



**Construction Notice for  
1250 S. Washington Street Betterment (2019)  
Pipeline Replacement Project Van Wert  
County, Ohio  
For Existing Pipeline Replacement**

**Ohio Power Siting Board  
Case No. 19-1539-GA-BNR**



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*Via Electronic Filing*

Ms. Tanowa Troupe  
Administration/Docketing  
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180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

**Re: The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio Construction Notice for Case No. 19-1539-GA-BNR**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case is a copy of the Construction Notice Application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio ("DEO") to replace approximately 1,200 feet of existing 4-inch diameter pipeline with 12-inch diameter pipeline within the public road right-of-way ("ROW"). The pipeline will run approximately 1,200 feet on Lincoln Highway in a west to east direction between 10812 Lincoln Highway and John Brown Road, City of Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio. The primary purpose of the replacement is to meet the additional gas demand from Van Wert Hospital on 1250 South Washington Street. In addition we have provided the Staff of the Ohio Power Siting Board with five hard copies of the Application.

DEO makes the following declarations pursuant to OAC Rule 4906-6-05(A):

**Name of Applicant:** The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio  
320 Springside Drive  
Akron, OH 44333

**Name/Location of Proposed Facility:** 1250 S. Washington Street Betterment Pipeline Replacement Project  
City of Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio

**Authorized Representative**

**Technical:** Eray Tulay  
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**Authorized Representative**

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**Notarized Statement:** See Attached Affidavit of Eray Tulay on behalf of  
The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio

Sincerely on behalf of  
THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY  
D/B/ADOMINION ENERGY OHIO



Devin D. Parram

Enclosure

**BEFORE  
THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD**

The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio Construction Notice for 1250 S. Washington Street Betterment (2019) Pipeline Replacement Project Van Wert County, Ohio. )  
)  
) Case No. 19-1539-GA-BGN  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF ERAY TULAY, DOMINION ENERGY OHIO**

STATE OF OHIO :  
: ss  
COUNTY OF SUMMIT :


I, Eray Tulay, being duly sworn and cautioned, state that I am more than 18 years of age and competent to testify to the matters stated in this affidavit and further state the following based upon my personal knowledge:

1. I am a Project Manager for The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio, and am authorized to execute this Affidavit.

2. I have reviewed The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio's Construction Notice Application in the above referenced case.

3. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information and materials contained in the above-referenced Application are true and accurate.

4. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the above-referenced Application is complete.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Eray Tulay

Sworn to before and signed in my presence this 7 day of August 2019.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

MARY MONASTRA  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 06/1-21



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The following information is in accordance with the procedures set forth in Ohio Administrative Code (“OAC”) Chapter 4906-6 Accelerated Certificate Application Requirements of the Rules and Regulation of the Ohio Power Siting Board (“OPSB” or “Board”).

**4906-6-05 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**4906-6-05(B)(1): Name and Reference Number**

The applicant is the East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio (“DEO”). The name of the pipeline replacement project is 1250 S. Washington Street Betterment (2019) Pipeline Replacement Project. The internal project number is P400496012.

**4906-6-05(B)(1): Brief Description of Project**

DEO is planning to replace approximately 1,200 feet of existing 4-inch diameter pipeline with 12-inch diameter natural gas pipeline within public road right-of-way (“ROW”). The new pipeline will have a MAOP of 500 pounds per square inch gage (“psig”). The pipeline will run approximately 1,200 feet on Lincoln Highway in a west to east direction between 10812 Lincoln Highway, Van Wert, Ohio and John Brown Road, Van Wert Ohio. Existing public roadways and temporary construction DEO easements will provide the required equipment access. Additionally, the existing pipeline will be abandoned in place. Small excavated areas will be necessary to allow for purge and cut and cap of the abandoned pipeline.

The proposed pipeline is located within the City of Van Wert in Van Wert County, Ohio as described above. A Google Earth (aerial map) project map which shows streets and existing pipelines is included as **Attachment A**.

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**4906-6-05 (B)(1): Why the Project Meets the Requirements for a Construction Notice**

This project qualifies as a Construction Notice because it fits the criteria of OAC Rule 4906-1-01, Appendix B (1)(a) which provides for the replacement of an existing pipeline segment if it is not greater than one (1) mile in length. In this instance, DEO will be replacing less than one mile in length.

The replacement pipeline will be located entirely within DEO's service area. DEO owns and operates the existing line that will be replaced and will continue to own and operate the replacement pipeline. The primary purpose of the replacement is to meet the additional gas demand from Van Wert Hospital on 1250 South Washington Street.

**4906-6-05(B)(2): Statement of Need for the Proposed Facility**

This pipeline replacement project is needed to meet the increased gas demand of Van Wert Hospital. High pressure ("HP") line LIMAH263 receives natural gas from ANR Pipeline Company ("ANR") via Half Mile w/ of Convoy station and feeds to the City of Van Wert. Most of the pipes in this system are 6-inch steel and a 4-inch steel section of approximately 1,200 feet. This HP line is at capacity due to small diameter pipes from ANR to Van Wert. The biggest pressure drop on the pipe is on the 1,200 feet of the 4-inch section. This 4-inch section of the pipeline needs to be replaced with either 8-inch steel to meet the needs of Van Wert Hospital and/or 12-inch steel to accommodate additional future loads.

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**4906-6-05(B)(3): Location of the Project**

**Attachment A** contains a map that illustrates the location of the proposed project in relation to the existing lines are shown on an area system map. The project sections are located in City Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio.

There are no operating or abandoned railroad facilities within the project area.

**4906-6-05(B)(4): Alternatives Considered**

As mentioned earlier, DEO is planning to replace approximately 1,200 feet, of existing 4-inch diameter pipeline with 12-inch diameter pipeline within existing public ROW. The new pipeline will be installed parallel to the existing pipeline. This is the most direct and cost effective method of replacement. Any other options would impact more land, take a longer period of time, disrupt more homeowners and businesses, and cost more money.

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**4906-6-05(B)(5): Description of Public Information Program**

DEO has sent a letter on July 3, 2019 (**Attachment C-1**) to property owners and tenants listed on **Attachment B** informing them of the nature of the project, the proposed time frame of the project construction, and restoration activities. Another set of letters will be sent prior to construction as construction activities being conducted in the vicinity of the property owners or tenants. (**Attachment C-2**).

**4906-6-05(B)(6): Anticipated construction schedule, in-service date**

The construction of the project is planned to begin in fall 2019. DEO plans to complete the project by the end of 2019. Restoration activities will be complete by summer 2020.

**4906-6-05(B)(7): Project Area Map and Directions**

A Google Earth map that shows an aerial view and is at least of a 1:24000 scale that depicts roads, streets, highways, and the station and launcher site is attached as **Attachment A**.

**4906-6-05(B)(8): Property Owner List**

A list of the affected properties for which DEO has obtained easements is given on **Attachment B**.



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**4906-6-05(B)(9)(a): Operating Characteristics, Required Structures, and Right-of-Way and/or Land Requirements**

**Pipeline MAOP:** The new high pressure gas pipeline will operate at an MAOP of 500 psi, and have a diameter of 12 inches.

**Pipe Material:** The proposed 12-inch steel gas pipeline will have a wall thickness of 0.375 inch and yield strength of 52 thousand psi. The pipeline will be externally coated with 14-16 mils of Fusion Bonded Epoxy and/or Powercrete.

**Structures:** No additional structures will be required for the new pipeline.

**Right-of-Way (“ROW”) and/or Land Requirement:** The land needed in the project will be located within public ROW.

The temporary construction materials laydown areas will be necessary and will be determined after the bid has been awarded to the construction contractor. As is customary with DEO’s projects, the contractor will select the areas for laydown and will arrange for the temporary easements directly. The laydown areas for the construction will be on temporary easements negotiated by DEO. When the contractor is selected, the contractor will select the laydown area(s) and DEO will submit the proposed laydown area(s) as a Supplement to this application. Construction of the project will not begin until the Staff has approved the laydown area(s).

