Karst Areas Map (<u>www.dnr.state.oh.us/portals/10/pdf/karstmap.pdf.</u>), for additional information. If caves or sinkholes are present within the project area, we recommend further coordination with this office to determine if surveys of these areas are recommended.

#### Indiana Bat Migratory Habitat

Wind energy facilities in various habitat types across the U.S. and Canada have been documented to cause "widespread and often extensive fatalities of bats" (Arnett et al. 2008), primarily during the fall migratory season. Further, Indiana bat mortalities have been detected at a wind power facility in Indiana, confirming suspicions that migrating Indiana bats are also susceptible to mortality from wind turbines. At this time, research into the mechanisms that cause mortality of bats at wind power sites is still ongoing, and few operational tools exist to avoid and minimize take — feathering of turbines during times when hats are most at risk has been shown to reduce mortality in some situations. Based on this, we are advising all operating wind farms and wind farms in planning stages within the range of the listed bats that lethal take is a possibility without curtailment of operations at night during the migratory period regardless of whether summer habitat is present or if Indiana bats are detected during summer mist netting. Due to the potential of take during spring and fall migration, we recommend developers evaluate their exposure to the prohibitions of ESA. This is a risk management decision the developer must make. The Service advises you to consider the following two options to ensure violations of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 9 take prohibition do not occur:

- 1) Feather turbines during low wind speed conditions at night during the fall and spring migratory seasons as a way to proactively and definitively avoid take of Indiana bats (and other species of bats as well). Based on the Indiana bat Draft Recovery Plan First Revision (Service, 2007), fall migration generally occurs between August 1 and October 15, and spring migration generally occurs between April 1 and May 15.
- 2) Wind facility developers can work with the Service to apply for an Incidental Take Permit by submitting a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), as required under Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act. A HCP can be used to address Indiana bat presence during both summer foraging and migration periods. A HCP does typically require some time and survey effort to complete. Alternatively, you may consider joining in the regional effort to develop a wind power HCP to address Indiana bats and other listed species.

If you plan to implement either of these two options, please contact us for further information.

The proposed project lies within the range of the rayed bean (Villosa fabalis), a freshwater mussel that is currently proposed for listing as federally endangered. The rayed bean is generally known from smaller, headwater creeks, but records exist in larger rivers. They are usually found in or near shoal or riffle areas, and in the shallow, wave-washed areas of lakes. Substrates typically include gravel and sand, and they are often associated with, and buried under the roots of, vegetation, including water willow (Justicia americana) and water milfoil (Myriophyllum sp.). Should the proposed project directly or indirectly impact any of the habitat types described above, we recommend that a survey be conducted to determine the presence or probable absence of rayed bean mussels in the vicinity of the proposed site. Any survey should be designed and conducted in coordination with the Endangered Species Coordinator for this office.

The project lies within the range of the eastern massasauga (Sistrurus catenatus catenatus), a docile rattlesnake that is declining throughout its national range and is currently a Federal Candidate species. The snake is currently listed as endangered by the State of Ohio. Your proactive efforts to conserve this species now may help avoid the need to list the species under the Endangered Species Act in the future. Due to their reclusive nature, we encourage early project coordination to avoid potential impacts to

massasaugas and their habitat. At a minimum, project evaluations should contain delineations of whether or not massasauga habitat occurs within project boundaries.

The massasauga is often found in or near wet areas, including wetlands, wet prairie, or nearby woodland or shrub edge habitat. This often includes dry goldenrod meadows with a mosaic of early successional woody species such as dogwood or multiflora rose. Wet habitat and nearby dry edges are utilized by the snakes, especially during the spring and fall. Dry upland areas up to 1.5 miles away are utilized during the summer, if available. For additional information on the eastern massasauga, including project management ideas, please visit the following website:

http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered/lists/candidat.html or contact this office directly.

The proposed project lies within the range of the **Kirtland's warbler** (*Dendroica kirtlandii*), a federally listed endangered species. The Kirtland's warbler is a small blue-gray songbird with a bright yellow breast. This species migrates through Ohio in the spring and fall, traveling between its breeding grounds in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ontario and its wintering grounds in the Bahamas. During migration, individual birds usually forage in low vegetation and stay in one area for a few days. This species may occur in Ohio in the spring from late April through May and in the fall from late August to early October. The ODNR has recommended 11 passerine migration surveys for the proposed project boundary. We strongly recommend that surveyors note any possible Kirtland's warbler detections during the passerine migration survey, and photo-document the detections if possible. Any sightings should be reported to the Service within 24 hours, or the next business day.

#### MIGRATORY BIRD COMMENTS:

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712; MBTA) implements four treaties that provide for international protection of migratory birds. The MBTA prohibits taking, killing, possession, transportation, and importation of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, and nests, except when specifically authorized by the Department of the Interior. While the MBTA has no provision for allowing unauthorized take, the FWS recognizes that some birds may be taken during activities such as wind turbine operation even if all reasonable measures to avoid take are implemented. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) Office of Law Enforcement carries out its mission to protect migratory birds not only through investigation and enforcement, but also through fostering relationships with individuals and industries that proactively seeks to eliminate their impacts on migratory birds. Although it is not possible under the MBTA to absolve individuals, companies, or agencies from liability (even if they implement avian mortality avoidance or similar conservation measures), the Office of Law Enforcement focuses on those individuals, companies, or agencies that take migratory birds with disregard for their actions and the law, especially when conservation measures have been developed but are not properly implemented.

At this time, we continue to encourage existing and proposed wind developments to follow current Service recommendations on wind power siting and construction (Interim Guidelines to Avoid and Minimize Impacts from Wind Turbines – 2003). The Service also encourages developers to coordinate with Service biologists regarding their projects. Proper coordination will help developers make informed decisions in siting, constructing, and operating their facilities. Additionally, the Service hopes to work cooperatively with wind developers to advance the state of the art of wind power siting, construction, and operation. Advancements in these areas will represent great strides towards the environmentally safe development of this otherwise renewable and clean source of energy.

The Service and ODNR DOW have worked together to develop a recommended bird survey protocol for wind turbine projects. The details of the protocol are provided in ODNR's On-Shore Bird and Bat Preand Post-Construction Monitoring Protocol for Commercial Wind Energy Facilities in Ohio. ODNR has

documented that the project area qualifies for "extensive" survey effort due to the proximity to possible migratory bird high use areas. We recommend implementation of the ODNR bird survey protocol or alternatively, modification of the project boundary to avoid potential migratory bird high use areas and implementation of the "extensive" survey protocol. Bird survey results will be interpreted to determine if potential risk to birds is relatively high or low in various portions of the project area. Based on survey results we may make recommendations as to turbine placement and operation, or pre- or post-construction monitoring.

Research into the actual causes of bat and bird collisions with wind turbines is limited. To assist Service field staffs in review of wind farm proposals, as well as aid wind energy companies in developing best practices for siting and monitoring of wind farms, the Service published *Interim Guidelines to Avoid and Minimize Wildlife Impacts from Wind Turbines* (2003). On February 8, 2011, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released the Draft Voluntary, Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines that have now been published in the Federal Register and are now open for public comment until May 19, 2011. The Guidelines can be found at: <a href="http://www.fws.gov/windenergy">http://www.fws.gov/windenergy</a>. Until those guidelines are final, the Service recommends following the 2003 Interim Guidelines. We encourage any company/licensee proposing a new wind farm to consider the following excerpted suggestions from the guidelines in an effort to minimize impacts to migratory birds and bats.

- 1) Pre-development evaluations of potential wind farm sites to be conducted by a team of Federal and/or State agency wildlife professions with no vested interest in potential sites;
- 2) Rank potential sites by risk to wildlife;
- Avoid placing turbines in documented locations of federally-listed species;
- 4) Avoid locating turbines in known bird flyways or migration pathways, or near areas of high bird concentrations. (i.e., rookeries, leks, State or Federal refuges, staging areas, wetlands, riparian corridors, etc.) Avoid known daily movement flyways and areas with a high incidence of fog, mist or low visibility.
- 5) Avoid placing turbines near known bat hibernation, breeding, or maternity colonies, in migration corridors, or in flight paths between colonies and feeding areas;
- 6) Configure turbine arrays to avoid potential avian mortality where feasible. (i.e., group turbines and orient rows of turbines parallel to known bird movements) Implement storm water management practices that do not create attractions for birds, and maintain contiguous habitat for area-sensitive species;
- 7) Avoid fragmenting large, contiguous tracts of wildlife habitat. Wherever practical, place turbines on lands already disturbed and away from intact healthy native habitats. If not practical, select fragmented or degraded habitats over relatively intact areas;
- 8) Minimize roads, fences, and other infrastructure. Wherever possible, align collection lines and access roads to minimize disturbance;
- 9) Develop a habitat restoration plan for the proposed site that avoids or minimizes negative impacts on vulnerable wildlife while maintaining or enhancing habitat values for other species. (i.e., avoid attracting prey animals used by raptors;
- 10) Use tubular supports with pointed tops rather than lattice supports to minimize bird perching and nesting opportunities. Avoid placing external ladders and platforms on tubular towers to minimize

perching/nesting. Avoid use of guy wires for turbine or meteorological tower supports. All existing guy wires should be marked with bird deterrents. (Avian Power Line Interaction Committee 1996):

- If taller turbines (top of rotor-swept area is greater than 199 feet above ground level) require lights for aviation safety, the minimum amount of lighting specified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) should be used. Unless otherwise requested by the FAA, only white strobe lights should be used at night, and should be of the minimum intensity and frequency of flashes allowable:
- 12) Adjust tower height to reduce risk of strikes in areas of high risk for wildlife:
- Wherever feasible, place electric power lines underground or on the surface as insulated, shielded wire to avoid electrocution of birds. Use recommendations of the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (1996) for any required above-ground lines, transformers, or conductors.

The full text of the guidelines is available at http://www.fws.gov/habitateonservation/wind.pdf. The Service believes that implementing these guidelines may help reduce mortality caused by wind turbines. We encourage you to consider these guidelines in the planning and design of the project. We particularly encourage placement of turbines away from any large wetland, stream corridor, or wooded areas, including the areas mentioned previously, and avoid placing turbines between nearby habitat blocks.

#### BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLE COMMENTS:

Bald and golden eagles are included under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, but are afforded additional legal protection under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d). The Service recently issued a final rule that authorizes issuance of eagle take permits, where the take to be authorized is associated with otherwise lawful activities. If take of bald eagles is likely, based on the best information available, a bald eagle take permit for this project will be necessary. We understand the original project boundary was adjusted to avoid a known bald eagle nest and the Service greatly appreciates this effort to conserve trust resources. However, there are still 3 bald eagle nests within 2 miles of the proposed project boundary, including the proposed transmission line. The closest nest is approximately 1 mile southwest of the end of the transmission line on the Sandusky River. In addition, there are also 20 bald eagle nests within 10 miles of the project boundary. Raptor nest searches and nest monitoring should be conducted in accordance with ODNR's extensive survey protocol to identify any raptors, including bald eagles that may nest in or near the project area. The results of this survey should be coordinated with this office.

On February 8, 2011, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released the Draft Eagle Conservation Plan Guidance that have now been published in the Federal Register and are available for public comment until May 19, 2011. The Guidelines can be found at: <a href="http://www.fws.gov/windenergy">http://www.fws.gov/windenergy</a>. The Draft Eagle Conservation Plan Guidance was developed to provide interpretive guidance to wind developers, Service biologists who evaluate potential impacts on eagles from proposed wind energy projects, and others in applying the regulatory permit standards as specified by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and other federal laws. While this guidance is still draft, we believe that it deserves careful attention, as it lays out a proposed process for evaluating risk to eagles from wind power projects and developing an eagle conservation plan, in support of applying for a permit to authorize take. Appendix C of the Draft Fagle Conservation Plan Guidance suggests a monitoring protocol for wind projects. Monitoring data should be interpreted to document potential risk to eagles. If take of eagles is likely, a bald eagle take permit will be necessary.

#### COORDINATION OF SURVEY RESULTS:

Please submit survey results to this office for review. Survey results will be interpreted to determine areas with relatively low bat and bird activity/diversity as opposed to areas with relatively high bat and bird activity/diversity. Based on the survey results, we may make recommendations as to turbine placement and operation, additional consultation under Section 7 or 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, additional permits under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, or pre- or postconstruction monitoring,

#### POST CONSTRUCTION MONITORING:

The Service recommends the project be monitored post-construction to determine impacts to migratory birds and bats. A specific post-construction monitoring plan should be prepared and reviewed by the Service and should include a scientifically robust, peer reviewed methodology of mortality surveys. We recommend that the post-construction monitoring protocol be developed based on the results of preconstruction monitoring, and look forward to working with the project proponent to develop this document.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this proposed project. If you have questions, or if we may be of further assistance in this matter, please contact Melanie Cota at extension 15 in this office. or by email at Melanie Cota@fws.gov or visit our website at http://www.fws.gov/midwest/Ohio.

Sincerely,

Mary Knapp Ph.D.

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Attachment: USFWS Permitted Indiana bat Surveyors in Ohio



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**Date:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:06:06 PM

Attachments: Long Prairie Meeting Summary FINAL 2015-12-10.pdf

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#### Hi Keith and Jenny —

Attached is the summary of our December 3, 2015 meeting, including the presentation. If you have comments on the meeting summary, or find that edits are needed, please let me know and I will revise accordingly before finalizing. Otherwise, if you could confirm that the summary accurately reflects our discussion and your recommendations at this time, that would be much appreciated.

Thanks, Jennie

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#### REPUBLIC WIND PROJECT - AGENCY MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Attendees: Keith Lott, USFWS

Jennifer Norris, ODNR Jennie Geiger, Apex John Arehart, Apex Dalton Carr, Apex

Dave Phillips, Apex (by phone)

Prepared by: Apex

Date: December 10, 2015

On December 3, 2015, Apex Clean Energy (Apex) met with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to discuss the proposed Republic Wind Project (Project) located in Seneca County, Ohio. The purpose of this meeting was to update the agencies on Project status, discuss Tier 3 studies completed to date, and agree upon next steps. The meeting was held at the USFWS Office in Columbus, Ohio. The attached Powerpoint presentation was discussed and the following is a summary of the topics discussed.

**Avian Studies:** The group agreed that avian studies conducted to date meet ODNR requirements and are sufficient to adequately assess and respond to avian risk. There was agreement that these data demonstrate this is a low risk site in regards to eagles and that a take permit was not warranted; however, general risk reduction measures (e.g., carrion removal, operations staff training) and post-construction monitoring to confirm low risk conclusions were appropriate.

**Bats**: The group agreed that studies conducted to date meet ODNR requirements and are sufficient to adequately assess and respond to risk to bats. USFWS indicated that a Technical Assistance Letter (TAL) could be issued for the Project in response to Apex committing to implement impact avoidance measures to avoid risk to federally-listed bats. The group discussed the merits of analyzing bat telemetry data collected during mist net surveys to determine if federally-listed bats were inactive in certain conditions during summer (e.g., windspeed, precipitation, distance from habitat, etc.) and potentially incorporate a reduced windspeed or weather variable into the curtailment being considered during summer.

**Other**: Although impacts to state-protected species are not expected to be significant, ODNR encouraged the implementation of a Voluntary Cooperation Agreement between the Project and ODNR to address liability associated with potential take of protected wildlife. No additional studies are recommended by USFWS and ODNR to determine appropriate impact avoidance measures and for the Project to proceed through the Ohio Power and Siting Board permitting process.

#### **Action Items:**

- Apex will review the ODNR Voluntary Cooperation Agreement and work with ODNR to reach agreement on content.
- Apex will send a TAL term sheet to USFWS for review as soon as possible.

#### Jennie Geiger

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 9:05 AM

To: Dave Phillips

**Cc:** Jennie Geiger; John Arehart III; Dalton Carr

Subject: Re: BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL: Republic Wind Project Follow-Up

Dave et al.,

Typically we use a 5 mile buffer for instances where the <u>maternity</u> roost tree has not been located. Which is this case with this project. Then I went back and looked at our "Indiana Bat Section 7 and Section 10 Guidance for Wind Energy Projects", which appears to run contrary to our general office guidance. Within that document it says that "all suitable habitat within 2.5 miles of the line drawn between the two documented roost trees unless the distance between the capture location(s) and roost tree is larger. In that case, use the longer distance to create the polygon."

Because at least 2 roost trees were identified during both the 2011 and 2015 surveys I'll revised the buffer size to 2.5 miles within our database

#### Keith

On Wed, Feb 24, 2016 at 8:02 AM, Dave Phillips <a href="mailto:dave.phillips@apexcleanenergy.com">dave.phillips@apexcleanenergy.com</a> wrote:

Hi Keith,

Thanks for this information. However, I don't understand your expectation for curtailment within 5 miles of the Indiana bat capture during summer. Can you please explain the basis for this recommendation, as it is entirely inconsistent with other states in Region 3 and seems overly conservative, especially given the telemetry data we have for the Indiana bat captured at this site last year, in which all locations are within an area less than 1sq. mi.

Thanks, Dave

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Subject: Re: BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL: Republic Wind Project Follow-Up

Jennie,

We've been discussing Technical Assistance Letter (TAL) components within the region recently, and also have discussed them with ODNR relative to several wind projects in Ohio.

