

Construction Notice For the West Millersport Station Expansion Project



Case No. 19-0798-EL-BNR

Submitted to:
The Ohio Power Siting Board
Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code
Section 4906-6-05

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CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.'s West Millersport Station Expansion Project

4906-6-05

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. ("AEP Ohio Transco") provides the following information to the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB") pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Section 4906-6-05.

4906-6-05(B) General Information

B(1) Project Description

The name of the project and applicant's reference number, names and reference number(s) of resulting circuits, a brief description of the project, and why the project meets the requirements for a Construction Notice.

AEP Ohio Transco proposes the West Millersport Station Expansion Project ("Project"), located in Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. The purpose of this Project is to expand the West Millersport Station by no more than 20% to add equipment and infrastructure that will bring the station up to current standards to satisfy resiliency, operational performance, safety, and NERC reliability standards. The Project will be constructed on existing AEP Ohio property. Appendix A shows the location of the Project.

The Project meets the requirements for a Construction Notice ("CN") because it is within the types of projects defined by (1)(a) of Appendix A to Ohio Adm. Code 4906-1-01, *Application Requirement Matrix for Electric Power Transmission Lines*:

4. Constructing additions to existing electric power transmission stations or converting distribution stations to transmission stations where:

(a) There is a twenty percent or less expansion of the fenced area.

The Project has been assigned PUCO Case No. 19-0798-EL-BNR.

B(2) Statement of Need

If the proposed project is an electric power transmission line or gas or natural gas transmission line, a statement explaining the need for the proposed facility.

Ohio Adm. Code 4906-6-05(B)(2) applies only to electric power, gas, and natural gas transmission lines and is not applicable to this station expansion Project. Nonetheless, this Project is necessary to enable AEP Ohio Transco to add equipment and infrastructure that will bring the West Millersport Station up to current standards to satisfy resiliency, safety, operational performance, and NERC reliability standards.

Because this Project results in no operational, modeling, or topology change, the Project will not be included in the PJM Regional Transmission Expansion Plan. PJM is, however, aware of the Project and has been consulted regarding it. This Project is also not included in Form FE-T10 of AEP Ohio's or AEP Ohio Transco's 2019 Long-Term Forecast Reports because Bixby Station is an existing substation. West Millersport Station was included as an existing substation in AEP Ohio's 2019 Form FE-T8, on pages 83-84 of 139.

B(3) Project Location

The applicant shall provide the location of the project in relation to existing or proposed lines and substations shown on an area system map of sufficient scale and size to show existing and proposed transmission facilities in the Project area.

This Project is located in Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. Appendix A shows the location of the Project in relation to existing assets.

B(4) Alternatives Considered

The applicant shall describe the alternatives considered and reasons why the proposed location or route is best suited for the proposed facility. The discussion shall include, but not be limited to, impacts associated with socioeconomic, ecological, construction, or engineering aspects of the project.

There were no other alternatives considered for this Project. Based on the scope of the project, the minimal change to the existing station fence, and the location of the Project on existing AEP Ohio property, it was not reasonable to study other alternatives. The resulting fence change represents the most suitable and least-impactful alternative.

B(5) Public Information Program

The applicant shall describe its public information program to inform affected property owners and tenants of the nature of the project and the proposed timeframe for project construction and restoration activities.

The entire construction of the station expansion will be on the existing station property. Therefore, there are no affected property owners that AEP Ohio Transco is required to inform. AEP Ohio Transco maintains a website (<http://aeptransmission.com/ohio/>) on which an electronic copy of this CN is available. A paper copy of the CN will be served to the public library in each political subdivision affected by this Project.

B(6) Construction Schedule

The applicant shall provide an anticipated construction schedule and proposed in-service date of the project.

Construction of the Project is planned to begin in the third or fourth quarter of 2019, and the anticipated in-service date will be approximately April 2020.

B(7) Area Map

The applicant shall provide a map of at least 1:24,000 scale clearly depicting the facility with clearly marked streets, roads, and highways, and an aerial image.

Appendix A, Figure 1 provides a topographical map of existing and proposed facilities at 1:24,000, and Figure 2 provides an aerial image showing roads and highways, clearly marked with Project components.

From Columbus, get on I-70E/I-71 N. Continue onto I-70 E, follow signs for I-70E/Wheeling (22 mi). Take exit 122 for OH-158 towards Kirkersville/Baltimore (0.2mi). Continue onto OH-158S/Baltimore Rd SW (2.9 mi). Turn left onto OH-204 E (2.1 mi). Turn right onto OH-37 E (0.8mi). The Project area will be on your right.

B(8) Property Agreements

The applicant shall provide a list of properties for which the applicant has obtained easements, options, and/or land use agreements necessary to construct and operate the facility and a list of the additional properties for which such agreements have not been obtained.

The Project is located on property owned by AEP Ohio. No other property easements, options, or land use agreements are necessary to construct the Project or operate the substation.

B(9) Technical Features

The applicant shall describe the following information regarding the technical features of the project:

B(9)(a) Operating characteristics, estimated number and types of structures required, and right-of-way and/or land requirements.

West Millersport's operating characteristics will not change as a result of this Project, no additional structures will be constructed, and there are no additional right-of-way or land requirements.

B(9)(b) Electric and Magnetic Fields

For electric power transmission lines that are within one hundred feet of an occupied residence or institution, the production of electric and magnetic fields during the operation of the proposed electric power transmission line.

No occupied residences or institutions are located within 100 feet of the Project.

B(9)(c) Project Cost

The estimated capital cost of the project.

The capital cost estimate for the proposed Project, which is comprised of applicable tangible and capital costs, is approximately \$5,530,000 using a Class 3 estimate.

B(10) Social and Economic Impacts

The applicant shall describe the social and ecological impacts of the project:

B(10)(a) Land Use Characteristics

Provide a brief, general description of land use within the vicinity of the proposed project, including a list of municipalities, townships, and counties affected.

The Project is located within AEP Ohio property in Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. The Fairfield County Auditor lists the land use of this area as "830 Comm LD& Impro Owned by Public Utility". No tree clearing is anticipated to be required for the Project. No environmental or cultural

resources are expected to be impacted as a result of this Project. There are no parks, churches, cemeteries, wildlife management areas, or nature preserve lands within 1,000 feet of the Project.

B(10)(b) Agricultural Land Information

Provide the acreage and a general description of all agricultural land, and separately all agricultural district land, existing at least sixty days prior to submission of the application within the potential disturbance area of the project.

The Project area is on AEP Ohio property, with surrounding agricultural land. It is noted on the Fairfield County Auditor site that the parcel is for commercial use and public utility use. The Project will be completely within the parcel owned by AEP Ohio. There are no impacts to agricultural district lands.

B(10)(c) Archaeological and Cultural Resources

Provide a description of the applicant's investigation concerning the presence or absence of significant archaeological or cultural resources that may be located within the potential disturbance area of the project, a statement of the findings of the investigation, and a copy of any document produced as a result of the investigation.

A cultural report was completed and will be coordinated directly with the OPSB.

B(10)(d) Local, State, and Federal Agency Correspondence

Provide a list of the local, state, and federal governmental agencies known to have requirements that must be met in connection with the construction of the project, and a list of documents that have been or are being filed with those agencies in connection with siting and constructing the project.

Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office, United States Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS"), and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources ("ODNR") has been completed and coordination letters can be found in Appendix C.

There are no other known local, state, or federal requirements that must be met prior to commencement of the Project.

B(10)(e) Threatened, Endangered, and Rare Species

Provide a description of the applicant's investigation concerning the presence or absence of federal and state designated species (including endangered species, threatened species, rare species, species proposed for listing, species under review for listing, and species of special interest) that may be located within the potential disturbance area of the project, a statement of the findings of the investigation, and a copy of any document produced as a result of the investigation.

AEP Ohio Transco has coordinated with USFWS and ODNR regarding special status species within the vicinity of the Project. No impacts are expected to such species as a result of this Project. Copies of the coordination letters are included as Appendix C.

B(10)(f) Areas of Ecological Concern

Provide a description of the applicant's investigation concerning the presence or absence of areas of ecological concern (including national and state forests and parks, floodplains, wetlands, designated or proposed wilderness areas, national and state wild and scenic rivers, wildlife areas, wildlife refuges, wildlife management areas, and wildlife sanctuaries) that may be located within the potential disturbance area of the project, a statement of the findings of the investigation, and a copy of any document produced as a result of the investigation.

An Ecological Resources Inventory Report was completed by AEP Ohio Transco's consultants within the Project Area and is included as Appendix B. There are no streams impacted by the proposed Project. No wetland impacts are expected to occur.

B(10)(g) Unusual Conditions

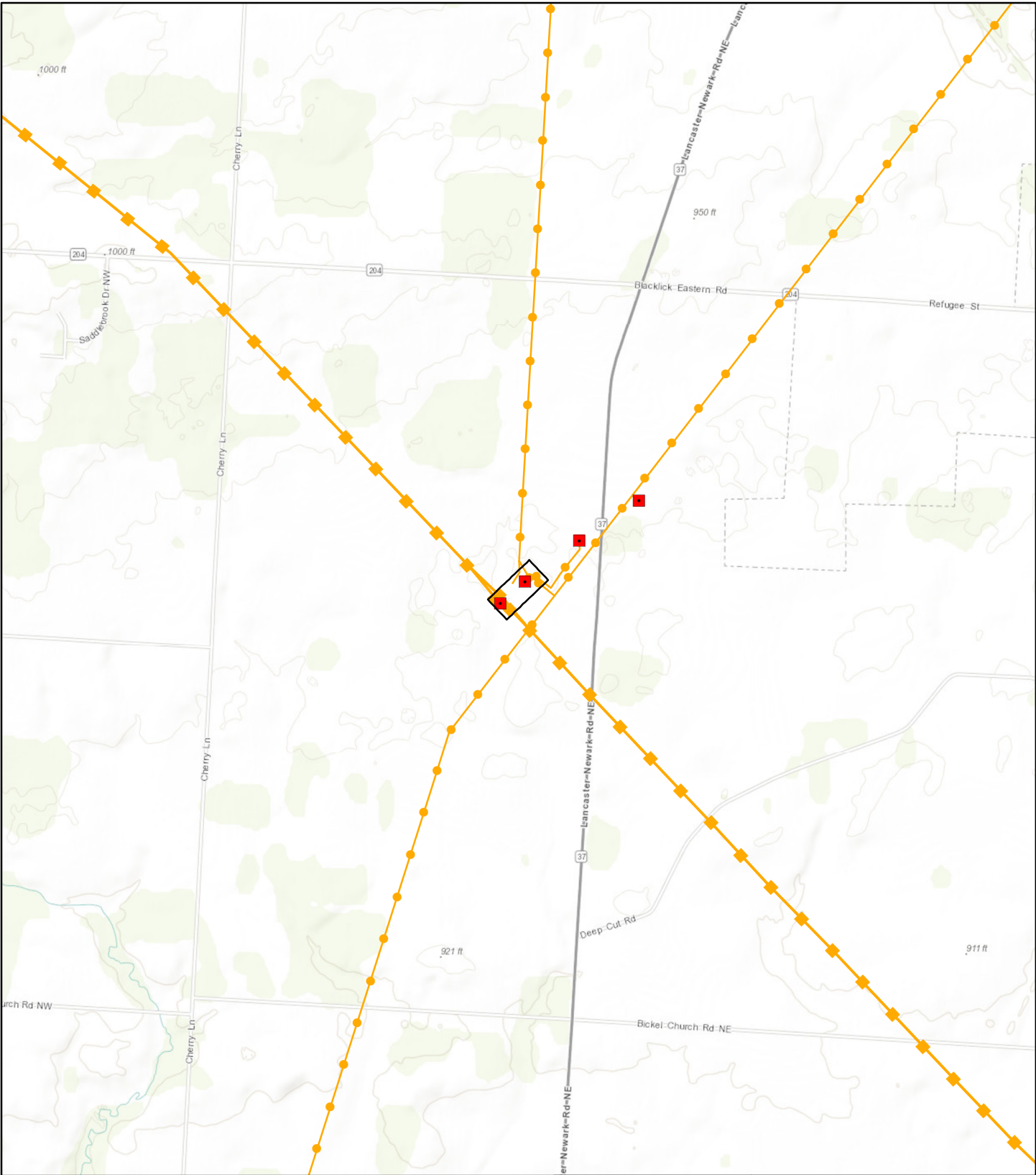
Provide any known additional information that will describe any unusual conditions resulting in significant environmental, social, health, or safety impacts.

To the best of AEP Ohio Transco's knowledge, no unusual conditions exist that would result in significant environmental, social, health, or safety impacts.

APPENDIX A

Figure 1

Figure 2



Legend

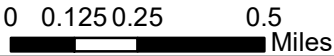
- Substations
- Existing Lines
- Station Fence

**West Millersport
Station Site
Hardening**

April 03, 2019



Figure 1





Legend

- Substations
- Existing Lines
- Existing Fence Line
- Areas Where Existing Fence is Moving Out

**West Millersport
Station Site
Hardening**

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Figure 2



0 75 150 300
Feet

Appendix B Ecological Resources Inventory Report

**West Millersport Station Expansion
Project, Fairfield County, Ohio**

**Ecological Resources Inventory
Report**



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1.0 Introduction

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP) is proposing to expand the existing West Millersport 765 kV substation (West Millersport Station) and to potentially relocate associated transmission lines in Fairfield County, Ohio (Figure 1, Appendix A). The Project area includes the existing station pad and adjacent areas where substation expansion and/or transmission line relocation work may occur. The Project area was surveyed for wetlands, waterbodies, open water features, upland drainage features, and potential threatened, endangered, and rare species habitat by Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) biologists on September 26, 2017. The approximate locations of features located up to 50 feet outside of the Project area were also recorded during the field surveys, where landowner access was permitted. However, no data forms were collected on features that did not extend into the Project area. These features are shown on the Figure 2 maps in Appendix A as "approximate" wetland, stream (waterway), open water, and upland drainage features.

2.0 Methods

2.1 WETLAND DELINEATION

Prior to completing the field surveys, a desktop review of the Project area was conducted using U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic mapping, National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil surveys, and aerial imagery mapping. Stantec completed a wetland delineation study in accordance with the *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual* (USACE 1987) and the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Midwest Region (Version 2.0)* (USACE 2010). Wetland categories were classified using the Ohio Rapid Assessment Method (ORAM) for Wetlands Version 5.0 (Mack 2001).

2.2 STREAM DELINEATION

Streams that demonstrated a continuously defined channel (bed and bank), ordinary high water mark (OHWM), and the disturbance of terrestrial vegetation were delineated within the Project area, per the protocols outlined in the USACE's *Guidance on Ordinary High Water Mark Identification* (Regulatory Guidance Letter, No. 05-05) (USACE 2005). Delineated streams were classified as ephemeral, intermittent, or perennial per definitions in the *Federal Register/Vol. 67, No. 10* (USACE 2002). Functional assessment of streams within the Project area was based on completion of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (OEPA) *Headwater Habitat Evaluation Index (HHEI; OEPA 2012)* and/or *Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI; OEPA 2006)*. The centerline of each waterway was identified and surveyed using a handheld sub-meter accuracy global positioning system (GPS) unit and mapped with geographic information system (GIS) software. Additionally, the locations of ponds/open water features and upland drainage features (which lacked a continuously defined bed and bank/OHWM) identified within the Project area were also recorded with a sub-meter accuracy GPS unit during the field surveys.

2.3 RARE SPECIES

Prior to conducting the field surveys, Stantec contacted the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for information regarding rare, threatened, or endangered species and their habitats of concern within the vicinity of the Project area (Appendix B – Agency Correspondence). To assess potential impacts to rare, threatened, or endangered species, Stantec scientists conducted a pedestrian reconnaissance of the proposed Project area, collected information on existing habitats within the Project area, and assessed the potential for these habitats to be used by these species.

3.0 Results

3.1 TERRESTRIAL HABITAT

Stantec completed field surveys within the Project area on September 26, 2017 for wetlands, waterbodies, and threatened and endangered species or their habitats. Figure 2 (Appendix A) shows the wetlands and waterbodies identified by Stantec within the Project area, as well as the locations of open waters and upland drainage features identified within the Project area. Figure 3 (Appendix A) shows the habitats and locations of any identified rare, threatened or endangered species observed within the Project area. Representative photographs of the wetlands, streams, upland drainage features, and other habitats identified within the Project area are included in Appendix C of this report (photo locations are shown on Figures 2 and 3, Appendix A). Completed wetland determination, ORAM, and HHEI data forms are included in Appendix D.

Table 1. Vegetation Communities and Land Cover Found within the West Millersport Station Expansion Project Area, Fairfield County, Ohio

Vegetation Communities and Land Cover Types within Project Area	Degree of Human-Related Ecological Disturbance	Unique, Rare, or High Quality?	Approximate Acreage Within Project Area
Agricultural Field	Extreme Disturbance/Ruderal Community (dominated by planted non-native row crop species, opportunistic invaders, and/or native highly tolerant taxa).	No	41.2
Industrial	Extreme Disturbance/Ruderal Community (dominated by opportunistic invaders, planted non-native species, and/or native highly tolerant taxa).	No	8.0
Old Field	Extreme Disturbance/Ruderal Community (dominated by opportunistic invaders and/or native highly tolerant taxa).	No	4.4
Early Successional Deciduous Forest	Moderate Disturbance/Natural Community (dominated by native woody and herbaceous species and/or opportunistic invaders).	No	2.3
Mixed Early Successional/Second Growth Deciduous Forest	Moderate Disturbance/Natural Community (dominated by native woody and herbaceous species and/or opportunistic invaders).	No	1.1
New Field	Extreme Disturbance/Ruderal Community (dominated by opportunistic invaders and/or native highly tolerant taxa).	No	0.9

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Vegetation Communities and Land Cover Types within Project Area	Degree of Human-Related Ecological Disturbance	Unique, Rare, or High Quality?	Approximate Acreage Within Project Area
Palustrine Emergent Wetland	Moderate Disturbance/Natural Community (dominated by native herbaceous species and/or opportunistic invaders).	No	1.1
Existing Paved Road	Extreme Disturbance/Ruderal Community (dominated by opportunistic invaders and/or native highly tolerant taxa).	No	0.4
Existing Gravel Road	Extreme Disturbance/Ruderal Community (dominated by opportunistic invaders and/or native highly tolerant taxa).	No	0.6
Total			60.0

3.2 WETLANDS

Stantec completed field surveys for wetlands within the Project area on September 26, 2017. Figure 2 (Appendix A) shows the wetlands identified by Stantec within the Project area. Representative wetland photographs are included in Appendix C of this report (photo locations are shown on Figure 2, Appendix A). Completed wetland determination and ORAM data forms are included in Appendix D. Information regarding the Cowardin classification and ORAM categories of wetlands is provided in Table 2.

