

# Letter of Notification for Adjustment to Seaman-Adams 138 kV Line Rebuild Project



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### **AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP Ohio Transco) Adjustment to the Seaman-Adams 138 kV Line Rebuild Project**

**4906-6-05**

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

#### **4906-6-05(B) General Information**

##### **B(1) Project Description**

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

The Company proposes to construct the Adjustment to the Seaman-Adams 138 kV Line Rebuild Project ("Project") in Adams County, Ohio. The Project involves adjustments to the locations of the structures and centerline along a portion of the previously approved Seaman-Adams 138 kV Transmission Line Project (Seaman-Adams) [Case No. 20-1495-EL-BLN]. The adjustments to the locations of the structures and realignment of the previously approved centerline is required due to conflicts with existing underground utilities, as well as to comply with a landowner request. Appendix A, Figures 1 and 2 show the location of the Project in relation to the approved Seaman-Adams Project and surrounding vicinity. The Project will begin at Structure 61 within the existing Seaman-Adams right-of-way (ROW) and head south and east into the Adams Station, which is located near the junction of Inlow Avenue and Arey Road in Meigs Township. The length of the proposed Project adjustment is approximately 0.2 mile.

The Project meets the requirements for a Letter of Notification ("LON") because it is within the types of projects defined by item 2(b) of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4906-1-01 Appendix A of the Application Requirement Matrix for Electric Power Transmission Lines:

(1) New construction, extension, or relocation of single or multiple circuit electric power transmission line(s), or upgrading existing transmission or distribution line(s) for operation at a higher transmission voltage, as follows:

(b) Line(s) greater than 0.2 miles in length but not greater than two miles in length.

The Project has been assigned PUCO Case No. 21-0265-EL-BLN.

##### **B(2) Statement of Need**

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

This Project will adjust the locations of three previously approved structures within the Seaman-Adams Project and adjust the transmission line heading south from Structure 61 into the Adams Station. The Project is part of a series of improvements planned for the Company's 32.8 miles Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV transmission line (vintage 1954) project to improve reliability in Pike and Adams Counties, Ohio. The Waverly – Adams – Seaman 138 kV line serves two Stations; Adams Station and Ware Road Station which have a total load of approximately 15 MVA. The Seaman – Adams 69 kV line serves Lawshe Station with a total load of approximately 5 MVA. The Waverly – Adams – Seaman 138 kV line has 153 open



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conditions on 244 structures, resulting in approximately 1 million customer minutes of interruption (CMI) over a three year period for the entire 32.8 mile line. The average duration of the outages has been 2.8 hours. In addition, the Seaman – Adams 69 kV transmission line (vintage 1939), which runs parallel to the Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV line for 11.9 miles, has reliability and asset renewal concerns. Specifically, the Seaman – Adams 69 kV line has 401 conditions on 440 structures, which have resulted in 13 outages over a three year period with two outages lasting over 24 hours. The open conditions include broken crossarms, insulators, and conductor hardware.

This Project will rebuild these two lines as one double-circuit line built to 138 kV standards. The Adams-Seaman 69 kV circuit will continue to be operated at 69 kV. The Project will significantly improve the reliability of the customers served from these two lines. The condition of the lines expose the customers served at Lawshe Station and Ware Road Station to continued and increased unplanned outages as the lines continue to deteriorate. Failure to complete this Project will result in continued reliability issues and an increasing number of CMI experienced by customers served by both lines as the condition of the line assets continues to deteriorate. Rebuilding both lines to modern standards eliminates the immediate concern around the condition and risk of the existing lines.

The need and solution for this project were presented to PJM on April 7, 2018 and May 21, 2018, respectively, and the Project was subsequently assigned PJM number S1621. This Project was included in AEP Ohio Transco's most recent Long-Term Forecast Report Form FE-T9 on pages 51 and 73 of 87.

### **B(3) Project Location**

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

The Project is located in Meigs Township, Adams County, Ohio. Figures 1 and 2 in Appendix A show the location of the proposed Project in relation to existing facilities, including existing substations and transmission lines.

### **B(4) Alternatives Considered**

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

The adjustment of the previously approved structure locations and realignment will occur within the approved Seaman-Adams Project. No additional impacts outside of the previously approved Project area are anticipated and, therefore, no additional alternatives were considered. The resulting realignment meets the requests of local landowners while maintaining the most suitable and least impactful alignment. Socioeconomic, land use, and ecological information is presented in Section B(10).

### **B(5) Public Information Program**

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

The Company informs affected property owners and tenants about its projects through several different mediums. Within seven days of filing this LON, the Company will issue a public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Project area. The notice will comply with all requirements under O.A.C. Section 4906-6-08(A)(1-6). Further, the Company will mail a letter, via first class mail, to affected landowners, tenants, contiguous owners, and any other landowner the Company approached for an easement necessary

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for the construction, operation, or maintenance of the transmission lines. The letter complies with all the requirements of O.A.C. Section 4906-6-08(B). The Company also maintains a website (<http://aeptransmission.com/ohio/>) which provides the public access to an electronic copy of this LON and the public notice for this LON. An electronic copy of the LON will be served to the public library in each political subdivision affected by this proposed Project. Lastly, the Company retains land agents who will discuss project timelines, construction and restoration activities with affected owners and tenants.

### **B(6) Construction Schedule**

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

The Company anticipates that construction of the Project will begin in October of 2021, and the in-service date (completion date) of the Project will be approximately December 2021.

### **B(7) Area Map**

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

Appendix A, Figure 1 provides a map with existing and proposed facilities, and clearly marked roads and highways at 1:24,000, and Figure 2 provides an aerial showing project components, at a scale of 1:2,400.

To visit the Project from Columbus, take US-23 S toward Circleville (39.9 miles). Take the US-23 S exit toward Waverly/US-50 W/Portsmouth and continue onto US-23 S (14.4 miles). Passing through Waverly, take a slight right onto OH-104 S/Lake White Road and continue to the intersection of US-23 and OH-124/OH-32 W (6.2 miles). Turn right to proceed onto OH-124/OH-32 W (20.2 miles). Turn right onto Portsmouth Road (2.4 miles) and continue onto Rarden Road (0.5 mile). Then turn left onto N Main Street (0.1 mile) and another right on Vine Street (0.3 mile) then turn right onto Marble Furnace Road/Old State Route 32 (0.5 mile). Then turn left onto Inlow Avenue and Adams Station/the Project area will be on your right.

### **B(8) Property Agreements**

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

A table of property parcel numbers and road crossing names with an indication as to whether the easement/option necessary to construct and operate the facility is provided below.

Property Parcel Number	Easement Agreement/Option Obtained* (Yes/No)
041-40-03-005.000	Yes
041-40-03-006.000	Yes
041-40-03-007.000	Yes
041-40-02-005.000	Road ROW - N/A
054-00-00-009.000	Yes
054-00-00-008.000	Yes

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Arey Road	
041-00-00-054.015	Road ROW - N/A

\*The Company may supplement its existing rights under all blanket and defined easements identified above

### B(9) Technical Features

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

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

The transmission line construction is estimated to include the following:

Voltage: 138 kV (design)  
Conductors: 1033 kcmil 54/7 ACSR "Curlew"  
Static Wire: 7#8 Alumoweld (From Structure 61 – 64A)  
Insulators: Polymer  
ROW Width: 50 Feet  
Structure Type: Two (2) single circuit steel monopole dead ends  
Two (2) single circuit steel monopole running angles

#### B(9)(b) Electric and Magnetic Fields

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

##### (i) Calculated Electric and Magnetic Field Strength Levels

As part of the approved Seaman-Adams Project, three loading conditions were examined: (1) Normal Maximum Loading, (2) Emergency Loading, and (3) Winter Normal Conductor Rating, consistent with the OPSB requirements. Normal Maximum Loading represents the peak flow expected with all system facilities in service; daily/hourly flows fluctuate below this level. Emergency loading is the maximum current flow during unusual (contingency) conditions, which exist only for short periods of time. Winter normal (WN) conductor rating represents the maximum current flow that a line, including its terminal equipment, can carry during winter conditions. It is not anticipated that either circuit of this line would operate at its WN rating in the foreseeable future.