Below we present our final recommendations for obtaining a TAL from the Service for Republic. We request that you incorporate these components into a letter and send it to our office. We are prepared to respond quickly with a TAL response letter. Note that technical assistance letters are intended to document measures to avoid take of Indiana bats (and Northern long-eared bats, though take for this species is currently exempted under a 4(d) rule). The measures described below should result in avoidance, based on the best scientific information we have available relative to Indiana bat biology and impacts to Indiana bats from wind projects in Northwest Ohio and elsewhere. If you were to instead develop an HCP and obtain an incidental take permit, some take would be allowed to occur, thus the below measures could be negotiated. To date we have issued three TA letters in Ohio, and all have the same measures in order to avoid take of Indiana bats during migration. I have added a separate bullet for summer that was not included in the other TALs since they did not have summer risk. Please let me know if you have questions.

#### Keith

- Cut-in speed should be set at 6.9 m/s in spring and fall (see dates below). This is the speed at which the Service has determine that take of Indiana bats during migration is unlikely to occur based on Indiana bat morphology, behavior, and bat mortality rates at cut-in speed studies at existing wind projects.
- Spring dates should be **March 15-May 15**. We reviewed OH and IN data on Indiana bat spring migration and arrival at maternity colonies. This data showed that Indiana bats arrive at maternity colonies in IN and OH as early as the first week in April. This was documented at multiple sites and in multiple years, and so we assume migration can occur earlier than April 1. These "spring" dates are consistent with what Indiana is recommending in their TA letters. The single spring Indiana bat mortality was documented on April 14, and this date range incorporates this mortality.
- Fall dates should be **Aug. 1-Oct. 31.** We reviewed OH and IN data on Indiana bat departure from maternity colonies. This data showed that individual Indiana bats may stay at maternity colonies into late October. This was documented at multiple sites and in multiple years, and so we assume that migration can occur later into October. Further, Indiana bat fall mortalities have been detected on the following dates: Sept. 26, Sept. 11, Sept. 18, Oct. 3, and Oct. 10. When considering all-bat mortality, it is clear from post-construction studies in Ohio that monthly bat mortality rates vary between years. This may be related to weather patterns. Thus, all bat and Indiana bat migration may occur later in the year if warmer weather occurred later into Oct. Thus, we believe it is appropriate to extend the fall migration season through the end of October. **Very little bat mortality has been detected in**

Nov. at any of the wind projects in Northwest Ohio. Typically we assume Indiana bats have arrived at their hibernaculum by Nov, and thus would not be at risk at this project location in Nov.

- Technical assistance letters are intended to document measures to avoid take of Indiana bats. The Service does not have data indicating temperature thresholds at which Indiana bats are not active during the spring and fall migration periods. Thus temperature thresholds are not appropriate. This is consistent with the approach in TA letters issued by other states.
- Cut-in speeds should be implemented from 1/2 hr before sunset to 1/2 hr after sunrise. This is consistent with the approach in TA letters issued by other states.
- Monitoring will be necessary to document avoidance of take. ODNR currently requires up to 2 years of post-construction monitoring using their protocol. This is sufficient for the first two years of implementation of the TAL. Monitoring beyond 2 years will be determined at a later date based on the effectiveness of TAL in avoiding take during the first 2 years.
- Because Republic has documented Indiana bats within the project area during the summer, to avoid take of Indiana bats that may occur during summer, thus the 6.9 m/s cut-in speed should also be used from May 15 July 31 for those areas within the 5-mile buffer of the capture location. This should be sufficient to avoid take of summering Indiana bats.

On Mon, Feb 22, 2016 at 2:21 PM, Jennie Geiger < <u>jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com</u>> wrote:

Hi Keith -

Thanks for taking the time to speak with me last week and providing FWS guidance to ensure take of federally listed bats does not occur at our Republic Wind Project. As agreed, Apex will feather blades below wind speeds of 6.9 m/s from 30 mins before sunset to 30 mins after sunrise at all turbines during migration (Apr 1-May 31 and Aug 1-Oct 31), and at turbines within 2.5 miles of identified Indiana bat (IBAT) maternal roost trees during summer (Jun 1-Jul 31). Apex reached out to Copperhead Consulting for their technical expertise on the IBAT roost trees, and they confirmed that the trees were maternal in nature and that a 2.5 mile curtailment buffer was well within industry standards.

Apex will conduct any necessary tree clearing within 2.5 miles of identified IBAT roosts between Nov 1 and Mar 31, and within 150 feet of northern long-eared bat roosts between Aug 1 and May 31, to avoid impacts to roosting bats. We will also provide you with information on impacts to forested areas once the layout is complete so FWS can assess potential impacts of clearing habitat on the species.

Please review and let me know that I have captured our discussion accurately. If you have any questions or need additional information at this time, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks, Jennie

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From: Lott, Keith
To: Jennie Geiger

Cc: <u>Dave Phillips</u>; <u>John Arehart III</u>; <u>Dalton Carr</u>

Subject: Re: BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL: Republic Wind Meeting Follow Up

Date: Monday, August 29, 2016 8:23:05 AM
Attachments: Republic Wind internest distance 8292016.pdf

#### Jennie et al..

This morning I edited our eagle nest layer to reflect changes from your survey. The new 1/2 eagle nest distance is 1.00 miles. There are two nests within the buffer (one confirmed, one unconfirmed) and three nests right along the border (map attached).

As for the Indiana bat roost, since multiple roost trees were identified, but none were the primary roost tree, we'll average the location of the two identified roosts (-82.9447775, 41.21847). There will be a 2.5 mile buffer on this average roost.

Let me know if you have any questions.

#### Keith

On Wed, Aug 24, 2016 at 8:46 AM, Jennie Geiger < <u>jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com</u>> wrote:

Hi Keith -

Attached are the following:

- · a summary of our August 17, 2016 meeting, including a copy of the PPT presentation
- · shapefiles for the revised project boundary
- · shapefiles from our 2016 eagle nest surveys

Please let me know if you have comments on the meeting notes or need additional information at this time.

Also, could you please provide us with a shapefile of the Indiana bat roost buffer that you are utilizing for this project along with any new eagle nests and the re-calculated ½ eagle inter-nest distance for our use in designing the project?

Thanks, Jennie

#### JENNIE GEIGER

**Environmental Permitting Manager** 

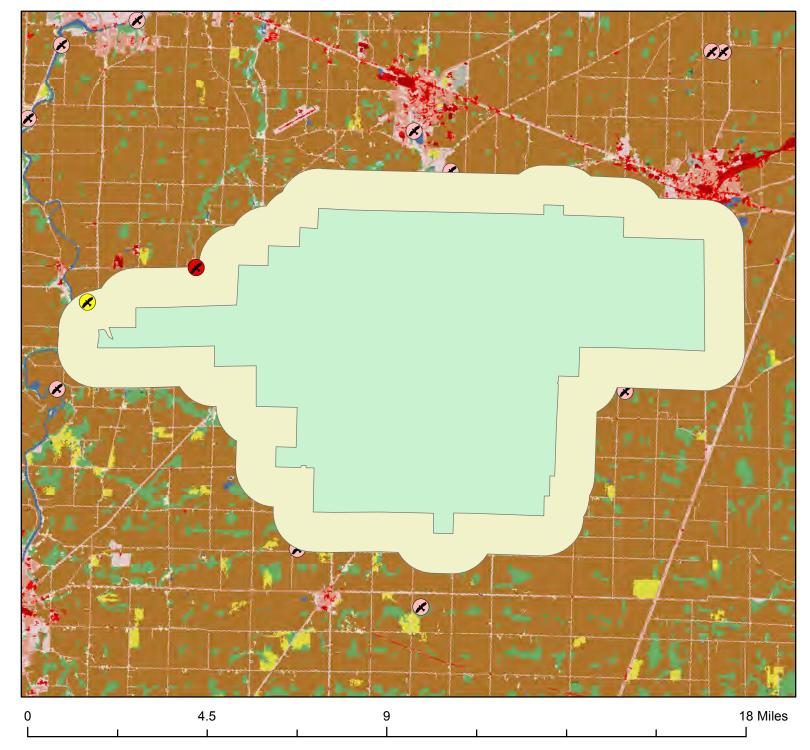
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# Republic\_eagle\_nest\_within\_buffer\_8\_29\_2016 Status

Confirmed

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## Bald eagle nest

### **Status**

Confirmed

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#### **REPUBLIC WIND PROJECT - MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting Attendees: Keith Lott, USFWS

Jennifer Norris, ODNR
Dave Kohler, ODNR
Katie Parsons, ODNR
Dave Phillips, Apex
Jennie Geiger, Apex
Dalton Carr, Apex
Sarah Moser, Apex

Notes Prepared by: Apex

Date: August 23, 2016

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**Avian Studies:** It was agreed that avian studies conducted to date are sufficient to adequately assess the revised area and respond to avian risk for purposes of OPSB permit submittal. The group agreed that siting turbines a minimum of ½ inter-nest distance from existing eagle nests is appropriate to minimize risk to the species and that no take permit is warranted. USFWS indicated that they will provide locations of additional eagle nests near the project and recalculate the ½ inter-nest distance setback recommendation based on the revised project boundary. USFWS will review the revised boundary and provide additional avian recommendations, if warranted.

**Bats:** Apex reviewed existing bat information and presented results from the 2016 mist-net bat surveys. The group agreed that studies conducted to date meet ODNR and USFWS requirements and are sufficient to adequately assess and respond to risk to bats in the revised project area for purposes of OPSB permit submittal. Avoidance and minimization measures recommended by USFWS in an email dated February 24, 2016 to avoid take of Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats were discussed and confirmed. USFWS stated they will issue a technical assistance letter (TAL) upon receiving a term sheet from Apex committing to implement these measures, as outlined below:

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From: Jennie Geiger

To: <u>Dave Phillips (dave.phillips@apexcleanenergy.com)</u>

Subject: FOR REVIEW: Email to ODNR on REP

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 12:11:00 PM

Attachments: Republic USFWS ODNR Meeting Summary 2016-08-23.pdf

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#### Hi Kate -

Thank you for the call today. Attached are the meeting notes from our August 17, 2016 meeting with USFWS and ODNR on the Republic Wind Project for your records. As I mentioned on the phone, there have been some minor adjustments to the Project boundary since the August meeting. I will send you the revised boundary as soon as it is finalized for your review and final comment.

Thanks, Jennie

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From: Lott, Keith
To: Jennie Geiger

Subject: Re: Republic Wind Follow Up

Date: Friday, March 3, 2017 11:14:14 AM

#### Jennie.

That is correct. Based upon the project area maps that we have been provided, this project falls outside of areas where we have known occurrences or what we consider suitable habitat for the eastern massasauga.

#### Keith

On Fri, Mar 3, 2017 at 10:59 AM, Jennie Geiger < <u>jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com</u>> wrote:

Hi Keith -

As a follow up to our phone call yesterday, this email is to confirm that the eastern massasauga is not a species of concern within the Republic Wind Project and surveys are not necessary.

Thanks, Iennie

#### JENNIE GEIGER

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## Jennie Geiger

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Lott, Keith <keith_lott@fws.gov> Thursday, June 29, 2017 6:47 AM Jennie Geiger Re: Responses regarding eagle questions</keith_lott@fws.gov>
Jennie,	
I calculated the r value is 1.17 mil	evised 1/2 inter-nest distance this morning. Based on the revised project boundary the new es.
Keith	
On Mon, Jun 26,	2017 at 9:18 AM, Jennie Geiger < <u>jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com</u> > wrote:
Thanks Keith – so	orry about that! Please see attached.
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Sent: Monday, Ju To: Jennie Geiger	[mailto:keith_lott@fws.gov] une 26, 2017 8:37 AM r <jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com> ponses regarding eagle questions</jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com>
Jennie,	
I'd be happy to a instead of a PD	recalculate the new inter-nest distance, but I need a shapefile of the new project boundary, F.
Thanks,	

Keith

On Thu, Jun 22, 2017 at 4:51 PM, Jennie Geiger < <u>jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com</u>> wrote:

Hi Keith -

Thank you for your email. As requested, I have attached a map of the current Republic boundary and the location of all known eagle nests in proximity to the Project. The new nest in the NW portion of the Project is still within the official Project boundary; however, no turbines are planned within 1.9 miles of the nest. We were unable to completely remove the nest from the boundary as we are still considering two transmission line options, one of which would run along the western boundary of the parcel where the nest is located (approximately 0.4 miles from nest).

Based on the ½ inter-nest setbacks that we have implemented around all nests, and the low use of the site by eagles as illustrated through previous Stage 2 surveys, we consider this a low risk site to eagles with no permit warranted and no further surveys warranted. If you disagree, please let me know. Also, can you please recalculate the ½ inter-nest distance based on the discovery of the new nest to inform our new setbacks?

Thanks,

Jennie

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From: Lott, Keith [mailto:keith lott@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:27 AM

To: Jennie Geiger < <a href="mailto:jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com">jennie.geiger@apexcleanenergy.com</a>>

Subject: Responses regarding eagle questions

Jennie,

I got your message regarding how Apex plans on changing their project boundary in response to the discovery of a new eagle nest in the western portion of the project. When they are available I'd still like to see a map of the revised project boundary and the location of the new nest. I did talk to Chris Mensing from our East Lansing Field Office, he's directly involved in the eagle protocols and is willing to meet with Apex once we assess the revised project boundary and it's relationship to the new nest.

Regarding Long Prairie, I think the level of survey effort within the previous boundary continues to be sufficient to assess risk, as long as nothing has changed (e.g., a new nest has been established near the project). I would recommend a nest survey new portion of the project area as well.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Keith

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## Republic: Eagle Nests

2017 BAEA Nest2016 BAEA Nest

1/2 inter-nest distance (1.00 mi)

Project Boundary

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Date: 6/22/2017 Author: SML

Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane Ohio North FIPS 3401 Feet Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic Datum: North American 1983



Republic Wind Project

**APPENDIX** 

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WETLAND AND WATERBODY IMPACT TABLES

Table F-1 - Anticipated Wetland Impacts for the Apex Republic Wind Project

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Wetland ID	County	Center	of Center	Project	Туре	Score		Jurisdictional	Drainage Basin	(Yes/No)	Impact	Impact	Impact	Impact	Impact	Impact	Impact	Impact	Impact	Impact	Impact	Impact	
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WOH-002	Seneca	41.201968	-83.034263	0.28	PEM	10	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-003	Seneca	41.190625	-83.012886	0.94	PEM/PFO	41	Modified 2	No	Sugar Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-004	Seneca	41.192700	-83.043890	0.84	PFO	47.5	2	No	Beaver Creek, Sugar Creek		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-006	Seneca	41.204589	-83.020032	0.58	PEM/PFO	48.5	2	Yes	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-007	Seneca	41.205141	-83.002509	0.83	PEM/PFO	56	2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-008	Seneca	41.154758		28.97	PEM/PFO	78	3	Yes	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	847	0.02	0	0.00	
WOH-009		41.160548		6.07	PFO	51	2	No	Westerhouse Ditch		0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	047		0		
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WOH-010	Seneca	41.165705		4.31	PEM/PFO	49	2	Yes	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-101	Seneca	41.221805		0.91	PEM	54	1	Yes	Indian Creek - Sandusky River	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-106	Seneca	41.216242		0.1	PEM	5	1	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-107	Seneca	41.213152		0.42	PEM	28	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-108	Seneca	41.207756		4.2	PFO	55	2	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-109	Seneca	41.205033	-83.040217	0.14	PFO	48	2	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-110	Seneca	41.203937	-83.045129	2.73	PFO	67	3	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-111	Seneca	41.202879	-83.046153	2.13	PFO	67	3	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-122	Seneca	41.195529	-83.018252	4.16	PFO	60	2	No	Beaver Creek, Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	10	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-123	Seneca	41.186764	-83.026634	1.05	PFO	45	2	No	Sugar Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-124	Seneca	41.181940	-83.026110	0.15	PFO	43	Modified 2	No	Sugar Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-125	Seneca	41.180627		3.84	PFO	56	2	No	Sugar Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-126	Seneca	41.181471		0.84	PFO	48	2	No	Sugar Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-127	Seneca	41.179755		0.16	PFO	51	2	No	Sugar Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
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WOH-128	Seneca	41.176205		0.37	PFO	31	1	No	Sugar Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-129	Seneca	41.175564	-83.005209	0.28	PEM	10	1	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-130	Seneca	41.176763		0.24	PFO	46	2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-131	Seneca	41.162911	-82.990186	6.19	PFO	60	2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-132	Seneca	41.133728	-82.964188	1.52	PFO	65	3	No	Morrison Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-136	Seneca	41.180942		0.33	PEM/PFO	42.5	Modified 2		Pickerel Creek-Frontal Sandusky Bay	No	0	0.00		0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-137	Seneca	41.185628		0.86	PEM	30	1	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-138	Seneca	41.192356	-82.891760	0.45	PEM	42.5	Modified 2	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-140	Seneca	41.199828	-82.922442	1.71	PFO	41	Modified 2	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-141	Seneca	41.167043	-82.954935	0.27	PEM	16	1	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-142	Seneca	41.167209	-82.957386	0.09	PEM	19	1	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-144	Seneca	41.163863	-82.950640	0.02	PEM	25.5	1	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-145	Seneca	41.195810	-82.898428	0.45	PEM	35	Modified 2	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-200	Sandusky	41.266449	-82.917019	0.59	PFO	19	1	No	Pickerel Creek-Frontal Sandusky Bay, Racoon Creek-Frontal Sandusky Bay	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-201	Sandusky	41.260036	-82.908767	0.12	PEM	6	1	No	Pickerel Creek-Frontal Sandusky Bay	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-202	Seneca	41.232944	-82.845721	0.28	PFO	28	1	Yes	Pickerel Creek-Frontal Sandusky Bay	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-203	Seneca	41.235834		0.01	PSS	17	1		Pickerel Creek-Frontal Sandusky Bay	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-204	Seneca	41.225412	-82.917667	1.03	PFO	23	1	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-205	Seneca	41.225558	-82.914889	0.13	PEM	16	1	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-208	Seneca	41.206005	-82.922117	0.03	PFO	55	2	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-209	Seneca	41.205893	-82.924472	0.02	PFO	55	2	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-210	Seneca	41.203101	-82.917019	5.19	PEM	22	1	Yes			0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-211	Seneca	41.201617		13.31	PEM	28	1	Yes			0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-212	Seneca	41.206968		4.75	PEM	11	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-213	Seneca	41.191198		0.17	PEM	7	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-221	Seneca	41.188515		8.29	PEM	20	1	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
WOH-222	Seneca	41.183686		1.32	PSS/PFO	52	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	
	Seneca	41.183172			PFO PFO	48	2	Yes	Beaver Creek			0.00		0.00		0.00						0.00	
WOH-223	Seneca	41.183172	-0∠.⊎35594	0.04	FFU	<del>4</del> 8	2	res	Deaver Greek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	

