio Mussel Habitat Assessment form was completed.

Photographs were taken of the survey limits, substrate, stream habitats, and any shell material or living mussels (Exhibit B).

Mussel Reconnaissance Results

The reconnaissance survey was conducted on August 17, 2021 in accordance to the Protocol requirements. No fresh dead or live mussels were present on site. One weathered dead valve of *Villosa iris* (Rainbow mussel) was collected on the gravel bar under the bridge. The Ohio Mussel Habitat Assessment data forms as well as photo documentation of the site and mussel species can be found in Exhibit B.

Big Walnut Creek in Delaware County is considered a Group 1 stream per the Protocol, where federally listed species are not expected (ODNR and USFWS, 2020). The receiving stream of Big Walnut Creek is the Scioto River. The drainage areas of Big Walnut Creek at the Project crossing is 78.2 square miles. The reconnaissance survey indicated that no live mussels occur at the crossings of Big Walnut Creek. The substrate was mostly cobble, gravel, and sand with small amounts of silt and boulder.



I hope the preceding information will be of help to you. Please feel free to contact me at <u>ljakovljevic@ctconsultants.com</u> with any questions you may have concerning this report. CT Consultants looks forward to further serving you in the future.

Respectfully, CT Consultants, Inc.

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Lindsey Jakovljevic Environmental specialist

Exhibit A



Reconnaissance Survey Area 1.1

Figure 1. Mussel Reconnaissance Map Preservation Park Ohio to Erie Bridge over Walnut Creek



Exhibit B

Ohio Mussel Habitat Assessment Form

Project Information

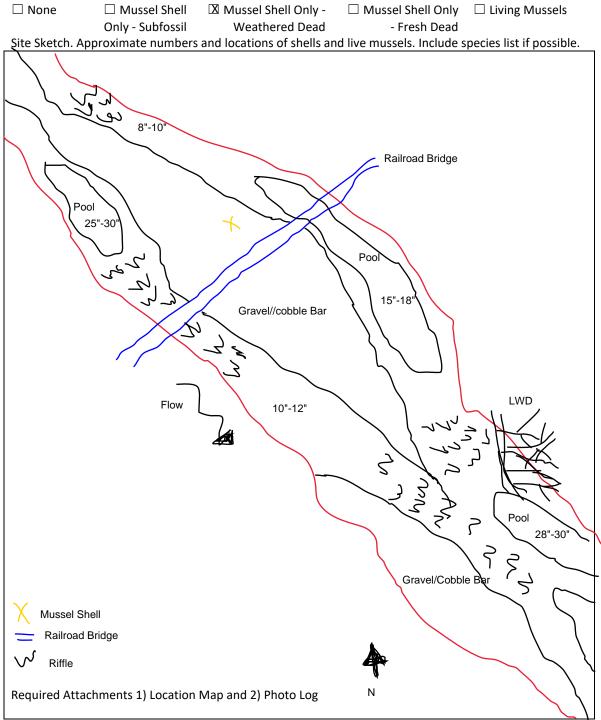
Project Name: Ohio to Erie Trail bridge over Big Walnut Creek/Preservation Parks					
County: <u>Delaware</u>	Township: Berkshire				
Latitude (DD.DDDD): <u>40.244963</u>	Longitude (DD.DDDD): <u>-82.848226</u>				
Stream Name: Big Walnut Creek	Group # (From Appendix A): <u>Group 1</u>				
Methods Name of Surveyor(s): Lindsey Jakovljevic, Carrie Ric	ker. Emmett Messer-Kruse				
Qualification of Surveyor(s): 🛛 USFWS Approved	☑ ODNR Approved □ Aquatic Biologist (minimum)				
Date of Survey: <u>August 17, 2021</u>	Distance Surveyed (ft.): 725				
Total Survey Time (min. x people): <u>180</u> Scientific Collector's Permit Number(s): <u>SC210033</u>					
Note any deviations from the Ohio Mussel Habitat Assessment Methods:					
Water level was up but stream was clear to bottom.					

Habitat Description of Survey Area

Drainage Area at Surv	ey Location (mi ²): <u>78.2</u>	2 Water Temp	o. (°F): <u>70</u> A	ir Temp. (°F): <u>76</u>		
Substrate Types (include %):						
🛛 Boulder <u>10</u>	🛛 Gravel <u>15</u>	Bedrock	Detritus	⊠ Silt <u>15</u>		
⊠Cobble <u>40</u>	⊠ Sand <u>20</u>	🗆 Hardpan	Muck	Artificial		
Water Level: 🗌 Hi	igh 🛛 🖾 Up	🗆 Normal	□ Low	□Dry/Interstitial		
Visibility: 🗌 0-	-15 cm 🗌 15-30	cm 🗌 30-50 cr	m □ >50 cm	X Visible to Bottom		
Average Depth (cm):	Riffle <u>2</u>	Run <u>25</u>	Pool	46		
Max Depth (cm):	Riffle <u>7</u>	Run <u>38</u>	Pool			

Results

Evidence of Mussels: Presence of fresh dead mussel shells and living mussels will trigger a full mussel survey





PHOTOGRAPH 1 DESCRIPTION View downstream of the ADI DIRECTION Southeast DATE August 17, 2021



PHOTOGRAPH 2

DESCRIPTION

View upstream looking at the ADI

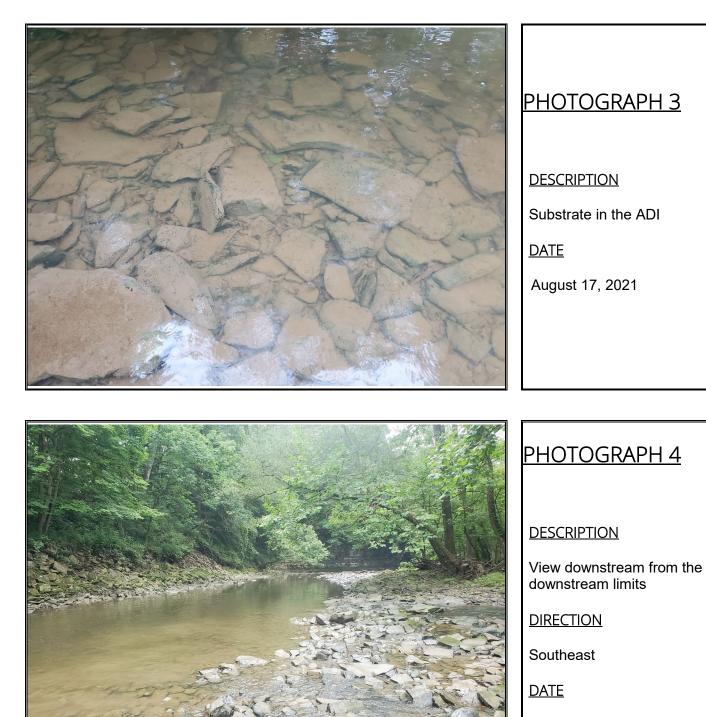
DIRECTION

Northwest

<u>DATE</u>

August 17, 2021





August 17, 2021





PHOTOGRAPH 5DESCRIPTIONView upstream from the
downstream limitsDIRECTIONNorthwestDATEAugust 17, 2021



<u>PHOTOGRAPH 6</u>

DESCRIPTION

Substrate in the downstream limits

<u>DATE</u>

August 17, 2021