EMF levels were computed one meter above ground under the line at the minimum clearance, and at the ROW edges (50/50 feet, left/right, of centerline).

Seaman-Adams 138 kV Line				
Condition	Seaman - Adams 138kV/ 69 kV Circuits Load (A)	Minimum Ground Clearance (feet)	Electric Field (kV/m)*	Magnetic Field (mG)*
(1) Normal Max. Loading^	64.01/26.78	30	0.15/1.81/0.07	2.98/10.03/1.66

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<b>(2) Emergency Line Loading<sup>^^</sup></b>	81.16/74.47	23.25	0.15/1.81/0.07	3.80/14.19/3.16
<b>(3) Winter Conductor Rating<sup>^^^</sup></b>	1564.70 /1564.70	30	0.15/1.81/0.07	73.97/282.15/65.89

\*EMF levels (left ROW edge/maximum/right ROW edge) computed one meter above ground at the point of minimum ground clearance, assuming balanced phase currents and 1.0 P.U. Voltages. ROW width is 50 feet (left) and 50 feet (right) of centerline, respectively.

<sup>^</sup>Peak line flow expected with all system facilities in service

<sup>^^</sup>Maximum flow during a critical system contingency

<sup>^^^</sup>Maximum continuous flow that the line, including its terminal equipment, can withstand during winter conditions

For power-frequency EMF, IEEE Standard C95.6TM-2002 recommends the following limits:

	General Public	Controlled Environment
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Electric Field Limit (kV/m)	5.0	20.0
Magnetic Field Limit (mG)	9040	27,100

The above EMF levels are well within the limits specified in IEEE Standard C95.6TM-2002. Those limits have been established to "prevent harmful effects in human beings exposed to electromagnetic fields in the frequency range of 0-3 kHz."

### **B(9)(b)(ii) Design Alternatives**

**A discussion of the applicant's consideration of design alternatives with respect to electric and magnetic fields and their strength levels, including alternate conductor configuration and phasing, tower height, corridor location, and right-of-way width.**

Design alternatives were not considered due to the EMF strength levels. Transmission lines, when energized, generate EMF. Laboratory studies have failed to establish a strong correlation between exposure to EMF and effects on human health. However, some people are concerned that EMF have impacts on human health. Due to these concerns, EMF associated with the new circuits was calculated and set forth in the table above. The EMF was computed assuming the highest possible EMF values that could exist along the proposed transmission line. Normal daily EMF levels will operate below these maximum load conditions. Based on studies from the National Institutes of Health, the magnetic field (measured in milliGauss, or mG) associated with emergency loading at the highest EMF value for this transmission line is lower than those associated with normal household appliances like microwaves, electric shavers and hair dryers, shavers and hair dryers. For additional information regarding EMF, the National Institutes of Health has posted information on their website: <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/agents/emf/>. Additionally, information on electric and magnetic fields is available on AEP Ohio's website: <https://www.aepohio.com/info/projects/emf/OurPosition.aspx>. The information found on AEP Ohio's website describes the basics of electromagnetic field theory, scientific research activities, and EMF exposures encountered in everyday life. Similar material will be made available for those affected by the construction activities for this Project. Additionally, the adjusted transmission line work associated with the Project is part of the previously approved Seaman-Adams Project, therefore, no alternatives were considered.

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### **B(9)(c) Project Cost**

#### **The estimated capital cost of the project.**

The capital cost estimate for the approved Seaman-Adams Project, which is comprised of applicable tangible and capital costs, is approximately \$19,800,000 using a Class 4 estimate. Pursuant to the PJM OATT, the costs for this Project will be recovered in the AEP Ohio Transmission Company's FERC formula rate (Attachment H-20 to the PJM OATT) and allocated to the AEP Zone. Costs associated with the approved Seaman-Adams project remain unchanged as the costs of the Project (Adjustment to the Seaman-Adams Project) are included within the above-stated capital cost.

### **B(10) Social and Economic Impacts**

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

#### **B(10)(a) Land Use Characteristics**

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

The Project is located in Meigs Township, Adams County, Ohio. Field observations show the Project area is comprised primarily of residential lawn, pasture, second growth coniferous forest, and industrial habitats with existing roadway present to a lesser extent. (see page 19 of Figure 3 in Appendix D). Appendix D also contains photographs and descriptions of specific habitat types and land uses within the Project area. There are currently four occupied residences within 100 feet of the proposed centerline of the Project and 36 occupied residences located within 1,000 feet of the proposed centerline of the Project. There are no parks, schools, designated places of worship, cemeteries, wildlife management areas, or nature preserve lands within 1,000 feet of the Project area.

Approximately 0.2 acres of tree clearing will be required for the Project. Any necessary tree clearing will take place between October 1 and March 31, to adhere to recommendations from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS") and Ohio Department of Natural Resources ("ODNR"). Additionally, no significant environmental or cultural resources are expected to be impacted as a result of this Project.

#### **B(10)(b) Agricultural Land Information**

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

The Project is not located within any registered agricultural district land, based on coordination with the Adam's County Auditor's Office on September 14, 2020. Additionally, the Project area does not contain any active agricultural row crop land (see page 19 of Figure 3, Appendix D).

#### **B(10)(c) Archaeological and Cultural Resources**

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

As part of the approved Seaman-Adams Project, Phase I Archaeological and Phase I History/Architectural surveys were completed by the Company's consultant in January and April of 2017 and in August of 2020.

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Correspondence from the State Historic Preservation Office (“SHPO”) was received on February 21, 2017, May 5, 2017, and September 2, 2020 (see Appendix C). According to the correspondence received from the SHPO, the Project will have no adverse effects on historic properties and no further cultural resource work is necessary. The Project was surveyed and coordinated appropriately and no further coordination was necessary.

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

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

Best management practices (BMPs) will be implemented and maintained to minimize erosion and control sediment to protect surface water quality during storm events. A project-specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) has been prepared and a Notice of Intent (NOI) was approved by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for authorization of construction storm water discharges under General Permit OHC000005.

As part of the approved Seaman-Adams Project, coordination with the SHPO, the USFWS, and the ODNR have been completed and coordination letters can be found in Appendix C. No streams or wetlands are located within the Project area (see page 19 of Figure 2 in Appendix C). Therefore, the Project will not require a Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) or Pre-Construction Notification to the USACE.

Additionally, no proposed structures or proposed access roads are located within mapped Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) 100-year floodplains or floodway areas (FEMA ID, 39001C). Therefore, no floodplain permitting is expected to be required for the Project.

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

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

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

As part of the ecological study completed for the approved Seaman-Adams Project, a coordination letter was submitted to the USFWS Ohio Ecological Services Field Office seeking technical assistance for potential impacts to threatened or endangered species in 2016. An additional coordination letter was submitted to the USFWS Ohio Ecological Services Field Office again in 2020. The September 29, 2020 response letter received from the USFWS (see Appendix C) stated that the Project is within the range of the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat and should the Project site contain trees  $\geq 3$  inches diameter at breast height (“dbh”), the USFWS recommends trees be saved whenever possible. If any caves or abandoned mines may be disturbed, further coordination is requested. If no caves or abandoned mines are present and trees  $\geq 3$  inches dbh cannot be avoided, USFWS recommends that removal of trees  $\geq 3$  inches dbh only occur between October 1 and March 31 to avoid adverse effects to this species. While incidental take of northern long-eared bats from most tree clearing is exempted by a 4(d) rule, incidental take of Indiana bats is still prohibited without a project-specific exemption. Thus, seasonal tree clearing was recommended by the USFWS where Indiana bats are assumed to be present. If implementation of seasonal tree clearing is not

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possible, the USFWS recommends summer presence/absence surveys be conducted between June 1 and August 15.