Table 2. Summary of Wetland Resources Found within the West Millersport Station Expansion Project Area, Fairfield County, Ohio

Wetland Name	Photo Location Number ¹	Isolated?	Wetland Classification ²	ORAM Score ⁴	ORAM Category ⁴	Delineated Area (acres) within Project Area
Wetland 1	1	No	PEM ³	15	1	0.89
Wetland 2	2	No	PEM ³	14	1	0.13
Wetland 3	4	No	PEM ³	25.5	1	0.08
TOTAL						1.10
¹ Appendix C – Representative Photographs						
² Wetland classification is based on Cowardin et al. (1979).						
³ PEM = Palustrine Emergent Wetland						
⁴ ORAM Score and Category are based on the Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands v. 5.0 (Mack 2001).						

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3.3 STREAMS

Stantec completed field surveys for streams within the Project area on September 26, 2017. Figure 2 (Appendix A) shows the stream identified by Stantec within the Project area, as well as the locations of non-jurisdictional upland drainage features identified within the Project area. Representative photographs of the stream and upland drainage features are included in Appendix C of this report (photo locations are shown on Figure 2, Appendix A). A completed HHEI data form is included in Appendix D. Information regarding the stream identified within the Project area is provided in Table 3.

Table 3. Summary of Stream Resources Found within the West Millersport Station Expansion Project Area, Fairfield County, Ohio

Stream Name	Photo Location Number ¹	Receiving Waters	Stream Flow Regime ²	Stream Evaluation Method	Stream Evaluation Score	OHWB Width (feet) ³	Delineated Length (feet) within Project Area
Stream 1	5	PawPaw Creek	Intermittent	HHEI	35	6.8	1,612
TOTAL							1,612
¹ Appendix C – Representative Photographs as shown on Figure 2 (Appendix A)							
² Stream classification is based on Federal Register/Vol. 67, No. 10 (USACE 2002)							
³ OHWB = Ordinary High Water Mark							

3.4 OPEN WATER FEATURES

One approximately 0.05-acre open water feature, Open Water 1, was identified within the Project area. Representative photographs of the open water feature are included in Appendix C of this report (photo locations are shown on Figure 2, Appendix A).

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3.5 RARE, THREATENED, OR ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT

Table 4. Summary of Potential Ohio State-Listed Species within the West Millersport Station Expansion Project Area, Fairfield County, Ohio

Common Name	Scientific Name	State Listing ¹	Known to Occur Within Fairfield County? ²	Known Within One Mile of Project Area? ³	Habitat Preference	Potential Habitat Observed in Project Area?	Impact Assessment	ODNR Comments/Recommendations
Invertebrates								
Rayed Bean	<i>Villosa fabalis</i>	E	Yes	No	Habitat includes gravel or sandy substrate, especially in areas of thick roots of aquatic plants, increase substrate stability (NatureServe 2017; Parmalee and Bogan 1998). Rayed bean can be associated with shoal or riffle areas, and in shallow, wave-washed areas of glacial lakes. It is generally found in smaller, headwater creeks, but sometimes in larger rivers and open-water bodies. It can occur in shallow riffles or in lakes with water depths up to four feet. It has been found in riffles, generally in vegetation, and deeply buried in sand and gravel bound together by roots (Parmalee and Bogan 1998).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. Additionally, no in-water work is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	No comments.
Mammals								
Indiana bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	E	Yes	No	The Indiana bat is likely distributed over the entire State of Ohio, though not uniformly. This species generally forages in openings and edge habitats within upland and floodplain forest, but they also forage over old fields and pastures (Brack et al. 2010). Natural roost structures include trees (live or dead) with exfoliating bark, and exposure to solar radiation. Other important factors for roost trees include relative location to other trees, a permanent water source and foraging areas; Dead trees are preferred as maternity roosts; however, live trees are often used as secondary roosts depending on microclimate conditions (USFWS 2007; USFWS 2017b). Roosts have also occasionally been found to consist of cracks and hollows in trees, utility poles, buildings, and bat boxes. Primarily use caves for hibernacula, although are also known to hibernate in abandoned underground mines (Brack et al. 2010).	Yes	No suitable winter hibernacula were observed in the Project area. However, suitable summer roost habitat was observed in the Project area. AEP intends to avoid areas with summer roost habitat to the extent possible. AEP will determine if any summer tree clearing is necessary in areas containing suitable roost habitat and will proceed accordingly.	If suitable habitat occurs within the Project area, the DOW recommends trees be conserved. If suitable habitat occurs within the Project area and trees must be cut, the DOW recommends cutting occur between October 1 and March 31. If suitable trees must be cut during the summer months, the DOW recommends a net survey be conducted between June 1 and August 15, prior to any cutting. If no tree removal is proposed, this Project is not likely to impact this species.
Allegheny Woodrat	<i>Neotoma magister</i>	E	Yes	No	Throughout its range, this species is associated with extensive rocky areas such as outcrops, cliffs, talus slopes with boulders and crevices, and caves. It occasionally uses abandoned buildings but generally avoids humans. It generally occurs at higher elevations (to about 1000 m) and is rarely found in lowlands or open areas (NatureServe 2017).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	No comments.
Black Bear	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	E	Yes	No	Uses a wide variety of heavily wooded habitats, ranging from swamps and wetlands to dry upland hardwood and coniferous forests. Although they will utilize open areas, black bears prefer wooded cover with a dense understory (NatureServe 2017).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	Due to the mobility of this species, this Project is not likely to impact this species.
Eastern Harvest Mouse	<i>Reithrodontomys humulis</i>	T	Yes	No	Prefers old fields, marshes, and wet meadows. Climbs among herbaceous vegetation. Nests are placed in tangled vegetation under debris or above ground (NatureServe 2017).	Yes	Suitable habitat (old fields) was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a mile of the Project.	No comments.

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Reptiles and Amphibians								
Eastern Hellbender	<i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis</i>	E	Yes	No	Rocky, clear creeks and rivers, usually where there are large shelter rocks. The species prefers cool waters with temperatures usually lower than 20 degrees Celsius. High amounts of instream cover are needed for shelter/reproduction, including large flat rocks or submerged logs (NatureServe 2017).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	No comments.
Spotted Turtle	<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	T	Yes	No	This turtle shows a marked preference for the shallow, sluggish waters of ditches, small streams, marshes, bogs, and pond edges, especially where vegetation is abundant. It occasionally wanders away from water and lives in wet woods and meadows (ODNR 2017b).	Yes	Suitable habitat (Stream 1) was observed within the Project area. No in-water work is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	No comments.
Eastern Massasauga	<i>Sistrurus catenatus catenatus</i>	E	Yes	No	Throughout much of its range in the eastern United States, massasauga rattlesnakes are found in wet prairies, sedge meadows, and early successional fields. Preferred wetland habitats are marshes and fens. They avoid open water and seem to prefer the cover of broad-leafed plants, emergents, and sedges. Natural succession of woody vegetation is a leading cause of recent habitat deterioration throughout its range. Intensive management to retard woody vegetation growth is necessary to maintain suitable habitat conditions. They are a year-round resident, and the young usually go less than .6 miles to establish their own territory (ODNR 2017b).	Yes	Suitable habitat (old fields and early successional deciduous forest) was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a mile of the Project.	Due to the location, type of habitat present at the Project site, and the type of work proposed, this Project is not likely to impact this species.
Fish								
Popeye Shiner	<i>Notropis ariommus</i>	E	No	No	This fish is found in extremely clear waters in moderate sized streams. These streams usually have slow to moderate flow and many long slow pools (ODNR Division of Wildlife 2017b).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. Additionally, no in-water work is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	If no in-water work is proposed, this Project is not likely to impact this species.
¹ E=Endangered; T=Threatened; SOC = Species of Concern ² According to Ohio Department of Natural Resources, State Listed Wildlife Species by County (ODNR 2017a). ³ According to Ohio Natural Heritage Program (Appendix B).								

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Table 5. Summary of Potential Federally-Listed Species within the West Millersport Station Expansion Project Area, Fairfield County, Ohio

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Mammals							
Indiana Bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	E	Yes	The Indiana bat is likely distributed over the entire State of Ohio, though not uniformly. This species generally forages in openings and edge habitats within upland and floodplain forest, but they also forage over old fields and pastures (Brack et al. 2010). Natural roost structures include trees (live or dead) with exfoliating bark, and exposure to solar radiation. Other important factors for roost trees include relative location to other trees, a permanent water source and foraging areas; Dead trees are preferred as maternity roosts; however, live trees are often used as secondary roosts depending on microclimate conditions (USFWS 2007; USFWS 2017b). Roosts have also occasionally been found to consist of cracks and hollows in trees, utility poles, buildings, and bat boxes. Primarily use caves for hibernacula, although are also known to hibernate in abandoned underground mines (Brack et al. 2010).	Yes	No suitable winter hibernacula were observed in the Project area. However, suitable summer roost habitat was observed in the Project area. AEP intends to avoid areas with summer roost habitat to the extent possible. AEP will determine if any summer tree clearing is necessary in areas containing suitable roost habitat and will proceed accordingly.	If no caves or abandoned mines are present and trees ≥3 inches cannot be avoided, seasonal tree cutting (clearing of trees ≥3 inches diameter at breast height between October 1 and March 31) is recommended to avoid adverse effects to Indiana bats.
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	T	Yes	The northern long-eared bat is found throughout Ohio. This species generally forages in forested habitat and openings in forested habitat and utilizes cracks, cavities, and loose bark within live and dead trees, as well as buildings as roosting habitat (Brack et al. 2010; USFWS 2016). The species utilizes caves and abandoned mines as winter hibernacula. Various sized caves are used providing they have a constant temperature, high humidity, and little to no air current (Brack et al. 2010).	Yes	No suitable winter hibernacula were observed in the Project area. However, suitable summer roost habitat was observed in the Project area. AEP intends to avoid areas with summer roost habitat to the extent possible. AEP will determine if any summer tree clearing is necessary in areas containing suitable roost habitat and will proceed accordingly.	If no caves or abandoned mines are present and trees ≥3 inches cannot be avoided, seasonal tree cutting (clearing of trees ≥3 inches diameter at breast height between October 1 and March 31) is recommended to avoid adverse effects to northern long-eared bats. Incidental take of northern long-eared bats from most tree clearing is exempted by a 4(d) rule.
Plants							
Running Buffalo Clover	<i>Trifolium stoloniferum</i>	E	Yes	Running buffalo clover habitat most commonly consists of mesic woodland in partial to filtered sunlight, where there is a pattern of moderate periodic disturbance for a prolonged period, such as mowing, trampling, or grazing. It has also been found in a variety of disturbed woodland habitats, floodplains, streambanks, grazed woodlots, cemeteries, lawns, old logging roads, and jeep trails (USFWS 2015).	No	No potentially suitable habitat was observed in the Project area. Therefore, no adverse effects to this species are anticipated.	Due to the Project type, size, and location, the USFWS does not anticipate adverse effects to this species.
Reptiles							
Eastern Massasauga	<i>Sistrurus catenatus catenatus</i>	T	Yes	Throughout much of its range in the eastern United States, massasauga rattlesnakes are found in wet prairies, sedge meadows, and early successional fields. Preferred wetland habitats are marshes and fens. They avoid open water and seem to prefer the cover of broad-leaved plants, emergents, and sedges. Natural succession of woody vegetation is a leading cause of recent habitat deterioration throughout its range. Intensive management to retard woody vegetation growth is necessary to maintain suitable habitat conditions. They are a year-round resident, and the young usually go less than .6 miles to establish their own territory (ODNR 2017b).	Yes	Suitable habitat (old fields and early successional deciduous forest) was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a mile of the Project.	Due to the Project type, size, and location, the USFWS does not anticipate adverse effects this species.
¹ E=Endangered; T=Threatened ² According to USFWS (2017a).							

4.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

Stantec conducted a wetland and waterbodies delineation and a preliminary habitat assessment for threatened and endangered species within the Project area on September 26, 2017. During the field surveys, three palustrine emergent (PEM) wetlands totaling approximately 1.1 acres were identified within the Project area. One intermittent stream totaling approximately 1,612 linear feet in length was also delineated within the Project area. See Table 2 for more information regarding the wetland classification and ORAM category and Table 3 for more information regarding the stream identified within the Project area. The information provided by Stantec regarding wetland and stream boundaries is based on an analysis of the wetland and upland conditions present within the Project area at the time of the field work. The delineations were performed by experienced and qualified professionals using regulatory agency-accepted practices and sound professional judgment.

A technical assistance/environmental review request letter was sent to the ODNR-Office of Real Estate on September 14, 2017. A response was received on December 19, 2017 (Appendix B), and stated the Natural Heritage Database had no records of state endangered or threatened plants or animals within a one-mile radius of the Project area. Additionally, they are unaware of any unique ecological sites, geologic features, animal assemblages, scenic rivers, state wildlife areas, state nature preserves, or other protected areas within the Project area. The Project is within the range of the Indiana bat (state-listed endangered) and, if suitable habitat occurs within the Project area, the ODNR-Office of Real Estate response indicated trees should be conserved. If suitable habitat occurs within the Project area and trees must be cut, the ODNR-Office of Real Estate recommends that cutting occur between October 1 and March 31. If suitable trees must be cut during the summer months, the ODNR-Office of Real Estate recommends a net survey be conducted prior to any cutting. Additionally, the ODNR - Division of Wildlife (DOW) indicated the Project is within the range of the popeye shiner (state-listed endangered), eastern massasauga (state-listed endangered), and black bear (state-listed endangered) as described in Table 2 (Appendix B). No impacts are anticipated to these species.

A technical assistance letter was submitted to the USFWS on September 14, 2017. The USFWS response letter (Appendix B) indicated that any projects within the state of Ohio lie within the range of the Indiana bat and the northern long-eared bat. If caves and mines (potential bat hibernacula) will not be disturbed and tree cutting of trees ≥ 3 inches diameter at breast height cannot be avoided, seasonal tree clearing (between October 1 and March 31) is recommended to avoid adverse effects to the Indiana and northern long-eared bats. Due to the Project type, size, and location, the USFWS does not anticipate effects to any other federally endangered, threatened, proposed or candidate species. Additionally, the USFWS indicated that there are no federal wilderness areas, wildlife refuges, or designated critical habitat within the vicinity of the Project area (Appendix B). The USFWS and ODNR recommended to avoid and/or minimize water quality impacts and impacts to high quality fish and wildlife habitat. Natural buffers around streams and wetlands should be preserved to enhance beneficial functions. Best management practices should be utilized to minimize erosion.

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Appendix A Figures

A.1 FIGURE 1 – PROJECT LOCATION MAP

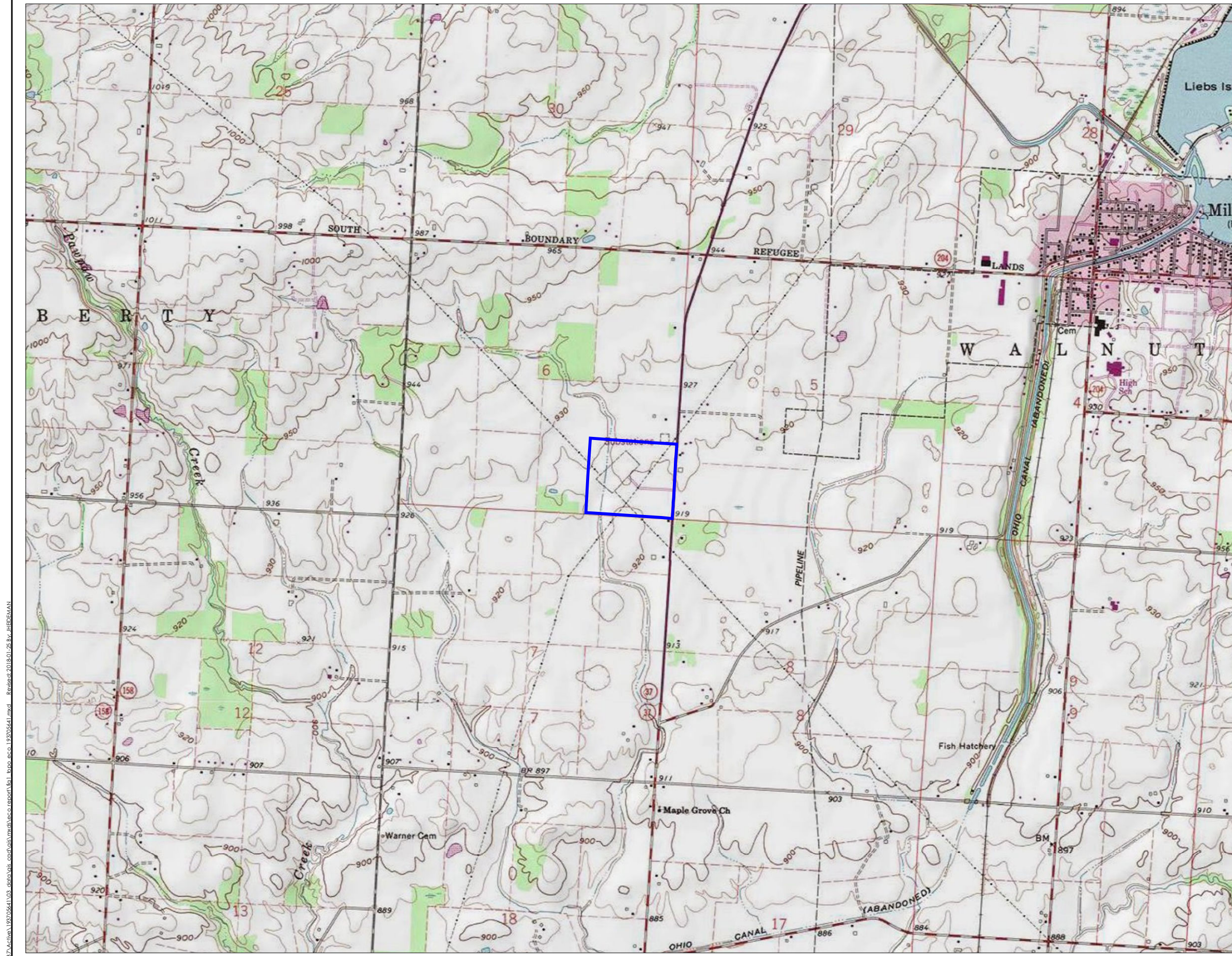
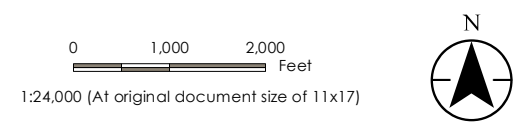

