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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EnviroScience, Inc. performed a delineation of wetlands and other waters in April 2015 and November 2015 for Tetra Tech at the South Field Energy Interconnection Facilities project located in Madison and Yellow Creek Townships, Columbiana County, Ohio. The project area consists of an approximately 38 acre proposed switchyard location with an access drive, a preferred route (along approximately 18,120 feet of proposed utility easement), and an alternate route (along approximately 17,900 feet of proposed utility easement). The total area surveyed for the South Field Energy interconnection project is 240.6 acres. The switchyard is located north of Osborne Road, east of McCormick Run Road, and west of Sines Road. The proposed easements for the preferred and alternate routes are the similar at the eastern and western extents, but they diverge in the center. Both routes start at the proposed switchyard and end east of Hibbetts Mill Road.

Twenty-three (23) wetlands were identified and delineated within the entire project area and account for 3.674 acres. Eleven (11) ephemeral streams, twelve (12) intermittent streams, and two (2) USGS-named perennial streams (Alder Lick Run and Bailey Run) were identified and delineated onsite, accounting for a total of 5,952 linear feet ( 0.504 acres). Four (4) open water aquatic resources were identified within the project area accounting for an additional 0.470 acres within the project area. The project area consists of maintained lawn, agricultural field, open field, old field, scrub/shrub, and forested vegetation. The surrounding land use consists of agricultural and forested communities, with scattered rural residential properties. Eight (8) distinct vegetative communities were identified within the project area including two (2) wetland community types. The onsite wetland communities include palustrine emergent and palustrine forested vegetative communities.

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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION AND SITE DESCRIPTION

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Eight (8) distinct vegetative communities were identified within the project area, including two (2) wetland community types. The project area exists rural residential, agricultural, field, and forested communities. The surrounding area exists as forest and agricultural land with rural residential properties. The project area crosses twenty-three (23) wetlands, eleven (11) ephemeral streams, twelve (12) intermittent streams, two (2) USGS-named perennial streams, and four (4) open water ponds. The onsite open water ponds are located within areas of steep relief that are depicted as strip mines. These areas are no longer active strip mines.

The project area is located in the upper Ohio River drainage basin (Hydrologic \#05030101) which drains approximately 640 square miles in northeast Ohio. It is within the Western Allegheny Plateau ecoregion (Woods et al. 1998) of Ohio. The project area is located within the area covered by the Eastern Mountains and Piedmont Supplement (USACE 2012) and associated plant list (Lichvar et al. 2014). The project area is regulated by the USACE Pittsburgh District.

### 2.0 METHODS

Government agencies regulate coastal and inland waters for commerce, flood control, and water quality. These water bodies provide numerous functions and values necessary to protect and sustain our quality of life. Wetlands comprise a significant portion of regulated waters. The USACE and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) jointly define wetlands as:

[^0]The remaining deepwater aquatic habitats (open waters) are defined by the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (Environmental Laboratory 1987) as:
". . . areas that are permanently inundated at mean annual water depths $>6.6 \mathrm{ft}$ or permanently inundated areas $<6.6 \mathrm{ft}$ in depth that do not support rooted emergent or woody plant species."

The methods used for determining and delineating wetlands and open waters strictly adhere to those found in the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (Environmental Laboratory 1987) and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Eastern Mountain and Piedmont Region (USACE 2012). Wetlands and open water boundaries were determined by the disappearance of one or more of their diagnostic characteristics.

Ordinary high water marks (OHWM) defined the outermost regulatory boundaries of ephemeral and open waters.

Each sample plot and the perimeter of each wetland and other water was surveyed and marked in the field with plain pink flags and pink "wetland boundary" flags, respectively. A global positioning system (GPS) unit with submeter accuracy was used, in conjunction with aerial photography and topographic figures, for the survey. Computer Aided Design (CAD) software was used to determine wetland dimensions and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software was used to produce a map of the project area showing wetlands and other waters.

### 2.1 Wetlands

### 2.1.1 Determination

A review of secondary literature sources was performed to find known wetlands and other significant ecological resources and areas with high potential for wetlands in or near the proposed project area. Resources include the following:

1. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps;
2. National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps;
3. Web Soil Survey; and
4. Aerial Photographs.

A field inspection of the project area was then completed to identify major plant communities and to visually locate potential wetlands. The routine, onsite (Level 2) wetland determination was used to perform the delineation. Wetland communities were classified according to the classification scheme of Cowardin et al. (1979) (Table 1). Mature non-wetland communities that had reached a stable equilibrium were classified
according to Anderson (1982) and Gordon (1966, 1969). Disturbed and successional non-wetland communities were classified as one of the categories described in Table 2.

Table 1. Wetland Communities (Cowardin et al. 1979).

| Community | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| PEM | Palustrine Emergent |
| PSS | Palustrine Scrub-Shrub |
| PFO | Palustrine Forested |
| POW | Palustrine Open Water |

Table 2. Disturbed and Successional Non-Wetland Communities.

| Community |  | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | regulariy maintained land; residential; industrial |
|  | Agricultural | land used for producing crops or raising livestock; cropland; pastureland |
|  | Cleared | disturbed areas devoid of most vegetation from recent clearing, grading or filling |
|  | Open Field | herbaceous community without woody vegetation |
|  | Old Field | herbaceous community having woody vegetation coverage of < $50 \%$ |
|  | ScrubShrub | community dominated by woody vegetation $<6 \mathrm{~m}(20 \mathrm{ft})$ tall |
|  | Forest | community dominated by woody vegetation $>6 \mathrm{~m}(20 \mathrm{ft})$ tall |

Sample plots were established within each natural community and potential wetland within the project area. Complete data for each sample plot were collected and recorded on the USACE's Routine Wetland Determination Data Forms contained in the applicable USACE Regional Supplement (USACE 2012). Vegetation, hydrology and soils were evaluated at each sample plot.

### 2.1.1.1 Vegetation

To detect the presence or absence of hydrophytic vegetation, four plant strata were evaluated within specific radii of the plot center. Each stratum was ranked by aerial cover in descending order of abundance. Table 3 provides information on each vegetative stratum.

Table 3. Vegetative Strata.

| Stratum | Definition | Survey Area |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Tree | woody plants $>$ or equal to 3 in. $(7.6 \mathrm{~cm})$ diameter <br> at breast height $(\mathrm{dbh})$, regardless of height | $30 \mathrm{ft}(9.1 \mathrm{~m})$ radius |
| Sapling/shrub | Woody plants $<3 \mathrm{in} .(7.6 \mathrm{~cm})$ dbh and $\geq 3.28 \mathrm{ft}$ <br> $(1 \mathrm{~m})$ tall | $15 \mathrm{ft}(4.6 \mathrm{~m})$ radius |
| Herbaceous | herbs and woody plants less than $3.28 \mathrm{ft}(1 \mathrm{~m})$ in <br> height | $5 \mathrm{ft}(1.5 \mathrm{~m})$ radius |
| Woody vines | woody vines $>3.28 \mathrm{ft}(1 \mathrm{~m})$ in height | $30 \mathrm{ft}(9.1 \mathrm{~m})$ radius |

Percent dominance was obtained for each species and within each stratum. Dominant species are those which cumulatively totaled in order of abundance immediately exceed $50 \%$ and also include any individual species with an abundance of $20 \%$ or more (USACE 2012). Dominant taxa were identified using recognized local guides: nomenclature follows the National List of Scientific Plant Names (USDA 1982). Following the identification of each plant species present within the plot, all dominant species within each stratum were assigned a wetland indicator status according to Lichvar (2014). Indicators are summarized in Table 4.

Table 4. Plant Indicators.

| Indicator | Category | Definition |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OBL | Obligate Wetland | almost exclusively (>99\% of occurrences) <br> found in wetlands |
| FACW | Facultative <br> Wetland | most likely found in wetlands $(67-99 \%$ of <br> occurrences) |
| FAC | Facultative | equally likely found in wetlands or non- <br> wetlands (34-66\%) |
| FACU | Facultative |  |
| Upland | most likely found in non-wetlands (1-33\% <br> occurrence in wetlands) |  |
| UPL | Obligate Upland | almost exclusively found in non-wetlands <br> $(<1 \%$ occurrence in wetlands) |

An ' $\mathrm{Nl}^{\prime}$ (no indicator) designation represents species where not enough information is available to assign an indicator; an 'NL' (no listing) designation is given to species whose identification was not determined sufficiently enough to assign an indicator. Once the indicator status is assigned to each dominant species, the evaluator can perform the percent dominance test according to the protocol outlined within the applicable Regional Supplement (USACE 2012) to determine if the plot meets the criterion for hydrophytic vegetation.

### 2.1.1.2 Hydrology

To detect the presence or absence of wetland hydrology, surface and subsurface hydrologic indicators were evaluated at the sample plot and throughout the adjacent community. Primary sources of wetland hydrology include direct precipitation, headwater flooding, backwater flooding, groundwater or any combination of these. When obtaining data at each sample plot, the evaluator observes evidence of hydrology. Primary indicators of hydrology (only one of these is necessary to indicate sufficient wetland hydrology) include the presence of surface water, water marks, sediment deposits, drift deposits, etc. (USACE 2012). Secondary indicators of hydrology (which requires two or more at each sample plot) include surface soil cracks, drainage patterns, crayfish burrows, etc. (USACE 2012).

### 2.1.1.3 Soils

The upper horizons of the soil at each sample plot were examined to detect the presence or absence of hydric soils indicators. Current USACE guidance requires the evaluator to assess the upper 20 inches of soil for hydric soil characteristics. Most indicators of hydric soils require an assessment of soil matrix color and mottle characteristics (Environmental Laboratory 1987, USACE 2012) for each horizon. These characteristics were determined by comparing a moist sample with Munsell Soil Color Chart (Munsell Color 2009) or The Globe Soil Color Book (Visual Color Systems 2004).

### 2.1.2 ORAM Categorization

Each wetland system was categorized in accordance with version 5.0 of the Ohio EPA's Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands (ORAM) (Mack 2000, 2001). Field scoring forms are contained in Appendix D.

Ohio EPA has established three primary and three intermediate categories of wetland quality which are based on a wetland's size, its hydrologic function, the types of plant communities present, the physical structure of the wetland plant community and the wetland's level of disturbance (OAC 3745-1-54). The relationship between the various wetland categories and their respective ORAM scores is presented in Table 5. EnviroScience also evaluated the project area for the presence of state threatened and endangered species as part of the ORAM evaluation.

Table 5. ORAM Scores and Categories.

| ORAM <br> Score | ORAM <br> Category | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $0-29.9$ | Category 1 | Lowest quality, and are generally characterized by hydrological isolation, lack <br> of plant species diversity, insufficient habitat availability, and limited potential <br> to perform major wetland functions. |
| $30-34.9$ | Category 1 or 2 <br> (Gray Zone) | ORAM score is insufficient to categorize wetland. In absence of a nonrapid <br> method such as VIBI, assign the wetland to the higher functional category <br> (Category 2) |
| $35-44.9$ | Modified <br> Category 2 | Category 2 wetlands that may be of lower quality or degraded but have <br> reasonable potential to be restored. |
| $45-59.9$ | Category 2 | Wetlands that have the capability to support a moderate wildlife community or <br> maintain mid-level hydrological functions. |
| $60-64.9$ | Category 2 or 3 <br> (Gray Zone) | ORAM score is insufficient to categorize wetland. In absence of a nonrapid <br> method such as VIBI, assign the wetland to the higher functional category <br> (Category 3) |
| $65-100$ | Category 3 | Highest quality, generally characterized by a high level of biological diversity <br> and topographical variation, threatened or endangered species, large <br> numbers of native species, or a high level of functional importance to its <br> surroundings. |

Category 3 wetlands have the highest quality, and are generally characterized by a high level of biological diversity and topographical variation, large numbers of native species, or a high level of functional importance to its surroundings. Category 2 wetlands have the capability to support a moderate wildlife community or maintain mid-level hydrological functions. Category 2 also includes wetlands that may be of lower quality or degraded but have reasonable potential to be restored (Modified Category 2). Category 1 wetlands are of the lowest quality, and are generally characterized by hydrological isolation, lack of plant species diversity, insufficient habitat availability, and limited potential to perform major wetland functions (OAC 3745-1-54).