Table F-1 - Anticipated Wetland Impacts for the Apex Republic Wind Project

									Anticipated Wetland Impacts		rtopublio ri	TURB				ACCESS	ROADS		(			
											TEMPORARY PERMANENT			TEMPO		PERMA	NENT	TEMPO	RARY	PERMANENT		
											IMPACTS IMPACTS		IMPAC		IMPAC		IMPACTS		IMPAC			
		Latitude of	Longitude	Acres							Turbine	Turbine	Turbine	Turbine	Access	Access	Access	Access	Collection	Collection	Collection C	Collection
Wetland ID	County	Center	of Center	within	Wetland	ORAM	Wetland	Anticipated	Drainage Basin	Crossed	Impact	Impact	Impact	Impact	Road	Road	Road	Road	Line	Line	Line	Line
		Point	Point	Project Area	Туре	Score	Category	Jurisdictional		(Yes/No)	(s.f.)	(acre)	(s.f.)	(acre)	Impact (s.f.)	Impact (acre)	Impact (s.f.)	Impact (acre)	Impact (s.f.)	Impact (acre)	Impact (s.f.)	Impact (acre)
WOH-224	Seneca	41.182743	-82.935499	0.01	PFO	48	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-225	Seneca	41.184502	-82.935621	1.09	PEM	53	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-226	Seneca	41.191774	-82.945462	0.01	PFO	42	Modified 2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-226A	Seneca	41.191749	-82.945490	0.16	PFO	42	Modified 2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-227	Seneca	41.189647	-82.967763	2.48	PFO	68	3	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-228	Seneca	41.184633	-82.937129	0.05	PEM	31	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-229	Seneca	41.184450	-82.933280	5.58	PFO	70	3	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-230	Seneca	41.186033	-82.932719	0.84	PFO	52	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-231	Seneca	41.183390	-82.931626	0.19	PFO	43	Modified 2	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-232	Seneca	41.183836	-82.931450	0.07	PFO	45	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-233	Seneca	41.184964	-82.931828	0.66	PFO	44	Modified 2	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-234	Seneca	41.184867	-82.931222	0.1	PFO	47	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-235	Seneca	41.185779		0.21	PFO	47	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-236	Seneca	41.182012		5.93	PFO PFA/POO	62	3	Yes	Beaver Creek	Yes	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4,261	0.10	0	0.00
WOH-237	Seneca	41.182189	-82.936031	0.19	PEM/PSS	39	Modified 2	Yes	Beaver Creek Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-238	Seneca	41.180698		0.04	PEM/PSS	47	2	Yes		No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-239	Seneca	41.182078 41.184060	-82.929576 -82.928561	4.39 0.79	PFO PFO	80 52	2	Yes No	Beaver Creek Beaver Creek	No No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-240 WOH-241	Seneca Seneca	41.179328	-82.928861	0.79	PEM/PSS	46	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-242	Seneca	41.178186		2.84	PFO	40	Modified 2	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-243	Seneca	41.178971	-82.932631	0.15	PEM	27	1	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-244	Seneca	41.174513	-82.960147	0.02	PFO	36	Modified 2	Yes	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-245	Seneca	41.177343		0.12	PFO	59	2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-247	Seneca	41.164786		0.18	PFO	32	1	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-248	Seneca	41.160245		0.03	PFO	25	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-249	Seneca	41.159074	-82.923732	0.11	PFO	32	1	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-250	Seneca	41.154426	-82.924118	0.35	PEM	28	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-251	Seneca	41.153880	-82.924975	0.01	PEM	25	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-252	Seneca	41.155938	-82.926091	0.1	PEM	18	1	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-253	Seneca	41.158514	-82.926236	0.01	PFO	31	1	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-254	Seneca	41.154433	-82.928490	0.15	PFO	33	1	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-255	Seneca	41.167565	-82.944848	4.32	PFO	66	3	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-256	Seneca	41.167389	-82.946499	0.18	PEM/PFO	57	2	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-257	Seneca	41.168270	-82.943480	0.84	PFO	66	3	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-259	Seneca	41.147422	-82.942959	2.69	PEM	38	Modified 2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-260	Seneca	41.154244	-82.954963	0.06	PEM	12	1	No	Morrison Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-262	Seneca		-82.962193	2.29	PFO	67	3	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-263	Seneca		-82.960222	8.0	PFO	55	2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-264	Seneca		-82.892613	0.98	PFO	65	3	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-265	Seneca	41.169335		0.12	PFO	51	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-266	Seneca	41.169448		0.09	PFO	53	2	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-267	Seneca			0.1	PFO	53	2	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-268	Seneca	41.168221	-82.890955	0.18	PFO	54	2	No	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
WOH-269	Seneca	41.170457	-82.893063	0.08	PFO	52	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	No	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0 E 110	0.00	0	0.00
Wetland	TOTALS			150	0						0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5,118	0.12	0	0.00

Table F-2 - Anticipated Waterbody Crossing Methods & Impacts for the Apex Republic Wind Project

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ACCESS ROADS

								TURI	BINES		ACCESS ROADS								COLLECT	ION LINES			
							TEMPORA	RY IMPACTS	PERMANE	NT IMPACTS	CRO	SSINGS	TEMPORA	RY IMPACTS	PERMANE	NT IMPACTS	CRO	SSINGS	TEMPORARY IMPACTS		PERMANENT IMPACTS		
		PHWH Cla	SS	Anticipated	Crossed	Waterbody	Turbine Impact	Turbine Impact	Turbine Impact	Turbine Impact	Number of	Crossing	Access Road	Access Road	Access Road	Access Road	Number of		Collection Line	Collection Line	Collection Line	Collection Line	
Feature ID	Flow Regime	Designation		Jurisidictional (Yes/No)	(Yes/No)	Width (feet)	(I.f.)	(acre)	(I.f.)	(acre)	Crossings	Method	Impact (I.f.)	Impact (acre)	Impact (I.f.)	Impact (acre)	Crossings	Crossing Method	Impact (I.f.)	Impact (acre)	Impact (I.f.)	Impact (acre)	
DOH-001	Ephemeral	- 1	Indian Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No	15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-002	Intermittent	п	Spicer Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No	10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-005	Perennial	ll l	Indian Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-006	Ephemeral	ı	Indian Creek-Sandusky River	No	No	7	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-008	Ephemeral	<u> </u>	Beaver Creek	No	Yes	4	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut	22	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-010 DOH-011	Intermittent	 	Beaver Creek Beaver Creek	Yes No	Yes Yes	13 2	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut Open Cut	41 20	0.01	0	0.00	
DOH-023	Perennial	<del></del>	Sugar Creek	Yes	No	15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-024	Intermittent		Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	2	Open Cut	47	0.02	0	0.00	
DOH-027	Intermittent	II	Sugar Creek	Yes	Yes	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Culvert	26	0.01	21	0.01	6	Open Cut	130	0.04	0	0.00	
DOH-028	Ephemeral	ļ	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1 (4 lines)	Open Cut	65	0.02	0	0.00	
DOH-035	Intermittent	I	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	HDD	0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-036	Ephemeral	<u> </u>	Westerhouse Ditch	No	Yes	10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1 (0 !:)	HDD	0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-037 DOH-038	Intermittent	!I	Morrison Creek Beaver Creek	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	10 22	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1 (2 lines) 2	Open Cut Open Cut	48 41	0.01	0	0.00	
DOH-040	Perennial		Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	35	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	2	HDD	0	0.02	0	0.00	
DOH-041	Perennial	III	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	18	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	2	HDD	0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-042	Intermittent	II	Westerhouse Ditch	No	Yes	22	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut	21	0.01	0	0.00	
DOH-043	Intermittent	II	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-044	Ephemeral	<u>II</u>	Beaver Creek	Yes	Yes	25	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Culvert	20	0.01	16	0.01	3	Open Cut	94	0.06	0	0.00	
DOH-047 DOH-051	Intermittent	<u> </u>	Beaver Creek Beaver Creek	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	40 10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut Open Cut	41 20	0.04	0	0.00	
DOH-051	Intermittent	<del>-                                    </del>	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	25	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	2 (4 lines)	Open Cut	128	0.04	0	0.00	
DOH-057	Intermittent	i	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	40	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut	20	0.02	0	0.00	
DOH-058	Ephemeral	II	Beaver Creek	Yes	Yes	30	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut	49	0.03	0	0.00	
DOH-059	Intermittent	II	Pickerel Creek-Frontal Sandusky Bay	Yes	Yes	25	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	Culvert	41	0.02	34	0.02	1	Open Cut	20	0.01	0	0.00	
DOH-100	Perennial	II	Spicer Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No	10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-101	Intermittent	II	Indian Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-102	Intermittent	II .	Indian Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No	18	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-110 DOH-111	Ephemeral	<u> </u>	Beaver Creek	No Yes	Yes No	5 8	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	Open Cut	20 0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-111	Intermittent	<u> </u>	Beaver Creek Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	No	18	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-114	Intermittent		Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	No	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-115	Intermittent	II	Westerhouse Ditch	No	Yes	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut	27	0.01	0	0.00	
DOH-116	Perennial	III	Sugar Creek	Yes	Yes	30	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	2	HDD	0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-117	Intermittent	II	Sugar Creek	No	Yes	6	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Culvert	20	0.00	19	0.00	2	Open Cut	43	0.01	0	0.00	
DOH-118	Ephemeral	<u> </u>	Westerhouse Ditch	No	No	4	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-119 DOH-120	Intermittent	II II	Morrison Creek  Morrison Creek	Yes Yes	No No	10 8	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-121	Ephemeral		Morrison Creek	No	No	4	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-122	Ephemeral	1	Morrison Creek	No	No	4	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-123	Intermittent	II	Morrison Creek	Yes	No	30	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-125	Ephemeral	I	Morrison Creek, Westerhouse Ditch	No	Yes	1	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Culvert	20	0.00	16	0.00	2	Open Cut	41	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-126	Ephemeral	1	Morrison Creek, Westerhouse Ditch	No	Yes	1	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	Culvert	40	0.00	32	0.00	1	Open Cut	21	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-128 DOH-150	Intermittent Ephemeral	 	Westerhouse Ditch Westerhouse Ditch	Yes Yes	No No	10 3	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-150 DOH-152	Ephemeral	<u> </u>	Beaver Creek	No	No	25	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-153	Perennial	<u>.</u>	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	35	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-156	Intermittent	Ī	Beaver Creek	No	No	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-159	Intermittent	II	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	8	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-160	Intermittent	II	Beaver Creek	No	No	15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-161	Ephemeral	<u> </u>	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-171	Intermittent	<u> </u>	Morrison Creek Pickerel Creek-Frontal	Yes	No	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-204	Ephemeral		Sandusky Bay Pickerel Creek-Frontal	No	No	5	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-205	Ephemeral		Sandusky Bay Pickerel Creek-Frontal	No	Yes	5	0	0.00	0	0.00	1		343	0.02	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-206 DOH-207	Intermittent		Sandusky Bay Beaver Creek	Yes	No Yes	25	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	Open Cut	0 391	0.00	0	0.00	
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ACCESS ROADS

								TURI	BINES		ACCESS ROADS								COLLECT	ION LINES			
							TEMPORA	RY IMPACTS	PERMANE	NT IMPACTS	CRO	SSINGS	TEMPORA	RY IMPACTS	PERMANE	NT IMPACTS	CRO	SSINGS	TEMPORARY IMPACTS		PERMANENT IMPACTS		
		PHWH Cla	SS	Anticipated	Crossed	Waterbody	Turbine Impact	Turbine Impact	Turbine Impact	Turbine Impact	Number of	Crossing	Access Road	Access Road	Access Road	Access Road	Number of		Collection Line	Collection Line	Collection Line	Collection Line	
Feature ID	Flow Regime	Designation		Jurisidictional (Yes/No)	(Yes/No)	Width (feet)	(I.f.)	(acre)	(I.f.)	(acre)	Crossings	Method	Impact (I.f.)	Impact (acre)	Impact (I.f.)	Impact (acre)	Crossings	Crossing Method	Impact (I.f.)	Impact (acre)	Impact (I.f.)	Impact (acre)	
DOH-001	Ephemeral	- 1	Indian Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No	15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-002	Intermittent	п	Spicer Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No	10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-005	Perennial	ll l	Indian Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-006	Ephemeral	ı	Indian Creek-Sandusky River	No	No	7	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-008	Ephemeral	<u> </u>	Beaver Creek	No	Yes	4	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut	22	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-010 DOH-011	Intermittent	 	Beaver Creek Beaver Creek	Yes No	Yes Yes	13 2	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut Open Cut	41 20	0.01	0	0.00	
DOH-023	Perennial	<del></del>	Sugar Creek	Yes	No	15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-024	Intermittent		Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	2	Open Cut	47	0.02	0	0.00	
DOH-027	Intermittent	II	Sugar Creek	Yes	Yes	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Culvert	26	0.01	21	0.01	6	Open Cut	130	0.04	0	0.00	
DOH-028	Ephemeral	ļ	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1 (4 lines)	Open Cut	65	0.02	0	0.00	
DOH-035	Intermittent	I	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	HDD	0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-036	Ephemeral	<u> </u>	Westerhouse Ditch	No	Yes	10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1 (0 !:)	HDD	0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-037 DOH-038	Intermittent	!I	Morrison Creek Beaver Creek	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	10 22	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1 (2 lines) 2	Open Cut Open Cut	48 41	0.01	0	0.00	
DOH-040	Perennial		Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	35	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	2	HDD	0	0.02	0	0.00	
DOH-041	Perennial	III	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	18	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	2	HDD	0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-042	Intermittent	II	Westerhouse Ditch	No	Yes	22	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut	21	0.01	0	0.00	
DOH-043	Intermittent	II	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-044	Ephemeral	<u>II</u>	Beaver Creek	Yes	Yes	25	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Culvert	20	0.01	16	0.01	3	Open Cut	94	0.06	0	0.00	
DOH-047 DOH-051	Intermittent	<u> </u>	Beaver Creek Beaver Creek	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	40 10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut Open Cut	41 20	0.04	0	0.00	
DOH-051	Intermittent	<del>-                                    </del>	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	25	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	2 (4 lines)	Open Cut	128	0.04	0	0.00	
DOH-057	Intermittent	i	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	40	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut	20	0.02	0	0.00	
DOH-058	Ephemeral	II	Beaver Creek	Yes	Yes	30	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut	49	0.03	0	0.00	
DOH-059	Intermittent	II	Pickerel Creek-Frontal Sandusky Bay	Yes	Yes	25	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	Culvert	41	0.02	34	0.02	1	Open Cut	20	0.01	0	0.00	
DOH-100	Perennial	II	Spicer Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No	10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-101	Intermittent	II	Indian Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-102	Intermittent	II .	Indian Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No	18	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-110 DOH-111	Ephemeral	<u> </u>	Beaver Creek	No Yes	Yes No	5 8	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	Open Cut	20 0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-111	Intermittent	<u> </u>	Beaver Creek Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	No	18	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-114	Intermittent		Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	No	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-115	Intermittent	II	Westerhouse Ditch	No	Yes	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut	27	0.01	0	0.00	
DOH-116	Perennial	III	Sugar Creek	Yes	Yes	30	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	2	HDD	0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-117	Intermittent	II	Sugar Creek	No	Yes	6	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Culvert	20	0.00	19	0.00	2	Open Cut	43	0.01	0	0.00	
DOH-118	Ephemeral	<u> </u>	Westerhouse Ditch	No	No	4	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-119 DOH-120	Intermittent	II II	Morrison Creek  Morrison Creek	Yes Yes	No No	10 8	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-121	Ephemeral		Morrison Creek	No	No	4	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-122	Ephemeral	1	Morrison Creek	No	No	4	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-123	Intermittent	II	Morrison Creek	Yes	No	30	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-125	Ephemeral	I	Morrison Creek, Westerhouse Ditch	No	Yes	1	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Culvert	20	0.00	16	0.00	2	Open Cut	41	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-126	Ephemeral	1	Morrison Creek, Westerhouse Ditch	No	Yes	1	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	Culvert	40	0.00	32	0.00	1	Open Cut	21	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-128 DOH-150	Intermittent Ephemeral	 	Westerhouse Ditch Westerhouse Ditch	Yes Yes	No No	10 3	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-150 DOH-152	Ephemeral	<u> </u>	Beaver Creek	No	No	25	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-153	Perennial	<u>.</u>	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	35	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-156	Intermittent	Ī	Beaver Creek	No	No	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-159	Intermittent	II	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	8	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-160	Intermittent	II	Beaver Creek	No	No	15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-161	Ephemeral	<u>II</u>	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-171	Intermittent	<u> </u>	Morrison Creek Pickerel Creek-Frontal	Yes	No	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-204	Ephemeral		Sandusky Bay Pickerel Creek-Frontal	No	No	5	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-205	Ephemeral		Sandusky Bay Pickerel Creek-Frontal	No	Yes	5	0	0.00	0	0.00	1		343	0.02	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-206 DOH-207	Intermittent		Sandusky Bay Beaver Creek	Yes	No Yes	25	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	Open Cut	0 391	0.00	0	0.00	
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							TURBINES  ACCESS ROADS  ACCESS ROADS										COLLECTION LINES						
							TEMPORA	RY IMPACTS	PERMANE	NT IMPACTS	CRO	CROSSINGS TEMPORARY IMPACTS PE			PERMANEI	NT IMPACTS	CRO	DSSINGS	TEMPORAR		PERMANE	NT IMPACTS	
		D1111111 01		Anticipated Crossed Waterbady													Number of				Collection Line Collection Line		
Feature ID	Flow Regime	PHWH Class Designation	Drainage Basin	Jurisidictional (Yes/No)	Crossed (Yes/No)	Waterbody Width (feet)	Turbine Impact (I.f.)	Turbine Impact (acre)	Turbine Impact (I.f.)	Turbine Impact (acre)	Number of Crossings	Crossing Method	Access Road Impact (I.f.)	Access Road Impact (acre)	Access Road Impact (I.f.)	Access Road Impact (acre)	Number of Crossings	Crossing Method	Collection Line Impact (I.f.)	Collection Line Impact (acre)	Impact (I.f.)	Impact (acre)	
DOH-208	Ephemeral	II	Beaver Creek	No	No	25	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-209	Intermittent	II	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	30	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-211	Intermittent	II	Beaver Creek	Yes	Yes	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut	20	0.01	0	0.00	
DOH-212	Intermittent	II	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	No	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-213	Ephemeral		Westerhouse Ditch	No	Yes	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	2 (4 lines)	Open Cut	74	0.02	0	0.00	
DOH-214	Ephemeral		Beaver Creek	No	Yes	5	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Culvert	28	0.00	23	0.00	1	Open Cut	22	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-215	Ephemeral		Beaver Creek	No	No	6	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-216	Perennial	III	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-217	Ephemeral	ll ll	Beaver Creek	No	No	5	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-218	Perennial	<u> </u>	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	No	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-219	Perennial	<u>II</u>	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	No	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
DOH-220	Perennial	III	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	No	10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
Ditch Subtotals				46	31		0	0.00	0	0.00	10	(9) Culvert	539	0.07	160	0.04	48 (57 lines)	(8) HDD (40) Open Cut	1,465	0.42	0	0.00	
POH-001	Perennial	NA	Spicer Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
POH-100	Perennial	NA	Westerhouse Ditch	No	No		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
POH-101	Perennial	NA	Westerhouse Ditch	No	No		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
POH-200	Perennial	NA	Beaver Creek	No	No		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
Pond Subtotals				1	0	-					0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	
SOH-001	Intermittent	II	Spicer Creek-Sandusky River	Yes	No	3	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-004	Intermittent	II	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	3	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-005	Intermittent	III	Beaver Creek	Yes	Yes	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	HDD	0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-006	Perennial	III	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-009	Intermittent	II	Westerhouse Ditch	No	No	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-010	Perennial	III	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	No	35	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-011	Perennial	III	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	35	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1 (4 lines)	HDD	0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-014	Perennial	III	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	No	7	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-015	Perennial	III	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	No	25	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-016	Intermittent	II	Beaver Creek	Yes	Yes	35	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut	21	0.02	0	0.00	
SOH-017	Intermittent	II	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Yes	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	Open Cut	27	0.01	0	0.00	
SOH-018	Intermittent	<u> </u>	Beaver Creek	Yes	Yes	15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	3	Open Cut	82	0.03	0	0.00	
SOH-019	Perennial	III	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-103	Perennial	<u>                                      </u>	Beaver Creek	Yes	Yes	12 4	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	1	HDD	0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-104 SOH-105	Intermittent	- 11	Beaver Creek Beaver Creek	No No	No No	3	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-106	Ephemeral	<u>''</u>	Beaver Creek	No	No	3	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-107	Intermittent	<u>'</u>	Morrison Creek	No	No	12	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-108	Ephemeral	<u>"</u>	Westerhouse Ditch	No	No	10	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-109	Ephemeral	<u> </u>	Sugar Creek	No	No	4	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-154	Perennial	ill i	Perennial	Yes	No	35	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-201	Perennial	III	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	20	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
SOH-202	Ephemeral	1	Beaver Creek	Yes	No	15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	0		0	0.00	0	0.00	
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HDD FRAC OUT CONTINGENCY PLAN