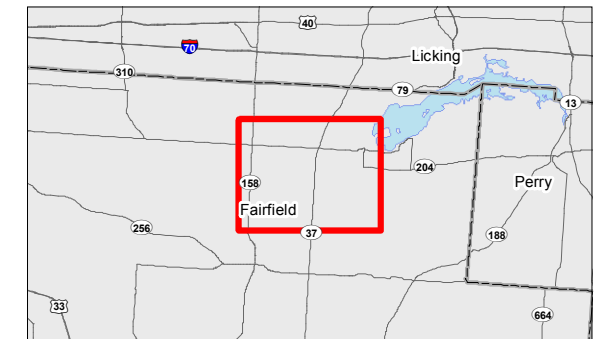


Figure No. **1**
 Title **Project Location Map**
 Client/Project
 AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.
 West Millersport Station Expansion Project
 Project Location
 Fairfield County, OH
 Prepared by JLH on 2017-12-21
 Technical Review by MT on 2017-12-21
 Independent Review by KC on 2018-01-25



Legend
 Project Area (Substation Property)



Notes
 1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane Ohio South FIPS 3402 Feet
 2. Data Sources Include: Stantec, AEP, NADS
 3. Background: USGS 7.5' Topographic Quadrangles - Millersport, OH (1983)



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A.2 FIGURE 2 – WETLAND AND WATERBODY DELINEATION MAP

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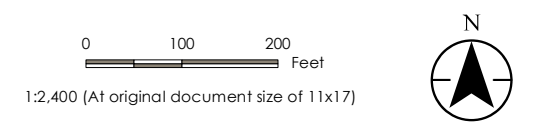
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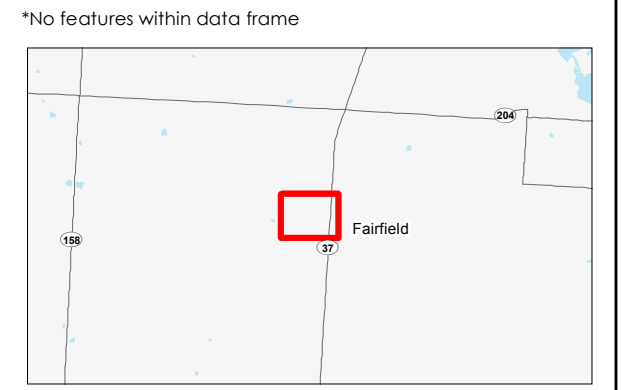
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- Legend**
- Project Area (Substation Property)
 - Wetland Determination Sample Point
 - French Drain
 - ▲ Existing Culvert
 - Photo Location
 - ~ Field Delineated Waterway
 - ~ Approximate Waterway
 - ~ Upland Drainage Feature
 - Field Delineated Open Water
 - Field Delineated Emergent Wetland
 - FEMA Flood Hazard Area*
 - 100-year Flood Zone
 - 100-year Floodway



Notes

1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane Ohio South FIPS 3402 Feet
2. Data Sources Include: Stantec, AEP, USGS, FEMA, NADS, OGRIP
3. Orthophotography: 2015 NAIP



A.3 **FIGURE 3 – HABITAT ASSESSMENT MAP**

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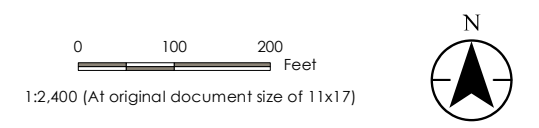
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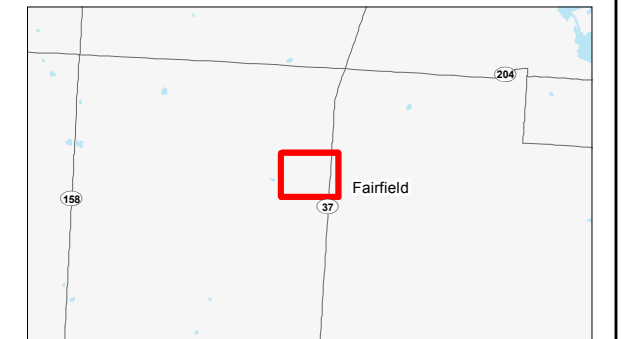
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Project Location
Franklin County, OH

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- Legend**
- Project Area (Substation Property)
 - Existing Culvert
 - Photo Location
 - Upland Drainage Feature
 - Field Delineated Waterway
 - Approximate Waterway
 - Field Delineated Open Water
 - Field Delineated Emergent Wetland
- Habitat Area**
- Agricultural Field
 - Early Successional Deciduous Forest
 - Mixed Early Successional/Second Growth Deciduous Forest
 - New Field
 - Old Field
 - Existing Gravel Road
 - Existing Paved Road
 - Industrial



Notes

1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane Ohio South FIPS 3402 Feet
2. Data Sources Include: Stantec, AEP, USGS, NADS
3. Orthophotography: 2015 NAIP



Appendix B Agency Correspondence



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Re: 17-716; Request for Environmental Review, West Millersport Station Expansion Project

Project: The proposed project involves the expansion of the existing West Millersport 345 kV substation.

Location: The proposed project is in Millersport, Fairfield County, Ohio.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has completed a review of the above referenced project. These comments were generated by an inter-disciplinary review within the Department. These comments have been prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), the National Environmental Policy Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, Ohio Revised Code and other applicable laws and regulations. These comments are also based on ODNR's experience as the state natural resource management agency and do not supersede or replace the regulatory authority of any local, state or federal agency nor relieve the applicant of the obligation to comply with any local, state or federal laws or regulations.

Natural Heritage Database: The Natural Heritage Database has no records at or within a one-mile radius of the project area.

A review of the Ohio Natural Heritage Database indicates there are no records of state endangered or threatened plants or animals within the project area. There are also no records of state potentially threatened plants, special interest or species of concern animals, or any federally listed species. In addition, we are unaware of any unique ecological sites, geologic features, animal assemblages, scenic rivers, state wildlife areas, state nature preserves, state or national parks, state or national forests, national wildlife refuges, or other protected natural areas within the project area. The review was performed on the project area you specified in your request as well as an additional one mile radius. Records searched date from 1980.

Please note that Ohio has not been completely surveyed and we rely on receiving information from many sources. Therefore, a lack of records for any particular area is not a statement that rare species or unique features are absent from that area. Although all types of plant communities have been surveyed, we only maintain records on the highest quality areas.

Fish and Wildlife: The Division of Wildlife (DOW) has the following comments.

The DOW recommends that impacts to streams, wetlands and other water resources be avoided and minimized to the fullest extent possible, and that best management practices be utilized to minimize erosion and sedimentation.

The project is within the range of the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), a state endangered and federally endangered species. The following species of trees have relatively high value as potential Indiana bat roost trees to include: shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*), shellbark hickory (*Carya laciniosa*), bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*), black ash (*Fraxinus nigra*), green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), white ash (*Fraxinus americana*), shingle oak (*Quercus imbricaria*), northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*), slippery elm (*Ulmus rubra*), American elm (*Ulmus americana*), eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*), sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*), post oak (*Quercus stellata*), and white oak (*Quercus alba*). Indiana bat roost trees consists of trees that include dead and dying trees with exfoliating bark, crevices, or cavities in upland areas or riparian corridors and living trees with exfoliating bark, cavities, or hollow areas formed from broken branches or tops. However, Indiana bats are also dependent on the forest structure surrounding roost trees. If suitable habitat occurs within the project area, the DOW recommends trees be conserved. If suitable habitat occurs within the project area and trees must be cut, the DOW recommends cutting occur between October 1 and March 31. If suitable trees must be cut during the summer months, the DOW recommends a net survey be conducted between June 1 and August 15, prior to any cutting. Net surveys should incorporate either nine net nights per square 0.5 kilometer of project area, or four net nights per kilometer for linear projects. If no tree removal is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the popeye shiner (*Notropis ariommus*), a state endangered fish. The DOW recommends no in-water work from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to indigenous aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the eastern massasauga (*Sistrurus catenatus*), a state endangered and a federally threatened snake species. The eastern massasauga uses a range of habitats including wet prairies, fens, and other wetlands, as well as drier upland habitat. Due to the location, the type of habitat present at the project site and within the vicinity of the project area, and the type of work proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the black bear (*Ursus americanus*), a state endangered species. Due to the mobility of this species, this project is not likely to impact this species.

Due to the potential of impacts to federally listed species, as well as to state listed species, we recommend that this project be coordinated with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Water Resources: The Division of Water Resources has the following comment.

The local floodplain administrator should be contacted concerning the possible need for any floodplain permits or approvals for this project. Your local floodplain administrator contact information can be found at the website below.

http://water.ohiodnr.gov/portals/soilwater/pdf/floodplain/Floodplain%20Manager%20Community%20Contact%20List_8_16.pdf

ODNR appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments. Please contact John Kessler at (614) 265-6621 if you have questions about these comments or need additional information.

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Subject: Stantec No. 193705641 - AEP West Millersport Station Expansion, Fairfield Co. OH



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TAILS# 03E15000-2017-TA-1988

Dear Mr. Teitt,

We have received your recent correspondence requesting information about the subject proposal. There are no federal wilderness areas, wildlife refuges or designated critical habitat within the vicinity of the project area. The following comments and recommendations will assist you in fulfilling the requirements for consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) recommends that proposed developments avoid and minimize water quality impacts and impacts to high quality fish and wildlife habitat (e.g., forests, streams, wetlands). Additionally, natural buffers around streams and wetlands should be preserved to enhance beneficial functions. If streams or wetlands will be impacted, the 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. All disturbed areas should be mulched and revegetated with native plant species. Prevention of non-native, invasive plant establishment is critical in maintaining high quality habitats.

FEDERALLY LISTED SPECIES COMMENTS: All projects in the State of Ohio lie within the range of the federally endangered **Indiana bat** (*Myotis sodalis*) and the federally threatened **northern long-eared bat** (*Myotis septentrionalis*). In Ohio, presence of the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat is assumed 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 travel and may also include some adjacent and interspersed non-forested habitats such as emergent wetlands and adjacent edges of agricultural fields, old fields and pastures. This includes forests and woodlots containing potential roosts (i.e., live trees and/or snags ≥ 3 inches diameter at breast height (dbh) that have any exfoliating bark, cracks, crevices, hollows and/or cavities), as well as linear features such as fencerows, riparian forests, and other wooded corridors. These wooded areas may be dense or loose aggregates of trees with variable amounts of canopy closure. Individual trees may be considered suitable habitat when they exhibit the characteristics of a potential roost tree and are located within 1,000 feet (305 meters) 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 and abandoned mines.

Should the proposed site contain trees ≥ 3 inches dbh, we recommend that trees be saved 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 that removal of any trees ≥ 3 inches dbh only occur between October 1 and March 31. Seasonal clearing is being 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 <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/index.html>), 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, summer surveys may be conducted to document the presence or probable absence of Indiana bats within the project area during the summer. If a summer survey documents probable absence of Indiana bats, the 4(d) rule for the northern long-eared bat could be applied. Surveys must be conducted by an approved surveyor and be designed and conducted in coordination with the Endangered Species Coordinator for this office. Surveyors must have a valid federal permit. Please note that summer surveys may only be conducted between June 1 and August 15.

If there is a federal nexus for the project (e.g., federal funding provided, federal permits required to construct), 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 that 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.

Due to the project type, size, and location, we do not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species. Should the project design change, or during the term of this action, 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, consultation with the Service should be initiated to assess any potential impacts.

These comments have been prepared under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), the ESA, and are consistent with the intent of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Service's Mitigation Policy. This letter provides technical assistance only and does not serve as a completed section 7 consultation document. We recommend that the project be coordinated with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources due to the potential for the project to affect state listed species and/or state lands. Contact John Kessler, Environmental Services Administrator, at (614) 265-6621 or at john.kessler@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 ohio@fws.gov.

Sincerely,



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Appendix C Representative Photographs

C.1 FIGURE 2 WETLAND AND WATERBODY PHOTOGRAPHS

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.
West Millersport Station Expansion Project
Fairfield County, Ohio



Photo Location 1. View of Wetland 1. Photograph taken facing north.



Photo Location 1. View of Wetland 1. Photograph taken facing east.

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West Millersport Station Expansion Project
Fairfield County, Ohio



Photo Location 1. View of Wetland 1. Photograph taken facing south.



Photo Location 1. View of Wetland 1. Photograph taken facing west.

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West Millersport Station Expansion Project
Fairfield County, Ohio



Photo Location 2. View of Wetland 2. Photograph taken facing north.



Photo Location 2. View of Wetland 2. Photograph taken facing east.

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.
West Millersport Station Expansion Project
Fairfield County, Ohio



Photo Location 2. View of Wetland 2. Photograph taken facing south.



Photo Location 2. View of Wetland 2. Photograph taken facing west.

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.
West Millersport Station Expansion Project
Fairfield County, Ohio



Photo Location 3. View of Open Water 1. Photograph taken facing north.



Photo Location 4. View of Wetland 3. Photograph taken facing north.

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West Millersport Station Expansion Project
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Photo Location 4. View of Wetland 3. Photograph taken facing east.



Photo Location 4. View of Wetland 3. Photograph taken facing south.

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Photo Location 4. View of Wetland 3. Photograph taken facing west.



Photo Location 5. View of Stream 1. Photograph taken facing upstream/northwest.

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Photo Location 5. View of Stream 1. Photograph taken facing downstream/southeast.



Photo Location 6. Representative view of vegetated upland drainage feature. Photograph taken facing northeast.

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Photo Location 7. Representative view of upland drainage feature. Photograph taken facing north.

C.2 FIGURE 3 HABITAT PHOTOGRAPHS

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.
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Fairfield County, Ohio



Photo Location 1. Representative view of industrial habitat. Photograph taken facing northwest.



Photo Location 2. Representative view of early successional deciduous forest habitat. Photograph taken facing southwest.

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Photo Location 3. Representative view of old field habitat. Photograph taken facing west.



Photo Location 4. Representative view of new field habitat. Photograph taken facing southwest.

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Photo Location 5. Representative view of agricultural field habitat (in background).
Photograph taken facing west.



Photo Location 6. View of gravel access road. Photograph taken facing west.

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Photo Location 7. View of mixed early successional/second growth deciduous forest along Stream 1. Photograph taken facing northwest.

Appendix D Data Forms

D.1 WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORMS

Project/Site: West Millersport Station / W01	Stantec Project #: 193705641	Date: 09/26/17
Applicant: AEP	Investigator #1: Bill Leopold	County: Fairfield
Investigator #2: Kate Bomar	Investigator #2: Kate Bomar	State: OH
Soil Unit: Pe - Pewamo silty clay loam	NWI/WWI Classification: PEM1A	Wetland ID: Wetland 1
Landform: Depression	Local Relief: Concave	Sample Point: SP 1
Slope (%): 1	Latitude: 39.89	Longitude: -82.566956
	Datum: NAD83	Community ID: pem
Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? (If no, explain in remarks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Section: 6
Are Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> significantly disturbed?	Are normal circumstances present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Township: 16N
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> naturally problematic?		Range: 18W

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hydic Soils Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Wetland Hydrology Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is This Sampling Point Within A Wetland? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Remarks: **NWI-mapped PEM1A, w/in active ag field (corn); evidence of tilling (soils disturbed) (vegetation disturbed), evidence of field tile (hydrology disturbed); possible farmed wetland**

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators (Check here if indicators are not present):

<p><u>Primary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A1 - Surface Water <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - High Water Table <input type="checkbox"/> A3 - Saturation <input type="checkbox"/> B1 - Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> B2 - Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B3 - Drift Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B4 - Algal Mat or Crust <input type="checkbox"/> B5 - Iron Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B7 - Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B8 - Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> B9 - Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> B13 - Aquatic Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> B14 - True Aquatic Plants <input type="checkbox"/> C1 - Hydrogen Sulfide Odor <input type="checkbox"/> C3 - Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots <input type="checkbox"/> C4 - Presence of Reduced Iron <input type="checkbox"/> C6 - Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils <input type="checkbox"/> C7 - Thin Muck Surface <input type="checkbox"/> D9 - Gauge or Well Data <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) 	<p><u>Secondary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B6 - Surface Soil Cracks <input type="checkbox"/> B10 - Drainage Patterns <input type="checkbox"/> B16 - Moss Trim Lines <input type="checkbox"/> C2 - Dry-Season Water Table <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C8 - Crayfish Burrows <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C9 - Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D1 - Stunted or Stressed Plants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D2 - Geomorphic Position <input type="checkbox"/> D5 - FAC-Neutral Test
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Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: 0 (in.)	Wetland Hydrology Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Water Table Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: >20 (in.)	
Saturation Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: >20 (in.)	