**4906-6-05(B)(9)(b): Electric and Magnetic Fields**

This project involves the construction of a natural gas pipeline; therefore, this section is not applicable.

**4906-6-05(B)(9)(c): Estimated Capital Costs**

The capital cost of the entire project, is estimated to be approximately \$350,000.

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**4906-6-05(B)(10)(a): Land Use**

The proposed project is located within the City of Van Wert in Van Wert County, Ohio. The project area is comprised of maintained existing road and utility ROW. The land use associated with the project is primarily commercial and residential development. No tree clearing is proposed.

**4906-6-05(B)(10)(b): Agricultural Land**

There is no agricultural land within the potential disturbance area of the project. In addition, none of the properties that cross the project area are located in a designated agricultural district.

**4906-6-05(B)(10)(c): Archeological and Cultural Resources**

In June 2019, DEO's consultant, EnviroScience, Inc. ("EnviroScience"), performed an Ohio Historic Preservation Office ("OHPO") Literature Review of archaeological and cultural resources for the project area as part of the project Field Summary Report (**Attachment D**). The study area included approximately 1,480 feet of road and utility ROW along the project area.

The literature review included a search for records of Ohio Archaeological Inventory ("OAI") Properties, Ohio Historic Inventory ("OHI") Properties, National Register Listed Properties, National Register Listed Districts, Determinations of Eligibility, and Phase 1, 2, or 3 Survey Areas.

According to the records search, one OAI property was identified approximately 200 feet northeast of the eastern end of the project area, but not within the Area of Potential Effects ("APE"). No OHI properties, National Register Listed Properties,

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National Register Listed Districts, Determination of Eligibility Properties, or Phase 1, 2, or 3 Survey Areas were identified within the or near the project area.

Because this project does not have any federal ties, no consultation with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office was required.

**4906-6-05(B)(10)(d): List of Governmental Agencies Which Have Requirements to be met by the Project**

The following agencies have requirements to be met at various times by this project:

<b>Name of Agency</b>	<b>Document to be Submitted</b>	<b>Attachment</b>
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (“USFWS”)	July 29, 2019 Information for Planning and Consultation (	F
Ohio Historical Preservation Office (“OHPO”)	June 26, 2019 Ohio Historic Preservation Office Literature Review	D
Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”)	July 10, 2019 Threatened and Endangered Species Consultation	E
City of Van Wert	Street Opening Permit	Pending

No water resources are located onsite, therefore none will be impacted and coordination with the US Army Corps of Engineers is not a requirement of this project. A search of the US Fish and Wildlife Service (“USFWS”) Information for Planning and Consultation (“IPaC”) database was searched to ensure no known federally listed species would be impacted, and is included as **Attachment F**. Since no water resources are onsite, this project does not require formal coordination with the USFWS.

A Desktop OHPO Literature Review has been conducted as part of the Field Summary Report, included in **Attachment D**, to ensure no known listed properties will be

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impacted. Since no water resources are located onsite, this project does not require formal coordination with the OHPO.

The project will disturb less than one (1) acre of total land, therefore, the NPDES program and subsequent county stormwater notifications are not applicable to this project.

DEO requests that Staff include a condition such as the one given in *Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 16-2175-GA-BLN that prior to the commencement of construction activities in areas that require permits or authorizations by federal or state laws and regulations, DEO shall obtain and comply with such permits or authorizations. Copies of the permits will be provided upon receipt.

There are no other known local, state, or, federal requirements that must be met prior to commencement of construction on the proposed pipeline project.

**4906-6-05(B)(10)(e): Federal and State Designated Species**

DEO's consultant EnviroScience reviewed the project area for potentially threatened and endangered species and their habitat and their results are included in the Field Summary Report (**Attachment D**).

According to EnviroScience, three (3) federally listed species have ranges which include Van Wert County, Ohio: the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), state and federally endangered, the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), federally threatened; and the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), a federal species of concern (**Attachment D** p. 2 of 3).

According to EnviroScience, their field review of the study area did not reveal any potential habitat for the above federally listed species.

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DEO submitted a letter on July 10, 2019 to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”) requesting a finding from ODNR regarding any adverse effect to any state listed and natural areas that have a geological and/or ecological significance to them (**Attachment E**). A response to from the ODNR is pending and will be provided to OPSB Staff upon receipt. However, given the urban land use of the project and lack of ecological resources within the project area, it is unlikely that the ODNR response would produce any potential issues regarding state listed threatened or endangered species.

**4906-6-05(B)(10)(f): Areas of Ecological Concern**

There are no national or state parks or forests, wilderness areas, wildlife refuges, wildlife management areas, or wildlife sanctuaries located in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project. There are no national and state forests and parks, floodplains, wetlands, designated or proposed wilderness areas, national and state wild and scenic rivers, wildlife areas, wildlife refuges, wildlife management areas, and wildlife sanctuaries located within the project area.

**4906-6-05(B)(10)(g): Any Known Unusual Conditions Resulting in Significant Environmental, Social, Health, or Safety Impacts**

As illustrated by the studies and investigations conducted as a part of this project to date (refer to the Attachments), there are no readily known unusual conditions in the area of the proposed project that will result in significant environmental impacts. Because this project proposes to install pipeline within existing road ROW, there has already been prior ground disturbance and maintenance in the area. Other than slight potential health and safety issues associated with construction, which will be minimized with best

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management practices during construction, there are no additional health, social or safety impacts that will exist as a result of this project.

**4906-6-07 SERVICE AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF ACCELERATED  
CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS**

**4906-6-07(A)(1): Service of Accelerated Application upon Officials**

Simultaneously with the filing this accelerated application with the Board, DEO has caused a copy of the application in diskette format to be delivered to the following public officials

Mayor Jerry Mazur  
City of VanWert  
750 N Market  
Van Wert, OH 45891

City of Van Wert Engineering Department  
750 N Market  
Van Wert, OH 45891

Stan D. Owens  
Todd Wolfrum  
Thad Lichtensteiger  
Van Wert County Commissioners  
114 E. Main Street, Suite 200  
Van Wert, OH 45891

Kyle J. Wendel P.E., P.S.  
Van Wert County Engineer  
1192 Grill Road  
Van Wert, OH 45891

Bob Gehres  
Dick Rice  
Craig Pohlman  
Dave Kemler  
Darryl Ricketts  
Van Wert Soil & Water Conservation District  
1185 Professional Drive  
Van Wert, OH 45891

A copy a transmittal letter, **Attachment G**, has been sent to the officials listed above.

**4906-6-07(A)(2): Service of Accelerated Application upon Main Public Libraries of  
Each Political Subdivision**

A copy of this accelerated application is being sent to the main branch of the Brumback Library located at 215 West Main Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891.

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**4906-6-07(A)(3): DEO's Website**

A copy of the application is located on DEO's web page at <https://www.dominionenergy.com/siting%20board>. Choose the case number of this case to access.

Further interested persons may contact DEO at 320 Springside Dr., Akron, Ohio 44333 to obtain either an electronic copy or a paper copy of this accelerated application.