# **INADVERTENT RELEASE OF DRILLING FLUID CONTINGENCY PLAN**

For Horizontal Directional Drilling Republic Wind Project Seneca and Sandusky, Ohio

#### I. Introduction

Construction of the Republic Wind Project in Seneca and Sandusky Counties, Oho, will include the use of trenchless excavation methods known as horizontal directional drilling ("HDD"). This widely used technique accomplishes the installation of buried utilities with minimal impact, by routing the utility under a sensitive feature (such as a stream, river or wetland). The HDD procedure uses a bentonite slurry, a fine clay material as a drilling lubricant ("drilling mud"). Although bentonite is non-toxic and non-hazardous, a potential environmental risk associated with conducting HDD under sensitive features occurs when bentonite is released to the surface during construction (sometimes referred to as an inadvertent release or "frac-out").

Seepage of drilling fluid is most likely to occur near the bore entry and exit points where the drill head is shallow. Frac-outs can occur, however, in any location along a directional bore. This plan establishes operational procedures and responsibilities for the prevention, containment, and remediation of any of frac-outs that may occur in connection with the proposed HDD as part of the construction of the Republic Wind Project in Seneca and Sandusky Counties, Ohio.

The objectives of this Plan are to:

- 1. Minimize the potential for an inadvertent release associated with HDD activities;
- 2. Provide for the timely detection of an inadvertent release;
- 3. Protect sensitive water courses and associated riparian vegetation;
- 4. Ensure an organized, timely, and minimum-impact response in the event an inadvertent release occurs; and
- 5. Ensure that all appropriate notifications are made immediately to management and environmental personnel.

Measures to be deployed as part of the contingency plan include site inspection, proper training of the contractor and construction personnel, development of response procedures, provision of containment materials, and implementation of appropriate clean up procedures. These measures are described in detail below:

# II. <u>Description of Work</u>

Drilling operations will be carefully monitored to determine if and when a frac-out may be occurring. Operations will be halted immediately upon detection of a significant decline in drilling pressure or other evidence that a frac-out may be occurring. The clean-up of all spills shall begin immediately. Management and environmental personnel shall be notified immediately of any spills and shall be consulted regarding remediation procedures. Spill response kits shall be maintained on-site and used if a frac-out occurs. A vacuum truck and containment materials, such as straw bales, shall also be readily available. In the event of a frac-out, the on-site supervisor of construction activities ("Site Supervisor") will conduct an evaluation of the situation and direct recommended mitigation actions, based on the following guidelines:

- If the frac-out is minor, easily contained, has not reached the surface, and is not threatening sensitive resources, then drilling operations may resume after use of a leakstopping compound or redirection of the bore; and
- 2. If the frac-out has reached the surface, any hazardous materials within the bentonite shall be removed, contained and properly disposed of, as required by law. The drilling contractor shall be responsible for ensuring that the bentonite either is properly disposed of at an approved disposal facility or properly recycled in an approved manner. The Site Supervisor shall notify and take any necessary follow-up response actions in coordination with the relevant regulatory agency representatives. The Site Supervisor shall coordinate the mobilization of equipment stored at off-site locations (e.g., vacuum trucks) on an as needed basis.

# III. Site Supervisor Responsibilities

The Site Supervisor has ultimate responsibility for implementing this plan. The Site Supervisor shall ensure that all relevant employees are trained prior to drilling. The Site Supervisor shall be notified immediately when a frac-out is detected. The Site Supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring that environmental personnel are aware of the frac-out, and coordinate personnel, response, remediation, and regulatory agency notification. The Site Supervisor shall ensure all waste materials are properly containerized, labeled, and removed from the site to an approved disposal facility by personnel experienced in the removal, transport and disposal of drilling mud.

The Site Supervisor shall be familiar with all aspects of the drilling activity, the contents of this plan and the conditions of approval under which the HDD is authorized to take place. The Site Supervisor shall have the authority to stop work and commit the resources (personnel and equipment) necessary to implement this plan. The Site Supervisor shall ensure that a copy of this plan is available (at the project work site) and accessible to all construction personnel. The Site

Supervisor shall ensure that all workers are properly trained and familiar with the necessary procedures for response to a frac-out, prior to commencement of drilling operations.

# IV. <u>Equipment</u>

The Site Supervisor shall ensure that:

- 1. Spill responses kit and spill containment materials are available on-site at all times, and that the equipment is in good working order;
- 2. Equipment required to contain and remediate a frac-out release either will either be available at the work site or readily available at an offsite location within 15- minutes of the bore site: and
- 3. If equipment is required to be operated adjacent to a water course, absorbent pads and plastic sheeting for placement beneath motorized equipment shall be used to protect sensitive areas from engine fluids.

### V. Training

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Prior to the start of construction, the Site Supervisor shall ensure that relevant workers receive training in the following areas:

- 1. The provisions of this plan, equipment maintenance and site-specific permit and monitoring requirements;
- 2. Inspection procedures for release prevention and containment equipment and materials;
- 3. Contractor/employee obligations to immediately stop the drilling operation upon first evidence of the occurrence of a frac-out and to immediately report any frac-out releases;
- 4. Contractor/employee responsibilities in the event of a release;
- 5. Operation of release prevention and control equipment and the location of release control materials, as necessary and appropriate; and
- 6. Protocols for communication with relevant regulatory agency representatives who might be on-site during the remediation effort.

# VI. Procedures

The following procedures shall be followed each day, prior to the start of work. This plan shall be available on-site during all construction. The Site Supervisor shall be on-site at any time that HDD is occurring or is planned to occur. The Site Supervisor shall ensure that a briefing is held at the start of each day of HDD to review the appropriate procedures to be followed in case of a frac-out. Questions shall be answered and clarification given on any point over which the HDD operating crew or other employees or contractors have concerns.

# A. Drilling

Drilling pressures shall be closely monitored so they do not exceed those needed to penetrate the target formation. Pressure levels shall be monitored randomly by the operator. Pressure levels shall be set at a minimum level to prevent frac-outs. During the pilot bore, the drilled annulus shall be maintained. Cutters and reamers shall be pulled back into previously-drilled sections after each new joint of pipe is added.

Exit and entry pits shall be enclosed by silt fences and straw or similar material. A spill kit shall be on-site and used if a frac-out occurs. A vacuum truck shall be readily available prior to and during all HDD operations. Containment materials (straw, silt fencing, sand bags, frac-out spill kits, etc.) shall be staged on-site at locations where they are readily available and easily mobilized for immediate use in the event of a frac-out. If necessary, barriers (straw bales or sedimentation fences) between the bore site and the edge of the water source, shall be constructed, prior to drilling, to prevent released bentonite material from reaching the water.

Once the drill rig is in place, and drilling begins, the drill operator shall stop work whenever the pressure in the drill rig significantly drops or there is a lack of returns in the entrance pit. If either of these occur, the Site Supervisor shall be informed that a possible frac-out has occurred. The Site Supervisor and the drill rig operator(s) shall work to coordinate the likely location of the frac-out.

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The location of the frac-out shall be recorded and notes made on the location and measures taken to address the concern. The following subsections shall be adhered to when addressing a frac-out situation.

Water containing mud, silt, bentonite, or other pollutants from equipment washing or other activities, shall not be allowed to enter any water course. The bentonite used in the drilling process shall be either disposed of at an approved disposal facility or recycled in an approved manner. Other construction materials and wastes shall be recycled, or disposed of, as appropriate.

#### **B. Vacuum Truck**

A vacuum truck shall be staged at a location from which it can be mobilized and relocated so that any place along the drill shot, can be reached by the apparatus, within thirty (30) minutes of information indicating a possible frac-out.

#### C. Field Response

The response of the field crew to a frac-out release shall be immediate and in accordance with procedures set forth in this plan. All appropriate emergency actions that do not pose additional threats to sensitive resources will be taken, as follows:

- 1. Boring shall stop immediately;
- The bore stem shall be pulled back to relieve pressure on the frac-out;
- 3. The Site Supervisor shall be notified to ensure that management and environmental personnel are notified, adequate response actions are taken and required notifications are made;
- 4. The Site Supervisor shall evaluate the situation and recommend the type and level of response warranted, including the level of notification required;
- 5. If the frac-out is minor, easily contained, has not reached the surface and is not threatening any sensitive resources, then a leak-stopping compound shall be employed to block the frac-out. If the use of leak-stopping compound is not fully successful, then the bore stem shall be redirected to a new location along the desired drill path (i.e., where a frac-out has not occurred);
- 6. If the frac-out has reached the surface, any hazardous materials within the bentonite shall be removed to a depth of 48 inches, contained and properly disposed of, as required by law. A dike or berm may be constructed around the frac-out to entrap released drilling fluid, if necessary. Clean sand shall be deployed and the area returned to pre-project contours; and
- 7. If a frac-out occurs, reaches the surface and becomes widespread, the Site Supervisor shall authorize a vacuum truck and bulldozer stored off-site to be mobilized. The vacuum truck may be either positioned at either end of the line of the drill so that the frac-out can be reached by crews on foot, or may be pulled by a bulldozer, so that contaminated soils can be vacuumed up.

# D. Response Close-out Procedures

- 1. When the release has been contained and remediated, response close-out activities shall be conducted at the direction of the Site Supervisor. These activities shall include those below.
- 2. The recovered drilling fluid shall either be recycled or transported to an approved facility for disposal. No recovered drilling fluids may be discharged into streams, storm drains or any other water source;
- 3. All frac-out excavation and remediation sites shall be returned to pre-project contours using clean fill, as necessary; and
- 4. All containment measures (fiber rolls, straw bale, etc.) shall be removed, unless otherwise specified by the Site Supervisor.

### E. Resumption of HDD

For minor releases not necessitating external notification, HDD may continue, if full containment is achieved through the use of a leak-stopping compound or redirection of the bore and the cleanup crew remains at the frac-out location throughout the HDD activity. For releases necessitating external notification, HDD activities shall not restart without prior approval from the Site Supervisor.

#### F. Bore Abandonment

Abandonment of the bore will only be required when all efforts to control the frac-out within the existing directional bore have failed.

### VII. Notification

In the event of a frac-out that reaches a water source, the Site Supervisor shall notify safety personnel so they can notify the appropriate regulatory agencies. All agency notifications will occur within 24 hours and proper documentation will be created in a timely and complete manner.

The following information will be provided:

- 1. Name and telephone number of person reporting;
- Location of the release;
- 3. Date and time of release;
- 4. Type and quantity, estimated size of release;
- 5. How the release occurred;
- 6. The type of activity that was occurring around the area of the frac-out;

- 7. Description of any sensitive areas, and their location in relation to the frac-out; and
- 8. Description of the methods used to remediate the site.

# A. Communicating with Regulatory Agency Personnel

All employees and subcontractors shall adhere to the following protocols when regulatory agency personnel arrive on site. Regulatory agency personnel shall be required to comply with appropriate safety rules. Only the Site Supervisor, safety personnel and environmental should coordinate communication with regulatory agency personnel.

#### B. Documentation

The Site Supervisor shall record the frac-out event in his or her daily log. The log will include the following:

- 1. Details on the release event, including an estimate of the amount of bentonite released;
- 2. The location and time of release:
- 3. The size of the area impacted, and the success of the remediation action;
- 4. Name and telephone number of person reporting;
- 5. Date:
- 6. How the release occurred;
- 7. The type of activity that was occurring around the area of the frac-out:
- 8. Description of any sensitive areas, and their location in relation to the frac-out;
- 9. Description of the methods used to remediate the site; and
- 10. Listing of the water-related permits for the project.

# VIII. Project Completion and Clean-up

- 1. All materials and any rubbish-construction debris shall be removed from the construction zone at the end of each work day;
- 2. Sump pits at bore entry and exits will be filled and returned to natural grade; and
- 3. All protective measures (fiber rolls, straw bale, silt fence, etc.) will be removed unless otherwise specified by the Site Supervisor.

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WETLAND AND STREAM
DELINEATION REPORT AND FORMS

# Surface Water Delineation Report

Republic Wind Project December, 2018



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# **Acronyms**

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

CR County Road
CWA Clean Water Act
CWH cold water habitat

DBH Diameter at Breast Height

DOH ditches

EW Exceptional Warm Water Habitat

FAC Facultative Plants

FACU Facultative Upland Plants
FACW Facultative Wetland Plants
GPS Global Positioning System
HDD horizontal directional drilling

HHEI Headwater Habitat Evaluation Index

MBTA Migratory Bird Treaty Act

MW megawatt

MWH Modified Warmwater Habitat
NHD National Hydrography Dataset
NLCD National Land Cover Database

NRCS National Resource Conservation Service

NWI National Wetland Inventory NWPL National Wetland Plant List OBL Obligate Wetland Plants

ODNR Ohio Department of Natural Resources
OEPA Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

OHWM Ordinary High Water Mark

ORAM Ohio Rapid Assessment Methodology

OWI Ohio Wetland Inventory

PEM Palustrine Emergent Wetlands
PFO Palustrine Forested Wetlands
PHWH Primary Headwater Stream

POH ponds

Project Republic Wind Project

PSS Palustrine Scrub/Shrub Wetlands

QHEI Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index

RTE rare, threatened and endangered

SOH streams SR State Route

SWANCC Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County

TNW traditionally navigable waterway

TOB Top-of-Bank
TR Township Road

UPL Obligate Upland Plants

USACE U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
USDA U.S. Department of Agriculture

USEPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

USFWS U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

USGS U.S. Geological Service

UTV utility terrain vehicle

WOH wetlands

WOTUS Waters of the U.S. WWH warm water habitat

# 1 Introduction

Republic Wind, LLC is developing the Republic Wind Project (Project) in northern Seneca County and southeast Sandusky County, Ohio. The Project is proposed as a 200-megawatt (MW) wind project with up to 50 wind turbines. In support of Project planning, Cardno completed a field delineation survey of 315 parcels (approximately 20,286 acres) to identify surface waters within the parcels of land planned for ground disturbance (Survey Area; Figure 1-1). Surface waters are regulated under the jurisdiction of either the state or federal government. Cardno identified potentially jurisdictional Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS), including Traditionally Navigable Waters (TNW), their tributaries, and non-isolated wetlands, which are regulated under the jurisdiction of the State of Ohio and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in accordance with Sections 401/404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Cardno also identified isolated waterbodies and wetlands that do not have a significant nexus to TNW, which are considered waters of Ohio (as defined under OAC Rule 3745-1-02 (b)(77)¹) and are regulated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)'s Isolated Wetlands Permitting Program.