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available: **nwi-mapped pem1a**

Remarks: **possible field tile present**

SOILS

Map Unit Name: **Pe - Pewamo silty clay loam** Series Drainage Class: **very poorly drained**

Profile Description (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) (Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered/Coated Sand Grains; Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix)

Top Depth	Bottom Depth	Horizon	Matrix			Redox Features				Texture (e.g. clay, sand, loam)	
			Color (Moist)	%		Color (Moist)	%	Type	Location		
0	5	--	2.5Y	3/3	100	--	--	--	--	--	sasilo
5	14	--	2.5Y	3/1	90	10YR	3/6	3	c	pl	sasilo
--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5Y	3/3	7	c	m	--
14	20	--	2.5Y	6/2	60	2.5Y	6/8	20	C	m	sicl
--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5Y	5/1	10	d	m	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5Y	2.5/1	10	d	m	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

NRCS Hydric Soil Field Indicators (check here if indicators are not present):

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A1 - Histosol <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - Histic Epipedon <input type="checkbox"/> A3 - Black Histic <input type="checkbox"/> A4 - Hydrogen Sulfide <input type="checkbox"/> A5 - Stratified Layers <input type="checkbox"/> A10 - 2 cm Muck <input type="checkbox"/> A11 - Depleted Below Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> A12 - Thick Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> S1 - Sandy Muck Mineral <input type="checkbox"/> S3 - 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat <input type="checkbox"/> S4 - Sandy Gleyed Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> S5 - Sandy Redox 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> S6 - Stripped Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F1 - Loamy Muck Mineral <input type="checkbox"/> F2 - Loamy Gleyed Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F3 - Depleted Matrix <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F6 - Redox Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F7 - Depleted Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F8 - Redox Depressions 	<p>Indicators for Problematic Soils ¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A16 - Coast Prairie Redox <input type="checkbox"/> S7 - Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F12 - Iron-Manganese Masses <input type="checkbox"/> TF12 - Very Shallow Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
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¹ Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (If Observed) Type: **N/A** Depth: **N/A** **Hydic Soil Present?** Yes No

Remarks: **petroleum pipeline runs through wetland based on pipeline markers; wetland attempted to be planted/farmed, tilled**

Project/Site: **West Millersport Station / W01** Wetland ID: **Wetland 1** Sample Point: **SP 1**

VEGETATION (Species identified in all uppercase are non-native species.)

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 10 meter radius)				
	<u>Species Name</u>	% Cover	Dominant	Ind. Status
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 5 meter radius)				
	<u>Species Name</u>	% Cover	Dominant	Ind. Status
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Herb Stratum (Plot size: 2 meter radius)				
	<u>Species Name</u>	% Cover	Dominant	Ind. Status
1.	<i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	30	Y	OBL
2.	<i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i>	10	N	FACW
3.	<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	15	Y	FAC
4.	<i>Ammannia coccinea</i>	3	N	OBL
5.	<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	3	N	OBL
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
11.	--	--	--	--
12.	--	--	--	--
13.	--	--	--	--
14.	--	--	--	--
15.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		61		

Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 10 meter radius)				
	<u>Species Name</u>	% Cover	Dominant	Ind. Status
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Remarks: **disturbed from prior tilling, some barren ground areas present**

Dominance Test Worksheet

Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100% (A/B)

Prevalence Index Worksheet

Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by:

OBL spp. _____ x 1 = _____

FACW spp. _____ x 2 = _____

FAC spp. _____ x 3 = _____

FACU spp. _____ x 4 = _____

UPL spp. _____ x 5 = _____

Total _____ (A) _____ (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = _____

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

Yes No Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

Yes No Dominance Test is > 50%

Yes No Prevalence Index is ≤ 3.0 *

Yes No Morphological Adaptations (Explain) *

Yes No Problem Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain) *

* Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Definitions of Vegetation Strata:

Tree - Woody plants 3 in. (7.6cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.

Sapling/Shrub - Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft. tall.

Herb - All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft. tall.

Woody Vines - All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft. in height.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present Yes No

Additional Remarks:
photos: P4-N, P5-E, P6-S, P7-W

Project/Site: West Millersport Station / W01	Stantec Project #: 193705641	Date: 09/26/17
Applicant: AEP	Investigator #1: Bill Leopold	County: Fairfield
Investigator #2: Kate Bomar	NWI/WWI Classification: N/A	State: OH
Soil Unit: Pe - Pewamo silty clay loam	Local Relief: Convex	Wetland ID: Wetland 1
Landform: Side slope	Latitude: 39.89	Sample Point: SP 2
Slope (%): 1	Longitude: -82.567224	Community ID: upland
Datum: NAD83		Section: 6
Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? (If no, explain in remarks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Township: 16N
Are Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> significantly disturbed?	Are normal circumstances present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Range: 18W
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> naturally problematic?		

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Hydric Soils Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Wetland Hydrology Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Is This Sampling Point Within A Wetland? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Remarks: **approx 10' NW of wetland boundary near petroleum pipeline marker in oldfield area, not recently/actively farmed**

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators (Check here if indicators are not present):

<p><u>Primary:</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> A1 - Surface Water <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - High Water Table <input type="checkbox"/> A3 - Saturation <input type="checkbox"/> B1 - Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> B2 - Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B3 - Drift Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B4 - Algal Mat or Crust <input type="checkbox"/> B5 - Iron Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B7 - Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input type="checkbox"/> B8 - Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface	<input type="checkbox"/> B9 - Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> B13 - Aquatic Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> B14 - True Aquatic Plants <input type="checkbox"/> C1 - Hydrogen Sulfide Odor <input type="checkbox"/> C3 - Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots <input type="checkbox"/> C4 - Presence of Reduced Iron <input type="checkbox"/> C6 - Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils <input type="checkbox"/> C7 - Thin Muck Surface <input type="checkbox"/> D9 - Gauge or Well Data <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<p><u>Secondary:</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> B6 - Surface Soil Cracks <input type="checkbox"/> B10 - Drainage Patterns <input type="checkbox"/> B16 - Moss Trim Lines <input type="checkbox"/> C2 - Dry-Season Water Table <input type="checkbox"/> C8 - Crayfish Burrows <input type="checkbox"/> C9 - Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input type="checkbox"/> D1 - Stunted or Stressed Plants <input type="checkbox"/> D2 - Geomorphic Position <input type="checkbox"/> D5 - FAC-Neutral Test
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Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: 0 (in.)	Wetland Hydrology Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Water Table Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: >18 (in.)	
Saturation Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: >18 (in.)	

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: **possible field tile present**

SOILS

Map Unit Name: **Pe - Pewamo silty clay loam** Series Drainage Class: **very poorly drained**

Profile Description (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) (Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered/Coated Sand Grains; Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix)

Top Depth	Bottom Depth	Horizon	Matrix			Redox Features				Texture (e.g. clay, sand, loam)	
			Color (Moist)	%		Color (Moist)	%	Type	Location		
0	10	--	2.5Y	4/1	100	--	--	--	--	--	sicllo
10	18	--	2.5Y	4/2	98	2.5Y	6/6	2	c	m	sicllo
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

NRCS Hydric Soil Field Indicators (check here if indicators are not present):

<input type="checkbox"/> A1- Histosol <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - Histic Epipedon <input type="checkbox"/> A3 - Black Histic <input type="checkbox"/> A4 - Hydrogen Sulfide <input type="checkbox"/> A5 - Stratified Layers <input type="checkbox"/> A10 - 2 cm Muck <input type="checkbox"/> A11 - Depleted Below Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> A12 - Thick Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> S1 - Sandy Muck Mineral <input type="checkbox"/> S3 - 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat <input type="checkbox"/> S4 - Sandy Gleyed Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> S5 - Sandy Redox	<input type="checkbox"/> S6 - Stripped Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F1 - Loamy Muck Mineral <input type="checkbox"/> F2 - Loamy Gleyed Matrix <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F3 - Depleted Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F6 - Redox Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F7 - Depleted Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F8 - Redox Depressions	<p>Indicators for Problematic Soils ¹</p> <input type="checkbox"/> A16 - Coast Prairie Redox <input type="checkbox"/> S7 - Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F12 - Iron-Manganese Masses <input type="checkbox"/> TF12 - Very Shallow Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
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¹ Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (If Observed) Type: N/A	Depth: N/A	Hydric Soil Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks:		

Project/Site: **West Millersport Station / W01**

 Wetland ID: **Wetland 1**

 Sample Point: **SP 2**
VEGETATION (Species identified in all uppercase are non-native species.)

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 10 meter radius)				
	Species Name	% Cover	Dominant	Ind. Status
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 5 meter radius)				
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 2 meter radius)				
1.	<i>Symphyotrichum pilosum</i>	15	Y	FACU
2.	<i>Setaria pumila</i>	15	Y	FAC
3.	<i>Setaria faberi</i>	10	Y	FACU
4.	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	5	N	FACU
5.	<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	5	N	FAC
6.	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	10	Y	FACU
7.	<i>Daucus carota</i>	3	N	UPL
8.	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	5	N	FACU
9.	<i>Ambrosia trifida</i>	10	Y	FAC
10.	<i>Vernonia gigantea</i>	2	N	FAC
11.	--	--	--	--
12.	--	--	--	--
13.	--	--	--	--
14.	--	--	--	--
15.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		80		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 10 meter radius)				
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Dominance Test Worksheet

 Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)

 Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 5 (B)

 Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 40% (A/B)

Prevalence Index Worksheet

Total % Cover of:

Multiply by:

OBL spp.	<u>0</u>	x 1 =	<u>0</u>
FACW spp.	<u>0</u>	x 2 =	<u>0</u>
FAC spp.	<u>32</u>	x 3 =	<u>96</u>
FACU spp.	<u>45</u>	x 4 =	<u>180</u>
UPL spp.	<u>3</u>	x 5 =	<u>15</u>

 Total 80 (A) 291 (B)

 Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.638
Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

- Yes No Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
 Yes No Dominance Test is > 50%
 Yes No Prevalence Index is ≤ 3.0 *
 Yes No Morphological Adaptations (Explain) *
 Yes No Problem Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain) *

* Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Definitions of Vegetation Strata:
Tree - Woody plants 3 in. (7.6cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.

Sapling/Shrub - Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft. tall.

Herb - All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft. tall.

Woody Vines - All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft. in height.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present Yes No

Remarks:

Additional Remarks:

photo: P8-E

Project/Site: West Millersport Station / W02		Stantec Project #: 193705641		Date: 09/26/17
Applicant: AEP		Investigator #1: Bill Leopold		County: Fairfield
Investigator #2: Kate Bomar		Investigator #2: Kate Bomar		State: OH
Soil Unit: Pe - Pewamo silty clay loam	NWII/WWI Classification: PEM1A			Wetland ID: Wetland 2
Landform: Depression	Local Relief: Concave		Sample Point: SP 3	Community ID: pem
Slope (%): 0	Latitude: 39.89	Longitude: -82.566695	Datum: NAD83	
Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? (If no, explain in remarks)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> significantly disturbed?		Are normal circumstances present?		
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> naturally problematic?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Section: 6				Township: 16N
Range: 18W				

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hydic Soils Present?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Wetland Hydrology Present?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is This Sampling Point Within A Wetland?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Remarks: **w/in farm field; evidence of tilling (vegetation disturbed) (soils disturbed), possible field tile present (hydrology disturbed)**

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators (Check here if indicators are not present):

<p><u>Primary:</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> A1 - Surface Water <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - High Water Table <input type="checkbox"/> A3 - Saturation <input type="checkbox"/> B1 - Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> B2 - Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B3 - Drift Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B4 - Algal Mat or Crust <input type="checkbox"/> B5 - Iron Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B7 - Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input type="checkbox"/> B8 - Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface	<input type="checkbox"/> B9 - Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> B13 - Aquatic Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> B14 - True Aquatic Plants <input type="checkbox"/> C1 - Hydrogen Sulfide Odor <input type="checkbox"/> C3 - Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots <input type="checkbox"/> C4 - Presence of Reduced Iron <input type="checkbox"/> C6 - Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils <input type="checkbox"/> C7 - Thin Muck Surface <input type="checkbox"/> D9 - Gauge or Well Data <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<p><u>Secondary:</u></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B6 - Surface Soil Cracks <input type="checkbox"/> B10 - Drainage Patterns <input type="checkbox"/> B16 - Moss Trim Lines <input type="checkbox"/> C2 - Dry-Season Water Table <input type="checkbox"/> C8 - Crayfish Burrows <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C9 - Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D1 - Stunted or Stressed Plants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D2 - Geomorphic Position <input type="checkbox"/> D5 - FAC-Neutral Test
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Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: 0 (in.)	Wetland Hydrology Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Water Table Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: >20 (in.)	
Saturation Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: >20 (in.)	

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: **possible field tile present**

SOILS

Map Unit Name: **Pe - Pewamo silty clay loam** Series Drainage Class: **very poorly drained**

Profile Description (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) (Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered/Coated Sand Grains; Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix)

Top Depth	Bottom Depth	Horizon	Matrix			Redox Features				Texture (e.g. clay, sand, loam)	
			Color (Moist)	%		Color (Moist)	%	Type	Location		
0	21	--	2.5Y	2.5/1	100	--	--	--	--	--	sicl
21	25	--	2.5Y	4/1	90	2.5Y	5/6	10	c	pl	cl
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NRCS Hydic Soil Field Indicators (check here if indicators are not present):

<input type="checkbox"/> A1 - Histosol <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - Histic Epipedon <input type="checkbox"/> A3 - Black Histic <input type="checkbox"/> A4 - Hydrogen Sulfide <input type="checkbox"/> A5 - Stratified Layers <input type="checkbox"/> A10 - 2 cm Muck <input type="checkbox"/> A11 - Depleted Below Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> A12 - Thick Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> S1 - Sandy Muck Mineral <input type="checkbox"/> S3 - 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat <input type="checkbox"/> S4 - Sandy Gleyed Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> S5 - Sandy Redox	<input type="checkbox"/> S6 - Stripped Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F1 - Loamy Muck Mineral <input type="checkbox"/> F2 - Loamy Gleyed Matrix <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F3 - Depleted Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F6 - Redox Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F7 - Depleted Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F8 - Redox Depressions	<p>Indicators for Problematic Soils ¹</p> <input type="checkbox"/> A16 - Coast Prairie Redox <input type="checkbox"/> S7 - Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F12 - Iron-Manganese Masses <input type="checkbox"/> TF12 - Very Shallow Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
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¹ Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (If Observed)	Type: N/A	Depth: N/A	Hydic Soil Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks: actively tilled, planted this year			

Project/Site: **West Millersport Station / W02** Wetland ID: **Wetland 2** Sample Point: **SP 3**

VEGETATION (Species identified in all uppercase are non-native species.)				
Tree Stratum (Plot size: 10 meter radius)				
	<u>Species Name</u>	<u>% Cover</u>	<u>Dominant</u>	<u>Ind. Status</u>
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 5 meter radius)				
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
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6.	--	--	--	--
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9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 2 meter radius)				
1.	<i>Echinochloa muricata</i>	60	Y	OBL
2.	<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	20	Y	FAC
3.	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	5	N	FAC
4.	<i>Packera glabella</i>	5	N	FACW
5.	<i>Ammannia coccinea</i>	3	N	OBL
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
11.	--	--	--	--
12.	--	--	--	--
13.	--	--	--	--
14.	--	--	--	--
15.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		93		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 10 meter radius)				
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		
Remarks:				

Additional Remarks:
photos: P9-N, P10-E, P11-S, P12-W

Dominance Test Worksheet

Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 2 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 2 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100% (A/B)

Prevalence Index Worksheet

<u>Total % Cover of:</u>		<u>Multiply by:</u>	
OBL spp.	<u>63</u>	x 1 =	<u>63</u>
FACW spp.	<u>5</u>	x 2 =	<u>10</u>
FAC spp.	<u>25</u>	x 3 =	<u>75</u>
FACU spp.	<u>0</u>	x 4 =	<u>0</u>
UPL spp.	<u>0</u>	x 5 =	<u>0</u>
Total		<u>93</u> (A)	<u>148</u> (B)
		Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>1.591</u>	

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Dominance Test is > 50%
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Prevalence Index is ≤ 3.0 *
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Morphological Adaptations (Explain) *
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Problem Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain) *

* Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Definitions of Vegetation Strata:

Tree - Woody plants 3 in. (7.6cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.

Sapling/Shrub - Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft. tall.

Herb - All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft. tall.

Woody Vines - All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft. in height.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present Yes No

Project/Site: West Millersport Station / W02	Stantec Project #: 193705641	Date: 09/26/17
Applicant: AEP	Investigator #1: Bill Leopold	County: Fairfield
Investigator #2: Kate Bomar	NWI/WWI Classification: N/A	State: OH
Soil Unit: Pe - Pewamo silty clay loam	Local Relief: Concave	Wetland ID: Wetland 2
Landform: Side slope	Latitude: 39.89	Sample Point: SP 4
Slope (%): 2	Longitude: -82.566787	Community ID: upland
	Datum: NAD83	Section: 6
Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? (If no, explain in remarks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Township: 16N
Are Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> significantly disturbed?	Are normal circumstances present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Range: 18W
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> naturally problematic?		

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Hydric Soils Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Wetland Hydrology Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Is This Sampling Point Within A Wetland? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Remarks: **approx. 15 feet west of wetland boundary, within barren area of farm field; evidence of tilling (vegetation disturbed) (soils disturbed), possible field tile present (hydrology disturbed)**

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators (Check here if indicators are not present):

<p><u>Primary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A1 - Surface Water <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - High Water Table <input type="checkbox"/> A3 - Saturation <input type="checkbox"/> B1 - Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> B2 - Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B3 - Drift Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B4 - Algal Mat or Crust <input type="checkbox"/> B5 - Iron Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B7 - Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input type="checkbox"/> B8 - Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> B9 - Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> B13 - Aquatic Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> B14 - True Aquatic Plants <input type="checkbox"/> C1 - Hydrogen Sulfide Odor <input type="checkbox"/> C3 - Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots <input type="checkbox"/> C4 - Presence of Reduced Iron <input type="checkbox"/> C6 - Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils <input type="checkbox"/> C7 - Thin Muck Surface <input type="checkbox"/> D9 - Gauge or Well Data <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) 	<p><u>Secondary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> B6 - Surface Soil Cracks <input type="checkbox"/> B10 - Drainage Patterns <input type="checkbox"/> B16 - Moss Trim Lines <input type="checkbox"/> C2 - Dry-Season Water Table <input type="checkbox"/> C8 - Crayfish Burrows <input type="checkbox"/> C9 - Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input type="checkbox"/> D1 - Stunted or Stressed Plants <input type="checkbox"/> D2 - Geomorphic Position <input type="checkbox"/> D5 - FAC-Neutral Test
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Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: 0 (in.)	Wetland Hydrology Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Water Table Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: >24 (in.)	
Saturation Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: >24 (in.)	