No potentially suitable winter hibernacula for the Indiana bat or northern long-eared bat were observed by the Company's consultant within the Project area during field surveys completed in 2016, 2017, and 2020, but potentially suitable roost trees for these species will need to be removed for the Project. Any tree clearing that is necessary for the Project is planned to take place between October 1 and March 31. In the event that tree clearing is required after March 31 and before October 1 additional coordination will be completed with USFWS/ODNR regarding current protocol and permission to complete the survey. Therefore, no impacts to the Indiana bat or northern long-eared bat are anticipated. Furthermore, the September 29, 2020 response letter stated that the USFWS does not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally endangered, threatened, proposed or candidate species due to the Project type, size, and location.

The 2020 USFWS response letter also stated that the Project is within range of running buffalo clover and known locations of this plant occur within the approved Seaman-Adams Project area. Should suitable running buffalo clover habitat be present within the Project area, the USFWS recommended that surveys for this species be conducted by a USFWS trained botanist in May or June when the plants are in flower.

On behalf of the Company, USFWS-approved running buffalo clover surveyors completed habitat assessments and pedestrian surveys for this species within the Seaman-Adams Project area in May of 2018. No running buffalo clover was observed within the Project area during these surveys. The USFWS concurred with the findings of the running buffalo clover surveys in an email dated June 15, 2018 (see Appendix C). USFWS-approved running buffalo clover surveyors also completed pedestrian habitat assessments for this species within recently added portions of the Project area in August of 2020 and found no additional areas of potentially suitable running buffalo clover habitat. Additionally, correspondence was sent to the USFWS Ohio Ecological Field Office in November 2020 requesting further guidance for adjustments associated with the Project. The USFWS response dated November 23, 2020 stated that no further surveys for running buffalo clover were needed for the Project and that all necessary surveys for running buffalo clover have been completed (Appendix C).

As part of the ecological study completed for the Seaman-Adams Project, coordination letters were submitted via email to the ODNR Natural Heritage Program and ODNR Office of Real Estate in 2016 and 2017, respectively, seeking an environmental review of the Seaman-Adams Project for potential impacts to state-listed and federally listed threatened or endangered species. Additionally, a coordination letter was submitted to the ODNR Natural Heritage Program and ODNR Office of Real Estate in 2020 to request additional guidance on the Project.

According to the ODNR Natural Heritage Program response letter received on November 15, 2020 (Appendix C), no occurrences of state-listed threatened or endangered species are known within a one-mile radius of the Project area. However, the ODNR Natural Heritage Program response letter indicates that a mussel bed and the Tranquility Wildlife Area are located within a one-mile radius of the Project area. These resources are not located within the Project area and will not be affected by the Project.

The ODNR response letter stated that the entire state of Ohio is within the range of the state-listed endangered Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat (state-listed endangered) little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*; state-listed endangered), and tri-colored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*; state-listed endangered). During the spring and summer (April 1 through September 30), these species of bats predominately roost in trees behind loose, exfoliating bark, in crevices and cavities, or dead leaves for dead leaf habitat. If trees are present within the Project area, and must be cut, the ODNR recommends cutting only occur between October 1 and March 31, conserving trees. If trees are present within the Project area and must be cut during the summer months, the ODNR recommends a mist net survey or acoustic survey be conducted from June 1 through August 15, prior to any tree cutting activities.

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The ODNR response letter also recommends that a desktop habitat assessment be conducted to determine if there are potential hibernacula present within the Project area. Should potential habitat be present the ODNR recommends field surveys take place.

No potential hibernacula were found within the Project area during the field surveys completed in 2016, 2017, and 2020. Additionally, the Company's consultant completed a desktop habitat assessment for potential bat hibernacula within the Project area in January of 2021 and none were identified within the Project area. Therefore, no effects to bat hibernacula are anticipated.

The ODNR response letter also stated that the Project area is within the range of 15 federal and state-listed mussel species and 8 state-listed fish species (Appendix C). However, the ODNR stated that if there is no in-water work proposed in a perennial stream, this Project is not likely to impact these mussel or fish species. The Project will not require conducting any in-water work in a perennial stream. Therefore, no impacts to state-listed threatened or endangered mussel or fish species are anticipated.

There are two coordination efforts with ODNR, 2017 for the original project area and in 2020 for the additional project area. According to the ODNR Office of Real Estate (November 15, 2020), the additional Project is within the range of the state-listed endangered timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus horridus*), state-listed endangered green salamander (*Aneides aeneus*), state-listed endangered cave salamander (*Eurycea lucifuga*), state-listed threatened midland mud salamander (*Pseudotriton montanus*), and the state-listed endangered eastern spadefoot toad (*Scaphiopus holbrookii*). Per ODNR the project is unlikely to impact the green salamander, cave salamander, and midland mud salamander.

As part of the previously approved Seaman-Adams Project, timber rattlesnake and eastern spadefoot toad habitat assessment studies were conducted by ODNR-approved herpetologists in 2017 within the Seaman-Adams Project area. The habitat assessment studies concluded that there are no suitable habitats for the timber rattlesnake and eastern spadefoot toad within the previously approved Project area and additional presence/absence surveys were not required. ODNR concurred with the results of the habitat assessments (Appendix C). The November 15, 2020 ODNR coordination concluded that the project would not have an impact on the timber rattlesnake and the eastern spadefoot toad. In addition, the Company's consultant conducted a review of the recently added portions of the Project area in August of 2020. The Company's consultant determined that additional areas are located within or immediately adjacent to portions of the Project area that were determined to not contain suitable timber rattlesnake habitat. . The Company's consultant also conducted additional habitat assessment surveys within the recently added portions of the Seaman-Adams Project area in August of 2020 and determined that no areas of suitable eastern spadefoot toad habitat (soft sandy soils in riverine floodplains) are located within those areas. The ODNR stated in their November, 2020 response letter that due to the location and type of habitat within the Project area, this Project is not likely to impact the above listed species (Appendix C).

The ODNR stated that the Project is within the range of the state-listed endangered Allegheny woodrat (*Neotoma magister*). To avoid impacts to this species, impacts to cliffs and rocky outcrops should be avoided. No cliffs or rocky outcrops were observed within the Project area during the field surveys completed in 2016, 2017, and 2020. Therefore, due to the Project location and type of habitat within the Project area, this Project is not likely to impact this species.

According to the ODNR (2017 and 2020 coordination points), the Project is within the range of the state-listed endangered lark sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*). This sparrow nests in grassland habitats with scattered shrub layers, disturbed open areas, as well as patches of bare soil. If this type of habitat will be impacted, construction should be avoided during their nesting period (May 1 through June 30). If this habitat will not be impacted, this project is not likely to impact this species. Field observations by the Company's consultant determined that some areas of potentially suitable nesting habitat for the lark sparrow is present within the Project area in the form of pasture habitat. The area of potential habitat was presented to ODNR for the original project and reroutes on April 25, 2018 and March 17, 2021. ODNR concluded that no habitat existed and no surveys were required (Appendix C). Therefore the project is unlikely to impact the species and no habitat restrictions were required.



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The ODNR stated in the coordination of the reroute areas on 11/15/2020 that the Project is within range of the loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*), a state endangered bird. The reroute area was surveyed for suitable habitat and no habitat was located; the results of the survey were provided to ODNR and on March 25, 2021, ODNR concluded that no loggerhead shrike habitat existed in the reroute and loggerhead shrike assessments were not required for the previously coordinated line. Therefore, the Project is not anticipated to impact this species.