Prior to the field survey, Cardno completed a desktop review of publicly-available data sources to review site-specific conditions and to identify potential surface water features. Between the fall of 2016 and fall of 2018, Cardno completed field delineation surveys within all areas of proposed ground disturbance associated with installation of the Project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OEPA 2017.

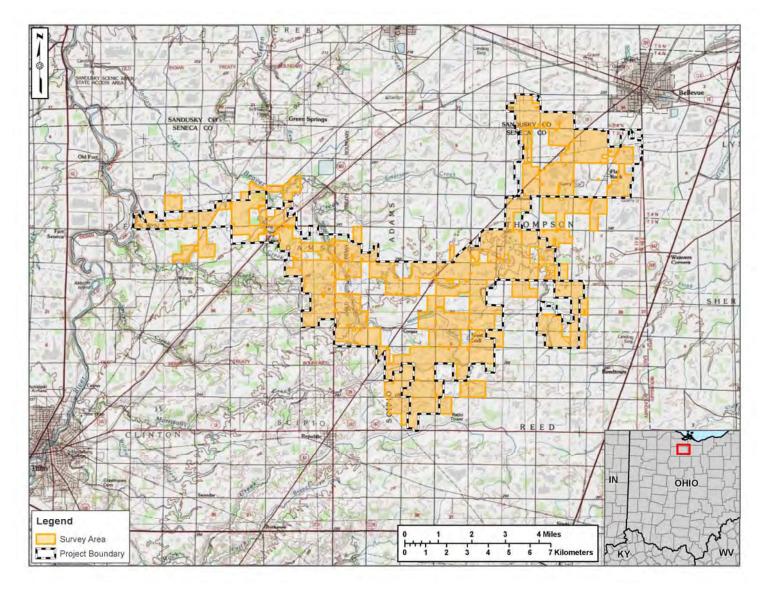


Figure 1-1 Project Overview of Republic Wind Project in Seneca and Sandusky Counties, Ohio

# 2 Desktop Assessment

Prior to field surveys, Cardno completed a desktop review of the Survey Area using publicly-available data to identify and classify potential surface water features and create field maps for use during surveys. Sources of this reference material included, but was not limited to: the National Land Cover Database (NLCD); the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Soil Survey for Seneca and Sandusky Counties; historic aerial photographs; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetland Inventory (NWI) maps; U.S. Geologic Service (USGS) topographic maps; USGS National Hydrography Dataset (NHD); and Ohio Wetland Inventory (OWI).

### 2.1 National Land Cover Database Review

Review of the 2011 NLCD (Homer et al. 2015) shows that the most prominent land use type within the Survey Area was cultivated crops and accounted for approximately 87 percent of the total Survey Area acreage. The second most prominent land use type within the Survey Area was identified as "Deciduous Forest" at approximately 6 percent, followed by "Developed, Open Space" for approximately 5 percent. The classification of "Developed, Open Space" refers to "areas with a mixture of some constructed materials, but mostly vegetation in the form of lawn grasses" (Homer et al. 2015). Pasture/Hay was the only other land use type to account for at least 1 percent. All other land use activities accounted for less than 1 percent of the total acreage in the Survey Area. A summary is provided in Table 2-1 below.

Table 2-1 Land Use within the Survey Area

Туре	Acreage	Percentage of Total Acreage
Cultivated Crops	17,654	87%
Deciduous Forest	1,195	6%
Developed, Open Space	925	5%
Pasture/Hay	390	2%
Developed, Low Intensity	68	<1%
Grassland/Herbaceous	25	<1%
Open Water	8	<1%
Barren Land (Rock/Sand/Clay)	7	<1%
Developed, Medium Intensity	5	<1%
Woody Wetlands	4	<1%
Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands	3	<1%
Evergreen Forest	1	<1%
Developed, High Intensity	<1	<1%
TOTAL	20,286	100%

Compiled from NLCD 2011.

# 2.2 Geography

The Project is located within the Central Lowland Physiographic Province of Ohio, which covers the central and western portions of the state south of Lake Erie. The Central Lowland is characterized by

glacial till plains with gently rolling hills. Most hills are a series of moraines, which are glacier-created mounds of rock and soil that are up to 100 feet high and 6 miles wide (ODNR 1998). Elevations in the Central Lowlands range from 700 to 1,150 feet above mean sea level with moderate topographic relief (ODNR 1998²).

# 2.3 Hydric Soils

Project soil information was obtained from the Web Soil Survey, an application of the NRCS (USDA-NRCS 2018). As shown in Table 2-2, approximately 1.3 percent (265 acres) of the Survey Area was determined to be located in fully hydric soils. The poor draining qualities of hydric soils combined with local flat or bowl-shaped topography make these locations predisposed to containing wetland areas. Three different soil types in the Survey Area were considered fully hydric (i.e., soils contain 100 percent hydric components). The most common type of hydric soil was the Lenawee silty clay loam. The Lenawee series consists of very deep, poorly drained and very poorly drained soils formed in lacustrine deposits. These soils are on lake plains and in depressions on moraines, outwash plains, and glacial drainage ways. The Bono series consists of deep, very poorly drained soils formed in lacustrine sediments in flat or depressional areas of tilled plains. The Sebring series consists of deep, poorly drained, moderately slowly permeable soils formed on uplands in water laid deposits along drainageways. All soils occur along minor slopes ranging from 0 to 2 percent.

The remaining Survey Area is located in areas of non-hydric or predominantly non-hydric soils.

Туре	Map Unit Description	Hydric Rating	Acreage	Percentage of Delineated Acreage
Le	Lenawee silty clay loam	100	117	0.6%
Вр	Bono silty clay, loamy substratum	100	93	0.5%
Sb	Sebring silt loam	100	55	0.3%
	TOTAL		265	1.3%

Table 2-2 Fully Hydric Soils within the Survey Area (USDA-NRCS 2018

# 2.4 Navigable Waters

The Survey Area is located entirely within the Sandusky River drainage basin, which drains northward toward Sandusky Bay and ultimately Lake Erie. No traditional navigable waterways are located within the Survey Area. However, tributaries of the Sandusky River include several streams that cross into the Project Area including Beaver Creek, Indian Creek, Morrison Creek, Noel Ditch, Owl Creek, Westerhouse Ditch, Pickerel Creek, and Royer Ditch. Other tributaries located nearby, but which do not cross into the Survey Area, include Emerson Creek, Hayward Ditch, Albright Ditch, Green Creek, and Raccoon Creek. All of the tributaries identified in the Study Area are designated as warm water habitat (WWH) in the Water Quality Standards, except for a portion of Beaver Creek/Green Creek which is listed as cold water habitat (CWH).<sup>3</sup>

The Survey Area can be categorized into 10 main drainage areas (12-Digit Hydrologic Unit Code), as shown in Table 2-3:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ODNR 1998.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> OEPA 2007.

Table 2-3 Drainage Areas Within the Project Area

Spicer Creek-Sandusky River	Westerhouse Ditch	
Indian Creek-Sandusky River	Beaver Creek	
Morrison Creek	Rock Creek	
Raccoon Creek-Frontal Sandusky Bay	Frink Run	
Pickerel Creek-Frontal Sandusky Bay	Flag Run-Green Creek	

# 2.5 Remote Wetland and Waterbody Identification

Prior to site investigations, the Survey Area was screened using the NRCS, ODNR OWI, USFWS NWI, and USGS NHD (2017) remote data for potential wetlands and waterbodies. The NWI and OWI data shows remotely identified wetlands, which may be based on previous aerial imagery interpretation and soils surveys, while the NHD uses digital stream information to identify potential waterways.

Multiple wetlands and waterbodies were identified within the Survey Area, with some additional streams and wetlands occurring in the vicinity of the Survey Area. The majority of the waterbodies remotely identified appeared to be manipulated agricultural ditches. Additionally, the Cardno team identified several NHD features that ran directly through active agricultural areas but were not visible in any aerial imagery. These relic NHD features may have been rerouted by previous land use manipulation or even tiled which would route them under crop areas. Most of the wetlands identified by ODNR occurred in isolated woodlots, with moderate overlap with NWI features.

# 2.6 Desktop Review Summary

The desktop review indicated potential for wetlands to be located in multiple woodlots in the Survey Area. The Survey Area also had a high number of ditches and streams that ran between crop areas which may or may not still be present. It is Cardno's experience that the NHD set can sometimes indicate features which are no longer present or have been moved underground via tiles by landowners. Much of the Survey Area was cultivated crops which limit the likelihood of wetlands in that land use.

# 3 Field Delineation Surveys

Between the fall of 2016 and fall of 2018, Cardno surveyed 20,286 acres which covered 315 parcels. The acreage surveyed for wetlands and waterbodies is considered the Survey Area, and it contains all areas of proposed facility infrastructure (e.g., turbines, collection lines, transmission lines, access roads, substation, and laydown yards).

# 3.1 Methodologies

Surface water delineation surveys were conducted in the Survey Area to determine the extent of wetlands and waterbodies during field surveys in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations and guidelines. A Trimble ® Global Positioning System (GPS) with sub-meter accuracy was used to collect data points for mapping. As wetland and waterbody point features were collected, they were assigned a FEATURE ID with the format of FFF-XXX-YY, where:

FFF = Feature Type

- DOH Ditches
- SOH Streams
- POH Ponds
- WOH Wetlands

XXX = Three-digit number as the unique identifier

YY = Flag number per each unique feature identified

The information collected in the field was post-processed using ArcGIS and verified by the field team for accuracy. If a feature continued out of the Survey Area, it was noted. Appendix A contains representative photo documentation of the delineated wetland and waterbody features. Appendix B contains maps depicting the delineated surface water features. Appendix C contains the completed routine wetland data and Ohio Rapid Assessment Methodology (ORAM) assessment forms from the field efforts. Appendix D contains the completed Headwater Habitat Evaluation Index (HHEI) and relevant Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI) forms.

#### 3.1.1 Wetland Delineations

Wetland delineations were conducted according to the 1987 USACE Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (USACE 1987) and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Northcentral and Northeast Region (Version 2.0) (USACE 2011) and Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Midwest Region (Version 2.0) (USACE 2010). These documents are cumulatively referred to as the Manual. The methodology outlined in the Manual requires the area being evaluated to meet the three wetland criteria in order for a wetland to be present; 1) dominance of hydrophytic vegetation, 2) hydric soils, and 3) sufficient hydrology.

Sampling points were taken at each suspected wetland, within the wetland and outside in the upland area. At each sampling point, Cardno:

- Recorded location using GPS equipment;
- Completed routine wetland determination forms in the wetland and upland area, including:
  - o Evaluating sampling points for dominance of hydrophytic vegetation;
  - Evaluating soils for evidence of hydric conditions;
  - Evaluating presence of indicators of wetland hydrology;

- Recorded habitat notes for narrative descriptions and use in ORAM; and
- Documented the feature's current conditions with photos.

The boundaries of each wetland were recorded by GPS at intervals to accurately capture changes in profile. Physical flagging was hung along the wetland boundary in areas that would not interfere with farming and livestock operations or disturb private landowners.

#### 3.1.1.1 Hydrophytic Vegetation Criterion

The hydrophytic vegetation criterion is met when more than 50 percent of the dominant plant community is hydrophytic, as determined by species dominance and the assigned species-specific indicator status of the identified species. The National Wetland Plant List (NWPL) is a list of wetland plants and their assigned indicator statuses. An indicator status reflects the likelihood that a particular plant occurs in a wetland or nonwetland. Table 3-1 shows the indicator status categories for plants.

Table 3-1 Plant Indicator Categories

Indicator Category	Indicator Symbol	Definition
Obligate Wetland Plants	OBL	Plants that occur almost always (estimated probability >99 percent) in wetlands under natural conditions, but which may also occur rarely (estimated probability <1 percent) in nonwetlands.
Facultative Wetland Plants	FACW	Plants that occur usually (estimated probability >67 percent to 99 percent) in wetlands, but also occur (estimated probability 1 percent to 33 percent) in nonwetlands.
Facultative Plants	FAC	Plants with a similar likelihood (estimated probability 33 percent to 67 percent) of occurring in both wetlands and nonwetlands.
Facultative Upland Plants	FACU	Plants that occur sometimes (estimated probability 1 percent to <33 percent) in wetlands, but occur more often (estimated probability >67 percent to 99 percent) in nonwetlands.
Obligate Upland Plants	UPL	Plants that occur rarely (estimated probability <1 percent) in wetlands, but occur almost always (estimated probability >99 percent) in nonwetlands under natural conditions.

Both the Northcentral/Northeast and the Midwest regional supplements evaluate vegetation in four different stratums, including tree, sapling/shrub, herb, or woody vine. The tree stratum includes all woody plants with a diameter at breast height (DBH) of more than 3 inches. The sapling/shrub stratum includes all woody vegetation with a DBH less than 3 inches and greater than 1 meter tall. The herb stratum includes all herbaceous/non-woody plants and woody plants less than 1 meter tall. The woody vine stratum includes all the woody vines greater than 1 meter in height. Typically the vegetation in each stratum is evaluated within a uniform plot size at each sampling point. The plots are often nested, so that all trees and vines within a 30-foot radius are evaluated, then all sapling/shrubs within a 15-foot radius, and then all herbaceous plants within a 5-foot radius of the sampling point. The plot size and dimensions can be altered as needed. For example, if a wetland is identified as rectangular, the plots can be rectangular as well and of varying sizes for each of the stratum.

Dominant vegetation is assessed for hydrophytic preference. After identifying the plant species present within the sampling point of a potential wetland, the dominance and indicator status for each identified unique species was determined. Based on the results, the vegetation community being evaluated was determined to be indicative of either a wetland or nonwetland.

If the site is dominated by hydrophytic vegetation (OBL or FACW) only, then the site meets the criteria for the rapid test for hydrophytic vegetation. However, if the dominant vegetation is a mix of species and indicators, then a more detailed analysis of the dominance can be completed on the wetland determination data form. The dominance test is simply the number of dominant species that are rated as OBL, FACW, or FAC divided by the total number of dominant species. If the dominance test result is greater than 50 percent, then the hydrophytic vegetation criteria is met.

Additional methods can be used on the wetland determination form for areas where a suspected wetland has hydric soils and hydrology but fails the dominance test. Cardno utilized one such evaluation method that involves calculating a prevalence index which weights the coverage of a particular class of species (using its wetland indicator status) against the total coverage within the sampling area. If a sampling area passes this test (which requires the value to be less than or equal to 3), it can be considered a wetland. Cardno also noted the presence of morphological adaptations, which can include root buttressing, shallow roots, or multi-stemmed trunks. The presence of such adaptations is considered evidence that the plants (even FACU species) have adapted to survive in prolonged inundation or root saturation.

In rare instances, another method for identifying hydrophytic vegetation is to report "Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation." This method is used sparingly, and reflects the delineator's opinion that conditions outside of those considered normal may be present, such as vegetation being bent or damaged to such a degree that identification to species level is impracticable. Damage to vegetation may be the result of recent severe weather, unseasonably cold conditions, or habitat destruction. Under this method, the vegetation present would be treated as consistent with a wetland, but the vegetation could not be reliably identified. This method was utilized by Cardno for one wetland that was recently cleared within the Survey Area.

#### 3.1.1.2 Hydric Soils Criterion

The hydric soils criterion is met when the soils identified are officially listed as hydric soils or the soils demonstrate characteristics representative of soils in reducing (hydric) conditions. The latter is determined in the field by teams digging small test pits to evaluate the upper 12 to 16 inches of soil (or to a depth until refusal, bedrock, or large debris preventing further digging). Cardno evaluates if the soils fall within the hydric ranges on the Munsell Color Chart, examine soil profiles for other evidence of reducing conditions, and/or observe other indicators of anaerobic activity per the Manual. Under certain conditions, hydric soils can be assumed to be present without testing, including when a sampling point is dominated by hydrophytic vegetation (i.e., vegetation rated OBL or FACW) and obvious wetland hydrology is present such as direct observation of surface water or saturated soils.

#### 3.1.1.3 Hydrology Criterion

The hydrology criterion is met when sufficient hydrologic indicators are present. The indicators must be representative of sufficient saturation or inundation occurring over the growing season sufficient to support a hydrophytic plant-dominated vegetative community. The Manual categorizes the wetland hydrology indicators into four groups which document different types of hydrologic observations:

- Group A indicators are based on direct observation of surface or ground water;
- Group B indicators identify the site as having evidence of potential flooding or ponding despite a lack of inundation at the time of a site visit;
- Group C indicators document evidence of soil saturation, either recent or current; and
- Group D indicators consist of landscape, soil, and vegetation features identifying contemporary wet conditions.