Since the ORAM is a rapid assessment method, there are certain wetland scores which fail to clearly differentiate the wetland's functional category. The so-called "gray zone" wetlands fall between the definite scoring breaks between the categories. Ohio EPA requires that "gray zone" wetlands be considered as the higher category unless more detailed functional assessments such as the VIBI or AmphIBI are conducted on those wetlands. As a result of this requirement, wetlands whose scores fall between the breakpoints for Categories 1 and 2 ( 1 or 2 gray zone wetlands) wetlands will be considered as Category 2 wetland for purposes of this report. Wetlands whose scores fall between the breakpoints for Categories 2 and 3 wetlands ( 2 or 3 gray zone wetlands) will be considered a Category 3 wetland for purposes of this report.

### 2.1.3 Cowardin Wetland Classification

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory uses the Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States to classify wetland habitat types (Cowardin et al. 1979). This classification system is hierarchical and defines five major systems - Marine, Estuarine, Riverine, Lacustrine, and Palustrine. The Palustrine system was the only type of wetland system identified within the project area and is defined as including all nontidal wetlands dominated by trees, shrubs, persistent emergents, emergent mosses or lichens, and all such wetlands that occur in tidal areas where salinity due to ocean driven-derived salts is below 0.5 percent (Cowardin et al. 1979).

### 2.2 Other Waters

Other waters include ephemeral and open waters. These waters are broken down into two categories: 1) ponds and lakes; and 2) streams and rivers.

### 2.2.1 Ponds and Lakes

Palustrine systems other than wetlands, and lacustrine waters are addressed as ponds and lakes, respectively. These non-linear open waters may harbor important aquatic communities such as vegetated shallows (aquatic bed) and mud flats. They are classified according to Cowardin et al. (1979).

### 2.2.2 Streams and Rivers

Riverine systems are linear flowing waters bounded by a channel. Cowardin et al. (1979) divides these system into four groups, however, for the purpose of this report streams are placed into three regulatory types, listed below.

Ephemeral: An ephemeral stream only conveys runoff precipitation and meltwater. It is permanently located above the water table and is most often dry.

Intermittent: An intermittent stream is located below the water table for parts of the year, but does have dry periods.

Perennial: A perennial stream typically has flowing water throughout the entire year.

In addition to flow characteristics, the USACE has defined other regulatory categories that apply to streams, which are listed below (USACE and USEPA, 2007).

Traditional Navigable Waters (TNW): 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.

Relatively Permanent Waters (RPW): non-navigable tributaries of traditional navigable waters that are relatively permanent where the tributaries typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically three months).

Non-Relatively Permanent Waters (Non-RPW): non-navigable tributaries of traditional navigable waters that are not relatively permanent where the tributaries typically do not have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically three months).

The Corps and USEPA will assert jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act on Traditional Navigable Waters (TNWs) and all wetlands adjacent to them, non-navigable tributaries of TNWs that are Relatively Permanent Waters (RPW) [i.e., tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally]; and wetlands that directly abut such tributaries. In addition, the agencies will assert jurisdiction over every water body that is not an RPW if that water body is determined (on the basis of a fact-specific analysis) to have a significant nexus with a TNW.
"A significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or an insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical, and/or biological, integrity of a TNW. Principal considerations when evaluating significant nexus include the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and the proximity of the tributary to a TNW, plus the hydrologic, ecologic, and other functions performed by the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands."

### 2.2.3 HHEI and QHEI

Data collection for all streams included the completion of either the Ohio EPA Headwater Habitat Evaluation Index (HHEI) for primary headwater habitat (PHWH) streams or the Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI) for larger streams. Biologists are Ohio EPA trained to assess streams using the QHEI and HHEl. Following the Ohio EPA guidance, any stream with a drainage area of less than or equal to one $\mathrm{mi}^{2}\left(2.589 \mathrm{~km}^{2}\right)$ and pools with a maximum water depths less than or equal to 15.75 in $(40 \mathrm{~cm})$ were evaluated using the HHEI (Ohio EPA 2012). The QHEI was used to evaluate streams with drainage areas greater than one $\mathrm{mi}^{2}$ and pools with maximum water depths greater than $15.75 \mathrm{in}(40 \mathrm{~cm}$; Ohio EPA 2006). The assessment location is representative of the stream/headwater within the project area.

### 3.0 LITERATURE REVIEW

### 3.1 USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic series (West Point Quadrangle) is shown on Figure 2 (Appendix A). The preferred and alternate routes are depicted as partially forested. Elevations range from approximately 1,080 feet above mean sea level (AMSL) near onsite ponds and streams to approximately 1,250 feet AMSL in north portion of the proposed switchyard. Two (2) USGS named streams, Alder Lick Run and Bailey Run, are depicted crossing the central portion of the preferred and alternate routes. Three (3) strip mines are shown along the preferred and alternate routes. These strip mines are no longer active.

### 3.2 NWI MAP

The National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) map (West Point Quadrangle) of the project area is shown on Figure 3 in Appendix A. One (1) palustrine, emergent, persistent, seasonally flooded (PEM1C) is identified within the eastern portion of the preferred and alternate routes. This wetland corresponds to the delineated Wetland $W-19$. One (1) palustrine, scrub-shrub, broad-leaved deciduous, seasonally flooded (PSS1C) is identified in the eastern portion of the preferred and alternate routes. This wetland was not identified during the field survey. Three (3) palustrine, unconsolidated bottom, intermittently exposed (PUBG) deepwater areas are depicted within the eastern portion of the preferred and alternate routes. These deepwater systems correspond with the delineated Open Waters OW-2, OW-3, and OW-4, which are located in the areas depicted as strip mines.

### 3.3 COUNTY SOIL SURVEY

The project area is found on the Soil Survey of Columbiana County, Ohio and was accessed on the Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) Database (USDA Web Soil Survey, 2010) (Figure 4, Appendix A). Fifteen (15) soil types are depicted within the project area. One (1) of the soil types, Holly silt loam (HkA), is considered predominantly hydric within Columbiana County. All soil types are listed in Table 6.

Table 6. Soil Types Mapped Project Area.

| Symbol | Soil Type | Status | Common <br> Landform | Percent Hydric | Acres in Project Area | Percent Within Project Area |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BkB | Berks channery silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes | Not Hydric | Hills | 0 | 6.346 | 3.7 |
| BkC | Berks channery silt loam, 6 to 15 percent slopes | Not Hydric | Hills | 0 | 43.334 | 25.5 |
| BkD | Berks channery silt loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes | Not Hydric | Hills | 0 | 18.401 | 10.8 |
| BkE | Berks channery silt loam, 25 to 40 percent slopes | Not Hydric | Hills | 0 | 29.689 | 17.5 |
| BpF | Bethesda very channery silt loam, 25 to 70 percent slopes | Not Hydric | N/A | 0 | 8.264 | 4.9 |
| CoB | Coshocton silt loam, 2 to 6 percent | Not Hydric | Hills | 0 | 5.167 | 3.0 |
| CoC | Coshocton silt loam, 6 to 15 percent slopes | Not Hydric | Hills | 0 | 16.802 | 9.9 |
| FbB | Fairpoint very channery silt loam, 0 to 8 percent slopes | Not Hydric | N/A | 0 | 3.654 | 2.2 |
| FbF | Fairpoint very chanery slit loam, 25 to 70 percent slops | Not Hydric | N/A | 0 | 1.851 | 1.1 |
| GnB | Gilpin silt loam, 2 to 6 percent Isoipes | Not Hydric | Hills | 0 | 9.412 | 5.5 |
| GnC | Gilpin silt loam, 6 to 15 percent slopes | Not Hydric | Hills | 0 | 3.924 | 2.3 |
| GoC | Gilpin-Coshocton silt loams, 6 to 15 percent slopes | Not Hydric | Hills | 0 | 9.183 | 5.4 |
| HkA | Holly silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded | Predominantl y Hydric | Flood Plain | 95 | 1.020 | 0.6 |
| KeB | Keene silt loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes | Not Hydric | Hills | 0 | 9.528 | 5.6 |
| UkC2 | Upshur-Berks complex, 6 to 15 percent slopes, eroded | Not Hydric | Hills | 0 | 3.077 | 1.8 |

### 3.4 Aerial Photography

A recent aerial photograph of the project area is shown on Figure 5 (Appendix A). The site is depicted as rural residential, agricultural, and forested land. The project area crosses several roads, including Osbourne Road, Fife Coal Road, Forbes Road, and Hibbets Mill Road. The surrounding land use consists of rural residential, agricultural, and forested land. Several open water areas are visible on the area and appear to correlate to the inactive strip mine locations.

### 3.5 Ohio Natural Heritage Database

Data from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Natural Heritage database was received on May 29, 2015. The Database indicated a record of the bowman's root (Porteranthus trifoliatus), a state threatened species, within a one (1) mile radius of the project area. No unique ecological sites, geologic features, animal assemblages, scenic rivers, state wildlife areas, state nature preserves, state or national parks, state or national forests, national wildlife refuges, or other protected natural areas are located within the project area.

### 3.6 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The project area was examined for suitable habitat for federally listed species whose known range includes Columbiana County, Ohio. These species are the federally endangered Indiana bat (Myotis sodalis), the federally threatened northern long-eared bat (Myotis septentrionalis), the federal species of concern eastern hellbender (Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis), the federal candidate species eastern massasauga (Sistrurus catenatus catenatus), and the federal species of concern bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus).

Living or dead trees with shedding or peeling bark or cavities may serve as roosting trees for the Indiana bat and/or the northern long-eared bat. In addition, sheds and barns may serve as roosting habitat for the northern long-eared bat. No potential winter hibernaculum, barns, or sheds are located within the project area. Several areas throughout the preferred and alternate routes are forested. Additionally, the southern portion of the proposed switchyard is forested. An in-depth habitat analysis was not performed, however; all onsite forested areas contained some trees that displayed suitable habitat features. Suitable habitat features include, but are not limited to, larger canopy trees, trees exhibiting peeling bark, holes, or crevices, open understory, and stream or wetland corridors. All tree clearing is recommended to occur within the USFWS approved seasonal clearing window of October 1 through March 31. If the seasonal clearing restriction cannot be followed, further coordination with the USFWS is recommended prior to clearing any trees within the project area.

The eastern hellbender is found in habitats with swift-running, fairly shallow, and highly oxygenated water. They require an abundance of large, flat rocks or logs for use as cover objects. The two (2) onsite perennial streams may provide adequate habitat for the eastern hellbender. Further coordination with the USFWS may be required prior to impacting these streams.

Preferred habitat for the eastern massasauga includes wet areas including wet prairies, marshes and low areas along rivers and lakes. Massasaugas also use adjacent uplands during part of the year. The majority of the project area is upland field and forest that is not preferable habitat for the eastern massasauga. The wetlands that are located within the project area are open and do not provide appropriate cover for the eastern massasauga.

The bald eagle nests in large trees near water. No bald eagle habitat was observed within the project area.

### 4.0 RESULTS

Thirty-six (36) sample plots were established within eight (8) natural communities. Two (2) of these communities are considered wetland. Table 7 summarizes the sample plot data.