### **B(10)(f) Areas of Ecological Concern**

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

The 2020 USFWS response letter indicates that there are no federal wilderness areas, wildlife refuges or designated critical habitat within the vicinity of the Project area (Appendix C). However, the ODNR response letter indicates that a mussel bed and the Tranquility Wildlife Area (a state protected area) is located within a mile radius of the Project (Appendix C). However, these areas fall outside of the Project area and no impacts to these protected areas will take place during construction activities associated with the Project.

An ecological resources inventory report was completed by the Company's consultant on September 15, 2020 for the previously approved Seaman-Adams Project area and is provided in Appendix D. No wetlands, streams or open waters were identified within the adjustment to the Project area. Therefore, no impacts to wetlands, streams, or open waters will be required for the Project. See Appendix D for more information.

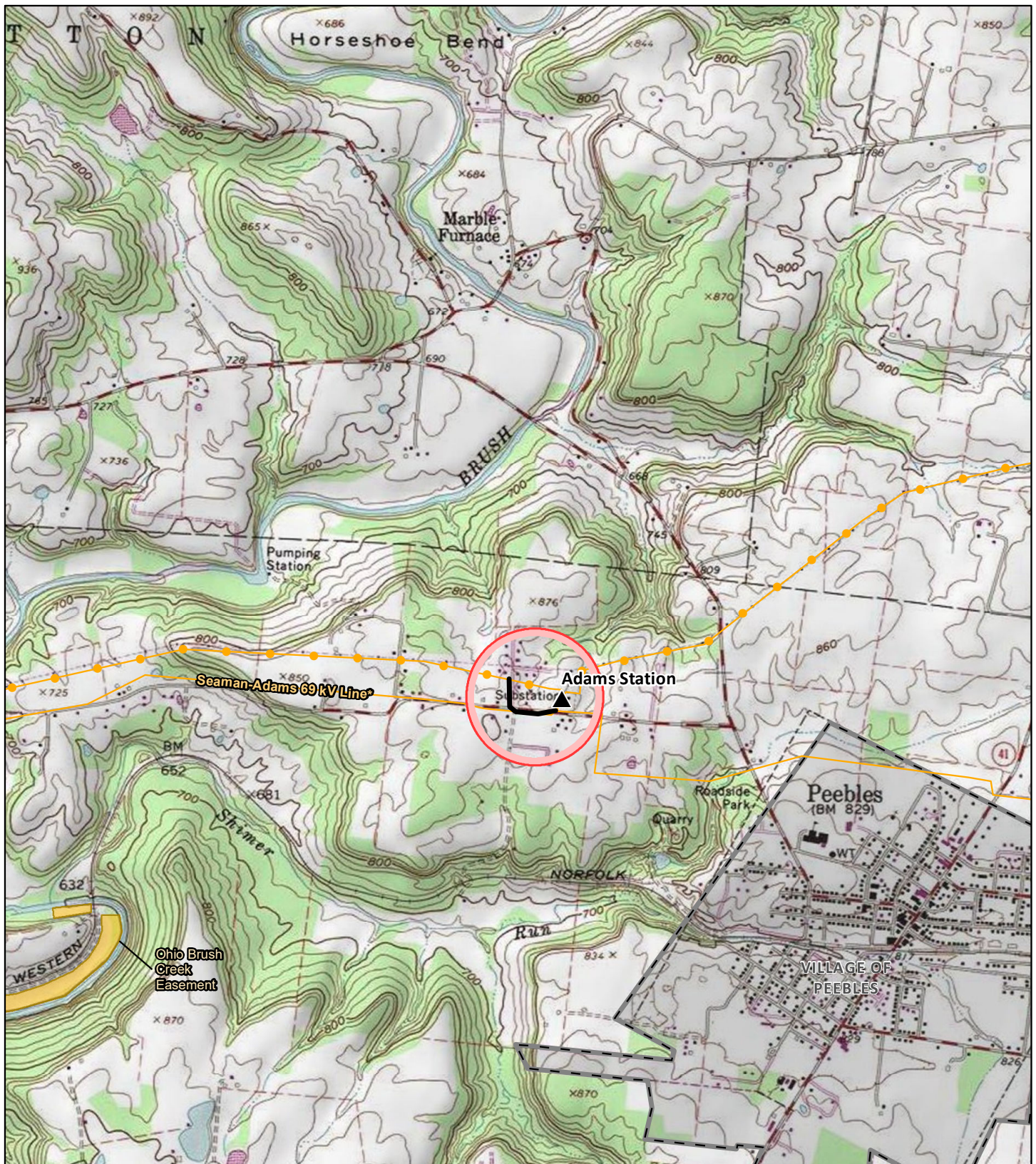
### **B(10)(g) Unusual Conditions**

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

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

## APPENDIX A      Project Figures





**LEGEND:**

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ▲ Existing Substation       | Existing Transmission Line |
| — Proposed Route Adjustment | — 69 kV and Lower          |
| ■ General Project Area      | ● 138 kV                   |
| ■ Conservation Easement     | ■ 345 kV                   |
| □ Municipal Boundary        |                            |
- \*Existing Seaman-Adams 69 kV transmission line to be retired. Existing distribution within the Seaman-Adams 69 kV transmission line ROW will remain and be transferred to AEP Ohio

Data Sources:  
AEP, USGS,  
PennWell

Coordinate System  
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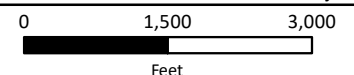
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**FIGURE 1  
TOPOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW  
MAP**



Adjustment to  
Seaman-Adams  
138 kV Transmission  
Rebuild Project







LEGEND:

- ▲ Existing Substation
  - OPSB Approved Route (2020)
  - - Proposed Route Adjustment
  - Existing Transmission Line
    - 69 kV and Lower
    - 138 kV
    - 345 kV
- \*Existing Seaman-Adams 69 kV transmission line to be retired. Existing distribution within the Seaman-Adams 69 kV transmission line ROW will remain and be transferred to AEP Ohio

Data Sources or Notes:  
AEP, USGS, PennWell,  
OGRIP, NAIP

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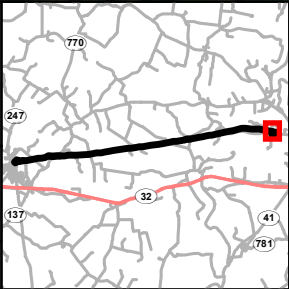
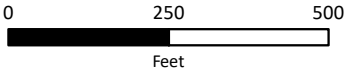


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AERIAL MAP



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## APPENDIX B

## PJM Submittal and 2020 LTFR

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AEP Ohio Transmission Company  
Specifications of Planned Transmission Lines

<b>LINE NAME AND NUMBER:</b>	Adams-Seaman 138kV, 18298 (s1621)
<b>POINTS OF ORIGIN AND TERMINATION</b>	Adams, Seaman; INTERMEDIATE STATION - None
<b>RIGHTS-OF-WAY: LENGTH / WIDTH / CIRCUITS</b>	8.5 mi / 100 ft / 2 circuit
<b>VOLTAGE: DESIGN / OPERATE</b>	138kV / 138kV & 138kV / 69kV
<b>APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE:</b>	Letter of Notification to be filed 2019
<b>CONSTRUCTION:</b>	2021
<b>CAPITAL INVESTMENT:</b>	\$15M
<b>PLANNED SUBSTATION:</b>	NAME - N/A; TRANSMISSION VOLTAGE - N/A; ACREAGE - N/A; LOCATION - N/A
<b>SUPPORTING STRUCTURES:</b>	Steel Monopole
<b>PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER UTILITIES</b>	N/A
<b>PURPOSE OF THE PLANNED TRANSMISSION LINE</b>	Rebuild of existing lines
<b>CONSEQUENCES OF LINE CONSTRUCTION DEFERMENT OR TERMINATION</b>	Increased risk of failure
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>	N/A