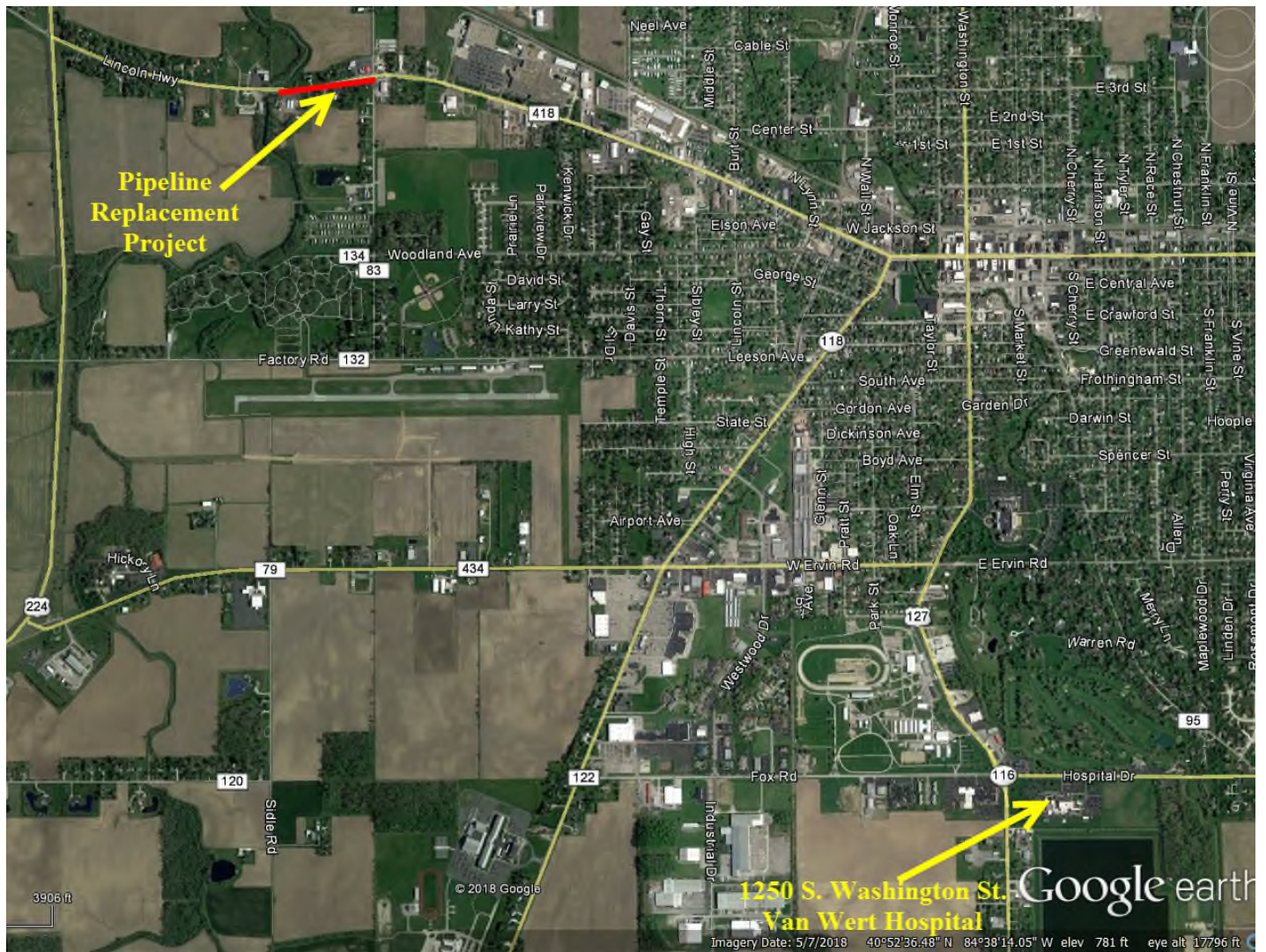
**4906-6-07(B): Proof of Compliance**

Within seven (7) days of the filing of this accelerated application, DEO will cause proof of compliance with this requirement to be filed with the Board.

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**AERIAL MAP**





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**ATTACHMENT B**

**LANDOWNERS OF PERMANENT & TEMPORARY EASEMENTS**

<b>Parcel #</b>	<b>Current Property Owner</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>
12-030473.4101	Roger L. Welch	1302 Lincoln Highway
12-034452.3200	Roger L. Welch	105 John Brown Rd
11-013764.0000	Roger L. & Barbara A. Welch	10922 Lincoln Highway
11-013764.0201	Jody Boutin	Lincoln Highway
11-013920.0000	Jody Boutin	10916 Lincoln Highway
11-013764.0200	Nathan Glick, Trustee	10886 Lincoln Highway
11-013924.0000	Jeremy R Spoor & Jerry R Spoor	10850 Lincoln Highway
11-013764.0300	Jeremy R Spoor & Jerry R Spoor	Lincoln Highway
11-013764.0301	Jeremy R Spoor & Jerry R Spoor	Lincoln Highway
11-013764.0100	William E Spoor III, Attn. Jeremy R Spoor	10812 Lincoln Highway
12-034452.3100	Roger L Welch, Trustee	1301 W Main St (Corner of John Brown)
11-013720.0200	Roger & Dorothy Welch	Lincoln Highway
11-013720.0300	Roger Welch	Lincoln Highway
11-013720.0100	Gayle Arthur Dewart	10939 Lincoln Highway
11-013724.0000	Paul T & Joi M Mergy	10905 Lincoln Highway
11-013728.0000	James L & Joyce L Boyd	10859 Lincoln Highway

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**ATTACHMENT C  
MODEL NOTIFICATION LETTER TO PROPERTY OWNERS SENT**

**FIRST LANDOWNER LETTER**

[DATE]

ADDRESS

Dear Property Owner or Tenant:

**New Pipeline Project**

Dominion Energy Ohio (DEO) is preparing to construct a pipeline project in your area. This project involves construction a new 12 inch steel pipeline approximately 1,200 feet in length that will replace an existing 4 inch steel pipeline. The new pipeline will run from 10812 Lincoln Highway to John Brown Road intersection in public road right of way.

Please be assured that during work on the project described above, all of DEO's Standard Safety and Operating Procedures and all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances will be fully adhered to.

**Timeline for Construction of the Project**

DEO anticipates that construction of the replacement pipeline will commence on or about September 2019. The construction is expected to last until approximately December 2019.

**Restoration Activities**

DEO will restore your property to the state that it was in prior to DEO's construction activities. It expects that the restoration activities will be completed by June 2020.

**Tenants**

If you have tenants occupying this property, please advise them of this pipeline project.

**Questions**

Should you have any questions concerning this pipeline project, please contact Dominion Energy Ohio's Land Services Department at 1-855-226-6022.

Sincerely,

DOMINION ENERGY OHIO

Land Services Department

**SECOND LANDOWNER MODEL LETTER**

[DATE]

ADDRESS

Dear Property Owner or Tenant:

**New Pipeline Project**

As we indicated to you in a prior letter, Dominion Energy Ohio (DEO) is preparing to construct a pipeline project in your area. This project involves construction a new 12 inch steel pipeline approximately 1,200 feet in length that will replace an existing 4 inch steel pipeline. The new pipeline will run from 10812 Lincoln Highway to John Brown Road intersection in public road right of way

Please be assured that during work on the project described above, all of DEO's Standard Safety and Operating Procedures and all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances will be fully adhered to.

**Timeline for Construction of the Project**

DEO anticipates that construction of the [new][replacement] pipeline will commence on or about September 2019. The construction is expected to last until approximately December 2019.

**Restoration Activities:**

DEO will restore your property to the state that it was in prior to DEO's construction activities. Once the work is complete, restoration will begin as soon as weather permits, including sidewalks, driveways and approaches. Typical yard restoration is limited to grading and seeding. DEO expects that the restoration activities will be completed by June 2020.

**Tenants**

If you have tenants occupying this parcel, please advise them of this pipeline project.

**Questions/Complaints:**

DEO has a complaint resolution process. Should you have any questions concerning this pipeline project, please contact Dominion Energy Ohio's Land Services Department at 1-855-226-6022 who will see that it is communicated to DEO's Project Manager, Eray Tulay. Please mention the project reference, located on the bottom of this letter, when you call. If you have a complaint during construction or restoration, your call will be returned in a timely manner. Please be aware that DEO will make every best effort to resolve issues pertaining to the project.

Safety is Dominion Energy Ohio's highest priority. Be assured we will take every possible step to ensure the security of the area, your property, your family and our employees.