Table 7. Sample Plot Results.

| Sample <br> Plot | Photo* $^{*}$ | Community** | Hydrophytic <br> Vegetation | Wetlands <br> Hydrology | Hydric <br> Soil | Status | Location |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | Agricultural <br> Field |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | $\mathrm{SP}-1$ |
| 2 | 2 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | $\mathrm{W}-1$ |
| 3 | 3 | Forest |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | $\mathrm{SP}-3$ |
| 4 | 4 | PFO | X | X | X | Wetland | $\mathrm{W}-1$ |
| 5 | 5 | Forest |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | $\mathrm{SP}-5$ |
| 6 | 6 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | $\mathrm{W}-2$ |
| 7 | 7 | Forest |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | $\mathrm{SP}-7$ |
| 8 | 8 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | $\mathrm{W}-6$ |
| 9 | 9 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | $\mathrm{W}-8$ |
| 10 | 10 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | $\mathrm{W}-7$ |
| 11 | 11 | Forest |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | $\mathrm{SP}-11$ |


| Sample Plot | Photo* | Community** | Hydrophytic Vegetation | Wetlands Hydrology | Hydric Soil | Status | Location |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12 | 12 | Agricultural Field |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | SP-12 |
| 13 | 13 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | W-9 |
| 14 | 14 | Forest |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | SP-14 |
| 15 | 15 | Forest | X |  |  | Non-Wetland | SP-15 |
| 16 | 16 | PFO | X | X | X | Wetland | W-11 |
| 17 | 17 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | W-12 |
| 18 | 18 | Forest |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | SP-18 |
| 19 | 19 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | W-13 |
| 20 | 20 | Scrub-Shrub |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | SP-20 |
| 21 | 21 | PEM | $x$ | $x$ | X | Wetland | W-15 |
| 22 | 22 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | W-15 |
| 23 | 23 | Maintained Lawn |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | SP-23 |
| 24 | 24 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | W-17 |
| 25 | 25 | Maintained Lawn |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | SP-25 |
| 26 | 26 | Open field |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | SP-26 |
| 27 | 27 | PEM | X | $x$ | X | Wetland | W-18 |
| 28 | 28 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | W-19 |
| 29 | 29 | Old Field |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | SP-29 |
| 30 | 30 | Open Field |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | SP-30 |
| 31 | 31 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | W-20 |
| 32 | 32 | Forest |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | SP-32 |
| 33 | 33 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | W-21 |
| 34 | 34 | Shrub-Scrub |  |  |  | Non-Wetland | SP-34 |
| 35 | 35 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | W-22 |
| 36 | 36 | PEM | X | X | X | Wetland | W-23 |

*photos are located in Appendix B
** PEM $=$ Palustrine Emergent; PFO = Palustrine Forested.

Each sample plot, delineated wetland, and other waters are illustrated on Figure 5 (Appendix A). The following section describes general conditions found within each plant community and summarizes relevant information from the data forms, located in Appendix C

### 4.1 Non-WetLands

Six (6) upland communities exist within the project area and include agricultural field, maintained lawn, open field, old field, scrub-shrub, and forest. The agricultural field community is represented by Sample Plots 1 and 12 and are dominated by planted crops such as corn (Zea mayes, UPL) and alfalfa (Medicago sativa, UPL). Purple deadnettle (Lamium purpureum, UPL), common dandelion (Taraxacum officinale, FACU), and Faber's foxtail (Setaria faberi, FACU) are also growing among the planted crop species.

The forested vegetative community is represented by Sample Plots 3, 5, 7, 11, 14, 15, 18, and 32. Typical dominant tree species includes black cherry (Prunus serotina, FACU), red maple (Acer rubrum, FAC), northern red oak (Quercus rubra, FACU), honeylocust (Gleditsia triacanthos, FAC), eastern hop-hornbeam (Ostrya virginiana, FACU), shagbark hickory (Carya ovata, FACU), pin oak (Quercus palustris, FACW), and white pine (Pinus strobus, FACU). The shrub layer contains tree saplings, American elm (Ulmus americana, FACW), swamp white oak (Quercus bicolor, FACW), rambler rose (Rosa multiflora, FACU), green ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica, FACW), American hornbeam (Carpinus caroliniana, FAC), and Allegheny blackberry (Rubus allegheniensis, FACU). Dominant species within the herbaceous layer of the forest includes garlic mustard (Alliaria petiolata, FACU), spinulose wood fern (Dryopteris carthusiana, FAC), Pennsylvania sedge (Carex pennsylvanica, UPL), hooded blue violet (Viola sororia, FACU), spotted touch-me-not (Impatiens capensis, FACW), false mermaidweed (Floerkea proserpinacoides, FAC), mayapple (Podophylum peltatum, FACU), and Virginia springbeauty (Claytonia virginica, FAC).

The maintained lawn community is represented by Sample Plots 23 and 25 and includes Kentucky bluegrass (Poa pratensis, FACU), great plantain (Plantago major, FACU), white clover (Trifolium repens, FACU), Virginia springbeauty, and common dandelion (Taraxacum officinale, FACU) in the herbaceous stratum.

The open field community is represented by Sample Plots 26 and 30 and is dominated by white clover and orchardgrass (Dactylis glomerata, FACU). Other species present within the herbaceous layer include common dandelion, English plantain (Plantago lanceolata, UPL), Canada goldenrod (Solidago canadensis, FACU), wrinkle-leaf goldenrod (Solidago rugosa, FACU), oldfield cinquefoil (Potentilla simplex, FACU), and
common yarrow (Achillea millefolium, FACU). Allegheny blackberry is present in small amounts in the shrub layer.

The old field community is represented by Sample Plot 29. The herbaceous layer was dominated by garlic mustard and Canada goldenrod. The shrub stratum contained rambler rose and the tree layer had small amounts of sugar maple (Acer saccharum, FACU), black cherry, and gray birch (Betula populifolia, FAC).

Sample Plots 20 and 34 represent the scrub-scrub community and includes black cherry in the tree stratum. The shrub layer is dominated by crabapple (Malus sp., NI) and rambler rose. Common herbaceous plants include false mermaidweed, Virginia springbeauty, a grass (Poa sp., NI), an aster (Symphyotrichum sp., NI), common yarrow, and oldfield cinquefoil.

### 4.2 Wetlands

Twenty-three (23) wetlands were identified and delineated within the project area. The onsite portion of these wetlands consist of palustrine emergent (PEM) and palustrine forested (PFO) vegetation. The delineated wetlands have been categorized using the Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands v. 5.0 (ORAM); scoring forms are included in Appendix D. Wetland results are given in Table 8 and are briefly described in the following section. Wetland size has been determined for areas within the project area. Wetlands are illustrated on Figure 5 (Appendix A).

Table 8. Wetland Results within the Project Area.

| Wetland | Photo* $^{*}$ | Cowardin <br> Classification | ORAM <br> Score | ORAM <br> Category | Size <br> within <br> Project <br> Area <br> (acres) | Location within the <br> Project |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| W-1 | $37-38$ | PEM/PFO | 47.5 | Category 2 | 0.587 | Switchyard, <br> Preferred \& Alternate |
| W-2 | 39 | PEM | 40 | Modified 2 | 0.018 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| W-3 | 40 | PEM | 40 | Modified 2 | 0.002 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| W-4 | 41 | PEM | 40 | Modified 2 | 0.001 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| W-5 | 42 | PEM | 40 | Modified 2 | 0.038 | Preferred Route |
| W-6 | 43 | PEM | 47 | Category 2 | 0.058 | Alternate Route |


| Wetland | Photo* | Cowardin Classification | ORAM Score | ORAM Category | Size within Project Area (acres) | Location within the Project |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| W-7 | 44 | PEM | 46 | $1 \text { or } 2 \text { gray }$ | 0.049 | Alternate Route |
| W-8 | 45 | PEM | 46 | $\begin{gathered} 1 \text { or } 2 \text { gray } \\ \text { zone } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 0.012 | Alternate Route |
| W-9 | 46 | PEM | 46 | Category 2 | 0.040 | Preferred Route |
| W-10 | 47 | PFO | 47.5 | Category 2 | 0.101 | Preferred Route |
| W-11 | 48 | PFO | 47.5 | Category 2 | 0.510 | Preferred Route |
| W-12 | 49 | PEM | 29.5 | Category 1 | 0.012 | Preferred Route |
| W-13 | 50 | PEM | 47 | Category 2 | 0.192 | Preferred Route |
| W-14 | 51 | PEM | 48 | Category 2 | 0.002 | Preferred Route |
|  |  |  |  |  | 0.158 | Preferred Route |
| W-15 | 52 | PEM | 23 | Category 1 | 0.261 | Alternate Route |
| W-16 | 53 | PEM | 43 | Modified 2 | 0.139 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| W-17 | 54 | PEM | 43 | Modified 2 | 0.706 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| W-18 | 55 | PEM | 29 | Category 1 | 0.031 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| W-19 | 56 | PEM | 40 | Modified 2 | 0.173 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| W-20 | 57 | PEM | 14 | Category 1 | 0.008 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| W-21 | 58 | PEM | 32 | $\begin{gathered} 1 \text { or } 2 \text { gray } \\ \text { zone } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 0.019 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| W-22 | 59 | PEM | 32 | $\begin{gathered} 1 \text { or } 2 \text { gray } \\ \text { zone } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 0.138 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| W-23 | 60 | PEM | 32 | $\begin{gathered} 1 \text { or } 2 \text { gray } \\ \text { zone } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 0.013 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| Total Wetland |  |  |  |  | 3.674 |  |
| Total Wetland Preferred Route |  |  |  |  | 2.301 |  |
| Total Wetland Alternate Route |  |  |  |  | 2.034 |  |

*photos are located in Appendix B
Wetland $\mathbf{W}$-1 is a floodplain wetland along intermittent Stream S-2a and is comprised of palustrine emergent (PEM) and palustrine forested (PFO) vegetation. Sample Plot 2 and 4 represent these communities, respectively. Sample Plot 2 is dominated by skunk
cabbage (Symplocarpus foetidus, OBL) and spotted touch-me-not in the herbaceous layer. The shrub layer contains a small amount of rambler rose. Sample Plot 4 contains red maple, green ash, American elm, and white oak in the tree layer. The herbaceous layer contains rambler rose, hooded blue violet, Carolina spring beauty, spotted lady's thumb (Persicaria maculosa, FACW), spotted crane's bill (Geranium maculatum, FACU), an unknown moss species, and an unknown aster (Asteraceae sp.). This wetland assessed within the range of a Category 2 wetland using the ORAM scoring method. This score is a result of medium upland buffers, moderate surrounding land use, hydrologic sources and degree of saturation, sparse invasive species cover, and wetland microtopographic features.

Wetlands W-2, W-3, W-4, W-5, W-6, W-7, and W-8 are floodplain wetlands, associated with Stream S-5, and dominated by PEM vegetation These wetlands are represented by Sample Plots 6, 8, 9 and 10. Typical herbaceous vegetation within these wetlands includes spotted touch-me-not, skunk cabbage, fowl manna grass (Glyceria striata, OBL), a buttercup (Ranunculus sp.), fowl bluegrass (Poa palustris, FACW), crooked-stem American-aster (Symphyotrichum prenanthoides, FAC), and cream avens (Geum virginianum, FAC). Rambler rose is a common shrub within these wetlands. Wetlands W-2, W-3, W-4, W-5 were scored together due to their similar habitat, hydrologic connection, and proximity to one another. Wetland W7 and W-8 were also scored together for the same reasons. All six (6) wetlands assessed within the range of Category 2 wetlands using the ORAM. This score is a result of their medium upland buffers, low surrounding land use, hydrologic features (sources, connectivity, and degree of saturation), small amount of disturbances, and sparse amount of invasive species cover.

Wetlands W-9, W-10 and W-11 are floodplain wetlands along Stream S-13. Wetland W9 is comprised of PEM vegetation and Wetlands $\mathrm{W}-10$ and $\mathrm{W}-11$ are comprised of PFO vegetation. Sample Plot 13 represents Wetland W-9. Dominant herbaceous vegetation within this wetland includes spotted touch-me-not and false mermaidweed.

Sample Plot 16 represents onsite vegetation within Wetlands $\mathrm{W}-10$ and $\mathrm{W}-11$. The tree stratum is dominated by red maple. Dominant shrub species include gray dogwood (Cornus racemosa, FAC) and rambler rose. The herbaceous stratum is dominated by spotted touch-me-not and sensitive fern. Wetland W-10 is lies adjacent to the intermittent Stream S-13a and is connected to W-11 by ephemeral Stream S-14. Wetland W-11 receives hydrology from ephemeral Stream S-16 and intermittent Stream S-13a. Wetlands $\mathrm{W}-9, \mathrm{~W}-10$, and $\mathrm{W}-11$ assessed within the range for Category 2 wetlands. This score resulted from wide upland buffers, moderate surrounding land use, low habitat alteration and substrate disturbance, and nearly absent invasive species cover.

Wetland $\mathbf{W}$-12 is a small depressional PEM wetland located on the edge of a residential property south of Osborne Road. Wetland $W$-12 is represented by Sample Plot 17. This sample plot is dominated by fowl manna grass. Other common herbaceous plants include spotted touch-me-not, skunk cabbage, garden yellow rocket (Barbarea vulgaris, FACU), and rough bedstraw (Galium asprellum, OBL). This wetland assessed within the range of a Category 1 wetland due to small size, narrow upland buffers, degree of habitat alteration, and habitat recovery from past disturbances.