PUCO Form FE-T9  
AEP Ohio Transmission Company  
Specifications of Planned Transmission Lines

<b>LINE NAME AND NUMBER:</b>	Adams-Seaman 69kV, 22117 (s1621)
<b>POINTS OF ORIGIN AND TERMINATION</b>	Adams, Seaman; INTERMEDIATE STATION - Lawshe Switch
<b>RIGHTS-OF-WAY: LENGTH / WIDTH / CIRCUITS</b>	8.5 mi / 100 ft / 2 circuit
<b>VOLTAGE: DESIGN / OPERATE</b>	138kV / 138kV & 138kV / 69kV
<b>APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE:</b>	LON to be filed in 2019
<b>CONSTRUCTION:</b>	2021
<b>CAPITAL INVESTMENT:</b>	\$9M
<b>PLANNED SUBSTATION:</b>	NAME - N/A; TRANSMISSION VOLTAGE - N/A; ACREAGE - N/A; LOCATION - N/A
<b>SUPPORTING STRUCTURES:</b>	Steel Monopole
<b>PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER UTILITIES</b>	N/A
<b>PURPOSE OF THE PLANNED TRANSMISSION LINE</b>	Rebuild of existing lines
<b>CONSEQUENCES OF LINE CONSTRUCTION DEFERMENT OR TERMINATION</b>	Increased risk of failure
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>	N/A

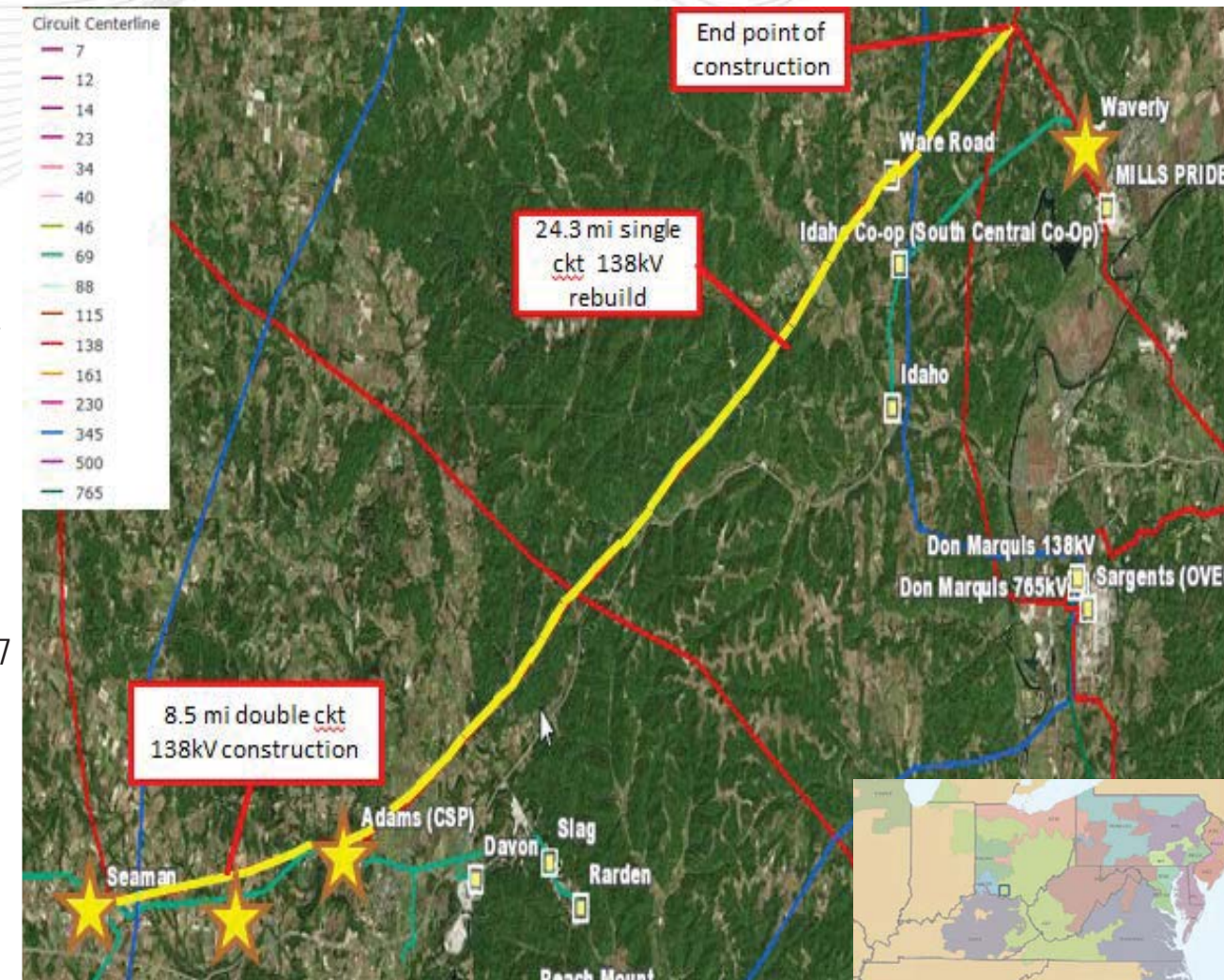
## Problem Statement:

### Equipment Material/Condition/Performance/Risk:

The 32.8 mile Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV line was built in 1954 with 336 ACSR conductor (150 MVA rating). On the 244 structures on this line, there are 153 open conditions. There have been over 1 Million customer minutes of interruption in a 3-year period. The conditions include: rotten cross-arms, burnt/broken insulators, and loose/broken conductor hardware. The average duration of sustained outage is 2.8 hours.

The majority of the Adams-Seaman 69kV line was built in 1939 with 336 ACSR (75 MVA rating). The line extends 11.9 miles radially from Seaman to serve Sardinia. On the line's 440 structures, there are 401 open conditions. Of the 401 conditions between Adams and Sardinia, approximately 88 conditions are in the Adams-Seaman section (97 structures). There have been 8 momentary and 5 sustained outages on this circuit over the last 3 years. The 69kV line is needed to serve Adams Coop's 69-12kV Lawshe load, and to provide a back up source for Seaman and Adams.

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## Potential Solution

Rebuild the 138kV line from Waverly to Adams utilizing 1033.5 ACSR (296 MVA). The rebuild will begin at structure 22 west of Waverly where the line changes to the Waverly-Ross line and continue 24.3 miles to Adams Substation. The remaining 3.1-mile section from structure 22 to Waverly is newer double ckt construction and was not identified for renewal at this time. Remove old line after rebuild complete. **Estimated Cost: \$42.0M**