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: **possible field tile present**

SOILS

Map Unit Name: **Pe - Pewamo silty clay loam** Series Drainage Class: **very poorly drained**

Profile Description (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) (Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered/Coated Sand Grains; Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix)

Top Depth	Bottom Depth	Horizon	Matrix			Redox Features				Texture (e.g. clay, sand, loam)	
			Color (Moist)	%		Color (Moist)	%	Type	Location		
0	16	--	2.5Y	2.5/1	100	--	--	--	--	--	sil
16	24	--	2.5Y	4/1	95	2.5Y	5/6	5	c	pl	cl
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NRCS Hydric Soil Field Indicators (check here if indicators are not present):

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A1 - Histosol <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - Histic Epipedon <input type="checkbox"/> A3 - Black Histic <input type="checkbox"/> A4 - Hydrogen Sulfide <input type="checkbox"/> A5 - Stratified Layers <input type="checkbox"/> A10 - 2 cm Muck <input type="checkbox"/> A11 - Depleted Below Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> A12 - Thick Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> S1 - Sandy Muck Mineral <input type="checkbox"/> S3 - 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat <input type="checkbox"/> S4 - Sandy Gleyed Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> S5 - Sandy Redox 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> S6 - Stripped Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F1 - Loamy Muck Mineral <input type="checkbox"/> F2 - Loamy Gleyed Matrix <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F3 - Depleted Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F6 - Redox Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F7 - Depleted Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F8 - Redox Depressions 	<p>Indicators for Problematic Soils¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A16 - Coast Prairie Redox <input type="checkbox"/> S7 - Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F12 - Iron-Manganese Masses <input type="checkbox"/> TF12 - Very Shallow Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
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¹ Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (If Observed) Type: N/A Depth: N/A	Hydric Soil Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks: actively tilled, planted this year	

Project/Site: **West Millersport Station / W02**

Wetland ID: **Wetland 2**

Sample Point: **SP 4**

VEGETATION (Species identified in all uppercase are non-native species.)

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 10 meter radius)				
	<u>Species Name</u>	<u>% Cover</u>	<u>Dominant</u>	<u>Ind. Status</u>
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
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9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 5 meter radius)				
	<u>Species Name</u>	<u>% Cover</u>	<u>Dominant</u>	<u>Ind. Status</u>
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3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
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8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Herb Stratum (Plot size: 2 meter radius)				
	<u>Species Name</u>	<u>% Cover</u>	<u>Dominant</u>	<u>Ind. Status</u>
1.	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	60	Y	FACU
2.	<i>Packera glabella</i>	10	N	FACW
3.	<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	3	N	FAC
4.	<i>Ambrosia trifida</i>	5	N	FAC
5.	<i>Ammannia coccinea</i>	3	N	OBL
6.	<i>Stellaria media</i>	5	N	FACU
7.	<i>Zea mays</i>	10	N	#N/A
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9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
11.	--	--	--	--
12.	--	--	--	--
13.	--	--	--	--
14.	--	--	--	--
15.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		96		

Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 10 meter radius)				
	<u>Species Name</u>	<u>% Cover</u>	<u>Dominant</u>	<u>Ind. Status</u>
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Remarks:

Dominance Test Worksheet

Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0 (A)

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 1 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index Worksheet

<u>Total % Cover of:</u>		<u>Multiply by:</u>	
OBL spp.	<u>3</u>	x 1 =	<u>3</u>
FACW spp.	<u>10</u>	x 2 =	<u>20</u>
FAC spp.	<u>8</u>	x 3 =	<u>24</u>
FACU spp.	<u>65</u>	x 4 =	<u>260</u>
UPL spp.	<u>0</u>	x 5 =	<u>0</u>

Total 86 (A) 307 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.570

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

- Yes No Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
- Yes No Dominance Test is > 50%
- Yes No Prevalence Index is ≤ 3.0 *
- Yes No Morphological Adaptations (Explain) *
- Yes No Problem Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain) *

* Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Definitions of Vegetation Strata:

Tree - Woody plants 3 in. (7.6cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.

Sapling/Shrub - Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft. tall.

Herb - All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft. tall.

Woody Vines - All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft. in height.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present Yes No

Additional Remarks:

photo: P13-N

Project/Site: West Millersport Station / W03		Stantec Project #: 193705641	Date: 09/26/17
Applicant: AEP		Investigator #1: Bill Leopold	Investigator #2: Kate Bomar
Soil Unit: Pe - Pewamo silty clay loam		NWI/WWI Classification: N/A	County: Fairfield
Landform: Depression		Local Relief: Concave	State: OH
Slope (%): 0	Latitude: 39.89	Longitude: -82.568372	Datum: NAD83
Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? (If no, explain in remarks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Wetland ID: Wetland 3
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> significantly disturbed?		Are normal circumstances present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> naturally problematic?		Sample Point: SP 6	
		Community ID: pem	
		Section: 6	
		Township: 16N	
		Range: 18W	

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hydric Soils Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Wetland Hydrology Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is This Sampling Point Within A Wetland? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Remarks: **within constructed drainage ditch**

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators (Check here if indicators are not present):

<p><u>Primary:</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> A1 - Surface Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A2 - High Water Table <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A3 - Saturation <input type="checkbox"/> B1 - Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> B2 - Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B3 - Drift Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B4 - Algal Mat or Crust <input type="checkbox"/> B5 - Iron Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B7 - Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input type="checkbox"/> B8 - Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface	<input type="checkbox"/> B9 - Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> B13 - Aquatic Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> B14 - True Aquatic Plants <input type="checkbox"/> C1 - Hydrogen Sulfide Odor <input type="checkbox"/> C3 - Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots <input type="checkbox"/> C4 - Presence of Reduced Iron <input type="checkbox"/> C6 - Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils <input type="checkbox"/> C7 - Thin Muck Surface <input type="checkbox"/> D9 - Gauge or Well Data <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<p><u>Secondary:</u></p> <input type="checkbox"/> B6 - Surface Soil Cracks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B10 - Drainage Patterns <input type="checkbox"/> B16 - Moss Trim Lines <input type="checkbox"/> C2 - Dry-Season Water Table <input type="checkbox"/> C8 - Crayfish Burrows <input type="checkbox"/> C9 - Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input type="checkbox"/> D1 - Stunted or Stressed Plants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D2 - Geomorphic Position <input type="checkbox"/> D5 - FAC-Neutral Test
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Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: 0 (in.)	Wetland Hydrology Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Water Table Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: 11 (in.)	
Saturation Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: 0 (in.)	

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

SOILS

Map Unit Name: **Pe - Pewamo silty clay loam** Series Drainage Class: **very poorly drained**

Profile Description (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) (Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered/Coated Sand Grains; Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix)

Top Depth	Bottom Depth	Horizon	Matrix			Redox Features				Texture (e.g. clay, sand, loam)	
			Color (Moist)	%		Color (Moist)	%	Type	Location		
0	6	--	2.5Y	4/2	100	--	--	--	--	--	silto
6	16	--	2.5Y	4/2	80	2.5Y	5/6	20	c	m	silto
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NRCS Hydric Soil Field Indicators (check here if indicators are not present):

<input type="checkbox"/> A1 - Histosol <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - Histic Epipedon <input type="checkbox"/> A3 - Black Histic <input type="checkbox"/> A4 - Hydrogen Sulfide <input type="checkbox"/> A5 - Stratified Layers <input type="checkbox"/> A10 - 2 cm Muck <input type="checkbox"/> A11 - Depleted Below Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> A12 - Thick Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> S1 - Sandy Muck Mineral <input type="checkbox"/> S3 - 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat <input type="checkbox"/> S4 - Sandy Gleyed Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> S5 - Sandy Redox	<input type="checkbox"/> S6 - Stripped Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F1 - Loamy Muck Mineral <input type="checkbox"/> F2 - Loamy Gleyed Matrix <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F3 - Depleted Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F6 - Redox Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F7 - Depleted Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F8 - Redox Depressions	<p>Indicators for Problematic Soils ¹</p> <input type="checkbox"/> A16 - Coast Prairie Redox <input type="checkbox"/> S7 - Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F12 - Iron-Manganese Masses <input type="checkbox"/> TF12 - Very Shallow Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
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¹ Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (If Observed) Type: N/A Depth: N/A	Hydric Soil Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks:	

Project/Site: **West Millersport Station / W03**

 Wetland ID: **Wetland 3**

 Sample Point: **SP 6**
VEGETATION (Species identified in all uppercase are non-native species.)

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 10 meter radius)				
	Species Name	% Cover	Dominant	Ind. Status
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 5 meter radius)				
1.	Salix nigra	3	Y	OBL
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		3		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 2 meter radius)				
1.	Scirpus atrovirens	30	Y	OBL
2.	Euthamia graminifolia	10	N	FACW
3.	Leersia oryzoides	30	Y	OBL
4.	Lobelia siphilitica	5	N	OBL
5.	Symphotrichum novae-angliae	5	N	FACW
6.	Juncus effusus	10	N	OBL
7.	Eupatorium perfoliatum	5	N	OBL
8.	Carex vulpinoidea	10	N	FACW
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
11.	--	--	--	--
12.	--	--	--	--
13.	--	--	--	--
14.	--	--	--	--
15.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		105		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 10 meter radius)				
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Dominance Test Worksheet

 Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC: **3** (A)

 Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: **3** (B)

 Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: **100%** (A/B)

Prevalence Index Worksheet

Total % Cover of:

Multiply by:

OBL spp.	83	x 1 =	83
FACW spp.	25	x 2 =	50
FAC spp.	0	x 3 =	0
FACU spp.	0	x 4 =	0
UPL spp.	0	x 5 =	0

 Total **108** (A) **133** (B)

 Prevalence Index = B/A = **1.231**
Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

- Yes No Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
 Yes No Dominance Test is > 50%
 Yes No Prevalence Index is ≤ 3.0 *
 Yes No Morphological Adaptations (Explain) *
 Yes No Problem Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain) *

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Definitions of Vegetation Strata:
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Woody Vines - All woody vines greater than 3.28 ft. in height.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present Yes No

Remarks:

Additional Remarks:

photos: P16-N, P17-E, P18-S, P19-W

Project/Site: West Millersport Station / W03		Stantec Project #: 193705641	Date: 09/26/17
Applicant: AEP		Investigator #1: Bill Leopold	County: Fairfield
Investigator #2: Kate Bomar		Investigator #2: Kate Bomar	State: OH
Soil Unit: Pe - Pewamo silty clay loam	Local Relief: Convex		Wetland ID: Wetland 3
Landform: Side slope	Latitude: 39.89	Longitude: -82.568351	Sample Point: SP 7
Slope (%): 5	Datum: NAD83		Community ID: upland
Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? (If no, explain in remarks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Section: 6
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> significantly disturbed?		Are normal circumstances present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input type="checkbox"/> , or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> naturally problematic?		Township: 16N	
		Range: 18W	

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Hydric Soils Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Wetland Hydrology Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Is This Sampling Point Within A Wetland? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Remarks: **approx. 5 feet east of wetland on side slope of ditch**

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators (Check here if indicators are not present):

<p><u>Primary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A1 - Surface Water <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - High Water Table <input type="checkbox"/> A3 - Saturation <input type="checkbox"/> B1 - Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> B2 - Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B3 - Drift Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B4 - Algal Mat or Crust <input type="checkbox"/> B5 - Iron Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B7 - Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input type="checkbox"/> B8 - Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> B9 - Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> B13 - Aquatic Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> B14 - True Aquatic Plants <input type="checkbox"/> C1 - Hydrogen Sulfide Odor <input type="checkbox"/> C3 - Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots <input type="checkbox"/> C4 - Presence of Reduced Iron <input type="checkbox"/> C6 - Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils <input type="checkbox"/> C7 - Thin Muck Surface <input type="checkbox"/> D9 - Gauge or Well Data <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) 	<p><u>Secondary:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> B6 - Surface Soil Cracks <input type="checkbox"/> B10 - Drainage Patterns <input type="checkbox"/> B16 - Moss Trim Lines <input type="checkbox"/> C2 - Dry-Season Water Table <input type="checkbox"/> C8 - Crayfish Burrows <input type="checkbox"/> C9 - Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input type="checkbox"/> D1 - Stunted or Stressed Plants <input type="checkbox"/> D2 - Geomorphic Position <input type="checkbox"/> D5 - FAC-Neutral Test
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Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: 0 (in.)	Wetland Hydrology Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Water Table Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: >18 (in.)	
Saturation Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Depth: >18 (in.)	

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

SOILS

Map Unit Name: **Pe - Pewamo silty clay loam** Series Drainage Class: **very poorly drained**

Profile Description (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) (Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered/Coated Sand Grains; Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix)

Top Depth	Bottom Depth	Horizon	Matrix			Redox Features				Texture (e.g. clay, sand, loam)	
			Color (Moist)	%		Color (Moist)	%	Type	Location		
0	10	--	2.5Y	4/3	100	--	--	--	--	--	sil
10	18	--	2.5Y	4/3	70	2.5Y	5/6	10	c	m	sil
--	--	--	--	--	--	2.5Y	6/1	20	d	m	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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<p>NRCS Hydric Soil Field Indicators (check here if indicators are not present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A1 - Histosol <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - Histic Epipedon <input type="checkbox"/> A3 - Black Histic <input type="checkbox"/> A4 - Hydrogen Sulfide <input type="checkbox"/> A5 - Stratified Layers <input type="checkbox"/> A10 - 2 cm Muck <input type="checkbox"/> A11 - Depleted Below Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> A12 - Thick Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> S1 - Sandy Muck Mineral <input type="checkbox"/> S3 - 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat <input type="checkbox"/> S4 - Sandy Gleyed Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> S5 - Sandy Redox 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> S6 - Stripped Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F1 - Loamy Muck Mineral <input type="checkbox"/> F2 - Loamy Gleyed Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F3 - Depleted Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F6 - Redox Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F7 - Depleted Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F8 - Redox Depressions 	<p>Indicators for Problematic Soils¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A16 - Coast Prairie Redox <input type="checkbox"/> S7 - Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F12 - Iron-Manganese Masses <input type="checkbox"/> TF12 - Very Shallow Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
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¹ Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (If Observed) Type: N/A Depth: N/A	Hydric Soil Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks:	

Project/Site: **West Millersport Station / W03** Wetland ID: **Wetland 3** Sample Point: **SP 7**

VEGETATION (Species identified in all uppercase are non-native species.)

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 10 meter radius)				
	Species Name	% Cover	Dominant	Ind. Status
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 5 meter radius)				
	Species Name	% Cover	Dominant	Ind. Status
1.	<i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>	20	Y	UPL
2.	<i>Rubus pensilvanicus</i>	5	N	UPL
3.	<i>Lonicera morrowii</i>	5	N	FACU
4.	<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>	2	N	FACU
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		32		

Herb Stratum (Plot size: 2 meter radius)				
	Species Name	% Cover	Dominant	Ind. Status
1.	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	30	Y	FACU
2.	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	10	N	FACU
3.	<i>Symphotrichum pilosum</i>	30	Y	FACU
4.	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	5	N	OBL
5.	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	5	N	FACU
6.	<i>Vernonia gigantea</i>	10	N	FAC
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
11.	--	--	--	--
12.	--	--	--	--
13.	--	--	--	--
14.	--	--	--	--
15.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		90		

Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 10 meter radius)				
	Species Name	% Cover	Dominant	Ind. Status
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Remarks:

Dominance Test Worksheet	
Number of Dominant Species that are OBL, FACW, or FAC:	<u>0</u> (A)
Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata:	<u>3</u> (B)
Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:	<u>0%</u> (A/B)

Prevalence Index Worksheet	
Total % Cover of:	Multiply by:
OBL spp. <u>5</u>	x 1 = <u>5</u>
FACW spp. <u>0</u>	x 2 = <u>0</u>
FAC spp. <u>10</u>	x 3 = <u>30</u>
FACU spp. <u>82</u>	x 4 = <u>328</u>
UPL spp. <u>25</u>	x 5 = <u>125</u>
Total <u>122</u> (A)	<u>488</u> (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>4.000</u>	

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Prevalence Index is ≤ 3.0 *
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Morphological Adaptations (Explain) *
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Hydrophytic Vegetation Present Yes No

Additional Remarks:
photo: P20-W

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D.2 ORAM DATA FORMS

Background Information

Name:	Bill Leopold	
Date:	9-29-2017	
Affiliation:	Stantec	
Address:	11687 Lebanon Rd Cincinnati OH 45241	
Phone Number:	513-619-6461	
e-mail address:	bill.leopold@stantec.com	
Name of Wetland:	Wetland 1	
Vegetation Community(ies):	PEM	
HGM Class(es):	Depressional	
Location of Wetland: include map, address, north arrow, landmarks, distances, roads, etc.		
Lat/Long or UTM Coordinate	39.887116N	82.566513W
USGS Quad Name	Millersport	
County	Fairfield	
Township	Liberty	T16N R18W
Section and Subsection	S6 SE	
Hydrologic Unit Code	050600011701	Paulow Creek
Site Visit	9-26-2017	
National Wetland Inventory Map	PEM 1A	
Ohio Wetland Inventory Map	N/A	
Soil Survey	Pe-Pewamo silt clay loam	
Delineation report/map	see Ecological Resources Inventory Report	

Name of Wetland: <i>Wetland 1</i>	
Wetland Size (acres, hectares): <i>0.935 acre</i>	
Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface waters, vegetation zones, etc.	
Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes:	
<i>See Ecological Resources Inventory Report</i>	
Final score :	<i>15</i>
Category:	<i>1</i>