Wetlands $\mathbf{W}-13$ and $\mathbf{W}-14$ are floodplain PEM wetlands associated with intermittent Streams S-17 and S-18. Sample Plot 19 is representative of onsite vegetation within these wetlands. Dominant herbaceous vegetation includes fowl manna grass, spotted touch-me not, and single-vein sweet flag (Acorus calamus, OBL). These wetlands assessed within the range for Category 2 wetlands using the ORAM. Wetland $\mathrm{W}-13$ has narrow upland buffers, moderate surrounding land use, fair habitat development, and evidence of past disturbances.

Wetland $\mathbf{W}-15$ is a swale wetland dominated by PEM vegetation. Wetland $\mathbf{W}-15$ is drained by Stream S-19. Sample Plots 21 and 22 represent typical onsite vegetation within this wetland. Dominant herbaceous plants include false mermaidweed, fowl bluegrass, crooked-stem American-aster, New England American-aster (Symphyotrichum nove-angilae, FACW), purple-leaf willow herb (Epilobium coloratum, FACW), and an American-aster (Symphyotrichum sp.). This wetland assessed within the range of a Category 1 or 2 gray zone due to its small size, intensity of surrounding land use, and recovery from past disturbances.

Wetlands $\mathbf{W}-16$ and $\mathbf{W - 1 7}$ are PEM wetlands within the Alder Lick Run riparian area. Sample Plot 24 is representative of these wetlands. The dominant herbaceous plants within these wetlands includes lamp rush (Juncus effusus, FACW) and shallow sedge (Carex lurida, OBL). Other herbaceous plants include common fox sedge (Carex vulpinoidea, OBL) and narrow-leaf cattail (Typha angustifolia, OBL). This wetland assessed within the range of a Modified 2 wetland. This wetland is relatively large with medium buffers, moderate surrounding land use, and has a high degree of connectivity to jurisdictional streams. However, these wetlands have a moderately high degree of disturbance due to proximate agricultural practices.

Wetland $\mathbf{W}$-18 is a depressional PEM associated with ephemeral Stream S-22. Sample Plot 27 is representative of this wetland. Typical herbaceous vegetation includes singlevein sweetflag, fowl manna grass, spotted-touch-me-not, deer tongue rosette grass (Dichanthelium clandestinum, FAC), cottongrass bullrush (Scirpus cyperinus, FACW), a sedge (Carex sp., NI), and a goldenrod (Solidago sp., NI). This wetland scored within the range of an 1 using the ORAM. This score is a result of the small size of the wetland, its
medium buffers with a mixture of high and low surrounding land use, and past disturbance.

Wetland $\mathbf{W}$-19 is a floodplain wetland along Bailey Run. Typical onsite characteristics are represented by Sample Plot 28. The herbaceous layer is dominated by reed canary grass (Phalaris arundinacea, FACW), skunk cabbage, and stinging nettle (Urtica dioica, FACU). The shrub layer contained rambler rose, an elderberry (Sambucus sp.), and Atlantic ninebark (Physocarpus opuliformis, FACW). This wetland assessed within the range of a Modified 2 using the ORAM. This is a result of the degree of habitat and substrate disturbance as well as extensive invasive species cover.

Wetland $\mathbf{W}$-20 is a depressional PEM located within an agricultural field. Sample Plot 31 represents typical onsite vegetation. The herbaceous layer is dominated by lamp rush, common fox sedge, and white clover. This wetland assessed within the range of a Category 1 wetland due to its small size, narrow upland buffers, moderately high level of surrounding land use, and degree of disturbance.

Wetlands W-21, W-22, and W-23 are depressional wetlands located within a scrub-shrub setting along the east side of Hibbetts Mill Road. These wetlands are represented by Sample Plots 33,55 , and 36 . Dominant vegetation within these wetlands include deertongue rosette grass, lamp rush, arrow-leaf tear thumb (Persicaria sagittata, OBL), spotted trumpetweed (Eutrochium maculatum, FACW), and Allegheny blackberry (Rubus allegheniensis, FACU). These wetlands were scored together and assessed within the range of 1 or 2 gray zone. These wetlands were relatively small, with medium buffers, and low surrounding land use. Additionally these wetlands had poor to fair habitat development, are recovering from past disturbances, and scored low with regard to hydrologic characteristics.

### 4.3 Streams and Rivers

Two (2) USGS-named perennial streams, twelve (12) intermittent streams, and eleven (11) ephemeral streams were identified and delineated within the project area. The results are depicted in Table 9 and illustrated on Figure 5 (Appendix A). Ephemeral and intermittent streams have been assessed using the Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Index (HHEI) and perennial streams were assessed using the Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI); the scoring forms are included in Appendix E. Each stream classification, based on the QHEI or HHEI score, is located in Table 9. Locations of these streams are depicted in Appendix A, Figure 5. Representative photographs are included in Appendix B, and stream habitat data forms are provided in Appendix $E$.

Table 9. Stream Results within the Project Area.

| Stream | Photos* | Type | Average Bankfull Width (feet) | Average Depth at Time of Survey (inch) | Length <br> Within <br> Project <br> Area <br> (linear <br> feet) | Area Within Project Area (acres) | QHEII <br> HHEI <br> Score | Location within the Project |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alder <br> Lick <br> Run | 61 | Perennial | 10 | 8 | 244 | 0.056 | 29.5 |  <br> Alternate |
| Bailey Run | 62 | Perennial | 8 | 6 | 206 | 0.038 | 57 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| S-1 | 63 | Ephemeral | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.001 | 24 | Switchyard |
| S-2 | 64 | Intermittent | 3 | 3 | 642 | 0.044 | 31 | Switchyard, Preferred, \& Alternate |
|  |  |  |  |  | 64 | 0.004 |  | Preferred \& Alternate |
| S-3 | 65 | Intermittent | 2 | 3 | 98 | 0.005 | 21 | Switchyard |
| S-4 | 66 | Intermittent | 3 | 2 | 21 | 0.001 | 33 |  <br> Alternate |
| S-5 | 67 | Intermittent | 3 | 4 | 860 | 0.059 | 50 | Preferred \& Alternate |
|  |  |  |  |  | 260 | 0.018 |  | Alternate |
|  |  |  |  |  | 187 | 0.013 |  | Alternate |
|  |  |  |  |  | 18 | 0.001 |  | Alternate |
|  |  |  |  |  | 11 | 0.001 |  | Alternate |
| S-6 | 68 | Ephemeral | 3 | 0 | 103 | 0.007 | 11 | Alternate |
| S-7 | 69 | Intermittent | 3 | 0.5 | 313 | 0.021 | 30 | Alternate |
| S-8 | 70 | Ephemeral | 4 | 0 | 42 | 0.004 | 25 | Alternate |
| S-9 | 71 | Ephemeral | 2 | 0 | 273 | 0.013 | 30 | Alternate |
| S-10 | 72 | Intermittent | 4 | 2 | 416 | 0.038 | 39 | Alternate |
| S-11 | 73 | Ephemeral | 2 | 0 | 66 | 0.003 | 35 | Alternate |
| S-12 | 74 | Ephemeral | 2 | 0 | 25 | 0.001 | 26 | Alternate |
| S-13 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 75 | Intermittent | 4 | 2 | 500 | 0.046 | 50 | Preferred |
| b |  |  |  |  | 554 | 0.051 |  |  |
| S-14 | 76 | Ephemeral | 1 | 0 | 27 | 0.001 | 17 | Preferred |
| S-15 | 77 | Ephemeral | 2 | 0 | 31 | 0.001 | 17 | Preferred |
| S-16 | 78 | Ephemeral | 1 | 0 | 73 | 0.002 | 14 | Preferred |
| S-17 | 79 | Intermittent | 4 | 2 | 176 | 0.016 | 37 | Preferred |
| S-18 | 80 | Intermittent | 4 | 3 | 255 | 0.023 | 41 | Preferred |


| Stream | Photos* | Type | Average Bankfull Width (feet) | Average Depth at Time of Survey (inch) | Length <br> Within <br> Project <br> Area <br> (linear <br> feet) | Area Within Project Area (acres) | QHEI/ <br> HHEI <br> Score | Location within the Project |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S-19 | 81 | Intermittent | 3 | 3 | 115 | 0.008 | 31 | Preferred \& Alternate |
|  | 82 | Ephemeral | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0.001 | 17 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| S-21 | 83 | Intermittent | 2 | 1 | 33 | 0.002 | 16 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| S-22 | 84 | Ephemeral | 1 | 1 | 68 | 0.002 | 16 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| S-23 | 85 | Intermittent | 4 | 3 | 228 | 0.021 | 47 | Preferred \& Alternate |
| Total Stream |  |  |  |  | 5,952 | 0.504 |  |  |
| Total Preferred Route |  |  |  |  | 3,034 | 0.302 |  |  |
| Total Alternate Route |  |  |  |  | 3,775 | 0.326 |  |  |

*photos are located in Appendix B
The onsite streams are mostly formed in the either the valleys throughout the project area or are formed as erosional channels along steep hillsides. The stream systems associated with Streams S-2, S-3, S-7, S-9, and S-10 are draining south and west into an unnamed tributary of Yellow Creek. The stream systems associated within Streams S-1, $\mathrm{S}-13, \mathrm{~S}-17$, and $\mathrm{S}-19$ area draining east and south into Alder Lick Run. Alder Lick Run crosses through the preferred and alternate easement routes and is shown flowing south through an inactive strip mined area. Bailey Run also flows south through the preferred and alternate routes. Bailey Run is also shown within an area described as strip mine. All onsite waters are flowing south an eventually into Little Yellow Creek. Little Yellow Creek is a tributary to the Ohio River. Assessments of the onsite streams ranked Alder Lick Run as 'very poor' and Bailey Run as 'good' using the narrative rating of the QHEI. All other onsite streams were assessed using the HHEI. Assessments of the onsite portions of these streams resulted in Class I and Class II Primary Headwater Habitat streams. None of the onsite streams would be considered high quality or waters of special concern.

### 4.4 Ponds and Lakes

A portion of four (4) open water aquatic resources were identified within the project area. The results are depicted in Table 10 and illustrated on Figure 5 (Appendix A).

Table 10. Stream Results within the Project Area.

| Open Water | Photo* $^{*}$ | Type | Area within <br> project area <br> (acres) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OW-1 | 86 | Lacustrine <br> Open Water | 0.015 |
| OW-2 | 87 | Lacustrine <br> Open Water | 0.220 |
| OW-3 | 88 | Lacustrine <br> Open Water | 0.001 |
| OW-4 | 89 | Lacustrine <br> Open Water | 0.234 |
| Total Open Water |  |  | $\mathbf{0 . 4 7 0}$ |

Onsite open water ponds are associated with the inactive strip mine sites. These open water areas are located at the bottoms of steep gorges with rocky slopes.

### 5.0 ASSUMPTIONS AND DISCLAIMERS

The constant influence of human activity on the project area can result in a rapid change of ecological boundaries. Over time, natural succession and changes in hydrology can also affect their boundaries. Precision of GPS collected data is subject to variation caused by canopy cover, atmospheric interference and satellite configuration. Because slight inaccuracies are possible, all acreages and derived boundaries presented in this report are approximate.

The results and conclusions contained in this report apply to the year and date in which the data were collected. This report is not considered officially valid until it is approved by the Corps. The report is then valid for a period of five years. Refer to the Corps' Regulatory Guidance Letter \# 94-1 (23 May 1994).

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## Appendix A:

Figures





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## Appendix B:

## Photographs

South Field Energy Interconnection Facilities
Photographed April 29 through November 24, 2015


Photo 1. Sample Plot 1 representing agricultural field.


Photo 2. Sample Plot 2 within Wetland W-1.

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Photo 3. Sample Plot 3 representing upland forest.


Photo 4. Sample Plot 4, representing a palustrine forested (PFO) vegetated community within Wetland W-1.

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Photo 5. Sample Plot 5 representing upland forest.


Photo 6. Sample Plot 6, representing a palustrine emergent vegetative community within Wetland W-2.

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Photo 7. Sample Plot 7 representing upland forest.


Photo 8. Sample Plot 8 within Wetland W-6, representing a PEM.

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Photo 9. Sample Plot 9 within Wetland W-8.