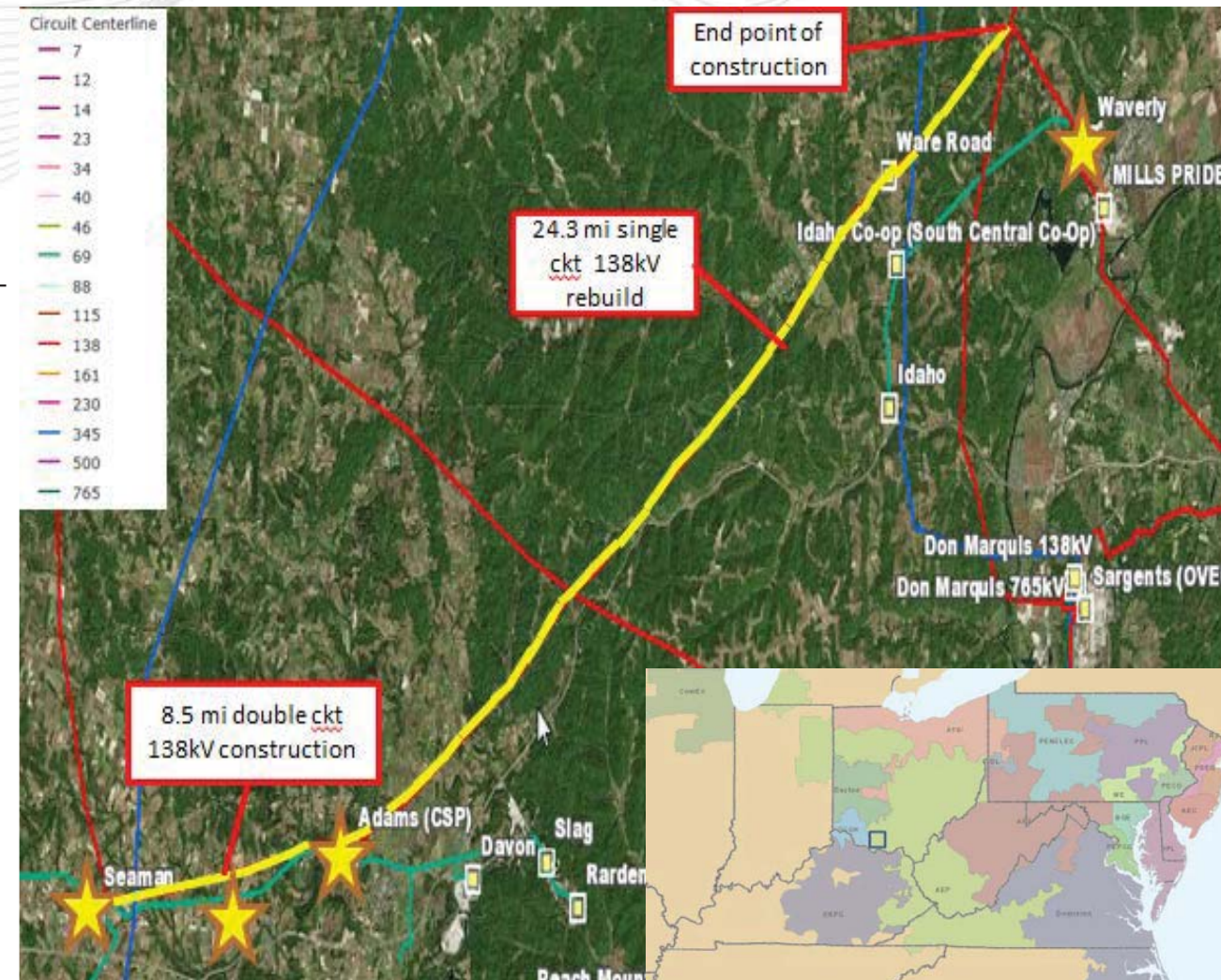
There are two independent lines less than 1/2 mile apart between Seaman and Adams, one 138kV and one 69kV. Since both of the lines are in need of repair, the lines will be rebuilt as a double circuit for approximately 8.5 miles. Both lines will use 1033.5 ACSR. Remove old lines after rebuild complete. There will also need to be a short single ckt tap for Lawshe. **Estimated Cost: \$23.0M**

A three-way POP switch structure will be constructed outside Lawshe substation.

**Estimated Cost: \$1.0M**

**Total Estimated Transmission Cost: \$66.0M**

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## Alternatives:

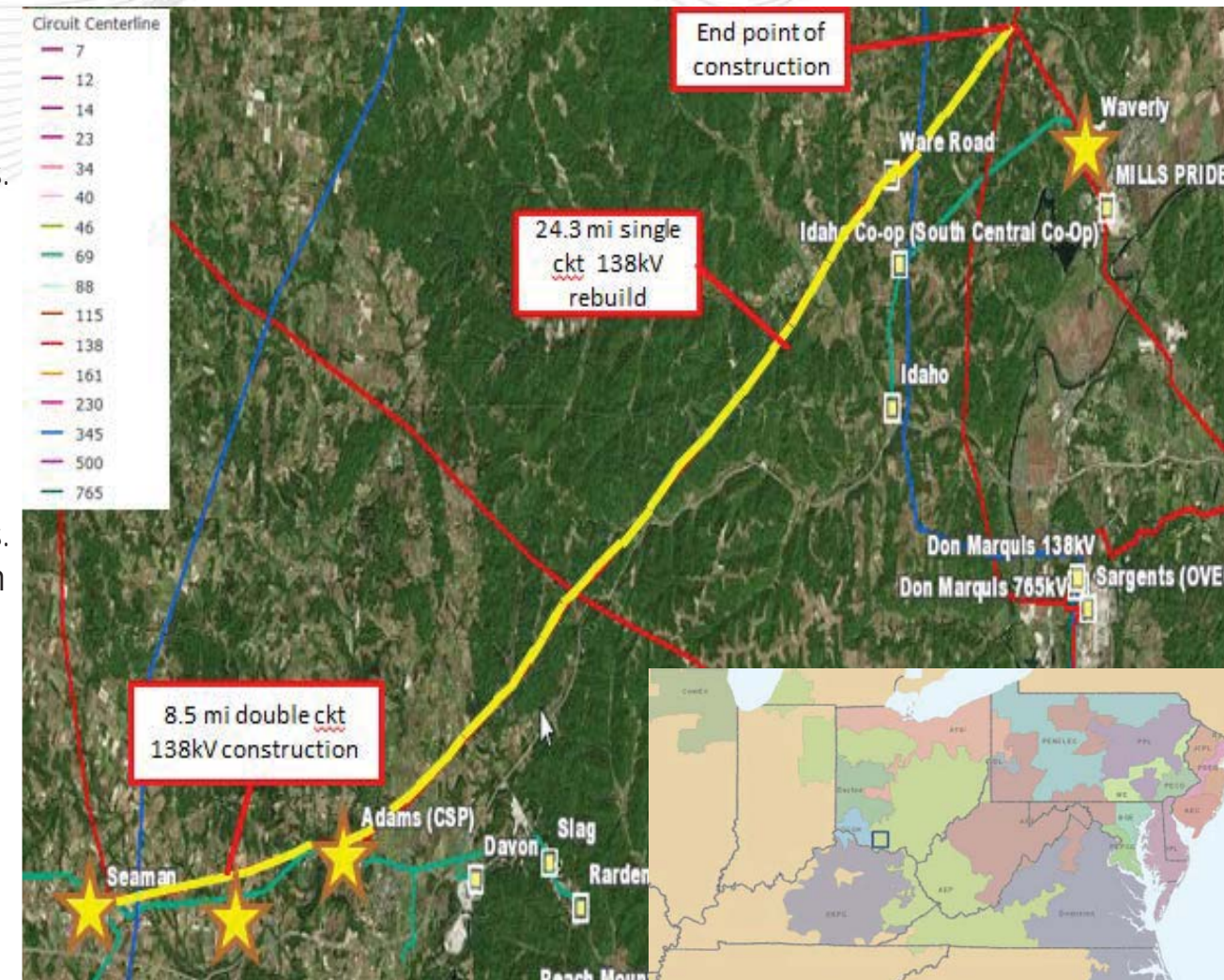
Rebuild 4.3 miles from Waverly to Ware double circuit. Install a new 4-CB ring bus substation at the existing junction of the 138kV Marquis-Ross and Waverly-Adams lines. Install new 3-CB ring bus substation at the junction of the 138kV Millbrook Park-Hillsboro and Adams-Waverly lines. Retire 12 mile section from Ware to the 138kV Hillsboro-Millbrook Park line junction. Rebuild the 8 miles Adams to the new station on the Hillsboro-Millbrook Park line. Rebuild the Seaman-Adams line the same as the proposed project. This project was not chosen due to cost and the Ware Rd station would be on a double circuit line. Estimated Cost: \$70M