Sincerely,

DOMINION ENERGY OHIO

Land Services Department

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**ATTACHMENT D**

**FIELD SUMMARY REPORT  
PREPARED BY ENVIROSCIENCE, INC.**

June 26, 2019

Tara Buzzelli  
Environmental Specialist  
Dominion Energy Environmental Services  
320 Springside Drive, Suite 320  
Akron, Ohio 44333

**Re: The East Ohio Gas Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio**  
**1250 South Washington Street Betterment**  
City of VanWert, VanWert County

EnviroScience, Inc. performed an ecological assessment for The East Ohio Gas Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio (DEO) on May 2, 2019 at the location of the 1250 South Washington Street Betterment project. The assessment was performed to evaluate the project area for the presence of streams, wetlands, and any other sensitive resources.

### **Project Area Description**

The 1250 South Washington Street Betterment project is located in the City of Van Wert, Van Wert County (Attachment A; Figure 1). Approximately 1,480 feet of 60 foot wide road and utility right-of-way (ROW) along Lincoln Highway was surveyed for the proposed installation of 12-inch diameter natural gas pipeline. The project area is located within residential, agricultural, and commercial property with a maintained lawn plant community. No streams or wetlands are located within the project area. Photographs of onsite conditions are included in Attachment B. Maps depicting the project area are provided in Attachment A and are described in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Summary of Site Mapping.

<b>Figure Number</b>	<b>Map Description</b>	<b>Information Pertinent to Environmental Resources</b>
1	Location of Site on Highway Map of VanWert County, Ohio	None
2	USGS 7.5-minute Topographic Map of Scott Quadrangle	None onsite; Perennial stream to the west of the project area
3	NWI Map of Site (Scott Quadrangle)	None onsite; Perennial stream (R5UBH) to the west of the project area
4	Soil Map of Site in VanWert County, Ohio	Hydric soils within the western portion of the project area (14.3% of site)



5070 Stow Road  
Stow, OH 44224

Figure Number	Map Description	Information Pertinent to Environmental Resources
5	Site Map of Wetlands and Other Water Resources	No streams or wetlands onsite; One offsite perennial stream west of the project area
6	Ohio Historic Preservation Resource Map	No resources onsite; One off-site resource (see below)
7	Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Map	No floodplain depicted onsite

### Historic Resources

The project area was researched using a desktop search of Ohio Historical Preservation Office (OHPO) data. The desktop review included a search for records of Determinations of Eligibility, National Register Listed Properties, Ohio Archaeological Inventory Properties, Ohio Historic Inventory Properties, National Register Listed Districts, and Phase 1, 2 or 3 Survey Areas. No historical properties are located within the project area. One (1) Ohio Archaeological Inventory site is identified approximately 200 feet northeast of the eastern terminus of the project area.

### Potential Habitat for Listed Threatened and Endangered Species

The project area was reviewed for potential habitat for federally listed threatened and endangered within VanWert County. These species are detailed in Table 1.

**Table 2.** Federally Listed Threatened and Endangered Species within the Range of VanWert County.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status	Potential Habitat Identified Onsite (Y/N)	Additional Species Information
Indiana bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	Endangered	No	N/A
Northern long-eared bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Threatened		
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Species of Concern	No	Project area is not within township with known nesting sites

### Water Resource Summary

No streams or wetland were identified within the 1250 South Washington Street Betterment project area. Maddox Creek, a perennial stream, is located just west of the project area.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call EnviroScience at 330-688-0111, or email me at [LSayre@EnviroScienceInc.com](mailto:LSayre@EnviroScienceInc.com).

Respectfully,



Laura Sayre  
Natural Resources Practice Area Manager



**Attachment A**  
**Maps**

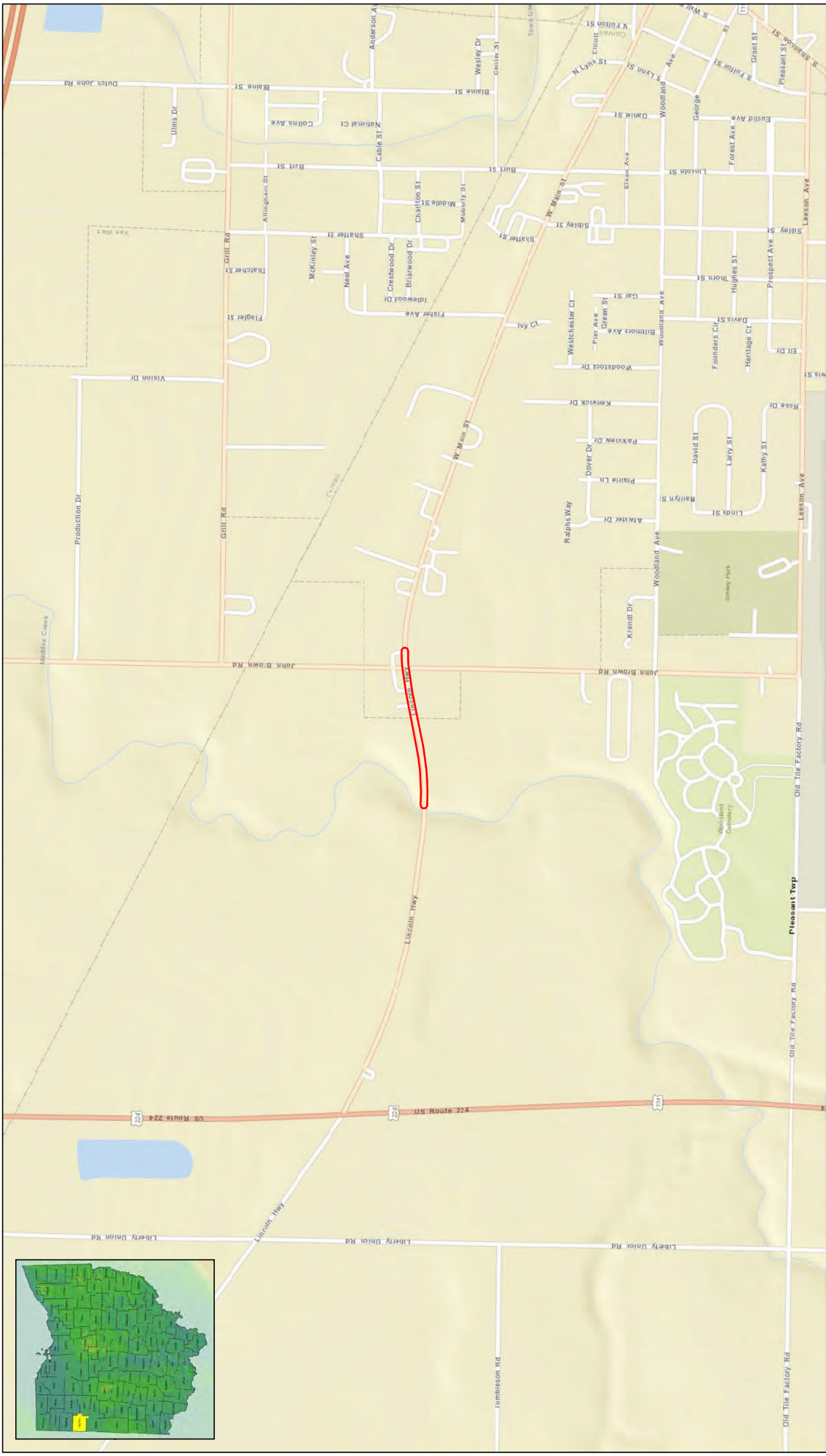
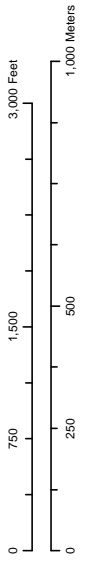


Figure 1. Location of Site on  
Highway Map of Van Wert County, Ohio.  
1250 South Washington Street Betterment.