Photo 10. Sample Plot 10 within Wetland W-7.

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Photo 11. Sample Plot 11 representing upland forest.


Photo 12. Sample Plot 12 representing agricultural field dominated by alfalfa (Medicago sativa).

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Photo 13. Sample Plot 13 within Wetland W-9.


Photo 14. Sample Plot 14 representing an upland forest.

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Photo 15. Sample Plot 15 representing upland forest.


Photo 16. Sample Plot 16 within Wetland W-11.

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Photo 17. Sample Plot 17 within Wetland W-12.


Photo 18. Sample Plot 18 representing a forest.

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Photo 19. Sample Plot 19 within Wetland W-13.


Photo 20. Sample Plot 20 representing an upland scrub-shrub community.

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Photo 21. Sample Plot 21 within Wetland W-15, a PEM.


Photo 22. Sample Plot 22 within Wetland W-15.

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Photo 23. Sample Plot 23 representing a maintained lawn.


Photo 24. Sample Plot 24 within Wetland W-17.

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Photo 25. Sample Plot 25 representing a maintained lawn.


Photo 26. Sample Plot 26 representing an open field community.

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Photo 27. Sample Plot 27 within Wetland W-18, a PEM.


Photo 28. Sample Plot 28 within Wetland W-19.

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Photo 29. Sample Plot 29 representing an old field.


Photo 30. Sample Plot 30 representing an open field.

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Photo 31. Sample Plot 31 within Wetland W-20.


Photo 32. Sample Plot 32 representing an upland forest.

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Photo 33. Sample Plot 33 within Wetland W-21.


Photo 34. Sample Plot 34 representing a scrub-shrub community.

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Photo 35 . Sample Plot 35 within Wetland W-22.


Photo 36. Sample Plot 36 within Wetland W-23.

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Photo 37. Wetland W-1 (PEM) facing north.


Photo 38. Wetland W-1 (PFO) facing north.

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Photo 39. Wetland W-2 facing east.


Photo 40 . Wetland W-3 facing north.

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Photo 41. Wetland W-4 facing south.


Photo 42. Wetland W-5 facing south.

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Photo 43. Wetland W-6 facing south.


Photo 44 . Wetland $W$ - 7 facing west.

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Photo 45. Wetland W-8 facing northeast.


Photo 46. Wetland W-9 facing east.

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Photo 47. Wetland W-10 facing west.


Photo 48 . Wetland $\mathrm{W}-11$ facing southwest.

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Photo 49. Wetland W-12 facing northwest.


Photo 50. Wetland W-13 facing north.

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Photo 51. Wetland W-14 facing east.


Photo 52. Wetland W-15 facing east.

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Photo 53. Wetland W-16 facing east.


Photo 54. Wetland W-17 facing north.

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Photo 55. Wetland W-18 facing southwest.


Photo 56. Wetland W-19 facing south.

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Photo 57. Wetland W-20 facing northeast.


Photo 58. Wetland W-21 facing west.

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Photo 59. Wetland W-22 facing east.


Photo 60. Wetland W-23 facing east.

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Photo 61. Alder Lick Run facing north upstream


Photo 62. Bailey Run facing south downstream.

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Photo 63. Stream S-1 facing west upstream.


Photo 64. Stream S-2 facing north upstream.

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Photo 65. Stream S-3 facing south downstream.


Photo 66. Stream S-4 facing south downstream.

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Photo 67. Stream S-5 facing north upstream.


Photo 68. Stream S-6 facing north upstream.

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Photo 69. Stream S-7 facing west downstream.


Photo 70. Stream S-8 facing west downstream.

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Photo 71. Stream S-9 facing east upstream.


Photo 72. Stream S-10 facing south downstream.

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Photo 73. Stream S-11 facing southwest downstream.


Photo 74. Stream S-12 facing north upstream.

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Photo 75. Stream S-13 facing west upstream.


Photo 76. Stream S-14 facing west upstream.

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Photo 77. Stream S-15 facing south upstream.


Photo 78. Stream S-16 facing southwest upstream.

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Photo 79. Stream S-17 facing west upstream.


Photo 80. Stream S-18 facing west upstream.

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Photo 81. Stream S-19 facing west upstream.


Photo 82. Stream S-20 facing southwest upstream.

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Photo 83. Stream S-21 facing northeast upstream.


Photo 84. Stream S-22 facing northeast upstream.

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Photo 85. Stream S-23 facing northwest upstream.


Photo 86. Open Water OW-1 facing northeast.

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Photo 87. Open Water OW-2 facing south.


Photo 88. Open Water OW-3 facing west.

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Photo 89. Open Water OW-4 facing northwest.

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water moving through the wetland changes significantly. Areas with a high degree of hydrologic interaction should be scored as a single wetland. In determining a wetland's scoring boundaries, use the guidelines in the ORAM
Manual Section s.0. In certain instances, it may be difficult to establish the scoring boundary for the wetland being

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## Narrative Rating

INSTRUCTIONS. Answer each of the following questions. Questions $1,2,3$ and 4 should be answered based on infornation obtained from the site visit or the literature and by submitting a Data Services Request to the Ohio Fountain Square Court, Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phone), 614-265-3096 (fax),
 defined in the Endangered Species Act and is the geographic area containing physical or biological features essential
to the conservation of a listed species or as an area that may reexure special masagement considerations or protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquarterer or the Columbus Ecological Sevices Office for
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| ${ }^{1}$ | Critical habitat. Is the welland in a township, section, or subasection of a United States Geological Survey 7.5 minute Cuadrangle that has habitat" for any threatened or endangered plant or animal species? Note: as of January 1, 2001, of the forderaly isted endangered or threatened species which can be found in Ohlo, the Indiana Bat has had critical habitat designated (50 CFR $17.95(a)$ ) and the piping plover has hexd critical habitat proposed (65 FR 41812 July 6, 2000). | Wetland should be valuated for possible Category 3 status Go to Question 2 | Go to Question 2 |
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|  | Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species | YES (NO) | 17 yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 3. High Quality Natural Wetland | YES (NO) | If yes, Catagary 3. |
|  | Question 4. Significant bird habitat | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 5. Category 1 Wettands | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 1. |
|  | Question 6. Bogs | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 7. Fens | YES (NO) | Tiyes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 8a. Od Growth Forest | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands Restricted | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3: may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Question gid. Lake Erie Wetlands Unrestricted with rative plants | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3 |
|  | Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands Unrestricted with invasive plants | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Question 10. Oak Openings | YES (NO) | If yes, Calagary 3 |
|  | Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
| Quantitative Rating | Metric 1. Size | 2 |  |
|  | Metric 2. Buffers and surfounding land use | 8 |  |
|  | Metric 3. Hydrology | 21 |  |
|  | Metric 4. Habtat | 10.5 | $10$ |
|  | Metric 5. Special Wettand Communities | 0 | \| |
|  | Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersion, microtopography | 6 | 1 5 6, |
|  | TOTAL SCORE | 47.5 | Category based on score breakpoints 2 |

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet.
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End of Scoring Boundary Determination. Begin Narrative Rating on next page.
Name of Wetland: $\bar{W}-2 ; \bar{W}-3 ; W-4 ; \bar{W}-5$



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

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|  |  | circle answer or insert score | Result |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Narrative Rating | Question 1 Critical Habitat | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 2. Threatenad or Endangered Species | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3 . |
|  | Question 3. High Quality Natural Wetland | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 4. Slgnificant bird habitat | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 5. Category 1 Wellands | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 1. |
|  | Question 6. Bogs | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3 . |
|  | Question 7. Fens | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 8a. Odd Growth Forest | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland | VES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands Restricted | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands Unrestricted with native plants | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3 |
|  | Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands Unrestricted with invasive planis | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluale for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Question 10. Oak Openings | (NO) | If yes, Category 3 |
|  | Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2 . |
| Quantitative Rating | Metric 1. Size | 1 |  |
|  | Matric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use | 9 | Kik |
|  | Metric 3. Hydrology | 20 | (5x |
|  | Metric 4. Habitat | 9 |  |
|  | Metric 5. Special Wetland Communities | 0 |  |
|  | Metric 6. Plant communitles, interspersion, microtopography | 1 |  |
|  | TOTAL SCORE | 40 | Category based on score breakpoints Modified 2 |

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet.


Background information

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| Dato: 11/24/2015 |  |
| Affllation: EnviroScience Inc. |  |
| Addross: 5070 Stow Road, Stow, Ohio 44224 |  |
| Phone Number. $330-688-0111$ |  |
| --mall address: agilmore@EnviroScienceinc.com |  |
| Name of Wetland: W-6 |  |
| veggazion Communiailios): PEM |  |
| HGMClass(cos): Depression |  |
| Location of Wetland: Include map, addrass, north arrow, landmarks, distancos, roads, etc. Please refer to site wetlands and water resources map. |  |
|  | -80.726646 |
| USGS Quad Name | West Point |
| County | Columbiana |
| Townshlp | Madison |
| Section ard Subsection |  |
| Hyscrobgic Unit Code | \#05030101 |
| Sita Vist | 11/24/2015 |
| National Wevarand Inventory Map | X |
| Onib Welland Inventioy Map |  |
| Soil Survey | X |
| Delineation roportmap | X |



## Scoring Boundary Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS. The initial step in completing the ORAM is to identify the "scoring boundaries" of the wetland







 questions or a nced for further clarification of the appropriate scoring boundaries of a particular welland.

| \# | Stops in properly establishing scoring boundarles | done? | not applicable |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Step 1 | Identify the wedand area of interest. This may be the site of a proposed impact, a roference stite, conservation site, etc. | X |  |
| Stap 2 | Identify the locations where there is physical evidence that hydrology changes rapidly. Such evidence includes both naturat and humaninduces changes including. constrictions caused by berns or dikes. points where the water velocity changes rapilly at rapids or falls, points where significant infows occur at the contluence of rivers, or other factors that may restriat hydrologic interaction between the wettands or parts of a single watland. | X |  |
| Step ${ }^{3}$ | Defineate tre boundary of the wetland to be rated such that all areas of interest that are conliguous to and within the areas where the hydroiogy does not changes shgniicantly, Le. aress that have a hlgh degree of hydrotogic interacton are inciuded within the scoring boundary. | X |  |
| Stap 4 | Determine if artificial boundaries, such as propenty lines, state lires, roads, railroad ernbankments, etc., are present. These shouid not be used to establish scoring boundaries unless they coindide with areas where the hydrologic regime changes. | X |  |
| Step 5 | If all listancess, the Rater may enlarge the minimum scoring boundaries discussed here to scores together wetlends that coutd be scored separately |  | X |
| Stop 6 | Consult ORAMM Manual Section 5.0 for how to establish scoring boundarles for wetlands that form a patchwork on the lardscape, divided by artificial boundaries, contiguous to strearns, lakes or invers, or for dual classifications. |  | X |

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


| ${ }^{86}$ | Mature forested wettands. is the welland a forested watand with $50 \%$ or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of deciduous trees with large diameters at breast height (doh), generally diameters greater than 45 cm (17.7in) dbh? | YES <br> Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Goto Question 9a | (No) <br> Go to Question Fa |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9 a | Lake Ene coastal and tributary wetlands. is the wettand located at an elevation less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevation, or along a tributary to Lake Erie that ls accessibla to fish? | YES coto austion 9b | $\text { on } 10$ |
| $9{ }^{\text {b }}$ |  <br>  | YES <br> Welland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status <br> Go to Question 10 |  |
| gc |  | YES <br> Go to Question 20 | NO <br> Go to Quastion 10 |
| 9 d | Does the wetiand have a predoninance of natwe species within its vegatation communifies, allhough non-native or disturbance toleran native species can also be present? | YES <br> Wetland is a Categrory <br> 3 wetland <br> Go to Question 10 | NO Go to Question 98 |
| 9 | Does the wetlard have a predominance of nor-native or clisturbance tolerant native plant species within its yegetation communitis? | YES Wetland should be evaluated for possible Categry 3 status Go to Question 10 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { NO } \\ & \text { Go to Question } 10 \end{aligned}$ |
| ${ }^{10}$ | Lake Plain Sand Praines (Oak Openings) is the welland located in Lucas, Fulton, Henry, or Wood Counties and can the wetland be Charactenized by the tollowing descriplon: the welland has a sandy several inches of the surface, and often with a dominance of the gramineous vegetation listed in Table 1 (woody species may also be present). The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Dlvision of Natural Areas and Preserves can provide assistance in conffming this rpe of welland and ìs quality. | YES Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. <br> Go to Question 11 | (0) <br> Go to Question 11 |
| 11 | Rellct Wet Prairifs. Is the wetfand a relict wet prairie community dorninated by some or all of the species in Table 1. Exiensive pralries were fornerly located in the Darby Plalns (Marlson and Union Counties), Sandusky Plains (Wyandot, Craword, and Marion Counties), northwest Ohio (e.g. Erie, Huron, Lucas, Wood Countles) and portions of westem Chio Counties fe.g. Oarke, Nercer, Mam, Montgomery, Van Wert etc.) | YES <br> Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status <br> Complete Quartitadive Rating |  |