Each of the groups is further identified as either a primary or a secondary indicator for each group. Identification as primary or secondary is based on estimated reliability of an indicator to accurately identify

wetland conditions, and can vary by region. In all regions, a single primary indicator is needed to identify the presence of wetland hydrology, or at least two secondary indicators.

Regional indicators and their status as primary or secondary are identified in Table 3-2. If an indicator does not have an 'X' for a region, then it is not applicable to that area.

Table 3-2 Hydrology Indicators and Regional Manual Status

Surface Water Observation of Surface Water or Saturate Soils Surface Water High Water Table Saturation	X X X	Secondary	Primary  X  X	Secondary
Surface Water High Water Table Saturation	X X			
High Water Table Saturation	X X			
Saturation	X		Х	
			Х	
up B - Evidence of Recent Inundation				
Water Marks	X		Х	
Sediment Deposits	Х		Х	
Drift Deposits	X		Х	
Algal Mat or Crust	Х		Х	
Iron Deposits	Х		Х	
Surface Soil Cracks		Х		Х
Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery	X		Х	
Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface	X		Х	
Water-stained Leaves	X		Х	
- Drainage Patterns		Х		Х
- Aquatic Fauna	X		Х	
- True Aquatic Plants	X			
- Marl Deposits			Х	
- Moss Trim Lines				Х
up C - Evidence of Current or Recent Soil Saturation				
Hydrogen Sulfide Odor	X		Х	
Dry-season Water Table		Х		Х
Oxidized Rhizospheres Along Living Roots	X		Х	
Presence of Reduced Iron	Х		Х	
Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils	Х		Х	
Think Much Surface	Χ		Х	
Crayfish Burrows		Х		Х
Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery		Х		Х
up D - Evidence from Other Site Conditions or Data				
Stunted or Stressed Plants		Χ		Х
Geomorphic Position		Χ		Х

Table 3-2 Hydrology Indicators and Regional Manual Status

	Mic	dwest <sup>a</sup>	Northcentr	al/Northeast <sup>b</sup>
Type of Indicator	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
D3 - Shallow Aquitard				Х
D4 - Microtopographic Relief				
D5 - FAC-neutral Test		Х		Х
D9 - Gauge or Well Data	Х			

#### Notes:

- <sup>a</sup> Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Midwest Region (Version 2.0) (USACE 2010)
- Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Northcentral and Northeast Region (Version 2.0) (USACE 2011)

#### 3.1.2 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency - Ohio Rapid Assessment Methodology

After the field delineations were complete, the identified wetlands were scored using the OEPA's ORAM. The ORAM wetland functional assessment was developed to determine the ecological "quality" and level of function of a particular wetland in order to meet requirements under Section 401 of the CWA. Wetlands are scored on the basis of hydrology, upland buffer, habitat alteration, special wetland communities, and vegetation communities. Each of these subject areas is further divided into subcategories under ORAM v5.0, resulting in a score that describes the wetland using a range from 0 (low quality and high disturbance) to 100 (high quality and low disturbance).

Wetlands that receive a score from between 0 to 29.9 are grouped into "Category 1," 30 to 59.9 are "Category 2" and 60 to 100 are "Category 3." Transitional zones exist between "Categories 1 and 2" from 30 to 34.9 and between "Categories 2 and 3" from 60 to 64.9. However, wetland scores that fall into one of these transitional ranges should be assigned to the higher Category unless collected data suggests the wetland should be placed in the lower category.

Category 1 consist of wetlands that are often isolated emergent marshes dominated by invasive species (such as cattails), with little or no upland buffers, and which are located in and around active agricultural fields. Category 2 consists of wetlands for which rare, threatened, or endangered species (RTE) and their habitat are absent, but may have well-developed habitat for other more common species. Category 2 wetlands constitute the broad middle category of "good" quality wetlands. A "Modified Category 2" wetland appears to have some signs of degradation but also has the potential to restore some of the lost functionality. Category 3 wetlands are typified by high levels of diversity, a high proportion of native species, and/or high functional values. Category 3 wetlands include wetlands that may contain or provide habitat for threatened or endangered species, are high quality mature forested wetlands, vernal pools, bogs, fens, or which are scarce regionally and/or statewide.

# 3.1.3 <u>Waterbody Delineations</u>

During field delineations, waterbodies were characterized into three categories including ditches (DOH), streams (SOH), and ponds (POH), defined as follows:

1. Ditches were identified as man-made or modified channels, which were manipulated by landowners or communities to improve drainage amongst farm fields. Modification to channels could include the mowing of bank vegetation, altering of channel morphology, or removal of debris to maintain flow conditions. Many ditches were identified as having ephemeral or intermittent flows and heavily vegetated channels. Most ditches also had trapezoidal cross sections, with a small bankfull width/channel at the bottom and a wider crossing distance at the

TOB. If a ditch crossed under a road, the deepest pools of water were normally located at the edges of the culvert which was a result of eddies and currents of stormwater flow creating erosion. Most ditches lacked flowing water throughout and were primarily either moist channels or had limited isolated pools along the reaches surveyed.

- Streams were more often considered natural channels which had indications of significant recovery since any historic modification had occurred. Streams often had perennial or intermittent flows (with isolated pools and moist channel areas). Streams were more likely to have vegetated riparian buffers along the banks and pools of water which might support wildlife.
- 3. Ponds were features that appeared to hold water throughout the year. Many of the ponds observed in the vicinity of the Survey Area were man-made impoundments which may be used for holding water for irrigation or recreational fishing and aesthetics.

Waterbodies were delineated by taking GPS points along the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) along the course of the channel. The OHWM is defined as the lateral extents over which agencies have regulation, and is defined in the CWA and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) as "The term ordinary high water mark means that line on the shore established by the fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the bank, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter and debris, or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas" (33 CFR 328.3(e)). The USACE has issued additional regulatory guidance, as a Regulatory Guidance Letter, which identifies physical characteristics which can be used to identify the OHWM in the field, including: shelving, changes in soil character, bed and bank, wracking, or natural line impressed on the bank (USACE 2005).

Measurements including bankfull width (OWHM to OWHM) and Top-of-Bank (TOB) to TOB were also recorded. Photos were taken along the waterbodies to capture the typical conditions. Observational notes about the characteristics of the waterbody (such as flow regime and substrate) were recorded by the field team for use in evaluating the stream quality. Table 3-3 identifies the definitions used in assigning flow categories.

Table 3-3 Flow Categories

Flow Category	Definition	
Perennial	Flow is continuous and likely permanent across the seasons (though it may vary). Such flow can be surface based or occur as interstitial flow, which would include the flow driving underground for a portion of the channel.	
Intermittent	Flow is present during extended periods of time during some seasons, but gradually returns to a state of isolated pools in the channel or a dry channel. There may be indications of subsurface flow (interstitial).	
Ephemeral	Flow is often not present during the majority of the year, and only occurs after a precipitation event. Channels of ephemeral streams will be dry with no evidence of isolated pools of water.	

#### 3.1.4 <u>Headwater Habitat Evaluation Index Assessments</u>

All flowing streams and ditches, but not ponds delineated in the Survey Area were assessed using the OEPA's HHEI. The HHEI allows for uniform scoring of various waterbodies using a standard methodology that identifies pertinent information about the waterbody including substrates, pool depths, and bankfull width.

Substrate is taken as an estimate of the types and abundance of substrate available in the sampled stream reach. The two dominant substrates are then used to calculate the score for the substrate metric.

Each substrate type is scored according to potential use by biota; an example being cobble is scored as 12 points while clay or hardpan scores 0 points. Evaluation is restricted to areas of substrate in wetted areas where water is present, or along the entire course of the channel for dry stream channels. Once the dominant substrates are scored, the number of substrates recorded is added for a final substrate metric score. The substrates cannot score more than 40 points.

Maximum pool depth is also evaluated to identify whether a stream reach can support a significant fish community. Identifying pool depth can also help in determining the flow type of the stream. Maximum pool depth avoids the measurements of plunge pools since they are not characteristic of overall stream morphology. Maximum pool depth cannot score more than 30 points.

The final metric evaluated by the HHEI is the average bankfull width. Bankfull width is defined in the HHEI Manual as "...the elevation on the stream banks where the flow is at bankfull discharge. The bankfull discharge is defined as follows '...the discharge at which channel maintenance is the most effective, that is, the discharge at which moving sediment, forming or removing bars, forming or changing bends and meanders, and generally doing work that results in the average morphological characteristics of channels.' Dunne and Leopold (1978)." (OEPA 2009). The use of bankfull width is analogous to the OHWM which was previously defined in Section 3.1.3. Bankfull width can score up to 30 points.

Once all components are evaluated, a final score is tabulated. Typical score ranges and waterbody characterizations are found in Table 3-4. Additional information is recorded on the HHEI worksheet (Appendix D) including information on surrounding land use and riparian width, flow regime at time of evaluation, sinuosity, and gradient of the stream reach, and other current conditions such as turbidity and time since last rainfall.

Table 3-4 Headwater Habitat Evaluation Index Scoring

Final HHEI Score	Definition
<30	Class I PHWH (ephemeral streams, normally dry channel, little to no aquatic life)
30 - 50	Class II PHWH (intermittent flow, summery-dry, warm water streams)
>50	Class II or III PHWH (depending on conditions)
>75	Class III (perennial flow, cool-cold water streams)

PHWH - Primary Headwater Stream

#### 3.1.5 Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index Assessments

Larger features were evaluated using the OEPA's QHEI. The QHEI form is used to describe similar aspects of waterbodies, but is focused on larger (often higher quality) waterbodies. Typically, QHEI forms are completed only for those perennial features that meet two criteria: drainage areas greater than 1 square mile <u>and</u> pools deeper than 40 centimeters (approximately 16 inches). The maximum possible QHEI score is 100; waterbodies with a total score of 75 or more are characterized as potential exceptional WWH. In cases where a feature scored highly on the HHEI forms but failed to meet the QHEI criteria, it was still evaluated with the QHEI to better record the conditions present. Six principal metrics are used to score a feature.

1. Where the HHEI looks to identify the dominant substrates and overall amount, the QHEI identifies the types of substrates as well as their origin and quality as the first metric. The QHEI also identifies the type of cover as a percent of cover for both pools and riffles within the sampling reach. Similar to the HHEI, different types of substrate are scored differently; for example cobble is scored for 8 points where as silt bottoms are scored for 2 points. The QHEI attributes a maximum of 20 points for substrate.

- 2. Instream cover is the second metric evaluated under the QHEI, and identifies the presence or absence as well as amount of particular types of cover that could be used by aquatic fauna. Each cover type that is present is scored on a scale of 0 (absent) to 3 (highest quality in moderate or great amounts) which help to describe the cover available in the stream reach. A final category for amount determines the overall extent of all types of cover, such as sparse between 5 and 25 percent or extensive at greater than 75 percent. Instream cover can score a maximum of 20 points.
- 3. Channel morphology is evaluated in the QHEI by scoring the sinuosity, development, channelization, and stability of the stream reach. The sum of the components cannot exceed 20 points for channel morphology.
- 4. Bank erosion and riparian zone is the fourth category evaluated by the QHEI. The erosion is identified and scored by degree, for each bank. Riparian width and flood plain quality are also scored as part of this metric, and are tabulated on a per bank basis. Flood plain land use is identified as the area approximately 100 meters beyond the riparian boundary. This metric can score a maximum of 10 points.
- 5. Pool/glide and riffle/run quality is the next metric evaluated by QHEI. A variety of components are evaluated under this metric, including the maximum depth of pools or glides present, type/speed of current, morphology of channel, riffle depth, run depth, and substrate and embeddedness in riffle/run areas of the waterbody. The pool/glide and riffle/run quality cannot score more than 20 points.
- 6. The sixth and final metric evaluated under the QHEI is the gradient of the waterbody. The gradient is estimated as change in elevation as feet per mile. Low gradients can score between 2 and 4 points where as high gradient streams can score between 6 and 10 points. This metric can score a maximum of 10 points.

Table 3-5 provides an overview of the typical score ranges and waterbody classification under QHEI.

Table 3-5 Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index Scoring

Final QHEI Score	Definition
<32	Limited Resource Water
32 - 60	Modified Warm Water Habitat (MWH)
60 - 75	Warm Water Habitat (WWH)
>75	Possible Exceptional Warm Water Habitat (EW)

#### 3.1.6 Potential Jurisdictional Determinations

Cardno has identified features it considers potentially jurisdictional based on USACE/U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) guidance material and makes a recommendation on the potential jurisdictional status of each feature. Guidance used for these determinations include documentation from the USEPA "Current Implementation of Waters of the United States" which refers to the original 1986/1988 promulgation and subsequent Supreme Court cases which further defined the term.

<sup>4 40</sup> CFR 230.3

The Supreme Court cases include those known as the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) case<sup>5</sup> and the Rapanos Guidance<sup>6</sup>. In the 2001 SWANCC decision it was determined that the USACE could not extend CWA Section 404 jurisdiction over physically isolated wetlands using the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). In the case, SWANCC had sought to fill isolated and non-navigable wetlands, but the USACE had extended CWA jurisdiction due to their use as habitat by migratory birds. Since the wetlands were non-navigable waters and isolated from any true navigable WOTUS, it was determined that the use of the MBTA to assert jurisdiction was improper. The Rapanos Guidance actually refers to two court cases which were consolidated, Rapanos v. United States and Carabell v United States. The combined guidance document developed after the rulings from USEPA and USACE identified several key points regarding jurisdiction and when it would be exercised:

- Agencies would always assert jurisdiction over traditionally navigable waterways (TNWs), wetlands adjacent to TNWs, non-navigable tributaries of TNWs with relatively permanent flow (flow year round or have continuous flow at least seasonally), and wetlands abutting such tributaries;
- Agencies will evaluate the following waters for a significant nexus to a TNW before deciding
  jurisdiction: non-navigable tributaries that are not relatively permanent, wetlands adjacent to nonnavigable tributaries that are not relatively permanent, or wetlands adjacent to but do not directly
  abut a relatively permanent non-navigable tributary; and
- Agencies will not assert jurisdiction over swales, erosional features, or those ditches excavated wholly in and draining only uplands that do not carry a relatively permanent flow of water.

Critical to the Rapanos Guidance was the definition of a *significant nexus*, which would be determined by assessing the flow characteristics of a tributary and functions performed by any adjacent wetlands. The function of a wetland or waterbody was the potential ability to alter the chemical, physical, or biological integrity of a down-stream TNW.

The Code of Federal Regulations (33 CFR 328.3), defines WOTUS as:

- All waters which are currently used, or were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide;
- 2. All interstate waters including interstate wetlands;
- 3. All other waters such as intrastate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds, the use, degradation or destruction of which could affect interstate or foreign commerce including any such waters:
  - a. Which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes; or
  - b. From which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; or
  - c. Which are used or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce;
- 4. All impoundments of waters otherwise defined as WOTUS under this definition;
- 5. Tributaries of waters identified in paragraphs (s)(1) through (4) of this section;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 68 FR 10 (January 15, 2003) https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2003-01-15/pdf/03-960.pdf

<sup>6</sup> USEPA 2008.

- 6. The territorial sea;
- 7. Wetlands adjacent to waters (other than waters that are themselves wetlands) identified in paragraphs (s)(1) through (6) of this section; waste treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons designed to meet the requirements of CWA (other than cooling ponds as defined in 40 CFR 423.11(m) which also meet the criteria of this definition) are not WOTUS.

# 4 Delineation Results

The following is a discussion of the results of field surveys completed within the Survey Area. Seasonal conditions in the Survey Area were typical for the area during both the fall 2016 and fall 2018 surveys; field teams experienced several rainy days during the surveys. Appendix A contains representative photo documentation of the delineated surface water features. Appendix B contains maps depicting the delineated surface water features. Appendix C contains the completed routine wetland data forms and ORAM forms from the field efforts. Appendix D contains the completed HHEI and QHEI forms.

#### 4.1 Wetlands

A total of 106 wetlands were delineated during field surveys, for a total of 155.23 acres of wetland within the Survey Area. The majority of wetlands were identified as Palustrine Forested Wetlands (PFO; n=62), followed by Palustrine Emergent Wetlands (PEM; n=32). Only one wetland was identified as Palustrine Scrub/Shrub (PSS). The remaining 11 wetlands were a combination of PEM/PFO, PSS/PFO, or PEM/PSS. Table 4-1 provides a list of the delineated wetland acreages, category, and associated ORAM scoring (see Section 3.1.2 for details on this scoring system). ORAM scores varied widely throughout the Survey Area. The following provides a summary of each Category ranking.