Scoring Boundary Worksheet *Wetland 1*

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.	✓	
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.	✓	
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.		✓

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

Narrative Rating

Wetland 1

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	Circle one	
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).	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Go to Question 2	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO 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?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 3	<input type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 3
3	Documented High Quality Wetland. Is the wetland on record in Natural Heritage Database as a high quality wetland?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 4	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 4
4	Significant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the wetland contain documented regionally significant breeding or nonbreeding waterfowl, neotropical songbird, or shorebird concentration areas?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 5	<input type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 5
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</i> , <i>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?	YES Wetland is a Category 1 wetland Go to Question 6	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 6
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%?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 7	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 7
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%?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 8a	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 8a
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 all-aged structure and multilayered canopies; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with canopy gaps; and significant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8b	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 8b

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8b	Mature forested wetlands. Is the wetland a forested wetland with 50% or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of deciduous trees with large diameters at breast height (dbh), generally diameters greater than 45cm (17.7in) dbh?	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 9a	NO Go to Question 9a
9a	Lake Erie coastal and tributary wetlands. Is the wetland located at an elevation less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevation, or along a tributary to Lake Erie that is accessible to fish?	YES Go to Question 9b	NO Go to Question 10
9b	Does the wetland's hydrology result from measures designed to prevent erosion and the loss of aquatic plants, i.e. the wetland is partially hydrologically restricted from Lake Erie due to lakeward or landward dikes or other hydrological controls?	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Go to Question 10	NO Go to Question 9c
9c	Are Lake Erie water levels the wetland's primary hydrological influence, i.e. the wetland is hydrologically unrestricted (no lakeward or upland border alterations), or the wetland can be characterized as an "estuarine" wetland with lake and river influenced hydrology. These include sandbar deposition wetlands, estuarine wetlands, river mouth wetlands, or those dominated by submersed aquatic vegetation.	YES Go to Question 9d	NO Go to Question 10
9d	Does the wetland have a predominance of native species within its vegetation communities, although non-native or disturbance tolerant native species can also be present?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 10	NO Go to Question 9e
9e	Does the wetland have a predominance of non-native or disturbance tolerant native plant species within its vegetation communities?	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Go to Question 10	NO 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.	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 11	NO 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.).	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Complete Quantitative Rating	NO Complete Quantitative Rating

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Table 1. Characteristic plant species.

invasive/exotic spp	fen species	bog species	Oak Opening species	wet prairie species
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	<i>Zygadenus elegans</i> var. <i>glaucus</i>	<i>Calla palustris</i>	<i>Carex cryptolepis</i>	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	<i>Cacalia plantaginea</i>	<i>Carex atlantica</i> var. <i>capillacea</i>	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>
<i>Najas minor</i>	<i>Carex flava</i>	<i>Carex echinata</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex atherodes</i>
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	<i>Carex sterilis</i>	<i>Carex oligosperma</i>	<i>Cladium mariscoides</i>	<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex trisperma</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>	<i>Carex pellita</i>
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	<i>Carex sartwellii</i>
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>	<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	<i>Eriophorum viridicarinatum</i>	<i>Eriophorum virginicum</i>		<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	<i>Gentianopsis</i> spp.	<i>Larix laricina</i>		<i>Liatris spicata</i>
<i>Typha xglauca</i>	<i>Lobelia kalmii</i>	<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>		<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>
	<i>Parnassia glauca</i>	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>		<i>Lythrum alatum</i>
	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	<i>Sphagnum</i> spp.		<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>
	<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>	<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>		<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>
	<i>Rhynchospora capillacea</i>	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>		<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
	<i>Salix candida</i>	<i>Vaccinium oxycoccos</i>		<i>Spartina pectinata</i>
	<i>Salix myricoides</i>	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>		<i>Solidago riddellii</i>
	<i>Salix serissima</i>	<i>Xyris difformis</i>		
	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>			
	<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>			
	<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>			
	<i>Triglochin palustre</i>			

End of Narrative Rating. Begin Quantitative Rating on next page.

Site: Wetland 1 **Rater(s):** Bleopold **Date:** 9/26/17

2	2
max 6 pts.	subtotal

Metric 1. Wetland Area (size).

Select one size class and assign score.

- >50 acres (>20.2ha) (6 pts)
- 25 to <50 acres (10.1 to <20.2ha) (5 pts)
- 10 to <25 acres (4 to <10.1ha) (4 pts)
- 3 to <10 acres (1.2 to <4ha) (3 pts)
- 0.3 to <3 acres (0.12 to <1.2ha) (2pts)
- 0.1 to <0.3 acres (0.04 to <0.12ha) (1 pt)
- <0.1 acres (0.04ha) (0 pts)

1	3
max 14 pts.	subtotal

Metric 2. Upland buffers and surrounding land use.

2a. Calculate average buffer width. Select only one and assign score. Do not double check.

- WIDE. Buffers average 50m (164ft) or more around wetland perimeter (7)
- MEDIUM. Buffers average 25m to <50m (82 to <164ft) around wetland perimeter (4)
- NARROW. Buffers average 10m to <25m (32ft to <82ft) around wetland perimeter (1)
- VERY NARROW. Buffers average <10m (<32ft) around wetland perimeter (0)

2b. Intensity of surrounding land use. Select one or double check and average.

- VERY LOW. 2nd growth or older forest, prairie, savannah, wildlife area, etc. (7)
- LOW. Old field (>10 years), shrub land, young second growth forest. (5)
- MODERATELY HIGH. Residential, fenced pasture, park, conservation tillage, new fallow field. (3)
- HIGH. Urban, industrial, open pasture, row cropping, mining, construction. (1)

7	10
max 30 pts.	subtotal

Metric 3. Hydrology.

3a. Sources of Water. Score all that apply.

- High pH groundwater (5)
- Other groundwater (3)
- Precipitation (1)
- Seasonal/Intermittent surface water (3)
- Perennial surface water (lake or stream) (5)

3c. Maximum water depth. Select only one and assign score.

- >0.7 (27.6in) (3)
- 0.4 to 0.7m (15.7 to 27.6in) (2)
- <0.4m (<15.7in) (1)

3e. Modifications to natural hydrologic regime. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (12)
- Recovered (7)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

3b. Connectivity. Score all that apply.

- 100 year floodplain (1)
- Between stream/lake and other human use (1)
- Part of wetland/upland (e.g. forest), complex (1)
- Part of riparian or upland corridor (1)

3d. Duration inundation/saturation. Score one or dbl check.

- Semi- to permanently inundated/saturated (4)
- Regularly inundated/saturated (3)
- Seasonally inundated (2)
- Seasonally saturated in upper 30cm (12in) (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input type="checkbox"/> ditch	<input type="checkbox"/> point source (nonstormwater)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> filling/grading
<input type="checkbox"/> dike	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> road bed/RR track
<input type="checkbox"/> weir	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> stormwater input	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other <i>pipeline</i>

3	13
max 20 pts.	subtotal

Metric 4. Habitat Alteration and Development.

4a. Substrate disturbance. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (4)
- Recovered (3)
- Recovering (2)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4b. Habitat development. Select only one and assign score.

- Excellent (7)
- Very good (6)
- Good (5)
- Moderately good (4)
- Fair (3)
- Poor to fair (2)
- Poor (1)

4c. Habitat alteration. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (9)
- Recovered (6)
- Recovering (3)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

Check all disturbances observed	
<input type="checkbox"/> mowing	<input type="checkbox"/> shrub/sapling removal
<input type="checkbox"/> grazing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> herbaceous/aquatic bed removal
<input type="checkbox"/> clearcutting	<input type="checkbox"/> sedimentation
<input type="checkbox"/> selective cutting	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> woody debris removal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> farming
<input type="checkbox"/> toxic pollutants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> nutrient enrichment

13
subtotal this page

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13
subtotal first page

0 13
max 10 pts. subtotal

Metric 5. Special Wetlands.

Check all that apply and score as indicated.

- Bog (10)
- Fen (10)
- Old growth forest (10)
- Mature forested wetland (5)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-unrestricted hydrology (10)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-restricted hydrology (5)
- Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings) (10)
- Relict Wet Prairies (10)
- Known occurrence state/federal threatened or endangered species (10)
- Significant migratory songbird/water fowl habitat or usage (10)
- Category 1 Wetland. See Question 1 Qualitative Rating (-10)

2 15
max 20 pts. subtotal

Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersions, microtopography.

6a. Wetland Vegetation Communities.

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale.

- Aquatic bed
- Emergent
- Shrub
- Forest
- Mudflats
- Open water
- Other

6b. horizontal (plan view) Interspersion.

Select only one.

- High (5)
- Moderately high(4)
- Moderate (3)
- Moderately low (2)
- Low (1)
- None (0)

6c. Coverage of invasive plants. Refer to Table 1 ORAM long form for list. Add or deduct points for coverage

- Extensive >75% cover (-5)
- Moderate 25-75% cover (-3)
- Sparse 5-25% cover (-1)
- Nearly absent <5% cover (0)
- Absent (1)

6d. Microtopography.

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale.

- Vegetated hummocks/tussocks
- Coarse woody debris >15cm (6in)
- Standing dead >25cm (10in) dbh
- Amphibian breeding pools

Vegetation Community Cover Scale

0	Absent or comprises <0.1ha (0.2471 acres) contiguous area
1	Present and either comprises small part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality, or comprises a significant part but is of low quality
2	Present and either comprises significant part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality or comprises a small part and is of high quality
3	Present and comprises significant part, or more, of wetland's vegetation and is of high quality

Narrative Description of Vegetation Quality

low	Low spp diversity and/or predominance of nonnative or disturbance tolerant native species
mod	Native spp are dominant component of the vegetation, although nonnative and/or disturbance tolerant native spp can also be present, and species diversity moderate to moderately high, but generally w/o presence of rare threatened or endangered spp
high	A predominance of native species, with nonnative spp and/or disturbance tolerant native spp absent or virtually absent, and high spp diversity and often, but not always, the presence of rare, threatened, or endangered spp

Mudflat and Open Water Class Quality

0	Absent <0.1ha (0.247 acres)
1	Low 0.1 to <1ha (0.247 to 2.47 acres)
2	Moderate 1 to <4ha (2.47 to 9.88 acres)
3	High 4ha (9.88 acres) or more

Microtopography Cover Scale

0	Absent
1	Present very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality
2	Present in moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality
3	Present in moderate or greater amounts and of highest quality

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End of Quantitative Rating. Complete Categorization Worksheets.

ORAM Summary Worksheet

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		circle answer or insert score	Result
Narrative Rating	Question 1. Critical Habitat	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 3. High Quality Natural Wetland	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 4. Significant bird habitat	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 5. Category 1 Wetlands	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 1.
	Question 6. Bogs	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 7. Fens	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8a. Old Growth Forest	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands - Restricted	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands - Unrestricted with native plants	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3
	Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands - Unrestricted with invasive plants	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
Question 10. Oak Openings	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3	
Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.	
Quantitative Rating	Metric 1. Size	2	
	Metric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use	1	
	Metric 3. Hydrology	7	
	Metric 4. Habitat	3	
	Metric 5. Special Wetland Communities	0	
	Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersions, microtopography	2	
	TOTAL SCORE	15	Category based on score breakpoints 1

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet.

Wetland 1

Wetland Categorization Worksheet *W01*

Choices	Circle one	NO	Evaluation of Categorization Result of ORAM
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8a, 9d, 10</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Wetland is categorized as a Category 3 wetland</p>	NO	<p>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</p>
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 1, 8b, 9b, 9e, 11</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status</p>	NO	<p>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.</p>
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to</p> <p>Narrative Rating No. 5</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Wetland is categorized as a Category 1 wetland</p>	NO	<p>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</p>
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the scoring range of a Category 1, 2, or 3 wetland?</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Wetland is assigned to the appropriate category based on the scoring range</p>	NO	<p>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.</p>
<p>Does the quantitative score fall with the "gray zone" for Category 1 or 2 or Category 2 or 3 wetlands?</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Wetland is assigned to the higher of the two categories or assigned to a category based on detailed assessments and the narrative criteria</p>	NO	<p>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).</p>
<p>Does the wetland otherwise exhibit <i>moderate OR superior</i> 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?</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Wetland was undercategorized by this method. A written justification for recategorization should be provided on Background Information Form</p>	NO	<p>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.</p>

Final Category

Choose one	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
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End of Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands.

Background Information

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Name of Wetland:	Wetland 2	
Vegetation Community(ies):	PEM	
HGM Class(es):	Depressional	
Location of Wetland: include map, address, north arrow, landmarks, distances, roads, etc.		
Lat/Long or UTM Coordinate	39.886726N	82.566711W
USGS Quad Name	Millersport	
County	Fairfield	
Township	Liberty	T16N R18W
Section and Subsection	S6 SE	
Hydrologic Unit Code	050600011701	Pawlaw Creek
Site Visit	9-26-2017	
National Wetland Inventory Map	PEM1A	
Ohio Wetland Inventory Map	N/A	
Soil Survey	Pe-Pewamo silty clay loam	
Delineation report/map	see Biological Resources Inventory Report	

Name of Wetland: <i>wetland 2</i>	
Wetland Size (acres, hectares): <i>0.126 acre</i>	
Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface waters, vegetation zones, etc.	
Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes:	
<i>see Ecological Resources Inventory Report</i>	
Final score : <i>14</i>	Category: <i>1</i>

Wetland 2

Scoring Boundary Worksheet W02

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.	✓	
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.	✓	
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.		✓

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

Narrative Rating W02

Wetland 2

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	Circle one	
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).	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Go to Question 2	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO 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?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 3	<input type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 3
3	Documented High Quality Wetland. Is the wetland on record in Natural Heritage Database as a high quality wetland?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 4	<input type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 4
4	Significant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the wetland contain documented regionally significant breeding or nonbreeding waterfowl, neotropical songbird, or shorebird concentration areas?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 5	<input type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 5
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</i> , <i>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?	YES Wetland is a Category 1 wetland Go to Question 6	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 6
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%?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 7	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 7
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%?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 8a	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 8a
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 all-aged structure and multilayered canopies; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with canopy gaps; and significant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8b	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO Go to Question 8b

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8b	Mature forested wetlands. Is the wetland a forested wetland with 50% or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of deciduous trees with large diameters at breast height (dbh), generally diameters greater than 45cm (17.7in) dbh?	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 9a	NO Go to Question 9a
9a	Lake Erie coastal and tributary wetlands. Is the wetland located at an elevation less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevation, or along a tributary to Lake Erie that is accessible to fish?	YES Go to Question 9b	NO Go to Question 10
9b	Does the wetland's hydrology result from measures designed to prevent erosion and the loss of aquatic plants, i.e. the wetland is partially hydrologically restricted from Lake Erie due to lakeward or landward dikes or other hydrological controls?	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Go to Question 10	NO Go to Question 9c
9c	Are Lake Erie water levels the wetland's primary hydrological influence, i.e. the wetland is hydrologically unrestricted (no lakeward or upland border alterations), or the wetland can be characterized as an "estuarine" wetland with lake and river influenced hydrology. These include sandbar deposition wetlands, estuarine wetlands, river mouth wetlands, or those dominated by submersed aquatic vegetation.	YES Go to Question 9d	NO Go to Question 10
9d	Does the wetland have a predominance of native species within its vegetation communities, although non-native or disturbance tolerant native species can also be present?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 10	NO Go to Question 9e
9e	Does the wetland have a predominance of non-native or disturbance tolerant native plant species within its vegetation communities?	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Go to Question 10	NO 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.	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 11	NO 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.).	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Complete Quantitative Rating	NO Complete Quantitative Rating

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Table 1. Characteristic plant species.

invasive/exotic spp	fen species	bog species	Oak Opening species	wet prairie species
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	<i>Zygadenus elegans</i> var. <i>glaucus</i>	<i>Calla palustris</i>	<i>Carex cryptolepis</i>	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	<i>Cacalia plantaginea</i>	<i>Carex atlantica</i> var. <i>capillacea</i>	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>
<i>Najas minor</i>	<i>Carex flava</i>	<i>Carex echinata</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex atherodes</i>
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	<i>Carex sterilis</i>	<i>Carex oligosperma</i>	<i>Cladium mariscoides</i>	<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex trisperma</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>	<i>Carex pellita</i>
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	<i>Carex sartwellii</i>
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>	<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	<i>Eriophorum viridicarinatum</i>	<i>Eriophorum virginicum</i>		<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	<i>Gentianopsis</i> spp.	<i>Larix laricina</i>		<i>Liatris spicata</i>
<i>Typha xglauca</i>	<i>Lobelia kalmii</i>	<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>		<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>
	<i>Parnassia glauca</i>	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>		<i>Lythrum alatum</i>
	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	<i>Sphagnum</i> spp.		<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>
	<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>	<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>		<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>
	<i>Rhynchospora capillacea</i>	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>		<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
	<i>Salix candida</i>	<i>Vaccinium oxycoccos</i>		<i>Spartina pectinata</i>
	<i>Salix myricoides</i>	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>		<i>Solidago riddellii</i>
	<i>Salix serissima</i>	<i>Xyris difformis</i>		
	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>			
	<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>			
	<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>			
	<i>Triglochin palustre</i>			

End of Narrative Rating. Begin Quantitative Rating on next page.

Site: Wetland 2 Rater(s): Blaylock Date: 9/26/17

1	1
max 6 pts.	subtotal

Metric 1. Wetland Area (size).

Select one size class and assign score.

- >50 acres (>20.2ha) (6 pts)
- 25 to <50 acres (10.1 to <20.2ha) (5 pts)
- 10 to <25 acres (4 to <10.1ha) (4 pts)
- 3 to <10 acres (1.2 to <4ha) (3 pts)
- 0.3 to <3 acres (0.12 to <1.2ha) (2pts)
- 0.1 to <0.3 acres (0.04 to <0.12ha) (1 pt)
- <0.1 acres (0.04ha) (0 pts)

1	2
max 14 pts.	subtotal

Metric 2. Upland buffers and surrounding land use.

2a. Calculate average buffer width. Select only one and assign score. Do not double check.