Narrative Rating INSTRUCTIONS. Answer each of the following questions. Questions 1, 2,3 and 4 should be answered based on
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Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, Naturara Heritage Data Services, 1889 Fountain Square Court, Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phone), 614-265-3096 (fax), htcp:///www,dur.state.ob.usddnap. The remaining questions are designed to be answered primarily by the resulls of defined in the Endangered Sppccies Acs and is the geographic area a ontraining physical or biologogical features essential protection. The Ratetr should contact the Region 3 Headquarterts or the Columbus Ecologisal Services Office for updates as to whether critical habitat has been designated for other federally listed threatened or endangered species.
"Documented" means the welland is listed in the approp iate State of Ohio database.

| \# | Qusstion | Ciride one |  |
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| ${ }^{1}$ | Crilcal Hablat. Is ithe welland fin a township, section, or subsection of a United States Geological Survey 7.5 minute Quadrangle that has been dosignated by the U.s. Fish and Wilis Selvico as crivical habitar for any thraatened or endangered plant or animal species? Note: as of January 1,2001 , of Che federaly listed endangered or threatened species which can be tound in Ohit, the Indiana Bat has had critical habitat designated ( 50 CFR 17.95 (a)) and the piping plover has had crilical habitat proposed (65 FR 41812 July 6,2000 ) | Welland shauld be evaluated for possible Category 3 status <br> Go to Question 2 |  |
| ${ }^{2}$ | Threatened or Endangered Specles. Is the welland known to contain an individual of, or documented occumences of foderal or state-isted threatened or endangered piant or animal species? | YES <br> Wetland is a Category 3 welland. <br> Go to Question 3 | (v) <br> Goto Question 3 |
| ${ }^{3}$ | Documented High Quallyy Wetland. Is the metand on record in Natural Heritage Database as a high quaity wetland? | Wetland is a Category <br> 3 welland <br> Go to Question 4 | No |
| ${ }^{4}$ | Silgnificant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the wetland contain documented regionaly sigilicicant breeding or nonbreeding wateriow, neotropical songbird, or shorebird conceantration areas? <br>  | Welland is a Category <br> 3 wetland <br> Go to Question 5 |  |
| 5 | Catagory Woulands. Is hit wevand less than 0.5 hioctaras (1 1 acre) vegolation that is odominatad (griatese than eight per cont argal cover) <br>  no vegeatalon? | YES <br> Wetland is a Category <br> 1 weüand <br> Go to Question 6 |  |
| ${ }^{6}$ |  <br>  | Wetand is a Category <br> 3 wetland <br> Go to Question 7 | No <br> Go to Question 7 |
| I | Fens. Is the wetand a carton accournulating (peat, muck) wetland that is salurated during most of the yoar, primanliy by a discharge of free flowing, minerara rich, ground water with a drcumneutral ph (5.5.9.0) and with one or more plant species listed in Table 1 and the cover of invaske species listed in Table 1 is $<25 \%$ ? | YES <br> Wetland is a Category <br> 3 wellard <br> Go to Question 8 a |  |
| ${ }^{83}$ | "Od Growth Forest". Is the welland a forested wettand and is the Torest characionized by, but no iminer to, the following charader proiected maximum atamabite age for a species); litte or no evidence of humran-caused understory disisurance during the past 80 to 100 years; an all-aged stucture and multizyered canopies; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with caropy gaps; and signticicant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs? | Yes Welland is a Category 3 wetland. <br> Go to Question 8\% | (N) <br> Go to Quastion 88 |



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


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 defined in the Endangered Speccies Act and is the geographic area containing physicale: or biological features essential to the conservation of a listed species or as an area that may require special management considerations or
protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquarters or the Cotumbus Ecological Services Office for updates as to whetber critical habitat has been designated for other federally listed threatened or endangered species.
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|  |  | circle answer or insert score | Result |
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| Narrative Rating | Question 1 Critical Habitat | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Cuestion 3. High Quality Natural Wetland | YES (NO) | 17 yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 4. Significant bird habitat | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 5. Category 1 Wefllands | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 4. |
|  | Question 6. Bogs | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 7. Fens | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3 . |
|  | Question 8a. Od Growth Forest | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands Restricted | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Question 9d. Lake Erie WetlandsUnrestricted with native plants | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3 |
|  | Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands Unrestricted with invasive plants | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Quastion 10. Oak Openings | ) | 15 yes, Category 3 |
|  | Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies | (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Quantitiative } \\ & \text { Rating } \end{aligned}$ | Metric 1. Size | 0 |  |
|  | Metric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use | 14 |  |
|  | Metric 3. Hydrology | 16 |  |
|  | Metric 4. Habitat | 15 |  |
|  | Metric 5. Special Wettand Communities | 0 |  |
|  | Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersion, microtopography | 1 |  |
|  | TOTALSCORE | 46 | Category based on score breakpoints 2 |

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Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Scoring Boundary Worksheet
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 however，the scoring boundary will not be as easily determined Wetlands that are small or isolated from other

 be scored as a single wetland．In determining a wetland＇s scoring boundaries，use the guidelines in the ORAM
Manual Section 5．0．In certain instances，it may he difficult to establish the scoring bourdary for the wetland being Manual Section 5.0 ．In certain instances，it may be difficult to establish the scoring boundary for the wetland bein
rated．These problem situations include wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape，wetlands divided by
artificial boundaries like property fences，roads，or railroad embankments，wetlands that are contiguous with streams，lakes，or rivers，and estuarine or coastal wetlands．These situations are discussed below，however，it is
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INSTRUCTIONS. Answer each of the following questions. Questions $1,2,3$ and 4 should be answered based on Nformation obtained from the site visit or the literature and by submitting a Data Services Requess to the Ohio Fountain Square Court, Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phonc), 614-265-3096 (fax), $\frac{\text { http: } / \text { /www.dnr.state.,gh. us/dnap. }}{}$. The remaining questions are designed to be answered primarily by the results of defined in the Endangered Species Act and is the geographic area containing physical or biological faatures essential 1o the conservation of a listed species or as an anea that may require special management considerations or updates as to whether critical habitat has been designated for other federally listed threatened or endangered species.
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End of Narrative Rating. Begin Quantitative Rating on next page.


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Critcal Habltat. Is the wetland in a township. section, or subsection of a Unled States Seological Survey 7.5 minute Cuadrangle that has beon designataod by the U.S. Fish ald Widifís Service as critical Note: as of January 1, 2001, of the tederally listed endangened or threatened species which can be fuund in Ohio, the Indiana Bat has nad cricical habitat deslignated ( 50 CFR 17.95(a) ) and the plping plover has had cnitical habiat proposed (65 FR 41812 July 6,2000 ). | Welland shouid be evaluated for possible Category 3 status <br> Go to Question 2 | Go ta Question 2 |
| ${ }^{2}$ | Thratened or Endangered Spoclas. Is the walland known to corkain an individual of, or documented occurtercess of ferereral or state-listed threatened or endangened plamt or aninnal spocies? | Wetland is a Category <br> 3 welland. <br> Go to Question 3 | $\text { Go to Question } 3$ |
| ${ }^{3}$ | Documented High Qualty Wetlend. is the wetland on recond th Natural Heritage Database as a bigh quality welland? | Wetland is a Category <br> 3 welland <br> Go to Question 4 | to Question 4 |
| ${ }^{4}$ | Significant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the weland <br>  | YES <br> Weliand is a Category <br> 3 welland <br> Go to Question 5 |  |
| 5 | Category 1 Wetiands. Is the wetland less than 0.5 hectares (1 acre) in size and hydrologlcally lsolated and either 1) comprised of vegetation that is donninated (greater than eighty per cent areai cover) by Phelaris arundinacea, Lyitrum sakcania, or Phragmikes australis, or no vegetation? $\qquad$ | YES <br> Wetland is a Category 1 wetland <br> Go to Question 6 | (No) |
| 6 |  | YES <br> Welland is a Category <br> 3 wetland <br> Go to Question 7 | Go to Question 7 |
| 7 | Fens. Is the weviard a cartoon accuimulating (peat, muck) walland that <br>  and with onte or more plant spectas listed in Table 1 and the cover of invasive species listed in Table 1 is $<25 \%$ ? | YES <br> Wetland is a Category <br> 3 welland <br> Goto Question Ba | Go to Quastion 8a |
| вa | "Old Growth Forest" is the wetland a forested wetland and is the Orest characterized by, but nol limited to, the following characideristics: overstory caropy trees of great age (excoeding at least $50 \%$ of a <br>  years; an all-aged structure and muitidyyerrd canopies: aggregations of canopy trees interspersed wiit caropy gaps; and significant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs? | Wetland is a Category <br> 3 welland. <br> Go to Question 8b |  |


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Wetland Categorization Worksheet

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| Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions: <br> Narrative Rating Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8a, 90, 10 | YES <br> Welland is calegorized as a Category 3 wellard |  |  caleory of hh wetiand using then narative citeriain $O A C$ assessments to cetrmine if the welland has been overategarized by the ORAM |
| Didy you answer Fess 10 any Of the following questions: 9b, 90, 11 | Welland should be avaluated for 3 status possible Category |  |  |
| Did you answer Mes to Namative Raling No. 5 | Yes <br> Weland is categorized as a Category 1 welland |  |  <br>  tunctional assessmenents tod deteminal It tho welland has |
| Does the quantitative scone fal wilhin the scoring range wetland? | Yes) <br> Welland is assigned to the appropriate categrory based on the scoring rance | No | If the score of the welland is Iocated within the scoring range for a particular category, the watfand should be assigned to that category. In all instances however, the narrative criteria described In OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) can be used to ciarify or change a categorization based on a quanfitative score. |
| Does the quantitative score fall with the "gray zone" for fall with the "gray zone for Category 1 or 2 or Category 2 or 3 wellands? | Welland is <br> assigned to the <br> categories or <br> category based on <br> detailed <br> the narrative <br> critería |  | Rater has the option of assigning the welland to the higher of the two categories or to assign a category based on the results of a nenrapid welland assessment method, e.g. functional assessment, biologicat assessment, etc, and a 54(C). |
|  | res <br> Welland was undercatogorized by this method. A written justification for recategorization should be provided on Background Information Form | No | A weiliand may be undercategorized using this method, but blutic communitites may be degraded by humana acelvidies, but the wetland may stili extibiit superior hydrologic ons because of its type, landsiscape postion, size, local or regional signiikance, etc. In this circumstanco, the narrative criteria in OAC Rule $3745-1-54$ (C) (2) and (3) are controlling, and the under-categorization shoutd be infomation for this tolemmination should be provided. corfacter. A witten justicication with supporing reasons or |


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INSTRUCTIONS．The initial step in completing the ORAM is to identify the＂scoring boundaries＂of the wetland being rated．In many instances this determination will be relatively easy and the scoring boundaries will coincide with the＂jurisdictional boundaries．＂For example，the scoring boundary of an isolated cattail marsh located in the
middle of a farm field will likely be the same as that wetland＇s jurisdictional boundaries．In other instances， however，the scoring boundary will not be as easily determined．Wetlands that are small or isolated from other
surface waters often form large contiguous arcas or heterogeneous complexes of wetland and upland．In separating