Table 4-1 Wetlands Delineated in the Survey Area

Wetland ID	Latitude of Center Point	Longitude of Center Point	Area (acres) within Survey Area	Wetland Type	ORAM Score	Wetland Category	Jurisdictional Recommendation	Drainage Basin	Cardno Parcel	Mapbook Location
WOH-002	41.201968	-83.034263	0.28	PEM	10	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	157	92
WOH-003	41.190625	-83.012886	0.94	PEM/ PFO	41	Modified 2	No	Sugar Creek	180	132
WOH-004	41.1927	-83.04389	0.84	PFO	47.5	2	No	Beaver Creek, Sugar Creek	173	116
WOH-006	41.204589	-83.020032	0.58	PEM/ PFO	48.5	2	Yes	Westerhouse Ditch	159	93
WOH-007	41.205141	-83.002509	0.83	PEM/ PFO	56	2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	162	94
WOH-008	41.154758	-82.944182	28.97	PEM/ PFO	78	3	Yes	Westerhouse Ditch	271, 279	204 & 205
WOH-009	41.160548	-82.959679	6.07	PFO	51	2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	269	182, 188, 196
WOH-010	41.165705	-82.948423	4.31	PEM/ PFO	49	2	Yes	Westerhouse Ditch	256, 259	179 & 190
WOH-101	41.221805	-83.709945	0.91	PEM	54	1	Yes	Indian Creek - Sandusky River	078, 079	44 & 57
WOH-102	41.209362	-83.090177	1.01	PEM	17	1	No	Indian Creek - Sandusky River	307	78
WOH-105	41.227356	-83.04171	0.24	PFO	38	Modified 2	No	Beaver Creek	083	37
WOH-106	41.216242	-83.041332	0.10	PEM	5	1	No	Beaver Creek	306	61
WOH-107	41.213152	-83.039569	0.42	PEM	28	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	118	73
WOH-108	41.207756	-83.041203	4.20	PFO	55	2	No	Beaver Creek	134, 135	81 & 91
WOH-109	41.205033	-83.040217	0.14	PFO	48	2	No	Beaver Creek	135	91
WOH-110	41.203937	-83.045129	2.73	PFO	67	3	No	Beaver Creek	135	91
WOH-111	41.202879	-83.046153	2.13	PFO	67	3	No	Beaver Creek	135	91

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Wetland ID	Latitude of Center Point	Longitude of Center Point	Area (acres) within Survey Area	Wetland Type	ORAM Score	Wetland Category	Jurisdictional Recommendation	Drainage Basin	Cardno Parcel	Mapbook Location
WOH-122	41.195529	-83.018252	4.16	PFO	60	2	No	Beaver Creek, Westerhouse Ditch	177, 178	118
WOH-123	41.186764	-83.026634	1.05	PFO	45	2	No	Sugar Creek	198	144
WOH-124	41.18194	-83.02611	0.15	PFO	43	Modified 2	No	Sugar Creek	215	156
WOH-125	41.180627	-83.027909	3.84	PFO	56	2	No	Sugar Creek	215	156
WOH-126	41.181471	-83.024988	0.84	PFO	48	2	No	Sugar Creek	215	156
WOH-127	41.179755	-83.022584	0.16	PFO	51	2	No	Sugar Creek	216	156
WOH-128	41.176205	-83.018391	0.37	PFO	31	1	No	Sugar Creek	217, 235	164
WOH-129	41.175564	-83.005209	0.28	PEM	10	1	No	Westerhouse Ditch	238	166
WOH-130	41.176763	-83.004862	0.24	PFO	46	2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	220	158
WOH-131	41.162911	-82.990186	6.19	PFO	60	2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	251	187
WOH-132	41.133728	-82.964188	1.52	PFO	65	3	No	Morrison Creek	339, 340	222
WOH-136	41.180942	-82.87664	0.33	PEM/ PFO	42.5	Modified 2	No	Pickerel Creek- Frontal Sandusky Bay	368	162
WOH-137	41.185628	-82.886756	0.86	PEM	30	1	No	Beaver Creek	365	154
WOH-138	41.192356	-82.89176	0.45	PEM	42.5	Modified 2	No	Beaver Creek	362	141
WOH-140	41.199828	-82.922442	1.71	PFO	41	Modified 2	No	Beaver Creek	368	65
WOH-141	41.167043	-82.954935	0.27	PEM	16	1	No	Westerhouse Ditch	365	49
WOH-142	41.167209	-82.957386	0.09	PEM	19	1	No	Westerhouse Ditch	362	70

Table 4-1 Wetlands Delineated in the Survey Area

Wetland ID	Latitude of Center Point	Longitude of Center Point	Area (acres) within Survey Area	Wetland Type	ORAM Score	Wetland Category	Jurisdictional Recommendation	Drainage Basin	Cardno Parcel	Mapbook Location
WOH-143	41.142833	-82.931199	0.41	PFO	41	Modified 2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	169	35
WOH-144	41.163863	-82.95064	0.02	PEM	25.5	1	No	Westerhouse Ditch	255	55
WOH-145	41.19581	-82.898428	0.45	PEM	35	Modified 2	No	Beaver Creek	255	
WOH-200	41.266449	-82.917019	0.59	PFO	19	1	No	Pickerel Creek- Frontal Sandusky Bay, Raccoon Creek-Frontal Sandusky Bay	282	64
WOH-201	41.260036	-82.908767	0.12	PEM	6	1	No	Pickerel Creek- Frontal Sandusky Bay	257	55
WOH-202	41.232944	-82.845721	0.28	PFO	28	1	Yes	Pickerel Creek- Frontal Sandusky Bay	057	34
WOH-203	41.235834	-82.847672	0.01	PSS	17	1	No	Pickerel Creek- Frontal Sandusky Bay	057	34
WOH-204	41.225412	-82.917667	1.03	PFO	23	1	No	Beaver Creek	087	48
WOH-205	41.225558	-82.914889	0.13	PEM	16	1	No	Beaver Creek	087	48
WOH-206	41.220767	-82.874662	0.17	PEM	19	1	No	Pickerel Creek- Frontal Sandusky Bay	094	65
WOH-207	41.219078	-82.87466	0.12	PFO	39	Modified 2	No	Pickerel Creek- Frontal Sandusky Bay	094	65
WOH-208	41.206005	-82.922117	0.03	PFO	55	2	No	Beaver Creek	141	98

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WOH-209	41.205893	-82.924472	0.02	PFO	55	2	No	Beaver Creek	141	98
WOH-210	41.203101	-82.917019	5.19	PEM	22	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	171	98 & 112
WOH-211	41.201617	-82.914577	13.31	PEM	28	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	171	99 & 113
WOH-212	41.206968	-82.901503	4.75	PEM	11	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	131	86 & 100
WOH-213	41.191198	-82.905287	0.17	PEM	7	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	196	140
WOH-214	41.208456	-82.890704	0.15	PFO	47	2	No	Pickerel Creek- Frontal Sandusky Bay	147	87
WOH-215	41.186207	-82.904105	0.09	PFO	37	Modified 2	No	Beaver Creek	213, 214	152
WOH-216	41.185239	-82.902825	0.02	PEM	27	1	No	Beaver Creek	214	153
WOH-217	41.184766	-82.903232	0.04	PEM	26	1	No	Beaver Creek	214	153
WOH-218	41.184187	-82.902918	0.09	PEM	24	1	No	Beaver Creek	214	153
WOH-219	41.183859	-82.906944	0.43	PFO	27	1	No	Beaver Creek	214	152
WOH-220	41.183608	-82.908781	0.87	PFO	31	1	No	Beaver Creek	212, 214	152
WOH-221	41.188515	-82.935231	8.29	PEM	20	1	No	Beaver Creek	210	138
WOH-222	41.183686	-82.937197	1.32	PSS/ PFO	52	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	210, 228	151
WOH-223	41.183172	-82.935594	0.04	PFO	48	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	210	151
WOH-224	41.182743	-82.935499	0.01	PFO	48	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	228	151
WOH-225	41.184502	-82.935621	1.09	PEM	53	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	210	151
WOH-226	41.191774	-82.945462	0.01	PFO	42	Modified 2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	190	124
WOH- 226A	41.191749	-82.94549	0.16	PFO	42	Modified 2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	190	137

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Wetland ID	Latitude of Center Point	Longitude of Center Point	Area (acres) within Survey Area	Wetland Type	ORAM Score	Wetland Category	Jurisdictional Recommendation	Drainage Basin	Cardno Parcel	Mapbook Location
WOH-227	41.189647	-82.967763	2.48	PFO	68	3	No	Westerhouse Ditch	206	135
WOH-228	41.184633	-82.937129	0.05	PEM	31	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	210	151
WOH-229	41.18445	-82.93328	5.58	PFO	70	3	Yes	Beaver Creek	210, 211	151
WOH-230	41.186033	-82.932719	0.84	PFO	52	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	210, 211	151
WOH-231	41.18339	-82.931626	0.19	PFO	43	Modified 2	Yes	Beaver Creek	211	151
WOH-232	41.183836	-82.93145	0.07	PFO	45	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	211	151
WOH-233	41.184964	-82.931828	0.66	PFO	44	Modified 2	Yes	Beaver Creek	211	151
WOH-234	41.184867	-82.931222	0.10	PFO	47	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	211	151
WOH-235	41.185779	-82.931123	0.21	PFO	47	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	211	138
WOH-236	41.182012	-82.932628	5.93	PFO	62	3	Yes	Beaver Creek	210, 228, 232	151 & 160
WOH-237	41.182189	-82.936031	0.19	PEM/ PSS	39	Modified 2	Yes	Beaver Creek	228	151
WOH-238	41.180698	-82.929741	0.04	PEM/ PSS	47	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	232	150 & 160
WOH-239	41.182078	-82.929576	4.39	PFO	80	3	Yes	Beaver Creek	211, 232	150 & 161
WOH-240	41.18406	-82.928561	0.79	PFO	52	2	No	Beaver Creek	211	150
WOH-241	41.179328	-82.928861	0.25	PEM/ PSS	46	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	232	160 & 161
WOH-242	41.178186	-82.928454	2.84	PFO	40	Modified 2	Yes	Beaver Creek	232, 233	160 & 161
WOH-243	41.178971	-82.932631	0.15	PEM	27	1	No	Beaver Creek	232	160
WOH-244	41.174513	-82.960147	0.02	PFO	36	Modified 2	Yes	Westerhouse Ditch	241	167

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WOH-245	41.177343	-82.960023	0.12	PFO	59	2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	222	159
WOH-246	41.167633	-82.927007	0.04	PEM	34	Modified 2	Yes	Beaver Creek	325	181
WOH-247	41.164786	-82.926576	0.18	PFO	32	1	No	Beaver Creek	324, 325	191
WOH-248	41.160245	-82.928326	0.03	PFO	25	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	326	199
WOH-249	41.159074	-82.923732	0.11	PFO	32	1	No	Beaver Creek	273	199
WOH-250	41.154426	-82.924118	0.35	PEM	28	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	273	206
WOH-251	41.15388	-82.924975	0.01	PEM	25	1	Yes	Beaver Creek	273	206
WOH-252	41.155938	-82.926091	0.10	PEM	18	1	No	Beaver Creek	273	206
WOH-253	41.158514	-82.926236	0.01	PFO	31	1	No	Beaver Creek	273	199
WOH-254	41.154433	-82.92849	0.15	PFO	33	1	No	Beaver Creek	272	206
WOH-255	41.167565	-82.944848	4.32	PFO	66	3	No	Beaver Creek	259	179
WOH-256	41.167389	-82.946499	0.18	PEM/ PFO	57	2	No	Beaver Creek	259	179
WOH-257	41.16827	-82.94348	0.84	PFO	66	3	No	Beaver Creek	259	179
WOH-259	41.147422	-82.942959	2.69	PEM	38	Modified 2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	279	210
WOH-260	41.154244	-82.954963	0.06	PEM	12	1	No	Morrison Creek	327	204
WOH-262	41.160385	-82.962193	2.29	PFO	67	3	No	Westerhouse Ditch	269	182, 188, 196
WOH-263	41.161735	-82.960222	0.80	PFO	55	2	No	Westerhouse Ditch	252	182 & 188
WOH-264	41.168648	-82.892613	0.98	PFO	65	3	Yes	Beaver Creek	375, 401, 402	183
WOH-265	41.169335	-82.892875	0.12	PFO	51	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	401	183

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Wetland ID	Latitude of Center Point	Longitude of Center Point	Area (acres) within Survey Area	Wetland Type	ORAM Score	Wetland Category	Jurisdictional Recommendation	Drainage Basin	Cardno Parcel	Mapbook Location
WOH-266	41.169448	-82.891286	0.09	PFO	53	2	No	Beaver Creek	402	183
WOH-267	41.168639	-82.889729	0.10	PFO	53	2	No	Beaver Creek	402	183
WOH-268	41.168221	-82.890955	0.18	PFO	54	2	No	Beaver Creek	375, 402	183
WOH-269	41.170457	-82.893063	0.08	PFO	52	2	Yes	Beaver Creek	401	183
	Total Acreage									

#### 4.1.1 Category 1 Wetlands

Thirty-nine (39) wetlands were scored as Category 1 using the ORAM. Twenty-seven (27) of these wetlands were isolated emergent wetlands without any significant habitat. Another 11 wetlands were identified as forested, but were typically sparsely vegetated concave surfaces within the woodlots. One wetland (WOH-203) was a small scrub/shrub wetland dominated by gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*).

# 4.1.2 <u>Category 2 Wetlands</u>

Fifty-five (55) wetlands were scored as Category 2 or Modified Category 2 according to the ORAM. Nineteen (19) were considered Modified Category 2, which indicates past manipulation of the wetland resulting in decreased habitat viability. Twelve (12) of the Modified Category 2 wetlands were considered forested, with the historic manipulations often related to selective logging or development of utility terrain vehicle (UTV) paths through them. Thirty-six wetlands were identified as Category 2; of which 28 were identified as forested.

#### 4.1.3 Category 3 Wetlands

Twelve (12) wetlands were scored as Category 3 using the ORAM. The majority were relatively large forested wetlands with well-developed habitat and specific descriptions are provided below.

**WOH-008** is a relatively large (28.97 acres) forested wetland that was located along a segment of Westerhouse Ditch (DOH-040) at the bottom of a minor valley between cultivated crop areas. The wetland itself contains relic oxbows of the Westerhouse Ditch as well. The wetland had pockets of open emergent areas where it appears the trees had either died from historic storm damage or inundation, as well as forested portions along the relic stream channel that had isolated pools of water. The surrounding landscape sloped into the wetland which meant any runoff naturally flowed into and was retained by the wetland. Wetland WOH-008 extends outside of the Survey Area to the west. The large size, lack of disturbance and development of quality habitat led to the wetland scoring highly on the ORAM. Due to its proximity to Westerhouse Ditch it was considered jurisdictional.

**WOH-110** is a 2.73-acre forested wetland located inside of a woodlot. It was characterized by a shallow, sparsely vegetated concave surface which likely retained water for a large portion of the year as evidenced by stained leaves. The vegetation along the perimeter of the wetland was predominately FACU species such as shagbark hickory and basswood (*Tillia americana*) with morphological adaptations (primarily root buttressing). The presence of these adaptations indicated seasonal inundation. The concave nature of the wetland also allowed the wetland to retain runoff. The wide buffers between WOH-110 and surrounding land use, moderate amounts of microtopographic habitat, and a lack of any observable disturbance led to the wetland scoring highly on the ORAM. Due to its location within a woodlot, and lack of connection to a WOTUS, it is not considered jurisdictional.

**WOH-111** is a 2.13-acre forested wetland. Wetland WOH-111 was characterized by a shallow, sparsely vegetated concave surface with significant presence of FACU species along the perimeter. Moderate amounts of dead standing wood and woody debris could provide habitat value, but it is likely that the inconsistent water levels would limit development. The wide buffers between WOH-111 and surrounding land use, moderate amounts of microtopographic habitat, and a lack of any observable disturbance led to the wetland scoring highly on the ORAM. Due to the lack of proximity to a WOTUS, wetland WOH-111 is not considered jurisdictional.

**WOH-132** is a 1.52-acre forested wetland located along an ephemeral seep that runs the width of an isolated woodlot. Vegetation within the wetland is dominated by marsh marigold (*Caltha palustris*) and OBL species, with FACW species in the shrub/sapling layer such as American beech and spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*). The wide buffers between WOH-132 and surrounding land use, as well as a lack of any observable disturbance, led to the wetland scoring highly on the ORAM. Due to the lack of connection with a WOTUS, wetland WOH-132 is not considered jurisdictional.

**WOH-227** is a 2.48-acre forested wetland located in an isolated woodlot surrounded by cultivated crop areas. The wetland was dominated by FACW species such as silver maple and green ash in the tree and sapling stratums, and Muskigum sedge (*Carex muskingumensis*) and sweet wood-reed (*Cinna arundinacea*) dominating the herb stratum. A lack of noticeable habitat alteration and significant habitat development led to a high score on the ORAM. Due to the wetland occurring in an isolated woodlot with no connection to any WOTUS, WOH-227 is not considered jurisdictional.

**WOH-229** is a relatively large 5.58-acre forested wetland located in a forested wetland complex just east of the intersection of County Road (CR) 27 and Township Road (TR) 0138. The wetland occurs in a woodlot between two unnamed tributaries to Royer Ditch. The wetland was characterized by a shallow, sparsely vegetated concave surface, which allowed for retention of water for extended periods of time. Vegetation in the wetland included eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), pin oak, American elm, and creeping-jenny (*Lysimachia nummularia*). The wide buffers, lack of disturbance, and habitat development led to the wetland scoring highly on the ORAM. Due to the location adjacent to Royer Ditch (a WOTUS), it is considered jurisdictional.

**WOH-236** is another relatively large forested wetland (5.93 acres). The wetland appeared to be only seasonally inundated, with evidence of seasonal hydrology including water marks and drift deposits along the sparsely vegetated concave surface. The vegetation was dominated by boxelder in the tree and sapling stratum. The large size of the wetland, relative lack of disturbance and development of plant communities and microtopography led to the wetland scoring highly on the ORAM. Wetland WOH-236 is considered jurisdictional due to the connection to Royer Ditch.

**WOH-239** is a 4.39-acre forested wetland located on the eastern side of Royer Ditch. The wetland was dominated by silver maple in the tree stratum, with green ash and American elm in sapling stratum. The large size of the wetland, relative lack of disturbance, and development of plant communities and microtopography led to the wetland scoring highly on the ORAM. Wetland WOH-239 is considered jurisdictional due to the connection to Royer Ditch.