- WIDE. Buffers average 50m (164ft) or more around wetland perimeter (7)
- MEDIUM. Buffers average 25m to <50m (82 to <164ft) around wetland perimeter (4)
- NARROW. Buffers average 10m to <25m (32ft to <82ft) around wetland perimeter (1)
- VERY NARROW. Buffers average <10m (<32ft) around wetland perimeter (0)

2b. Intensity of surrounding land use. Select one or double check and average.

- VERY LOW. 2nd growth or older forest, prairie, savannah, wildlife area, etc. (7)
- LOW. Old field (>10 years), shrub land, young second growth forest. (5)
- MODERATELY HIGH. Residential, fenced pasture, park, conservation tillage, new fallow field. (3)
- HIGH. Urban, industrial, open pasture, row cropping, mining, construction. (1)

7	9
max 30 pts.	subtotal

Metric 3. Hydrology.

3a. Sources of Water. Score all that apply.

- High pH groundwater (5)
- Other groundwater (3)
- Precipitation (1)
- Seasonal/intermittent surface water (3)
- Perennial surface water (lake or stream) (5)

3b. Connectivity. Score all that apply.

- 100 year floodplain (1)
- Between stream/lake and other human use (1)
- Part of wetland/upland (e.g. forest), complex (1)
- Part of riparian or upland corridor (1)

3c. Maximum water depth. Select only one and assign score.

- >0.7 (27.6in) (3)
- 0.4 to 0.7m (15.7 to 27.6in) (2)
- <0.4m (<15.7in) (1)

3d. Duration inundation/saturation. Score one or dbl check.

- Semi- to permanently inundated/saturated (4)
- Regularly inundated/saturated (3)
- Seasonally inundated (2)
- Seasonally saturated in upper 30cm (12in) (1)

3e. Modifications to natural hydrologic regime. Score one or double check and average.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> None or none apparent (12) <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered (7) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recovering (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent or no recovery (1) 	<p>Check all disturbances observed</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> ditch</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> point source (nonstormwater)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tile</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> filling/grading</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> dike</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> road bed/RR track</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> weir</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> dredging</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> stormwater input</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> other _____</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> ditch	<input type="checkbox"/> point source (nonstormwater)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tile	<input type="checkbox"/> filling/grading	<input type="checkbox"/> dike	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> road bed/RR track	<input type="checkbox"/> weir	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging	<input type="checkbox"/> stormwater input	<input type="checkbox"/> other _____
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3	12
max 20 pts.	subtotal

Metric 4. Habitat Alteration and Development.

4a. Substrate disturbance. Score one or double check and average.

- None or none apparent (4)
- Recovered (3)
- Recovering (2)
- Recent or no recovery (1)

4b. Habitat development. Select only one and assign score.

- Excellent (7)
- Very good (6)
- Good (5)
- Moderately good (4)
- Fair (3)
- Poor to fair (2)
- Poor (1)

4c. Habitat alteration. Score one or double check and average.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> None or none apparent (9) <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered (6) <input type="checkbox"/> Recovering (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recent or no recovery (1) 	<p>Check all disturbances observed</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> mowing</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> shrub/sapling removal</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> grazing</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> herbaceous/aquatic bed removal</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> clearcutting</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> sedimentation</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> selective cutting</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> dredging</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> woody debris removal</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> farming</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> toxic pollutants</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> nutrient enrichment</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> mowing	<input type="checkbox"/> shrub/sapling removal	<input type="checkbox"/> grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> herbaceous/aquatic bed removal	<input type="checkbox"/> clearcutting	<input type="checkbox"/> sedimentation	<input type="checkbox"/> selective cutting	<input type="checkbox"/> dredging	<input type="checkbox"/> woody debris removal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> farming	<input type="checkbox"/> toxic pollutants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> nutrient enrichment
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Site: Wetland 2 Rater(s): B Leopold Date: 9/26/17

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max 10 pts. subtotal

Metric 5. Special Wetlands.

Check all that apply and score as indicated.

- Bog (10)
- Fen (10)
- Old growth forest (10)
- Mature forested wetland (5)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-unrestricted hydrology (10)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-restricted hydrology (5)
- Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings) (10)
- Relict Wet Prairies (10)
- Known occurrence state/federal threatened or endangered species (10)
- Significant migratory songbird/water fowl habitat or usage (10)
- Category 1 Wetland. See Question 1 Qualitative Rating (-10)

2 14
max 20 pts. subtotal

Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersions, microtopography.

6a. Wetland Vegetation Communities.

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale.

- Aquatic bed
- Emergent
- Shrub
- Forest
- Mudflats
- Open water
- Other _____

6b. horizontal (plan view) Interspersion.

Select only one.

- High (5)
- Moderately high(4)
- Moderate (3)
- Moderately low (2)
- Low (1)
- None (0)

6c. Coverage of invasive plants. Refer to Table 1 ORAM long form for list. Add or deduct points for coverage

- Extensive >75% cover (-5)
- Moderate 25-75% cover (-3)
- Sparse 5-25% cover (-1)
- Nearly absent <5% cover (0)
- Absent (1)

6d. Microtopography.

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale.

- Vegetated hummocks/tussucks
- Coarse woody debris >15cm (6in)
- Standing dead >25cm (10in) dbh
- Amphibian breeding pools

Vegetation Community Cover Scale

0	Absent or comprises <0.1ha (0.2471 acres) contiguous area
1	Present and either comprises small part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality, or comprises a significant part but is of low quality
2	Present and either comprises significant part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality or comprises a small part and is of high quality
3	Present and comprises significant part, or more, of wetland's vegetation and is of high quality

Narrative Description of Vegetation Quality

low	Low spp diversity and/or predominance of nonnative or disturbance tolerant native species
mod	Native spp are dominant component of the vegetation, although nonnative and/or disturbance tolerant native spp can also be present, and species diversity moderate to moderately high, but generally w/o presence of rare threatened or endangered spp
high	A predominance of native species, with nonnative spp and/or disturbance tolerant native spp absent or virtually absent, and high spp diversity and often, but not always, the presence of rare, threatened, or endangered spp

Mudflat and Open Water Class Quality

0	Absent <0.1ha (0.247 acres)
1	Low 0.1 to <1ha (0.247 to 2.47 acres)
2	Moderate 1 to <4ha (2.47 to 9.88 acres)
3	High 4ha (9.88 acres) or more

Microtopography Cover Scale

0	Absent
1	Present very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality
2	Present in moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality
3	Present in moderate or greater amounts and of highest quality

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End of Quantitative Rating. Complete Categorization Worksheets.

ORAM Summary Worksheet

Wetland 2

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

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet.

Wetland Categorization Worksheet

*Wetland 2
W02*

Choices	Circle one		Evaluation of Categorization Result of ORAM
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8a, 9d, 10</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Wetland is categorized as a Category 3 wetland</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	<p>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</p>
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 1, 8b, 9b, 9e, 11</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	<p>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.</p>
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to</p> <p>Narrative Rating No. 5</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Wetland is categorized as a Category 1 wetland</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	<p>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</p>
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the scoring range of a Category 1, 2, or 3 wetland?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES</p> <p>Wetland is assigned to the appropriate category based on the scoring range</p>	<input type="radio"/> NO	<p>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.</p>
<p>Does the quantitative score fall with the "gray zone" for Category 1 or 2 or Category 2 or 3 wetlands?</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Wetland is assigned to the higher of the two categories or assigned to a category based on detailed assessments and the narrative criteria</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	<p>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).</p>
<p>Does the wetland otherwise exhibit <i>moderate OR superior</i> 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?</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Wetland was undercategorized by this method. A written justification for recategorization should be provided on Background Information Form</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	<p>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.</p>

Final Category
 Choose one **Category 1** Category 2 Category 3

End of Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands.

Background Information

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Name of Wetland:	Wetland 3	
Vegetation Communit(ies):	PEM	
HGM Class(es):	Depressional	
Location of Wetland: include map, address, north arrow, landmarks, distances, roads, etc.		
Lat/Long or UTM Coordinate	39.896804 N 82.568687 W	
USGS Quad Name	Millersport	
County	Fairfield	
Township	Liberty T16N R18W	
Section and Subsection	S6 SE	
Hydrologic Unit Code	050600011701 Pawlaw Creek	
Site Visit	9-26-2017	
National Wetland Inventory Map	N/A	
Ohio Wetland Inventory Map	N/A	
Soil Survey	Pe-Pewamo silty clay loam	
Delineation report/map	see Ecological Resources Inventory Report	

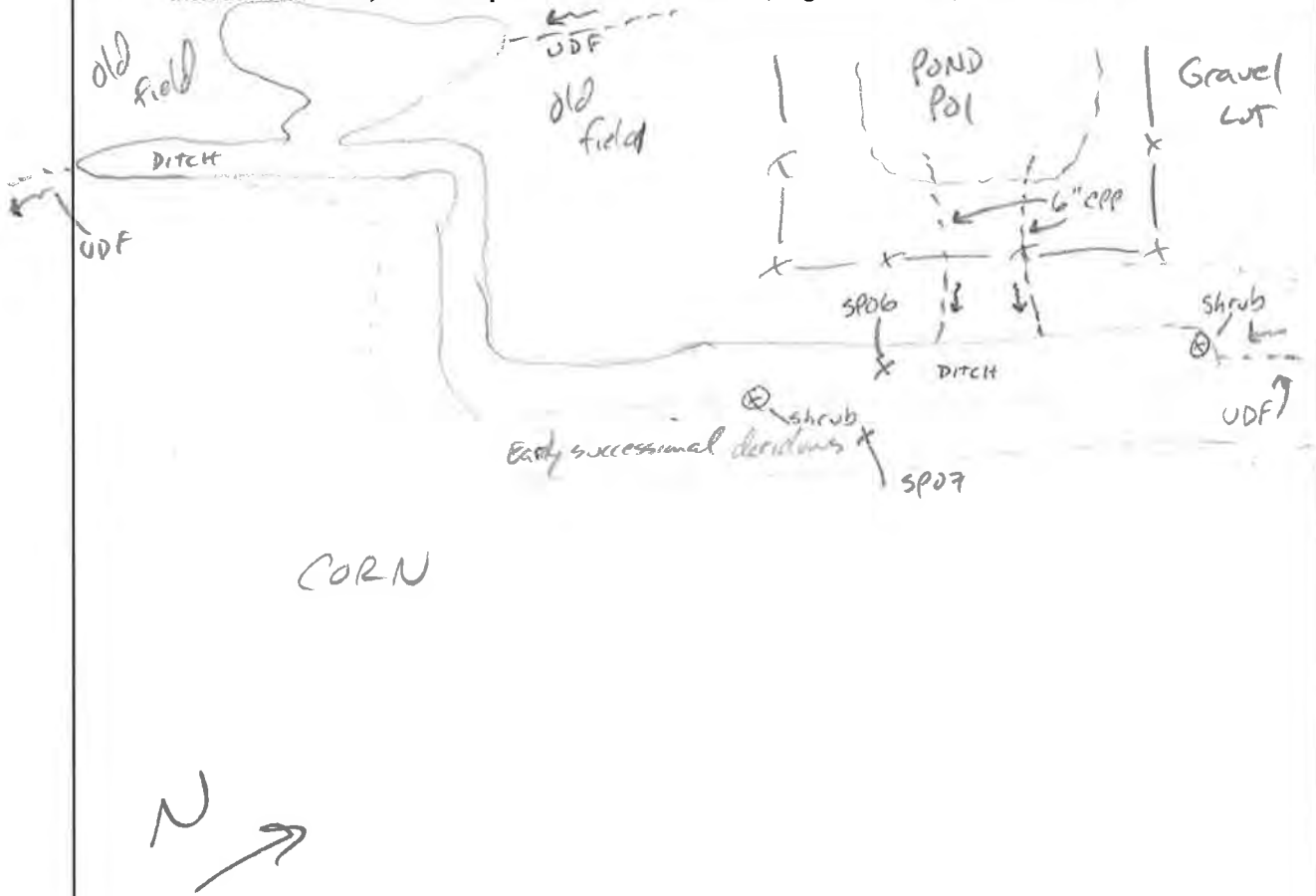
Name of Wetland:

Wetland 3

Wetland Size (acres, hectares):

0.085 acre

Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface waters, vegetation zones, etc.



Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes:

see Ecological Resources Inventory Report

Final score :

25.5

Category:

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Scoring Boundary Worksheet

Wetland 3
W03

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.	✓	
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.	✓	
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.	✓	

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

Narrative Rating

Wetland 3
W03

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	Circle one	
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).	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Go to Question 2	NO 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?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 3	NO Go to Question 3
3	Documented High Quality Wetland. Is the wetland on record in Natural Heritage Database as a high quality wetland?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 4	NO Go to Question 4
4	Significant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the wetland contain documented regionally significant breeding or nonbreeding waterfowl, neotropical songbird, or shorebird concentration areas?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 5	NO Go to Question 5
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</i> , <i>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?	YES Wetland is a Category 1 wetland Go to Question 6	NO Go to Question 6
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%?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 7	NO Go to Question 7
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%?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 8a	NO Go to Question 8a
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 all-aged structure and multilayered canopies; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with canopy gaps; and significant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 8b	NO Go to Question 8b

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8b	Mature forested wetlands. Is the wetland a forested wetland with 50% or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of deciduous trees with large diameters at breast height (dbh), generally diameters greater than 45cm (17.7in) dbh?	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Question 9a	NO Go to Question 9a
9a	Lake Erie coastal and tributary wetlands. Is the wetland located at an elevation less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevation, or along a tributary to Lake Erie that is accessible to fish?	YES Go to Question 9b	NO Go to Question 10
9b	Does the wetland's hydrology result from measures designed to prevent erosion and the loss of aquatic plants, i.e. the wetland is partially hydrologically restricted from Lake Erie due to lakeward or landward dikes or other hydrological controls?	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Go to Question 10	NO Go to Question 9c
9c	Are Lake Erie water levels the wetland's primary hydrological influence, i.e. the wetland is hydrologically unrestricted (no lakeward or upland border alterations), or the wetland can be characterized as an "estuarine" wetland with lake and river influenced hydrology. These include sandbar deposition wetlands, estuarine wetlands, river mouth wetlands, or those dominated by submersed aquatic vegetation.	YES Go to Question 9d	NO Go to Question 10
9d	Does the wetland have a predominance of native species within its vegetation communities, although non-native or disturbance tolerant native species can also be present?	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go to Question 10	NO Go to Question 9e
9e	Does the wetland have a predominance of non-native or disturbance tolerant native plant species within its vegetation communities?	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Go to Question 10	NO 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.	YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. Go to Question 11	NO 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.).	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Complete Quantitative Rating	NO Complete Quantitative Rating

Table 1. Characteristic plant species.

invasive/exotic spp	fen species	bog species	Oak Opening species	wet prairie species
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	<i>Zygadenus elegans</i> var. <i>glaucus</i>	<i>Calla palustris</i>	<i>Carex cryptolepis</i>	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	<i>Cacalia plantaginea</i>	<i>Carex atlantica</i> var. <i>capillacea</i>	<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>
<i>Najas minor</i>	<i>Carex flava</i>	<i>Carex echinata</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex atherodes</i>
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i>	<i>Carex sterilis</i>	<i>Carex oligosperma</i>	<i>Cladium mariscoides</i>	<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>
<i>Phragmites australis</i>	<i>Carex stricta</i>	<i>Carex trisperma</i>	<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>	<i>Carex pellita</i>
<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	<i>Carex sartwellii</i>
<i>Ranunculus ficaria</i>	<i>Eleocharis rostellata</i>	<i>Decodon verticillatus</i>	<i>Quercus palustris</i>	<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>
<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>	<i>Eriophorum viridicarinum</i>	<i>Eriophorum virginicum</i>		<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	<i>Gentianopsis</i> spp.	<i>Larix laricina</i>		<i>Liatris spicata</i>
<i>Typha xglauca</i>	<i>Lobelia kalmii</i>	<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>		<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>
	<i>Parnassia glauca</i>	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>		<i>Lythrum alatum</i>
	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	<i>Sphagnum</i> spp.		<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>
	<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>	<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>		<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>
	<i>Rhynchospora capillacea</i>	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>		<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
	<i>Salix candida</i>	<i>Vaccinium oxycoccos</i>		<i>Spartina pectinata</i>
	<i>Salix myricoides</i>	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>		<i>Solidago riddellii</i>
	<i>Salix serissima</i>	<i>Xyris difformis</i>		
	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>			
	<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>			
	<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>			
	<i>Triglochin palustre</i>			

End of Narrative Rating. Begin Quantitative Rating on next page.

Site: <u>Wetland 3</u>	Rater(s): <u>B Leopold</u>	Date: <u>9-26-17</u>
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0	0
max 6 pts	subtotal

Metric 1. Wetland Area (size).

- Select one size class and assign score
- >50 acres (>20.2ha) (6 pts)
 - 25 to <50 acres (10.1 to <20.2ha) (5 pts)
 - 10 to <25 acres (4 to <10.1ha) (4 pts)
 - 3 to <10 acres (1.2 to <4ha) (3 pts)
 - 0.3 to <3 acres (0.12 to <1.2ha) (2pts)
 - 0.1 to <0.3 acres (0.04 to <0.12ha) (1 pt)
 - <0.1 acres (0.04ha) (0 pts)

1	1
max 14 pts	subtotal

Metric 2. Upland buffers and surrounding land use.

- 2a. Calculate average buffer width. Select only one and assign score. Do not double check.
- WIDE. Buffers average 50m (164ft) or more around wetland perimeter (7)
 - MEDIUM. Buffers average 25m to <50m (82 to <164ft) around wetland perimeter (4)
 - NARROW. Buffers average 10m to <25m (32ft to <82ft) around wetland perimeter (1)
 - VERY NARROW. Buffers average <10m (<32ft) around wetland perimeter (0)
- 2b. Intensity of surrounding land use. Select one or double check and average.
- VERY LOW. 2nd growth or older forest, prairie, savannah, wildlife area, etc. (7)
 - LOW. Old field (>10 years), shrub land, young second growth forest. (5)
 - MODERATELY HIGH. Residential, fenced pasture, park, conservation tillage, new fallow field. (3)
 - HIGH. Urban, industrial, open pasture, row cropping, mining, construction. (1)

11	12
max 30 pts	subtotal

Metric 3. Hydrology.