Rebuild 4.3 miles from Waverly to Ware double circuit. Install new 4-CB ring bus substation at the existing junction of the 138kV Marquis-Ross and Waverly-Adams lines. Retire the 20 mile section from Ware to Adams. Construct a new 345-138kV substation near Seaman, tapping the 345kV Stuart-Atlanta line. Rebuild the Seaman-Adams 138kV line as a double circuit and rebuild the Seaman-Adams 69kV line in-place. This project was not chosen due to cost. Estimated Cost: \$101M

Rebuild the 138kV and 69kV lines between Seaman and Adams individually along their existing centerlines. Install a new switch at the Lawshe Tap. This project was not chosen due to cost. Estimated Cost: \$76M

**Projected In-service:** 06/01/2021

**Project Status:** Engineering



## APPENDIX C    Agency Correspondence



# Ohio Department of Natural Resources

JOHN R. KASICH, GOVERNOR

JAMES ZEHRINGER, DIRECTOR

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December 13, 2016

Dan Godec  
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Dear Mr. Godec,

I have reviewed the Natural Heritage Database for the Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild project area, including a one mile radius, in Scott, Meigs and Franklin Townships, Adams County and Sunfish, Benton, Pebble and Pee Pee Townships, Pike County, Ohio. The numbers/letters on the list below correspond to the areas marked on the accompanying map. Common name, scientific name and status are given for each species.

- A. Tranquility Wildlife Area – ODNR Division of Wildlife
- B. Chalet Nivale/Bacon Flats – Highlands Nature Sanctuary
- C. Appalachian Highway Cliffs Conservation Site
- D. Brush Creek State Forest – ODNR Division of Forestry (several parcels)
  - 1. Mussel Bed
  - 2. *Liatris squarrosa* – Scaly Blazing-star, potentially threatened
  - 3. Cave or Cavern
    - Natural Bridge or Arch
    - Asplenium ruta-muraria* – Wall-rue, threatened
    - Viola walteri* – Walter's Violet, threatened
    - Thuja occidentalis* – Arbor Vitae, potentially threatened
    - Draba cuneifolia* – Wedge-leaved Whitlow-grass, threatened
    - Draba reptans* – Carolina Whitlow-grass, threatened
    - Ranunculus fascicularis* – Early Buttercup, threatened
    - Cardamine dissecta* – Narrow-leaved Toothwort, potentially threatened
  - 4. *Silene caroliniana* ssp. *wherryi* – Wherry's Catchfly, threatened
  - 5. *Silene caroliniana* ssp. *wherryi* – Wherry's Catchfly, threatened
  - 6. *Notropis boops* – Bigeye Shiner, threatened
  - 7. *Potamogeton tennesseensis* – Tennessee Pondweed, threatened
  - 8. *Potamogeton tennesseensis* – Tennessee Pondweed, threatened

A Conservation Site is an area deemed by the Natural Heritage Program to be a high quality natural area not currently under formal protection. It may, for example, harbor one or more rare species,

be an outstanding example of a plant community or have geologically significant features, etc. These sites may be in private ownership and our listing of them does not imply permission for access.

We are unaware of any scenic rivers, state nature preserves or parks or national wildlife refuges, parks or forests within a one mile radius of the project area.

Our inventory program has not completely surveyed Ohio and relies on information supplied by many individuals and organizations. Therefore, a lack of records for any particular area is not a statement that rare species or unique features are absent from that area. This letter only represents a review of rare species and natural features data within the Ohio Natural Heritage Database. It does not fulfill coordination under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S. C. 661 et seq.) and does not supersede or replace the regulatory authority of any local, state or federal agency nor relieve the applicant of the obligation to comply with any local, state or federal laws or regulations.

Please contact me at 614-265-6818 if I can be of further assistance.

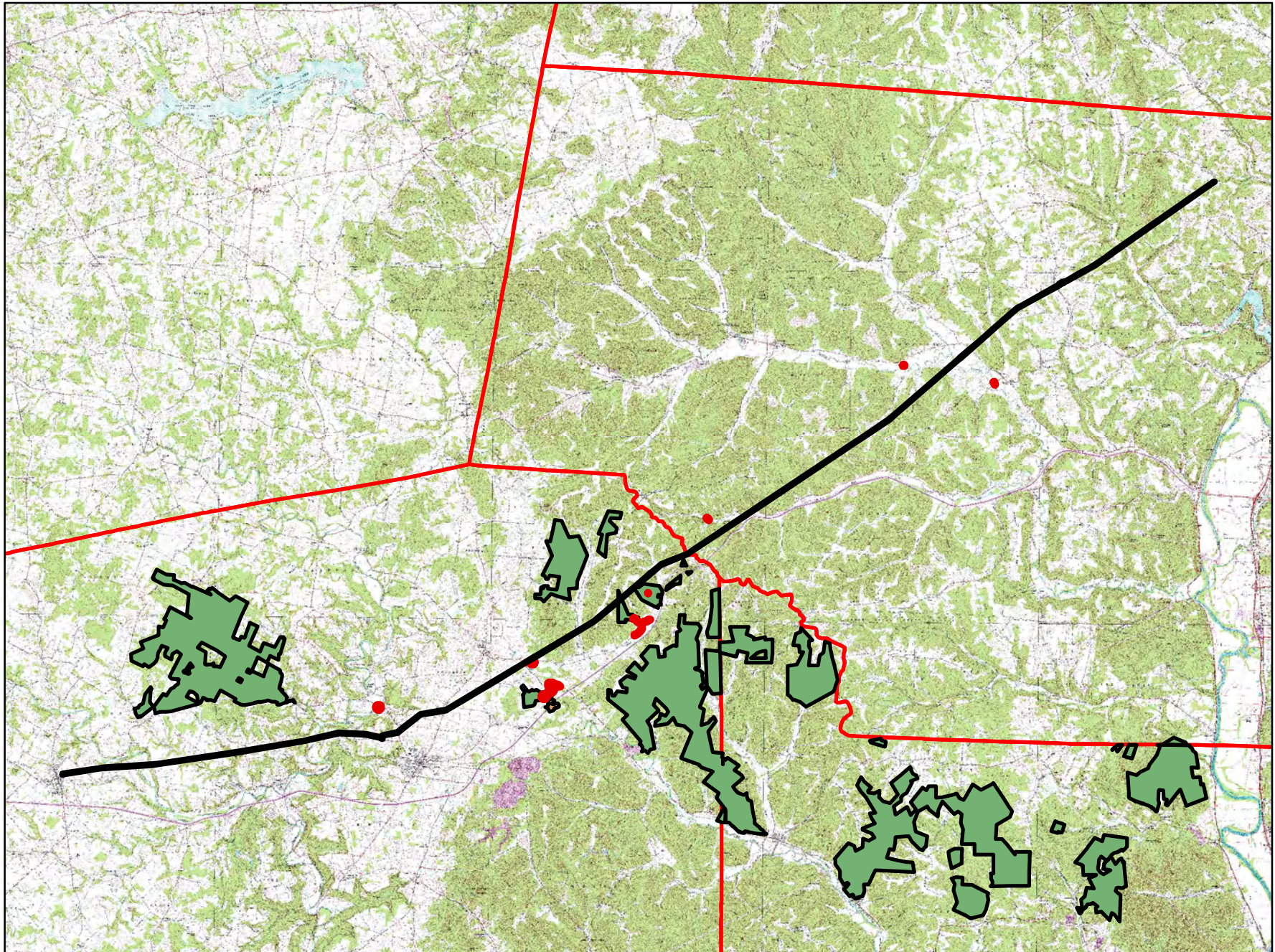
Sincerely,

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Debbie Woischke  
Ohio Natural Heritage Program