**WOH-255** is a 4.32-acre forested wetland located in a forest/wetland complex. Vegetation within the wetland was dominated by pin oak and swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*). The herb stratum also had significant compositions of OBL species including blunt broom sedge (*Carex tribuloides*) and stiff marsh bedstraw (*Galium tinctorium*). This wetland showed a relative lack of disturbance, includes wide buffers from the surrounding land use, and provides high quality habitat (including large mature trees, moderate quality vernal pools, and coarse woody debris); these contributing factors led to the wetland scoring highly on the ORAM. Due to the wetland lacking a connection to a WOTUS, WOH-255 is not considered jurisdictional.

**WOH-257** is 0.84-acre forested wetland. Vegetation was dominated by red maple in the tree stratum and a variety of FACW species in the herb stratum including sweet wood-reed *(Cinna arundinacea)*, spotted ladysthumb (*Persicaria maculosa*), and whitegrass (*Leersia virginica*). This wetland showed a relative lack of disturbance, includes wide buffers from the surrounding land use, and provides high quality habitat (including large mature trees, moderate quality vernal pools, and coarse woody debris); these contributing factors led to the wetland scoring highly on the ORAM. Due to the wetland lacking a connection to a WOTUS, it is not considered jurisdictional.

**WOH-262** is a 2.29-acre forested wetland. The wetland was dominated by pin oak, red maple, and silver maple with a diverse herbaceous understory. Herbaceous plants included the blunt broom sedge, woodland sedge, and stiff marsh bedstraw. The wetland's recovery from disturbance, wide buffers, and well-developed habitat led to the wetland scoring highly on the ORAM. Due to the location in an isolated woodlot lacking a connection to a WOTUS, it is not considered jurisdictional.

**WOH-264** is a 0.98-acre forested wetland. The wetland was dominated by pin oak, Virginia wild rye (*Elymus virginicus*), and lakebank sedge (*Carex lacustris*). The wetland's recovery from disturbance,

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wide buffers, and well-developed habitat led to the wetland scoring highly on the ORAM. Due to its proximity to Royer Ditch it is considered jurisdictional.

#### 4.1.4 <u>Potentially Jurisdictional Delineated Wetlands in the Survey Area</u>

Of the 106 wetlands, 37 are considered potentially jurisdictional according to the USACE guidance based on a hydrologic connection to a WOTUS or tributary to a WOTUS. The remaining wetlands are considered non-jurisdictional, isolated wetlands and are classified as Waters of the State.

# 4.2 Waterbodies

A total of 123 waterbodies were delineated in the Survey Area, see Figure 4-2: 83 ditches, 32 streams, and 8 ponds. The OEPA's HHEI forms were completed for each stream and ditch and serve to record and score a variety of aspects about the feature as detailed in Section 3.1.4, (see Appendix D for forms). Thirty-six (36) of the waterbodies were identified as Class I according to the HHEI scoring matrix, with an additional 61 scoring as Class II. A total of 18 features were considered Class III waterbodies. Five features (all ditches) scored highly on the HHEI score, however, lacked the required cool/cold water habitat to be identified as Class III. The eight (8) ponds were not scored on the HHEI since it is not a flowing linear waterbody. The majority of the waterbodies were considered modified (n=105; see Table 4-2).

Table 4-2 Waterbodies Delineated in Survey Area

		Linear														
		Feet in Project	HHEI	QHEI	PHWH Class	Flow		Potentially	Potential RTE	Mussels		Water Q	Quality Class	ification		Mapbook
Stream ID	County	Corridor	Score	Score	Designation	Regime	Drainage Basin	Jurisdictional	Habitat	Observed	SRW	SSH	PWS	AWS	BW	Location
DOH-001	Seneca	2,612	28	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Sandusky River	Yes	Low	No						57 & 70
DOH-002	Seneca	1,831	32	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Sandusky River	Yes	Low	No						68
DOH-005	Seneca	1,440	43	NA	II	Perennial	Indian Creek	Yes	Low	No	Х		Х	X	X	44 & 58
DOH-006	Seneca	1,274	17	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Sandusky River	No	Low	No						57
DOH-008	Seneca	85	17	NA	I	Ephemeral	Owl Creek	No	Low	No						60
DOH-010	Seneca	2,189	43	NA	II	Intermittent	Owl Creek	Yes	Low	No	X		Х	X	Х	104 & 105
DOH-011	Seneca	393	22	NA	I	Intermittent	UNT to Owl Creek	No	Low	No						105
DOH-016	Seneca	896	17	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Green Creek	No	Low	No						36
DOH-023	Seneca	906	53	NA	II	Perennial	UNT to Sugar Creek	Yes	Low	No						185
DOH-024	Seneca	3,284	32	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Low	No						166, 176, 186
DOH-027	Seneca	6,118	43	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Sugar Creek	Yes	Low	No						131 & 132
DOH-028	Seneca	1,263	18	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Noel Ditch	Yes	Low	No						136
DOH-035	Seneca	1,482	18	NA	I	Intermittent	Noel Ditch	Yes	Low	No	X		Х	X	Х	106 & 107
DOH-036	Seneca	729	17	NA	l l	Ephemeral	Noel Ditch	No	Low	No						107
DOH-037	Seneca	9,095	33	NA	II	Intermittent	Morrison Creek	Yes	Low	No	Х		Х	X	Х	201, 202, 203, 207, 209
DOH-038	Seneca	4,535	54	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No						190, 198, 199
DOH-040	Seneca	7,873	64	NA	III	Perennial	Westerhouse ditch	Yes	Low	No	Х		X	Х	Х	189, 197, 204, 205
DOH-041	Seneca	6,838	58	NA	III	Perennial	Westerhouse ditch	Yes	Low	No	Χ		Х	Χ	Χ	167, 168
DOH-042	Seneca	795	44	NA	II	Intermittent	Westerhouse ditch	No	Low	No	Χ		X	X	Χ	179
DOH-043	Seneca	904	39	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No						180
DOH-044	Seneca	3,704	38	NA	II	Ephemeral	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No						169, 170, 181
DOH-047	Seneca	3,168	48	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No						169
DOH-051	Seneca	3,091	27	NA	I	Intermittent	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No						126 & 140
DOH-055	Seneca	4,033	17	NA	I	Intermittent	Noel Ditch	Yes	Low	No	X		X	X	X	109, 123, 136
DOH-057	Seneca	914	18	NA	1	Intermittent	Noel Ditch	Yes	Low	No	Χ		X	X	Χ	137
DOH-058	Seneca	3,753	33	NA	II	Ephemeral	Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No	X		Х	X	X	62 & 63
DOH-059	Sandusky	4,369	33	NA	II	Intermittent	Pickerel Creek	Yes	Low	No	X		Х	X	X	1,2,3
DOH-100	Seneca	460	52	NA	II	Perennial	UNT to Sandusky River	Yes	Low	No						67
DOH-101	Seneca	2,635	37	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Indian Creek	Yes	Low	No						43 & 55

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		Linear Feet in Project	HHEI	QHEI	PHWH Class	Flow		Potentially	Potential RTE	Mussels		Water	Quality Class	ification		Mapbook
Stream ID	County	Corridor	Score	Score	Designation	Regime	Drainage Basin	Jurisdictional	Habitat	Observed	SRW	SSH	PWS	AWS	BW	Location
DOH-102	Seneca	2,791	35	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Indian Creek	Yes	Low	No						43 & 56
DOH-104	Seneca	1,355	45	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Sandusky River	No	Low	No						70
DOH-105	Seneca	2,119	52	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Sugar Creek	Yes	Low	No						91
DOH-106	Seneca	664	22	NA	1	Ephemeral	UNT to Sugar Creek	No	Low	No						102
DOH-107	Seneca	660	22	NA	1	Ephemeral	UNT to Sugar Creek	No	Low	No						102
DOH-108	Seneca	279	47	NA	II	Intermittent	Beaver Creek	No	Low	No						37
DOH-109	Seneca	401	42	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Beaver Creek	No	Low	No						29
DOH-110	Seneca	110	21	NA	1	Ephemeral	UNT to Owl Creek	No	Low	No						73
DOH-111	Seneca	929	42	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Owl Creek	Yes	Low	No						73
DOH-113	Seneca	3,190	57	NA	11	Intermittent	Noel Ditch	Yes	Low	No	X		Х	X	Х	95 & 107
DOH-114	Seneca	4,667	42	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Noel Ditch	Yes	Low	No						106, 107, 121
DOH-115	Seneca	1,732	58	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	No	Low	No						106
DOH-116	Seneca	6,657	57	NA	III	Perennial	UNT to Sugar Creek	Yes	Low	No						156, 158, 163, 164
DOH-117	Seneca	2,199	42	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Sugar Creek	No	Low	No						158, 164, 165
DOH-118	Seneca	834	13	NA	1	Ephemeral	N/A	No	Low	No						194
DOH-119	Seneca	661	59	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Morrison Creek	Yes	Low	No						207
DOH-120	Seneca	2,783	55	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Morrison Creek	Yes	Low	No						202 & 208
DOH-121	Seneca	543	17	NA	1	Ephemeral	UNT to Morrison Creek	No	Low	No						208
DOH-122	Seneca	410	20	NA	1	Ephemeral	UNT to Morrison Creek	No	Low	No						208
DOH-123	Seneca	4,003	58	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Morrison Creek	Yes	Low	No						221 & 222
DOH-124	Seneca	164	17	NA	1	Ephemeral	UNT to Morrison Creek	No	Low	No						222
DOH-125	Seneca	4,861	18	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	No	Low	No						213, 217, 218, 223
DOH-126	Seneca	5,829	18	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	No	Low	No						213, 217, 218
DOH-127	Seneca	2,828	30	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Low	No						216, 218, 219, 223
DOH-128	Seneca	1,469	54	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Low	No						213 & 218
DOH-150	Seneca	285	13	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Low	No						194
DOH-152	Seneca	1,924	17	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Royer Ditch	No	Low	No						171
DOH-153	Seneca	2,284	61	NA	III	Perennial	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No	Х		Х	Х	Х	192
DOH-156	Seneca	961	18	NA	1	Intermittent	UNT to Royer Ditch	No	Low	No						184 & 193
DOH-159	Seneca	2,442	38	NA	II	Intermittent	N/A	Yes	Low	No						155

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		Linear Feet in Project	HHEI	QHEI	PHWH Class	Flow		Potentially	Potential RTE	Mussels			Quality Class			Mapbook
Stream ID	County	Corridor	Score	Score	Designation	Regime	Drainage Basin	Jurisdictional	Habitat	Observed	SRW	SSH	PWS	AWS	BW	Location
DOH-160	Seneca	1,314	44	NA		Intermittent	N/A	No	Low	No						154
DOH-161	Seneca	617	32	NA	<u>                                      </u>	Ephemeral	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No	Х		X	Х	X	141
DOH-165	Seneca	1,468	32	NA	II .	Ephemeral	UNT to Morrison Creek	Yes	Low	No						211
DOH-166	Seneca	1,563	52	NA	II .	Ephemeral	UNT to Morrison Creek	Yes	Low	No						211 & 216
DOH-168	Seneca	2,679	35	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Low	No						215 & 220
DOH-169	Seneca	400	19	NA	I	Ephemeral	N/A	No	Low	No						219
DOH-171	Seneca	507	16	NA	I	Intermittent	UNT to Morrison Creek	Yes	Low	No						204
DOH-204	Sandusky	135	47	NA	II	Ephemeral	N/A	No	Low	No						4
DOH-205	Sandusky	1,323	37	NA	II	Ephemeral	N/A	No	Low	No						4
DOH-206	Seneca	2,914	52	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Hayward Ditch	Yes	Low	No						34, 42, 53
DOH-207	Seneca	4,443	42	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No						98 & 99
DOH-208	Seneca	281	40	NA	II	Ephemeral	UNT to Royer Ditch	No	Low	No						99
DOH-209	Seneca	2,842	56	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No	Х		Х	Х	Х	100 & 114
DOH-210	Seneca	1,573	18	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No						141
DOH-211	Seneca	2,791	47	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No						151
DOH-212	Seneca	1,148	37	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Noel Ditch	Yes	Low	No						123 & 135
DOH-213	Seneca	1,065	27	NA	I	Ephemeral	N/A	No	Low	No						123 & 136
DOH-214	Seneca	1,211	24	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Royer Ditch	No	Low	No						170 & 181
DOH-215	Seneca	60	28	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Royer Ditch	No	Low	No						199
DOH-216	Seneca	394	57	NA	III	Perennial	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No						206
DOH-217	Seneca	1,440	37	NA	II	Ephemeral	UNT to Royer Ditch	No	Low	No						199 & 206
DOH-218	Seneca	954	47	NA	II	Perennial	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Low	No						204
DOH-219	Seneca	2,032	47	NA	II	Perennial	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Low	No						210
DOH-220	Seneca	963	57	NA	III	Perennial	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Low	No	Х		Х	Х	Х	210
POH-001	Seneca	NA	NA	NA	NA	Perennial	N/A	Yes	Low	No						67
POH-100	Seneca	NA	NA	NA	NA	Perennial	N/A	No	Low	No						107
POH-101	Seneca	NA	NA	NA	NA	Perennial	N/A	No	Low	No						187
POH-157	Seneca	NA	NA	NA	NA	Perennial	N/A	No	Low	No						184
POH-164	Seneca	NA	NA	NA	NA	Perennial	N/A	No	Low	No						98
POH-170	Seneca	NA	NA	NA	NA	Perennial	N/A	No	Low	No						106
POH-171	Seneca	NA	NA	NA	NA	Perennial	N/A	No	Low	No						128
POH-200	Seneca	NA	NA	NA	NA	Perennial	N/A	No	Low	No						50 & 64
SOH-001	Seneca	1,486	33	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Sandusky River	Yes	Low	No						67
SOH-002	Seneca	166	74	60	III	Perennial	Beaver Creek	Yes	Moderate	No		Х	X	X	Х	36
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Stream ID	County	Project Corridor	HHEI Score	QHEI Score	PHWH Class Designation	Flow Regime	Drainage Basin	Potentially Jurisdictional	RTE Habitat	Mussels Observed	SRW	SSH	PWS	AWS	BW	Mapbook Location
SOH-003	Seneca	5,500	76	70	III	Perennial	Beaver Creek	Yes	Moderate	No		Х	Х	Х	Х	29 & 37
SOH-004	Seneca	2,529	39	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Beaver Creek	Yes	Low	No						47 & 61
SOH-005	Seneca	239	78	NA	III	Intermittent	Owl Creek	Yes	Moderate	No	Х		Х	Х	Х	60
SOH-006	Seneca	85	52	38.5	III	Perennial	Owl Creek	Yes	Moderate	No	Х		Х	Х	Х	72
SOH-009	Seneca	71	44	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	No	Low	No						186
SOH-010	Seneca	6,114	66	51	III	Perennial	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Moderate	No	Х		Х	Х	Х	146, 158, 166, 176
SOH-011	Seneca	2,876	71	61.5	III	Perennial	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Moderate	No	Х		Х	Х	Х	119 & 134
SOH-014	Seneca	4,214	60	63	III	Perennial	Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Moderate	No	Х		Х	Х	Х	93 & 106
SOH-015	Seneca	2,385	60	NA	III	Perennial	Noel Ditch	Yes	Moderate	No	Х		Х	Х	Х	107
SOH-016	Seneca	2,643	45	NA	II	Intermittent	Royer Ditch	Yes	Moderate	No	Х		Х	Х	Х	86
SOH-017	Seneca	3,094	32	NA	II	Intermittent	Noel Ditch	Yes	Low	No	Х		Х	Х	Х	149 & 150
SOH-018	Seneca	5,872	27	NA	I	Intermittent	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No						99 & 100
SOH-019	Seneca	308	61	NA	III	Perennial	Owl Creek	Yes	Moderate	No	Х		Х	Х	Х	72
SOH-100	Seneca	117	24	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Sugar Creek	Yes	Low	No						102
SOH-101	Seneca	1,610	43	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Beaver Creek	Yes	Low	No						37
SOH-102	Seneca	192	48	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Beaver Creek	Yes	Low	No						29
SOH-103	Seneca	733	70	NA	III	Perennial	UNT to Owl Creek	Yes	Moderate	No						73
SOH-104	Seneca	343	34	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Owl Creek	No	Low	No						73
SOH-105	Seneca	139	34	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Owl Creek	No	Low	No						91
SOH-106	Seneca	458	24	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Owl Creek	No	Low	No						91
SOH-107	Seneca	258	38	NA	II	Intermittent	N/A	No	Low	No						201
SOH-108	Seneca	333	29	NA	1	Ephemeral	N/A	No	Low	No						118
SOH-109	Seneca	327	18	NA	1	Ephemeral	N/A	No	Low	No						156
SOH-154	Seneca	3,781	74	NA	III	Perennial	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Moderate	No	Χ		Х	Χ	Х	172 & 183
SOH-158	Seneca	234	16	NA	1	Ephemeral	N/A	No	Low	No						162
SOH-167	Seneca	1,915	52	NA	II	Intermittent	UNT to Westerhouse Ditch	Yes	Low	No	Χ		Х	Χ	Х	215
SOH-200	Seneca	102	52	NA	II	Intermittent	N/A	No	Moderate	No						66 & 169
SOH-201	Seneca	5,373	59	NA	III	Perennial	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Moderate	No						151 & 160
SOH-202	Seneca	153	26	NA	I	Ephemeral	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No						151
SOH-203	Seneca	255	36	NA	II	Ephemeral	UNT to Royer Ditch	Yes	Low	No						160
	TOTAL	228,713														

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