- 3a. Sources of Water. Score all that apply.
- High pH groundwater (5)
 - Other groundwater (3)
 - Precipitation (1)
 - Seasonal/Intermittent surface water (3)
 - Perennial surface water (lake or stream) (5)
- 3b. Connectivity. Score all that apply.
- 100 year floodplain (1)
 - Between stream/lake and other human use (1)
 - Part of wetland/upland (e.g. forest), complex (1)
 - Part of riparian or upland corridor (1)
- 3c. Maximum water depth. Select only one and assign score.
- >0.7 (27.6in) (3)
 - 0.4 to 0.7m (15.7 to 27.6in) (2)
 - <0.4m (<15.7in) (1)
- 3d. Duration inundation/saturation. Score one or dbl check.
- Semi- to permanently inundated/saturated (4)
 - Regularly inundated/saturated (3)
 - Seasonally inundated (2)
 - Seasonally saturated in upper 30cm (12in) (1)
- 3e. Modifications to natural hydrologic regime. Score one or double check and average.
- | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> None or none apparent (12) <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered (7) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recovering (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent or no recovery (1) | <p>Check all disturbances observed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ditch <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tile <input type="checkbox"/> dike <input type="checkbox"/> weir <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> stormwater input |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> point source (nonstormwater) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> filling/grading <input type="checkbox"/> road bed/RR track <input type="checkbox"/> dredging <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ |
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9.5	21.5
max 20 pts	subtotal

Metric 4. Habitat Alteration and Development.

- 4a. Substrate disturbance. Score one or double check and average.
- None or none apparent (4)
 - Recovered (3)
 - Recovering (2)
 - Recent or no recovery (1)
- 4b. Habitat development. Select only one and assign score.
- Excellent (7)
 - Very good (6)
 - Good (5)
 - Moderately good (4)
 - Fair (3)
 - Poor to fair (2)
 - Poor (1)
- 4c. Habitat alteration. Score one or double check and average.
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> None or none apparent (9) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recovered (6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recovering (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent or no recovery (1) | <p>Check all disturbances observed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> mowing <input type="checkbox"/> grazing <input type="checkbox"/> clearcutting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> selective cutting <input type="checkbox"/> woody debris removal <input type="checkbox"/> toxic pollutants <input type="checkbox"/> shrub/sapling removal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> herbaceous/aquatic bed removal <input type="checkbox"/> sedimentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dredging <input type="checkbox"/> farming <input type="checkbox"/> nutrient enrichment |
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4.5
21.5
subtotal this page

Site: <u>Wetland 3</u>	Rater(s): <u>B. Legault</u>	Date: <u>9-26-17</u>
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21.5

subtotal first page

0	21.5
max 10 pts.	subtotal

Metric 5. Special Wetlands.

Check all that apply and score as indicated

- Bog (10)
- Fen (10)
- Old growth forest (10)
- Mature forested wetland (5)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-unrestricted hydrology (10)
- Lake Erie coastal/tributary wetland-restricted hydrology (5)
- Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings) (10)
- Relict Wet Prairies (10)
- Known occurrence state/federal threatened or endangered species (10)
- Significant migratory songbird/water fowl habitat or usage (10)
- Category 1 Wetland. See Question 1 Qualitative Rating (-10)

4	25.5
max 20 pts.	subtotal

Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersions, microtopography.

6a. Wetland Vegetation Communities.

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale.

- Aquatic bed
- Emergent
- Shrub
- Forest
- Mudflats
- Open water
- Other _____

6b. horizontal (plan view) Interspersion.

Select only one.

- High (5)
- Moderately high(4)
- Moderate (3)
- Moderately low (2)
- Low (1)
- None (0)

6c. Coverage of invasive plants. Refer to Table 1 ORAM long form for list. Add or deduct points for coverage

- Extensive >75% cover (-5)
- Moderate 25-75% cover (-3)
- Sparse 5-25% cover (-1)
- Nearly absent <5% cover (0)
- Absent (1)

6d. Microtopography.

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale.

- Vegetated hummocks/tussocks
- Coarse woody debris >15cm (6in)
- Standing dead >25cm (10in) dbh
- Amphibian breeding pools

Vegetation Community Cover Scale

0	Absent or comprises <0.1ha (0.2471 acres) contiguous area
1	Present and either comprises small part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality, or comprises a significant part but is of low quality
2	Present and either comprises significant part of wetland's vegetation and is of moderate quality or comprises a small part and is of high quality
3	Present and comprises significant part, or more, of wetland's vegetation and is of high quality

Narrative Description of Vegetation Quality

low	Low spp diversity and/or predominance of nonnative or disturbance tolerant native species
mod	Native spp are dominant component of the vegetation, although nonnative and/or disturbance tolerant native spp can also be present, and species diversity moderate to moderately high, but generally w/o presence of rare threatened or endangered spp
high	A predominance of native species, with nonnative spp and/or disturbance tolerant native spp absent or virtually absent, and high spp diversity and often, but not always, the presence of rare, threatened, or endangered spp

Mudflat and Open Water Class Quality

0	Absent <0.1ha (0.247 acres)
1	Low 0.1 to <1ha (0.247 to 2.47 acres)
2	Moderate 1 to <4ha (2.47 to 9.88 acres)
3	High 4ha (9.88 acres) or more

Microtopography Cover Scale

0	Absent
1	Present very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality
2	Present in moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality
3	Present in moderate or greater amounts and of highest quality

25.5

End of Quantitative Rating. Complete Categorization Worksheets.

ORAM Summary Worksheet

Wetland 3
W03

		circle answer or insert score	Result
Narrative Rating	Question 1. Critical Habitat	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 3. High Quality Natural Wetland	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 4. Significant bird habitat	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 5. Category 1 Wetlands	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 1.
	Question 6. Bogs	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 7. Fens	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8a. Old Growth Forest	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands - Restricted	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands – Unrestricted with native plants	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3
	Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands - Unrestricted with invasive plants	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
Question 10. Oak Openings	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	If yes, Category 3	
Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/>	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	1	
	Metric 3. Hydrology	11	
	Metric 4. Habitat	9.5	
	Metric 5. Special Wetland Communities	0	
	Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersions, microtopography	4	
	TOTAL SCORE	25.5	Category based on score breakpoints 1

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet.

Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Wetland 3
W03

Choices	Circle one		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	YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 3 wetland	NO	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	YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status	NO	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	YES Wetland is categorized as a Category 1 wetland	NO	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?	YES Wetland is assigned to the appropriate category based on the scoring range	NO	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?	YES Wetland is assigned to the higher of the two categories or assigned to a category based on detailed assessments and the narrative criteria	NO	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?	YES Wetland was undercategorized by this method. A written justification for recategorization should be provided on Background Information Form	NO 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

Choose one Category 1 Category 2 Category 3

End of Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands.

WEST MILLERSPORT STATION EXPANSION PROJECT, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO

D.3 HHEI DATA FORM

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Mod Class II



Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

HHEI Score (sum of metrics 1, 2, 3) : 35

SITE NAME/LOCATION West Millersport Station Expansion Project / Fairfield Co
 AEP _____ SITE NUMBER Stream 1 RIVER BASIN Scioto DRAINAGE AREA (mi²) 0.6
 LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 200 LAT. 39.89056 LONG. 82.57028 RIVER CODE _____ RIVER MILE 1.9
 DATE 9-26-17 SCORER BL COMMENTS INT. AG Field drainage

NOTE: Complete All Items On This Form - Refer to "Field Evaluation Manual for Ohio's PWH Streams" for Instructions

STREAM CHANNEL NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL RECOVERED RECOVERING RECENT OR NO RECOVERY
 MODIFICATIONS:

1. **SUBSTRATE** (Estimate percent of every type of substrate present. Check ONLY two predominant substrate TYPE boxes (Max of 40). Add total number of significant substrate types found (Max of 8). Final metric score is sum of boxes A & B.

TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT
<input type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pt]	<u>80</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	<u>5</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pt]	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]	<u>5</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pt]	<u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]	<u>10</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]	_____

Total of Percentages of Bldr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock (A) 6 (B) 4
 SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES: _____ TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES: 4

2. **Maximum Pool Depth** (Measure the maximum pool depth within the 61 meter (200 ft) evaluation reach at the time of evaluation. Avoid plunge pools from road culverts or storm water pipes) (Check ONLY one box):

<input type="checkbox"/> > 30 centimeters [20 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> > 5 cm - 10 cm [15 pts]
<input type="checkbox"/> > 22.5 - 30 cm [30 pts]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 5 cm [5 pts]
<input type="checkbox"/> > 10 - 22.5 cm [25 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> NO WATER OR MOIST CHANNEL [0 pts]

COMMENTS _____ MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters): 3

3. **BANK FULL WIDTH** (Measured as the average of 3-4 measurements) (Check ONLY one box):

<input type="checkbox"/> > 4.0 meters (> 13') [30 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> > 1.0 m - 1.5 m (> 3' 3" - 4' 8") [15 pts]
<input type="checkbox"/> > 3.0 m - 4.0 m (> 9' 7" - 13') [25 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> ≤ 1.0 m (≤ 3' 3") [5 pts]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 1.5 m - 3.0 m (> 4' 8" - 9' 7") [20 pts]	

COMMENTS BF = 8.4' x 1.8' AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters) 2.3

HHEI Metric Points

Substrate Max = 40
10

A + B

Pool Depth Max = 30
5

Bankfull Width Max=30
20

This information must also be completed

RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

☆NOTE: River Left (L) and Right (R) as looking downstream☆

RIPARIAN WIDTH		FLOODPLAIN QUALITY			
L	R	L	R	L	R
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wide >10m		Mature Forest, Wetland		Conservation Tillage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moderate 5-10m		Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field		Urban or Industrial	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Narrow <5m		Residential, Park, New Field		Open Pasture, Row Crop	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
None		Fenced Pasture		Mining or Construction	

COMMENTS _____

FLOW REGIME (At Time of Evaluation) (Check ONLY one box):

<input type="checkbox"/> Stream Flowing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moist Channel, isolated pools, no flow (Intermittent)
<input type="checkbox"/> Subsurface flow with isolated pools (Interstitial)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry channel, no water (Ephemeral)

COMMENTS _____

SINUOSITY (Number of bends per 61 m (200 ft) of channel) (Check ONLY one box):

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1.0	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.0	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.0
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5	<input type="checkbox"/> >3

STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

Flat (0.5 ft/100 ft) Flat to Moderate Moderate (2 ft/100 ft) Moderate to Severe Severe (10 ft/100 ft)

ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This Information Must Also be Completed):

QHEI PERFORMED? - Yes No QHEI Score _____ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)

DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)

WWH Name: UT Kawpaw Creek (RM 177) Distance from Evaluated Stream 2.2
 CWH Name: _____ Distance from Evaluated Stream _____
 EWH Name: _____ Distance from Evaluated Stream _____

MAPPING: ATTACH COPIES OF MAPS, INCLUDING THE ENTIRE WATERSHED AREA. CLEARLY MARK THE SITE LOCATION

USGS Quadrangle Name: Millerport NRCS Soil Map Page: _____ NRCS Soil Map Stream Order _____
County: Fairfield Township / City: Liberty

MISCELLANEOUS

Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): Y Date of last precipitation: 9-19-17 Quantity: 0.27
Photograph Information: 23-up, 24-down, 25-substrates, 26-pool
Elevated Turbidity? (Y/N): N Canopy (% open): 60
Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: _____
Field Measures: Temp (°C) _____ Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) _____ pH (S.U.) _____ Conductivity (µmhos/cm) _____
Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N) Y If not, please explain: _____

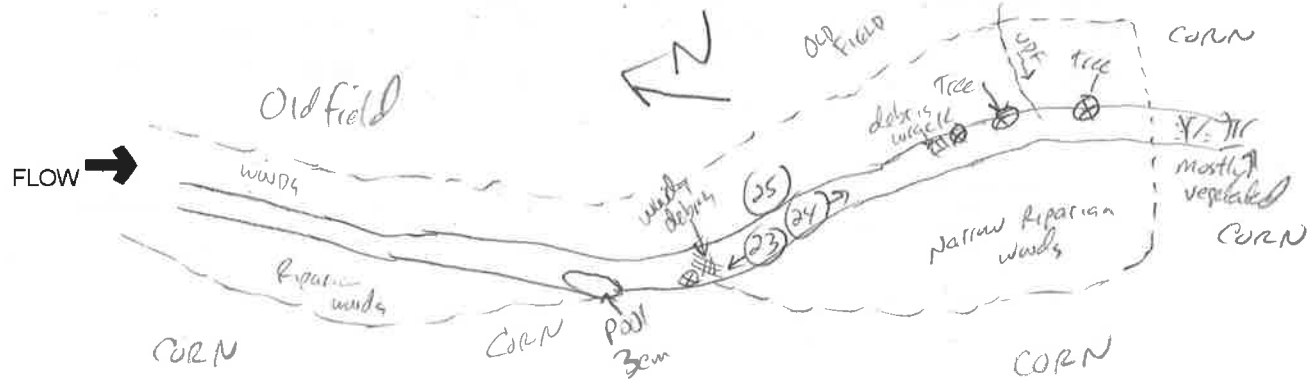
Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: dry heavy siltation, substrates damp, couple very shallow pools

BIOTIC EVALUATION

Performed? (Y/N): N (If Yes, Record all observations. Voucher collections optional. NOTE: all voucher samples must be labeled with the site ID number. Include appropriate field data sheets from the Primary Headwater Habitat Assessment Manual)
Fish Observed? (Y/N) Y Voucher? (Y/N) _____ Salamanders Observed? (Y/N) N Voucher? (Y/N) N
Frogs or Tadpoles Observed? (Y/N) _____ Voucher? (Y/N) _____ Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Observed? (Y/N) _____ Voucher? (Y/N) _____
Comments Regarding Biology: catamander larvae, baby sunfish, minnows, steelheadbacks in pool

DRAWING AND NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF STREAM REACH (This must be completed):

Include important landmarks and other features of interest for site evaluation and a narrative description of the stream's location



OHW = 6.8' x 0.9'
BF = 8.4' x 1.8'

Appendix C Agency Coordination Letters



In reply refer to
2017-FAI-40508

December 20, 2017

Mr. Ryan J. Weller
Weller & Associates, Inc.
1395 West Fifth Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43212

RE: West Millersport Station Safety Fence Project, Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio

Dear Mr. Weller:

This letter is in response to the correspondence received on November 29, 2017 regarding the proposed West Millersport Station Safety Fence Project, Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. The comments of the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are made pursuant to Section 149.53 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Power Siting Board rules for siting this project (OAC 4906-4). The comments of the Ohio SHPO are also submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C.470 [36 CFR 800]).

The following comments pertain to the *Phase I Archaeological Investigations for the 23.9 ha (59.2 ac) West Millersport Station Safety Fence Project in Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio* by Weller & Associates, Inc. (2017).

A literature review, visual inspection, surface collection, and shovel probe excavation was completed as part of the investigations. Two (2) previously inventoried Ohio Archaeological Inventory (OAI) sites are located within the project area. OAI#33FA1887 and 33FA1888 are both prehistoric lithic scatters identified in 2012 by Weller & Associates, Inc. as part a Phase I Archaeological Investigation for AEP access corridors in Franklin, Licking, and Fairfield Counties. The sites were re-identified during surface collection and combined into one site, which will be identified as 33FR1887. OAI#33FA1888 will be reissued for a future site location. Additional artifacts identified during surface collection include Primary and Secondary thinning flakes, a core, and a Brewerton Side Notched projectile point repurposed as a hafted scrapper. OAI#33FR1887 (and the old 33FR1888) were both found to be not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 2012 and that recommendation remains. No additional archaeological work is recommended on this site.

Eighteen (18) new OAI sites were identified as part of this survey. OAI#33FA2324-33FA2327, 33FA2329-33FA2332, 33FA2335, 33FA2338, 33FA2339, and 33FA2341 are prehistoric lithic scatters. OAI#33FA2328, 33FA2333, 33FA2334, 33FA2336, 33FA2337, and 33FA2340 are prehistoric isolated finds. None of the sites are recommended as eligible for listing in the NRHP. Based on the information provided, we agree the archaeological sites are not eligible for listing in the NRHP and no further archaeological work is necessary.

Please complete your associated site inventory as soon as possible. Project associated inventory should be completed and submitted concurrent with submission of your survey documentation for our comments. Following IForm submission procedure, please send a notification to the survey manager (archsurvey@ohiohistory.org, or directly at beberhard@ohiohistory.org) so that the manager is aware your inventory is prepared, complete, and ready for review.

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The following comments pertain to the *History/Architecture Investigations for the 23.9 ha (59.2 ac) West Millersport Station Safety Fence Project in Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio* by Weller & Associates, Inc. (2017).

The investigations consisted of a systematic survey of all properties fifty years of age or older that are situated within 1,000' of the proposed project site. Five properties were identified within the Area of Potential Effects that may have a direct line-of-sight to the project.

It is Weller's recommendation that none of the five identified properties are eligible for inclusion in the NRHP due to a lack of associative significance, a loss of integrity, or a lack of character defining features. Our office agrees with Weller's recommendations regarding eligibility.

The results of the architectural investigation identified no historic properties located within the APE that exhibit potential significance for inclusion in the NRHP. Therefore, we agree that the project as proposed will have no effect on historic properties.

Based on the information provided, we agree the project will not affect historic properties. No further coordination with this office is necessary, unless the project changes or unless new or additional historic properties are discovered during implementation of this project. In such a situation, this office should be contacted.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (614) 298-2022, or by e-mail at khorrocks@ohiohistory.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Krista Horrocks, Project Reviews Manager
Resource Protection and Review

cc: Ron Howard, AEP (rmhoward@aep.com)

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