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## Narrative Rating

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| ${ }^{1}$ | Enticial Habliat. Is the weldand in a towiship, section, or subsedion of a Uniled States Geologica! Survey 7.5 minuta Ouadrangle that has been designated by the U.S. Fish a, Notet: as of January 1, 2003, of the fedederally yisted endangerace or threatened species which can be found in Onio, the trodiana Bat has had critical hablitat designated (50 CFR 17.95 (a)) and the piping plover has had critical habitat proposed (65 FR 41812 July 6,2000 ). | Watland should be valuated for possible Categry 3 status Go to Question 2 | Go to Question 2 |
| ${ }^{2}$ | Threatened or Endangered Specles. Is the wetland krown to cortain an indivkual of, or documented occurtences of lederal or state-lisied inreatened or endangered plant or animal species? | Wetland Is a Category <br> 3 welland. <br> Go to Question 3 |  |
| ${ }^{3}$ | Documented High Cualithy Werland. is ine wetuandon record in Natural Heritage Database as a ligh quality weland? | Yes Wetland is a Category 3 wetland Go lo Question 4 | Goto Question 4 |
| ${ }^{4}$ | Sİnificant Ereeding or Concentration Aroa. Dois the welland contain docamentied regionaly siginitcant breading or nonbreeding waiertow, neotropical songbird, or shorebird concentration areas? | YES <br> Welland is a Category 3 welland <br> Go to Question 5 | Go to Question 5 |
| 5 |  vegetation that is dominated (greater than eighty per cont araal cover) 2) an ackicic pond creatog or oxcavaled on mined lants then has litio or o vegelation? | Wevand is a Category <br> 1 wetand <br> Go to Question 6 | to Question 6 |
| 6 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { Wolland is a Category } \\ & 3 \text { weltand } \\ & \text { Go to Question } 7 \\ & \hline \mathrm{YES} \end{aligned}$ | Go to Guestion 7 |
| 7 | Fens. is the wetand a carbon accumulating (peat, muck) wevand that <br>  and with one or mora plant specias listed in Table 1 and the cover of invasive species fisted in Table $1 \mathrm{k} \leqslant 25 \%$ ? | Wetland is a Calegory <br> 3 wetland <br> Gato Question 8 a | Go to Question ga |
| 8 s | "Odd Growth Forest" is the wetland a torested weitiand and is the <br>  prodected maximum attanable age for a spesciss); itite or no evidence of humar-caused underslery disiurbance durmag the past 8010100 years: an all-gged structurs and multiayerrad canoples; aggregations of of slanding dead sniags and downeod logs? | YES <br> Wetland is a Catogory 3 welland. <br> Go to Question 88 |  |


ORAM Summary Worksheet

|  |  | circle answer or insert score | Result |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Narrative Reting | Question 1 Critical Habitat | YeS (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 3. High Quality Natural Weltand | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 4. Significant bird habitat | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 5. Category 1 Wetlands | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 1. |
|  | Question 6. Bogs | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3 . |
|  | Question 7. Fens | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3 . |
|  | Question 8a. Ofd Growdh Forest | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetliand | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Quastion 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands Restricted | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands Unrestricted with native plants | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3 |
|  | Question 9e. Lake Erie WetlandsUnrestricted with invasive plants | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Question 10. Oak Openings | YES (NO) | If yes, Category ${ }^{3}$ |
|  | Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
| Quantitative Rating | Metric 1. Size | 1 |  |
|  | Metric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use | 5 |  |
|  | Metric 3. Fुydrology | 10 | V/ky |
|  | Metric 4. Habitat | 10.5 | (exk |
|  | Metric 5. Special Wettand Communities | 0 |  |
|  | Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersion, microtopography | 3 |  |
|  | TOTAL SCORE | 29.5 | Category based on score breakpoints Category 1 |

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet.
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Wetland Categorization Worksheet

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## Scoring Boundary Worksheet

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rated. These problem situations include wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, wetlands divided by

questions or a need for further clarification of the appropriate scoring boundaries of a particular wetland.

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


| ${ }^{86}$ | Mature formsted wettands. Is the weltand a rcrested welland wifh $50 \%$ or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of diameters greater than 45 cm (17.7n) dibh? <br>  | Wettand should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status. Go to Questlon 9a | Go to Question Sa |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9 a | Lake Erio coastal and tributary vietlands. is the woutand located at an elevaton less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevation, ox atong a thbutary to Lake Erie that is accessione to fisit? | YES Go touestion gb | to quastion 10 |
| ${ }^{56}$ | Does the weiland's hydradogy resulf from measuras designed to prevent erosion and the loss of aquatic plants, i.e. the wotandos partialy hydrologically resticicted from Lake Erie due to lakeward or landward dikes or other hydrological condrols? | YES <br> Wetland should be evaluated for possible <br> Category 3 status <br> Golo Quastion 10 | Go to Question 9 |
| 9 c |  | YES Go to Question 9d | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No } \\ & \text { Go to Cuestion } 10 \end{aligned}$ |
| 9 d | Does the wetland have a predominance of native spectes within its vegetation communities, alfhough non-native or disturbance tolerant native species can also be present? | YEs <br> Wettiand is a Category <br> 3 wetland <br> Go to Question 10 | Go to Cuestion 9a |
| ${ }^{90}$ | Does the wetrand have a predomisance of non-native or disflurbance tolerant native plant species within its vegetation comurnunities? | YES <br> Welland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status <br> Goto Question 10 | Go to Question 10 |
| 10 |  Lucas, Fultion, Henry, or Wood Counties and can the welland be charecterized by the folowing description: the weilard has a sandy substrate with interspersed organic matter, a water table often within several inches of the surface, and offen with a dorminance of the gramineous vegotation listed in Table 1 (woody specias may also Natural Areas and Prasemes can provide assislance in confirming this type of welland and its quality. | Welland 's a Category <br> 3 wettand. <br> Go to Question 11 | Golo Quastion 11 |
| 11 | Rellct Wet Prairiss. is the wethand a relict wet prairie community dominated by scrne or all of the species in Table 1. Extensive pry were formerly iocated In the Darby Plains (Madison and Union Counties), Sandusky Plains (Wyandot, Crawford, and Marion Counties), northwest Ohlo (e.g. Erie, Huron, Lucas, Woad Countles), and portions of westem Onio Counties (e.g. Darke, Mercer, Miaml, Montgomery, Van Wert etc.) | Wellard shou'd be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Complete Quanlitative Rating | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Complete } \\ & \text { Quantitative } \\ & \text { Rating } \end{aligned}$ |

## Narrative Rating

INSTRUCTIONS. Answer each of the following questions. Questions $1,2,3$ and 4 should be answered based on information obtained from the site visit or the ilterature and by yubmiititng a Data Services Request to the Obio Fountain Square Court Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phone), $614-265-3096$ (fax),
 defined in the Endangered Species Act and is the geographic area contwining physical or biological features essential
to the conservation of a listed species or as an area that may require special management considerations or protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquarress or the Columbus Ecological Services office for
upddates as to whether critical habitat has been designated for orther federally listed threatened or endangered species. updates as so whether critical habiat has been designateo for other federally yisted hane




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|  |  | circle answer or insert score | Result |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Narrative Rating | Question 1 Critical Habitat | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 3. High Quality Natural Wetland | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 4. Stgrificant bird habitat | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 5. Category 1 Wetands | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 1. |
|  | Question 6. Bogs | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 7. Fens | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 8a. Od Growth Forest | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3. |
|  | Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Catogory 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands. Restricted | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Categary 3; may also bs 1 or 2. |
|  | Question 9d. Lake Efie WetlandsUnrestricted with native plants | YES (NO) | If yes, Category 3 |
|  | Question 9e. Lake Erie Wellands Unrestricted with invasive plants | YES NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
|  | Question 10. Oak Openings | YES (NO) | If yes, Calegory 3 |
|  | Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies | YES (NO) | If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Quantitative } \\ & \text { Rating } \end{aligned}$ | Metric 1. Size | 2 |  |
|  | Metric 2. Buffers and surreunding land use | 8 | 10 |
|  | Metric 3. Hydralogy | 16 |  |
|  | Metric 4. Habitat | 16 | $\text { Wh ( } 6$ |
|  | Metric 5. Special Wetand Communities | 0 | $1$ |
|  | Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersion, microtopography | 5 |  |
|  | TOTAL SCORE | 47 | Category based on score breakpoints Category 2 |

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet.
Background Information

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Wetland Categorization Worksheet

| Choices | Clircta ons |  | Evaluation of Categorization Resuli of ORAM |
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| Did you answer＂Yes＂To any of the ！oflowing questions： <br> Narrative Rating Nos．2，3， 4，6．7，8a，9d， 10 | YES <br> Weyand is categorized as a Category 3 wetland | (NO) | is quantitative rating score less thean the Category 2 scoring threshold（excluding gray zone）？If yes，reevaluate the category of the watland using the narrative criteriB in OAC Rule 3745－1－54（C）and blological andior functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been over－ categorized by the ORAM |
| Did youl answar＂Yes＂to any of the following questions： <br> Narrative Rating Nos．1．8b， $9 \mathrm{~b}, \mathrm{Fe}, 11$ | YES <br> Wetland should be evaluated for posslble Category 3 stafus | ） | Evaluate the wetland using the 1）nanative criteria in OAC Rule 3745－1－54（C）and 2）the quantitalive rating score．If the wetland is determined to be a Category 3 weliand using either of these，it should be categorized as a Category 3 wetland．Detailed biological and／or functional assessments may also be used to determine the welland＇s category． |
| Did you answer $\mathrm{Fres}^{\text {a }}$ to | YES <br> Wetand is calegorized as a Category 1 walland |  | Is quantitative rating score greater Than the Calegory 2 scoring threshold（including any gray zone）？if yes， reevaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745－1－54（C）and blological and／or funclional assessments to determine if the wetland has been under－categorized by the ORAM |
| Doos the quanilitative score fall within the scoring range of a Category 1,2 ，or 3 welland？ | （YES） <br> Wetland is assigned to the appropriate category based on the scoring range | No | If the scone of the wetland is located within the scoring range for a particular category，the welland should be assigned to that category．In all instances however，the narrative criteria described in OAC Rule 3745－1－54（C）can be used to clarify or change a categorization based on a quantitative score． |
| Does the quandilativa score fall with the＂gray zone＂for Categary 1 or 2 or Category 2 or 3 wellands？ | YES <br> Wetand is assigned to the higher of the two categories or assigned to a category based on dotailed assessmerts and the narrative criteria |  | Rater has the option of assigning the welland to the higher of the two calegories or to assign a calegory based on the resulits of a nonrapid wetland assessment method，e．g． functional assessment，bidogical assossment etc，and a consideration of the natrative criteria in OAC rule 3745－1－ 54（C）． |
| Does the wetiand othervise exhibit mocterats OR superior hydroiogle OR habitat，OR recreational functions AND the welland was not categorized as a Category 2 wetland in the case of moderate functions）or a Category 3 watland in the case of superior furctions）by this method？ | YES <br> Wetland was undercategorized by this method．A written justification for recalegorization should be provided on Background <br> Information Form | Nofland is asslgned to category as detarmined by the ORAM． | A welland may be undercategorized using this method，but sïli exilbit one or more superior functions，e．g．a wetland＇s biotic communities may be degraded by human activities． but the welland may still exdibit superior hydrologic functions because of tis type，tandscape position，size，local or regional significance，etc．In this circumstance，the narative criteria in OAC Rule 3745－1－54（C）（2）and（3）are controlling，and the under－categorization should be corrected．A witten justrifation with supporting reasons or information for this determination should be provided． |


End of Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands．
Scoring Boundary Worksheet
INSTRUCTIONS. The initial step in completing the ORAM is to identify the "scoring boundaries" of the wetland



 water moving throught the wetland changes significantly. Areas with a high degree of hydrologicicinteraction should
be scored as a single weeland. In determining a wetland's scoring boundaries, use the guidelines in the ORAM
 rated. These problem situations include wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, wetlands divided by
atrificial boundaries like property fences, roads, or rairoad embankments, wetlands that are contiguous with streams, hakes, or ivers, and estuarine or coastal wetlands. These situations are discussed below, however, itis recommended that Rater contact Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, $401 / \mathrm{Netlands}$ Section if there are a
questions or a need for further claritication of the appropriate scoring boundaries of a particular wetiand.