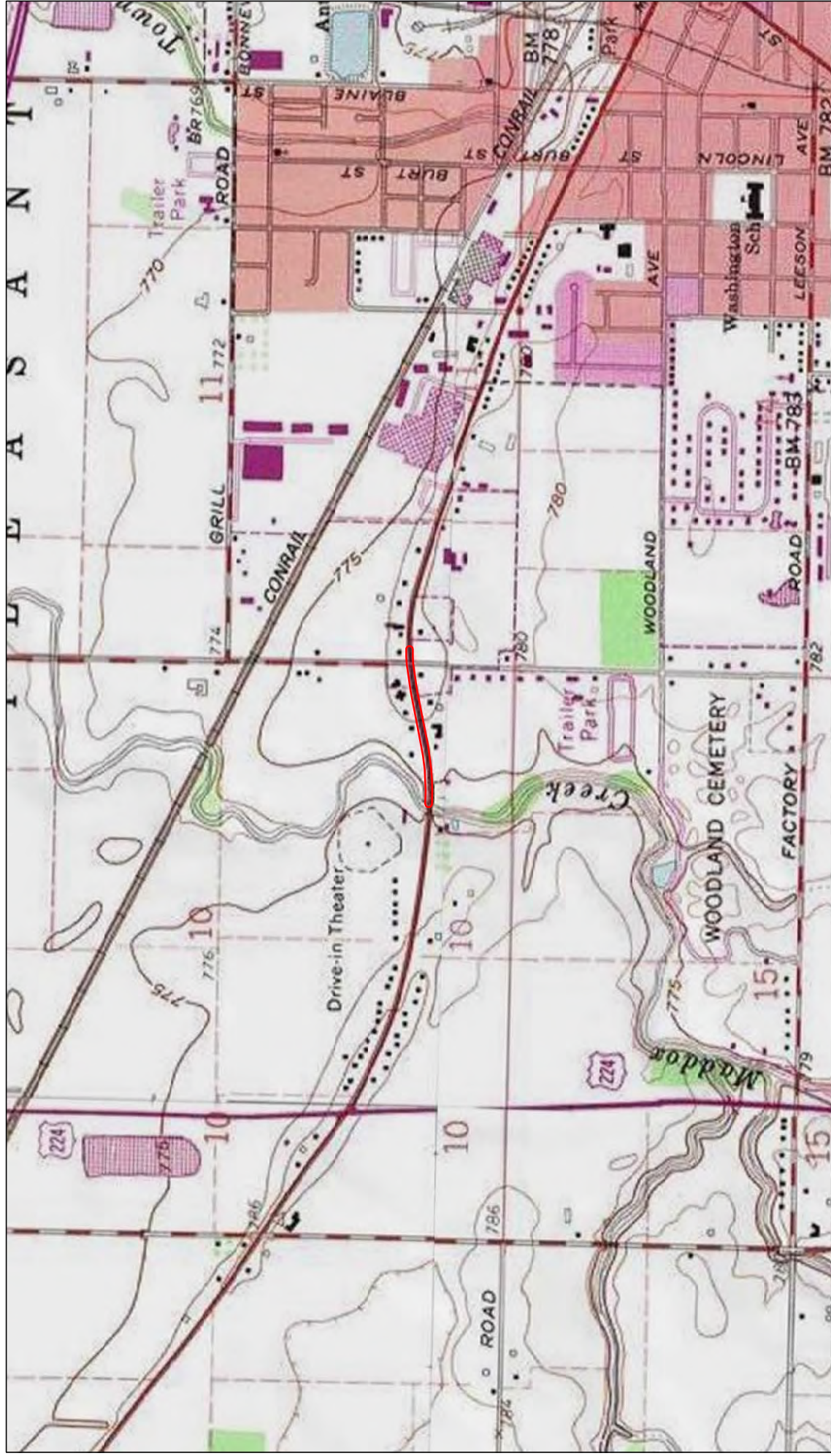
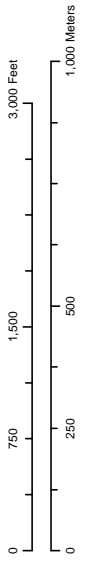


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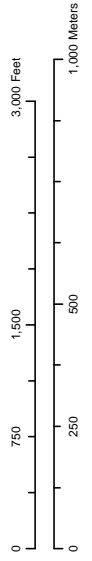
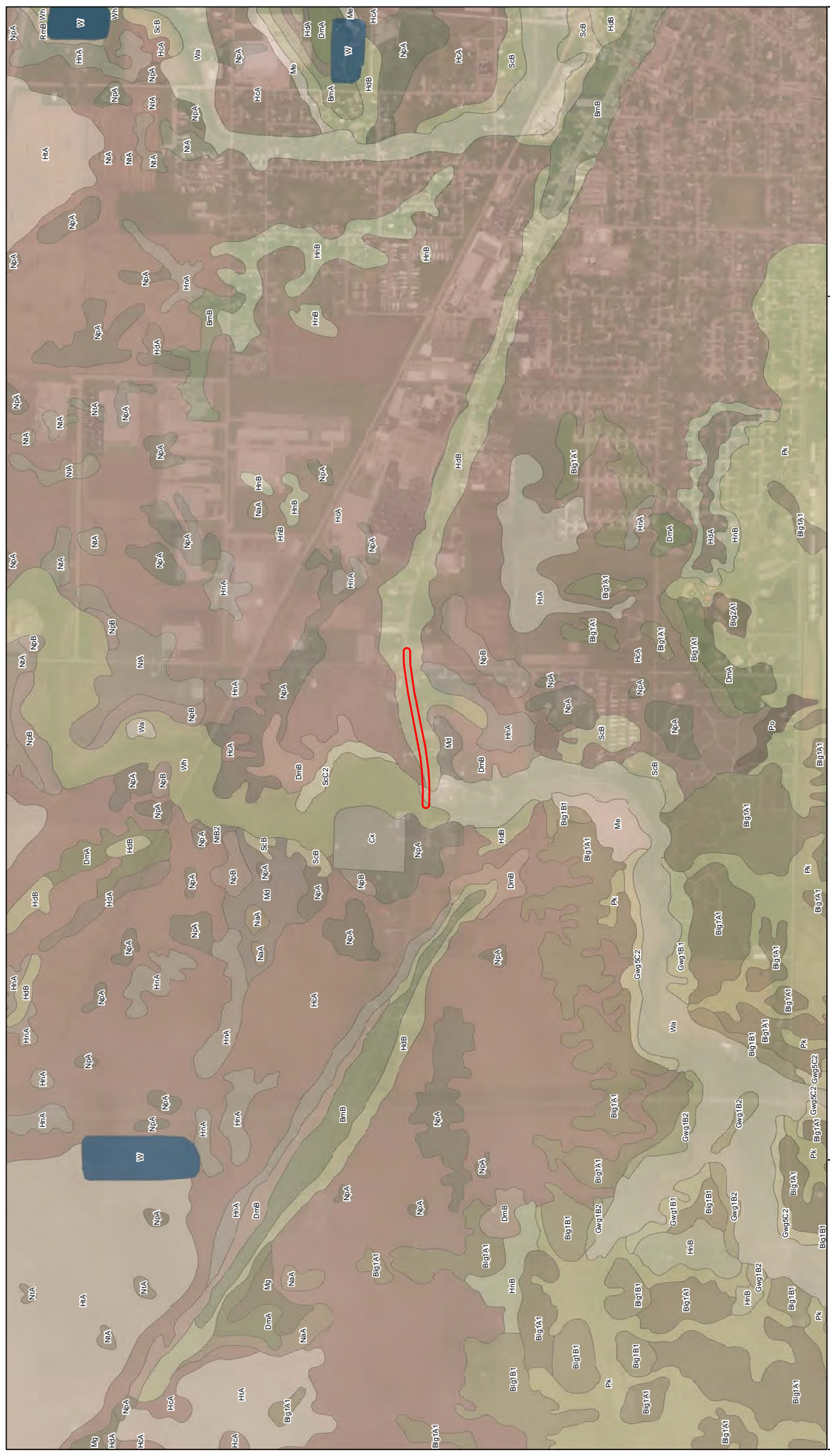
Project Area