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

Neme of Wotand: W-14
Please refer to site wetlands and water resources map.
Comments, Narrative Disccusslon, Justificaton of Catogory Changes:
Final score: 48


## Narrative Rating

INSTRUCTIONS. Answer each of the following questions. Questions $1,2,3$ and 4 should be answered based on
infomation obtained information obtained from the site evisit or the literature and by submititing a Data Servicese Request to the Ohio
Departrent of of autura Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, Natural Heritage Data Services, 1889 Fountain Square Court Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phone), 614-265-3096 (fax),
 defined in the Endangered Species Act and is the geographic area containing physical or biological features essential
to the conservation of a listed species or as an area that may recuire special management considerations or protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquaterers or the Columbus Ecological Services Office for
updates as to whether critical habitat has been designated for other federally listed threatercd or endangered species. "Documented" means the wetland is listed in the appropriate State of Otio database.

| \# | Ques | Cinde one |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cittical Hablat. Is the weilandin a township, section, or stibsection o a Unitid Statos Geological Survey 7.5 minute Quadrangle that has habital for any ureatered or end angered plant or anlmal specitas? Nots: as of January 1 . 2001 , of the lefereraly listed endangered or throalened species which can be found tin Ohio, the indiana Bat has had critical habitat deslignated ( 50 CFR $17.95($ a) $)$ and the piping plover has had critical habitat proposed (65 FR 41812 Juyy, 6,2000 ). | Welland should be valuated for possible Category 3 status Go to Question 2 | Go to Question 2 |
| ${ }^{2}$ | Threatenad or Endangered Species. Is the welland known to conitiain an Individual of, or documented pocuirences of foderal or statellited threatened or endangered plant or animal species? | Wellatd is a Category <br> 3 welland- <br> Go 10 Question 3 | Goto Question 3 |
| ${ }^{3}$ | Nalural Heritage Database as a wigh quality welland? <br> an on record in | Welland is a Category <br> 3 wetland <br> Go to Question 4 | No <br> Go to Quession 4 |
| 4 <br> 4 | SIgnikicant Breeding or Concentration Area. Dose the wetland Contain documented raglinaly significant breeding or nonbreeding waterfow, neotropical sorgoblrct, or shorebird concentration areas? Trow. | Wettand is a Category <br> 3 wetland <br> Go to Question 5 | (No) |
| 5 |  veggetalion that is dooninaleted (groatere than eighty per cont areal cover) 2) an acdicic pond created or exxavated on mined lands that has lititio or | Wettand is a Category 1 weland <br> Go to Question 6 |  |
| 6 |  | YES Wetland is a Category 3 weland Go to Question 7 | Go to Question 7 |
| 7 | Fans. is the wotland a canton accumulining peat mucki, wetland that <br>  and with one or more Piant spectess isted in Tabliay 1 and the coveror of invasive species istod in Table 1 is $<25 \%$ ? | YES <br> Wetland is a Category <br> 3 wetland <br> Go to Question 8a | Goto Question Ba |
| ${ }^{\text {ba }}$ | "Old Growth Forest" Is the welland a forested welland and is the forest characterized by, but no limited to, the following characierisilics overstory canopy trees of great age (excoeding at least $50 \%$ of a profecied maximum attainabie age for a a speciess; ittle or no evidenco of humanclused uncerstory disturbance during the pas 8010100 years; an all-aged structure and multiayered canoples; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with canopy gaps; and signiticant numbers of standing doad snags and downed loss? | YES <br> Wetand is a Category 3 welland. <br> Go to Question 8 b | Go to Question \&y |



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

## ORAM Summary Worksheet


Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet.
Wetland Categorization Worksheet


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Scoring Boundary Worksheet
 being rated. In many instances this determination will be relatively easy and the scoring boundaries will coincide

however, the scoring boundary will not be as easily determined. Wetlands that are small or isolated from other
surface waters often form large contiguous areas or heterogeneous complexes of wetland and upland. In separating
wetlands for scoring purmoses, the hydrologic regime of the wetland is the main criterion that should be used.



artificial boundaries like property fences, roads, or railroad embankments, wetlands that are contiguous with



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| ${ }^{86}$ | Mature forested wetlands. Is the welland a forested welland with $50 \%$ or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of deciduous trees with large diameters at breast helght (\$oh), generelly diameters greater than 45 cm (17.7n) dbh? | YES <br> Weltand strould be evaluated for posslble Category 3 status. <br> Go to Question 9a |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9 a | Lake Ene coastal and trlbutary wettionds. is the welland located at an elevation less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevalion, or along a tributary to Lake Erie that is accessible to fish? | YES Go to Question 9b | to Question 10 |
| 96 | Does the wetland's hydrology result from measures designed to prevent erosion and the loss of aquatic plants, i.e. the wetland is landward dikes or other hydrological controls? partially hydrodogically restricted from Lake Erie due to lakeward or landward dikes or other hydrological controls? | YES <br> Welland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status <br> Go to Question 10 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NO } \\ & \text { co to Question } 9 \text {. } \end{aligned}$ |
| 96 | Are Lake Erie water levels the wedland's primary hydrological influence, i.e. the wetiand is fyydrologically urrestricted (rolakeward or uplend border alterations), or the wettand can be characterized as an "estuarine" welland with lake and river infuenced hydrology. These Include sandber deposition wetlands, estuarine wetlands, fiver mouth wetlands, or those dominated by submersed aquatic vegetation. | YES <br> Go to Question 9d | NO <br> Go to Question 10 |
| 9d | Does the wetland kave a predominance of native species within its vegetation communities, athough nor-native $\propto$ disturbance toferant native species can also be present? | YES <br> Wetland is a Category <br> 3 wetland <br> So to Question 10 | NO <br> Go to Question 90 |
| 98 | Does the welland have a predominance of non-native or disturbance tolerant native plant species within its vegetation communties? | YES <br> Wetland should be evaluated for possibite Category 3 status <br> Go to Question 10 | Go to Question 10 |
| 10 | Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings) is the wettand located $h$ Lucas, Fulton, Henry, or Wood Counties and can the wetland be characterized by the following description: the weland has a sandy substrate with interspersed organic matter, a water table often within several linches of the surface, and often with a dominance of the gramineous vegetation ilsied in Table 1 (woody spectes may also be present). The Ohio Depariment of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves can provide assislance in confirming this type of wetland and ths quality. | YES <br> Wetland is a Category 3 wetland. <br> Go to Question 11 | Go to Question 11 |
| 11 | Rollet Wet Prairies. Is the welland a relict wet pralrie community dominated by some or all of the species in Table 1. Extensive prairies were farmery located in the Darby Plains (Madson and Union Counties), Sandusky Plains (Wyandot, Crawford, and Marion Counties), northwest Ohio (e.g. Ene, Hurron, Lucas, Wood Counties), and portions of western Ohio Counties (e.g. Darke, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Van Wert etc.). | YES <br> Welland strould be evaluated for possible Category 3 status <br> Complete Quanfitative Rating | NO <br> Complete Quantitalive Rating |

Narrative Rating
INSTRUCTIONS. Answer each of the following questions. Questions 1,2,3 and 4 should be answered based on infornation obtained from the site visit or the literature and by submitting a Data Services Request to the Ohio Fountain Square Court, Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 43224, 614-265-6453 (phone), 614-265-3096 (fax), $\frac{\text { htpp://www.dor state.oh., } \mathrm{p} / \text { /dnag. }}{\text { the site visit. Refer to the User's Manual for descriptions of these wethand types. Note: "Critical habital" is legally }}$ defined in the Endangered Species Act and is the geographic area containing physical or biological features essential protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquarters or the Columbus Ecological Services Office for updates as to whether critical habitat has been designated for other federally listed threatenced or endangered species. "Documented" means the wetland is listed in the appropriate State of Ohio database.

| \# | Question | Circte one |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 <br>  <br>  | Critical Hablat. Is the welland in a tomnshlip, section, or subsection of a United States Geological Survey 7.5 minute Quadrangle that has been designated by the U.S. FIsh and Widlife Service as "critical habital" for any threatened or endangered plant or animal species? Note: as of January 1, 2001, of the federally listed endangered or Urreatened species which can be found in Ohlo, the Indiena Bat has had critical habitat designated (50 CFR 17.95 (a)) and the plping plover has had critical habital proposed ( 65 FPR 41812 July 6,2000 ). | YES <br> Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status Go to Question 2 |  |
| 2 | Threatened or Endangered Species. Is the wetland known to contain an individual of, or documented occurrerices of federal or statelisted threatered or endangered plant or animal specles? | YES <br> Wettand is a Category 3 wetland. <br> Go to Question 3 |  |
| ${ }^{3}$ | Documented High Qually Wotland. is the welland on record in Natural Heritage Database as a high quality welland? | YES <br> Wetland is a Category 3 wetland <br> Go to Question 4 | Go to Question 4 |
| 4 | Signlficant Breeding or Concentration Area. Does the welland contain dccumented reglonally slgnificant breeding or nonbreeding waterfow, neotropical songblrd, or shorebird concentration areas? | YES <br> Wetland is a Category 3 wetland <br> Go to Question 5 |  |
| 5 | Category i watlands. is the welland less than 0.5 hectares (1 acre) In size and hydrologlcally isolated and either 1) comprised of vegetation that is dominated (greater than eighty per cent areal cover) by Phadaris anundinaces, Lythrum salicaria, or Phragmites australis, or 2) an acidic pond created or excavated on mined lands that has litile or no vegetation? | YES <br> Wetland is a Caleggry <br> 1 welland <br> Go to Question 6 |  |
| ${ }^{8}$ | Bogs. Is the welland a peat-accumulating welland that 1) has no significant inflows or outfiows, 2) supports acidophilic mosses, particularly Sphagnum spp., 3) the acidophilic mosses have $>30 \%$ cover, 4) at least one species from Tabie 1 is present, and 5) the cover of invasive species (see Table 1) is < $25 \%$ ? | Wetland is a Calegory 3 wetland <br> Go to Question 7 |  |
| 7 | Fans. Is the wetiand a cartion accurnulating (peat, muck) weiland that is saturated during most of the year, primarily by a discharge of free flowing, mineral rich, ground water with a circumneutral ph (5.5-9.0) and with one or more plant species listed in Table 1 and the cover of invasive species fisted in Table 1 is $<25 \%$ ? | YES <br> Wetland is a Category 3 welland <br> Go to Question Ba | Go to Question 8a |
| 8a | "OCd Growth Forest." is the welland a forested wetland and is the forest characterized by, but not limited to, the following characteristics: overstory canopy trees of great age (exceeding at least $50 \%$ of a projected maximum attainable age for a species); tatle or no evilence of human-caused understory disturbance durhg the past 80 to 100 years; an all-aged structure and mutilayered canopies; aggregations of canopy trees interspersed with canopy gaps; and significant numbers of standing dead snags and downed logs? | YES <br> Welland is a Category 3 welland. <br> Go to Question Bb | Go to Question 80 |



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

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet.

Background Information



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INSTRUCTIONS．The initial step in completing the ORAM is to identify the＂scoring boundaries＂of the wetand being rated．In many instances this determination will be relatively easy and the scoring boundaries will coincide



 be scored as a single wetland．In determining a wetland＇s scoring boundaries，use the guidelines in the ORAM
Manual Section 5．0．In certain instances，it may be difficult to establish the scoring boundary for the wetland being
 streams，lakes，or rivers，and estuarine or coastal wellands．These situations are discussed below，however，it is recommended that Rater contact Ohio EPA，Division of Surface Water， $401 /$ Wetlands Section if there are additional
questions or a need for further clarification of the appropriate scoring boundaries of a particular wetland．

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## Narrative Rating

INSTRUCTIONS. Answer each of the following questions. Questions $\mathrm{I}, 2,3$ and 4 should be answered based on
 Fountain Square Court, Building F-1, Columbus, Ohio 4324, $614-265-6453$ (phone), $14-265-3096$ (fax),
thtpi/www,dncs.state.obuysdrap. The remaining questions are designed to be answered primarily by the results of
 to the conservation of a listed species or as an araee that may y require special management considerations or protection. The Rater should contact the Region 3 Headquarters or the Columbus Ecological Services Office for
updates as so whether critical habitat has beco designated for other federally listed threatened or endangered species.
"Documented" means the wetland is listed in the appropriate State of Ohio datatabase. "Documented" means the wetland is listed in the appropriate State of Ohio database.



[^0]:    "Those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas."

[^1]:    Basemap courtesy ot Esi Sol data courresy ot SSURGO

[^2]:    US Amy Corps of Enginoers