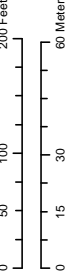






**Figure 4.**  
**Soil Map of Site in Van Wert County, Ohio.**  
**1250 South Washington Street Betterment.**





- Project Area (60')
- Project Area Buffer (Add'l 20')
- Natural Gas Pipeline Marker
- Stream (Offsite)

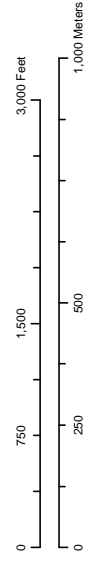
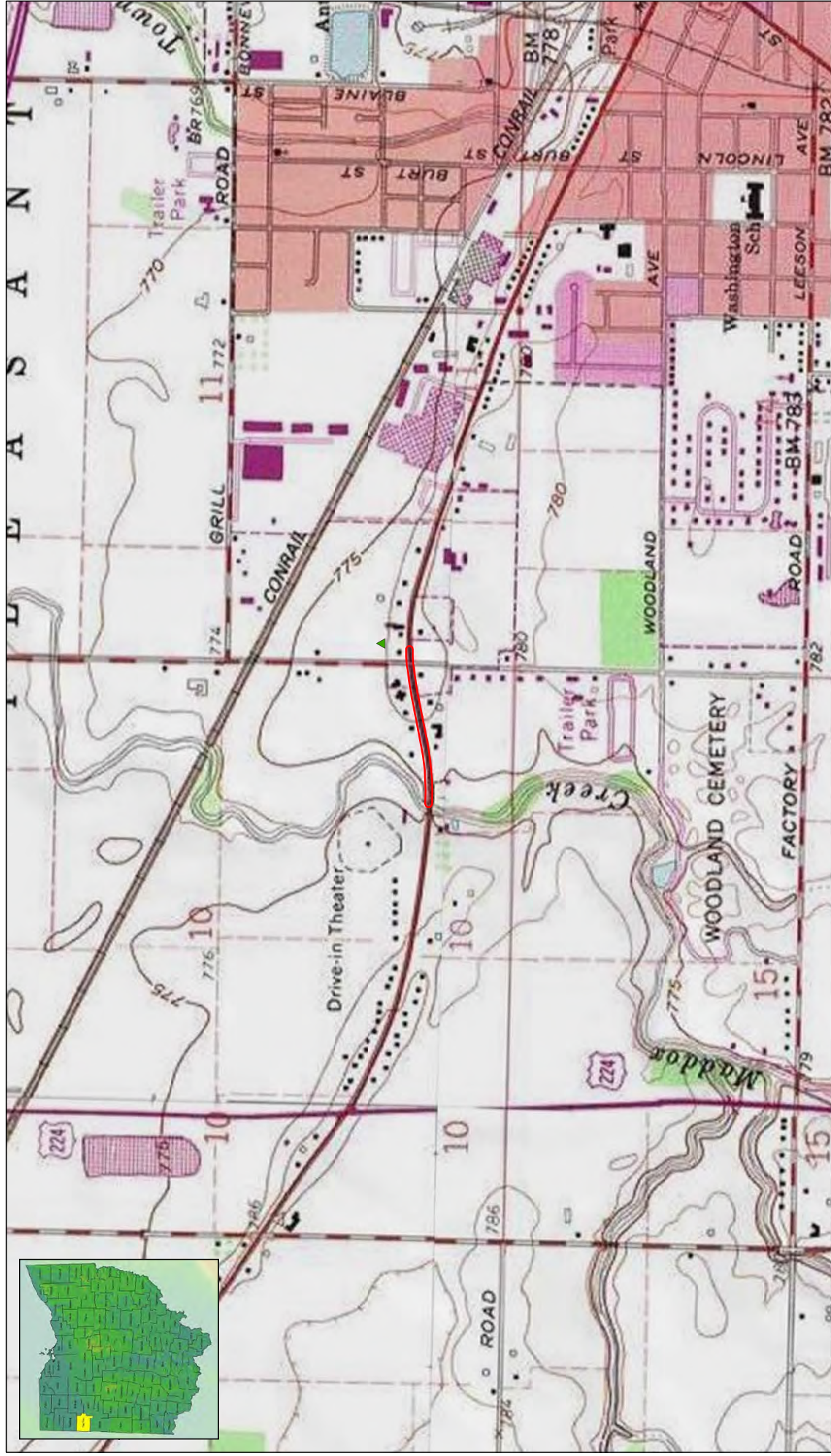
Figure 5. Site Map of  
Wetlands and Other Water Resources,  
1250 South Washington Street Betterment.





Project Area





▲ Archaeological Site  
□ Project Area

Figure 2. OHPO Topographic Map  
of Scott Quadrangle,  
1250 South Washington Street Betterment.



**Attachment B**  
**Photographs**

*1250 South Washington Street Betterment  
Photographed May 2, 2019*



Photo 1. Typical road right-of-way (ROW) along Lincoln Highway within the project area.



Photo 2. Typical maintained lawn vegetative community within the project area.

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**ATTACHMENT E**

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
COORDINATION CORRESPONDENCE**

July 10, 2019

**BY EMAIL**

John Kessler, P.E.  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Office of Real Estate  
2045 Morse Road, Building E-2  
Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693

**RE: The East Ohio Gas Company  
Ohio Listed Species Consultation  
1250 South Washington Street Betterment**

Dear Mr. Kessler:

Please review the following information regarding the East Ohio Gas Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio (DEO), 1250 South Washington Street Betterment project. To assist with your review of the project area, project maps and photographs are enclosed.

**Project Purpose, Description, and Location**

DEO proposes to install approximately 1,400 feet of twelve (12)-inch diameter natural gas pipeline within the existing 60-foot wide road right-of-way (ROW) along Lincoln Highway in order to upgrade the pipeline system.

The project area is located along Lincoln Highway, just west of its intersection with John Brown Road in the City of Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio. The center latitude and longitude coordinates for the project area are 40.87569°N and -84.612321°W.

**Site Description**

An ecological survey of the project area was conducted in May of 2019. The site map (Attachment A; Figure 1) from the survey and a topographic map (Attachment A; Figure 2) of the project area are included. Additionally, photographs of the site are enclosed in Attachment B.

The project area is located along the existing road ROW within a residential and commercial setting. Plant communities with the project area include maintained lawn.

No wetlands or streams were identified within the project area. Maddox Creek is just west of the project area.

The project area is located within maintained road ROW comprised of maintained lawn. The project area was reviewed for trees that could provide habitat for the federally

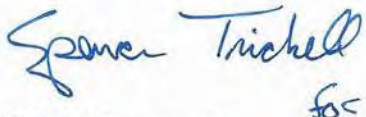
endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and the federally threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). No trees were identified onsite with characteristics that may potentially provide habitat for either bat species. Currently, no tree clearing is proposed. However, if clearing of non-habitat trees in the ROW becomes necessary, these trees could be cleared at any time. No clear cutting is proposed.

### **Request for Finding**

Considering the information above, DEO is requesting a finding from ODNR regarding any adverse effect to any state-listed species and natural areas with ecological and/or geological significance. A timely response is respectfully requested to ensure compliance relative to state-listed threatened and endangered species prior to initiating activities.

An email response would be greatly appreciated. Please send the email to Tara Buzzelli at [Tara.E.Buzzelli@dominionenergy.com](mailto:Tara.E.Buzzelli@dominionenergy.com). If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tara Buzzelli at (330) 664-2579.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Spencer Trichell". Below the signature, there is a small handwritten "for" in blue ink.

Richard B. Gangle  
Director Environmental Services

Enclosures

cc: Tara Buzzelli

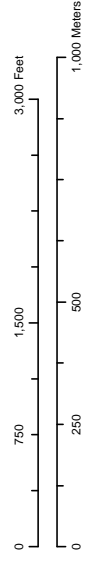
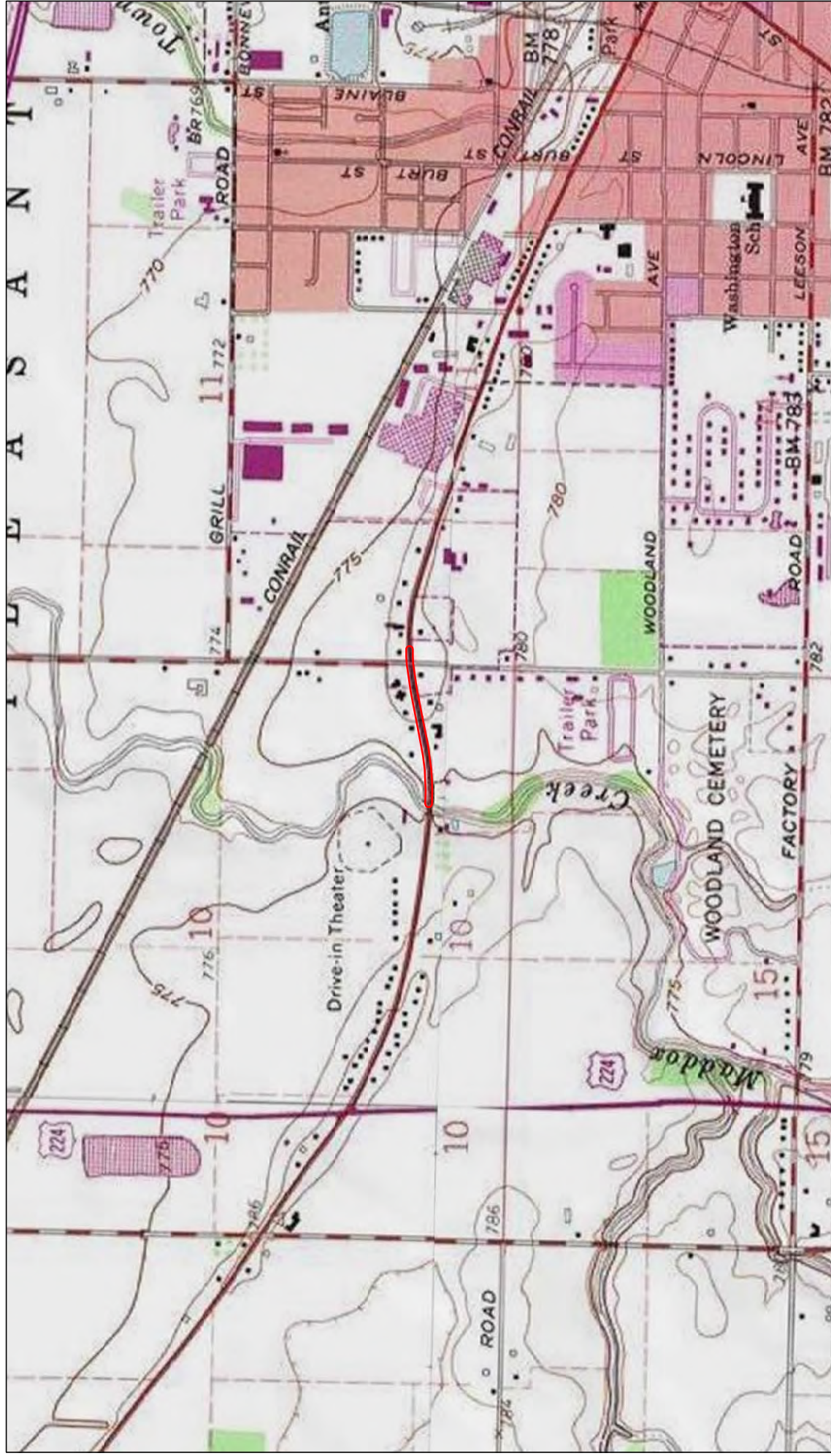
## **Attachment A**

### **(Maps)**









Project Area

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1250 South Washington Street Betterment.



**Attachment B**  
**(Photographs)**

*1250 South Washington Street Betterment  
Photographed May 2, 2019*



Photo 1. Typical road right-of-way within the project area.



Photo 2. Typical maintained lawn community within the project area.

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**ATTACHMENT F**

**U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE  
INFORMATION FOR PLANNING AND CONSULTATION (IPAC) REPORT**

# IPaC resource list

This report is an automatically generated list of species and other resources such as critical habitat (collectively referred to as *trust resources*) under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) jurisdiction that are known or expected to be on or near the project area referenced below. The list may also include trust resources that occur outside of the project area, but that could potentially be directly or indirectly affected by activities in the project area. However, determining the likelihood and extent of effects a project may have on trust resources typically requires gathering additional site-specific (e.g., vegetation/species surveys) and project-specific (e.g., magnitude and timing of proposed activities) information.

Below is a summary of the project information you provided and contact information for the USFWS office(s) with jurisdiction in the defined project area. Please read the introduction to each section that follows (Endangered Species, Migratory Birds, USFWS Facilities, and NWI Wetlands) for additional information applicable to the trust resources addressed in that section.

## Location

Van Wert County, Ohio



## Local office

Ohio Ecological Services Field Office

☎ (614) 416-8993

📠 (614) 416-8994

4625 Morse Road, Suite 104  
Columbus, OH 43230-8355



# Endangered species

**This resource list is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an analysis of project level impacts.**

The primary information used to generate this list is the known or expected range of each species. Additional areas of influence (AOI) for species are also considered. An AOI includes areas outside of the species range if the species could be indirectly affected by activities in that area (e.g., placing a dam upstream of a fish population, even if that fish does not occur at the dam site, may indirectly *impact the species by reducing or eliminating water flow downstream*). Because species can move, and site conditions can change, the species on this list are not guaranteed to be found on or near the project area. To fully determine any potential effects to species, additional site-specific and project-specific information is often required.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act **requires** Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of such proposed action" for any project that is conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by any Federal agency. A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can **only** be obtained by requesting an official species list from either the Regulatory Review section in IPaC (see directions below) or from the local field office directly.

For project evaluations that require USFWS concurrence/review, please return to the IPaC website and request an official species list by doing the following:

1. Draw the project location and click CONTINUE.
2. Click DEFINE PROJECT.
3. Log in (if directed to do so).
4. Provide a name and description for your project.
5. Click REQUEST SPECIES LIST.

Listed species<sup>1</sup> and their critical habitats are managed by the [Ecological Services Program](#) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the fisheries division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries<sup>2</sup>).

Species and critical habitats under the sole responsibility of NOAA Fisheries are **not** shown on this list. Please contact [NOAA Fisheries](#) for [species under their jurisdiction](#).

1. Species listed under the [Endangered Species Act](#) are threatened or endangered; IPaC also shows species that are candidates, or proposed, for listing. See the [listing status page](#) for more information.
2. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

The following species are potentially affected by activities in this location:

## Mammals

NAME

STATUS

**Indiana Bat** *Myotis sodalis***Endangered**

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat.

<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5949>

**Northern Long-eared Bat** *Myotis septentrionalis***Threatened**

This species only needs to be considered if the following condition applies:

- Incidental take of the northern long-eared bat is not prohibited at this location. Federal action agencies may conclude consultation using the streamlined process described at <https://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/s7.html>

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

<https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045>

## Critical habitats

Potential effects to critical habitat(s) in this location must be analyzed along with the endangered species themselves.

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS AT THIS LOCATION.

## Migratory birds

Certain birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act<sup>1</sup> and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act<sup>2</sup>.

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to migratory birds, eagles, and their habitats should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate conservation measures, as described [below](#).

1. The [Migratory Birds Treaty Act](#) of 1918.
2. The [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) of 1940.

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concern <http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php>
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds <http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/conservation-measures.php>
- Nationwide conservation measures for birds <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/pdf/management/nationwidestandardconservationmeasures.pdf>



MIGRATORY BIRD INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

### **Tell me more about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds.**

[Nationwide Conservation Measures](#) describes measures that can help avoid and minimize impacts to all birds at any location year round. Implementation of these measures is particularly important when birds are most likely to occur in the project area. When birds may be breeding in the area, identifying the locations of any active nests and avoiding their destruction is a very helpful impact minimization measure. To see when birds are most likely to occur and be breeding in your project area, view the Probability of Presence Summary. [Additional measures](#) and/or [permits](#) may be advisable depending on the type of activity you are conducting and the type of infrastructure or bird species present on your project site.

### **What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?**

The Migratory Bird Resource List is comprised of USFWS [Birds of Conservation Concern \(BCC\)](#) and other species that may warrant special attention in your project location.

The migratory bird list generated for your project is derived from data provided by the [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). The AKN data is based on a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#) and is queried and filtered to return a list of those birds reported as occurring in the 10km grid cell(s) which your project intersects, and that have been identified as warranting special attention because they are a BCC species in that area, an eagle ([Eagle Act](#) requirements may apply), or a species that has a particular vulnerability to offshore activities or development.

Again, the Migratory Bird Resource list includes only a subset of birds that may occur in your project area. It is not representative of all birds that may occur in your project area. To get a list of all birds potentially present in your project area, please visit the [AKN Phenology Tool](#).

### **What does IPaC use to generate the probability of presence graphs for the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?**

The probability of presence graphs associated with your migratory bird list are based on data provided by the [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). This data is derived from a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#).

Probability of presence data is continuously being updated as new and better information becomes available. To learn more about how the probability of presence graphs are produced and how to interpret them, go the Probability of Presence Summary and then click on the "Tell me about these graphs" link.

### **How do I know if a bird is breeding, wintering, migrating or present year-round in my project area?**

To see what part of a particular bird's range your project area falls within (i.e. breeding, wintering, migrating or year-round), you may refer to the following resources: [The Cornell Lab of Ornithology All About Birds Bird Guide](#), or (if you are unsuccessful in locating the bird of interest there), the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology Neotropical Birds guide](#). If a bird on your migratory bird species list has a breeding season associated with it, if that bird does occur in your project area, there may be nests present at some point within the timeframe specified. If "Breeds elsewhere" is indicated, then the bird likely does not breed in your project area.

### **What are the levels of concern for migratory birds?**

Migratory birds delivered through IPaC fall into the following distinct categories of concern:

1. "BCC Rangewide" birds are [Birds of Conservation Concern](#) (BCC) that are of concern throughout their range anywhere within the USA (including Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands);

2. "BCC - BCR" birds are BCCs that are of concern only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA; and
3. "Non-BCC - Vulnerable" birds are not BCC species in your project area, but appear on your list either because of the [Eagle Act](#) requirements (for eagles) or (for non-eagles) potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities (e.g. offshore energy development or longline fishing).

Although it is important to try to avoid and minimize impacts to all birds, efforts should be made, in particular, to avoid and minimize impacts to the birds on this list, especially eagles and BCC species of rangewide concern. For more information on conservation measures you can implement to help avoid and minimize migratory bird impacts and requirements for eagles, please see the FAQs for these topics.

### Details about birds that are potentially affected by offshore projects

For additional details about the relative occurrence and abundance of both individual bird species and groups of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, please visit the [Northeast Ocean Data Portal](#). The Portal also offers data and information about other taxa besides birds that may be helpful to you in your project review. Alternately, you may download the bird model results files underlying the portal maps through the [NOAA NCCOS Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf](#) project webpage.

Bird tracking data can also provide additional details about occurrence and habitat use throughout the year, including migration. Models relying on survey data may not include this information. For additional information on marine bird tracking data, see the [Diving Bird Study](#) and the [nanotag studies](#) or contact [Caleb Spiegel](#) or [Pam Loring](#).

### What if I have eagles on my list?

If your project has the potential to disturb or kill eagles, you may need to [obtain a permit](#) to avoid violating the Eagle Act should such impacts occur.

### Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report

The migratory bird list generated is not a list of all birds in your project area, only a subset of birds of priority concern. To learn more about how your list is generated, and see options for identifying what other birds may be in your project area, please see the FAQ "What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location". Please be aware this report provides the "probability of presence" of birds within the 10 km grid cell(s) that overlap your project; not your exact project footprint. On the graphs provided, please also look carefully at the survey effort (indicated by the black vertical bar) and for the existence of the "no data" indicator (a red horizontal bar). A high survey effort is the key component. If the survey effort is high, then the probability of presence score can be viewed as more dependable. In contrast, a low survey effort bar or no data bar means a lack of data and, therefore, a lack of certainty about presence of the species. This list is not perfect; it is simply a starting point for identifying what birds of concern have the potential to be in your project area, when they might be there, and if they might be breeding (which means nests might be present). The list helps you know what to look for to confirm presence, and helps guide you in knowing when to implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize potential impacts from your project activities, should presence be confirmed. To learn more about conservation measures, visit the FAQ "Tell me about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds" at the bottom of your migratory bird trust resources page.

## Facilities

## National Wildlife Refuge lands



Any activity proposed on lands managed by the [National Wildlife Refuge](#) system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGE LANDS AT THIS LOCATION.

## Fish hatcheries

THERE ARE NO FISH HATCHERIES AT THIS LOCATION.

## Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

THERE ARE NO KNOWN WETLANDS AT THIS LOCATION.

### Data limitations

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

### Data exclusions

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tubercid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

### Data precautions

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this

inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.

NOT FOR CONSULTATION

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**ATTACHMENT G**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO PUBLIC OFFICIAL**



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August 9, 2019

*Via UPS Ground*

<NAME>  
<ADDRESS>  
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**Re: The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio Construction Notice for 1250 S. Washington Street Betterment (2019) Pipeline Replacement Project Van Wert County, Ohio Power Siting Board Case No. 19-1539-GA-BNR**

Dear <NAME>,

The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio ("DEO") is planning to replace approximately 1,200 feet of existing 4-inch diameter pipeline with 12-inch diameter pipeline within the public road right-of-way ("ROW"). The pipeline will run approximately 1,200 feet on Lincoln Highway in a west to east direction between 10812 Lincoln Highway and John Brown Road, City of Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio. The primary purpose of the replacement is to meet the additional gas demand from Van Wert Hospital on 1250 South Washington Street.

In accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.03(F)(3), this project falls within the Ohio Power Siting Board's ("Board") accelerated review or within its requirements for a Construction Notice. Therefore, in compliance with Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4906-6-07(A)(1) of the Board's rules, enclosed please find a thumb drive containing a copy of the Construction Notice application that has been filed today with the Board for its review and approval. These materials contain a description of the project. You may request a paper copy of the Construction Notice by contacting Teresa Orahod at (614) 227-4821 or [torahood@bricker.com](mailto:torahood@bricker.com).

If you have any questions concerning this pipeline replacement project, please contact Dominion Energy Ohio's Land Services Department at 1-855-226-6022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Devin D. Parram".

Devin D. Parram

Enclosure: Thumb Drive Containing Copy of Construction Notice

**This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities**

**Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System on**

**8/9/2019 11:14:47 AM**

**in**

**Case No(s). 19-1539-GA-BNR**

Summary: Text The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio Construction Notice for 1250 S. Washington Street Betterment (2019) Pipeline Replacement Project Van Wert County electronically filed by Teresa Orahod on behalf of Devin D. Parram