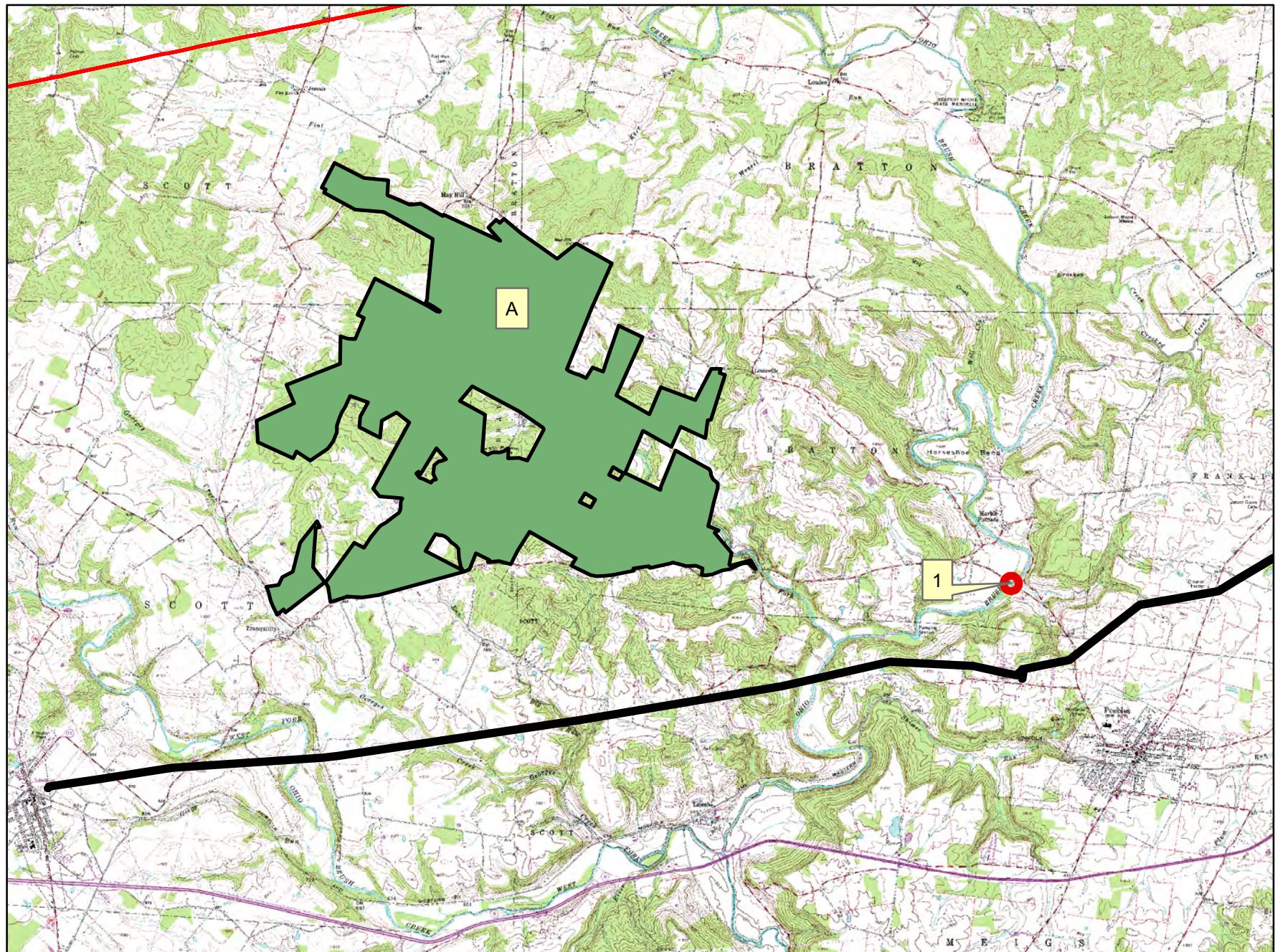


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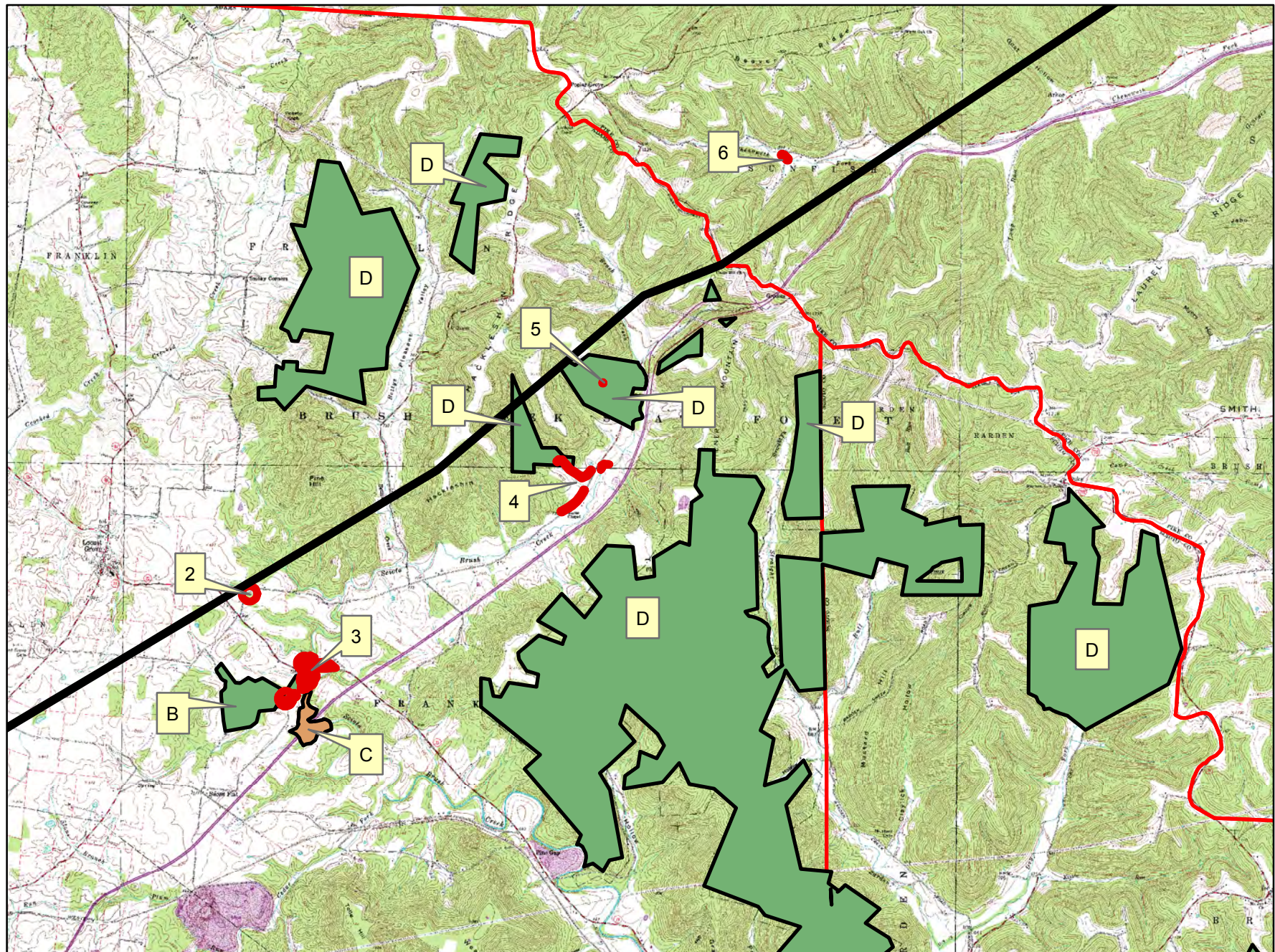


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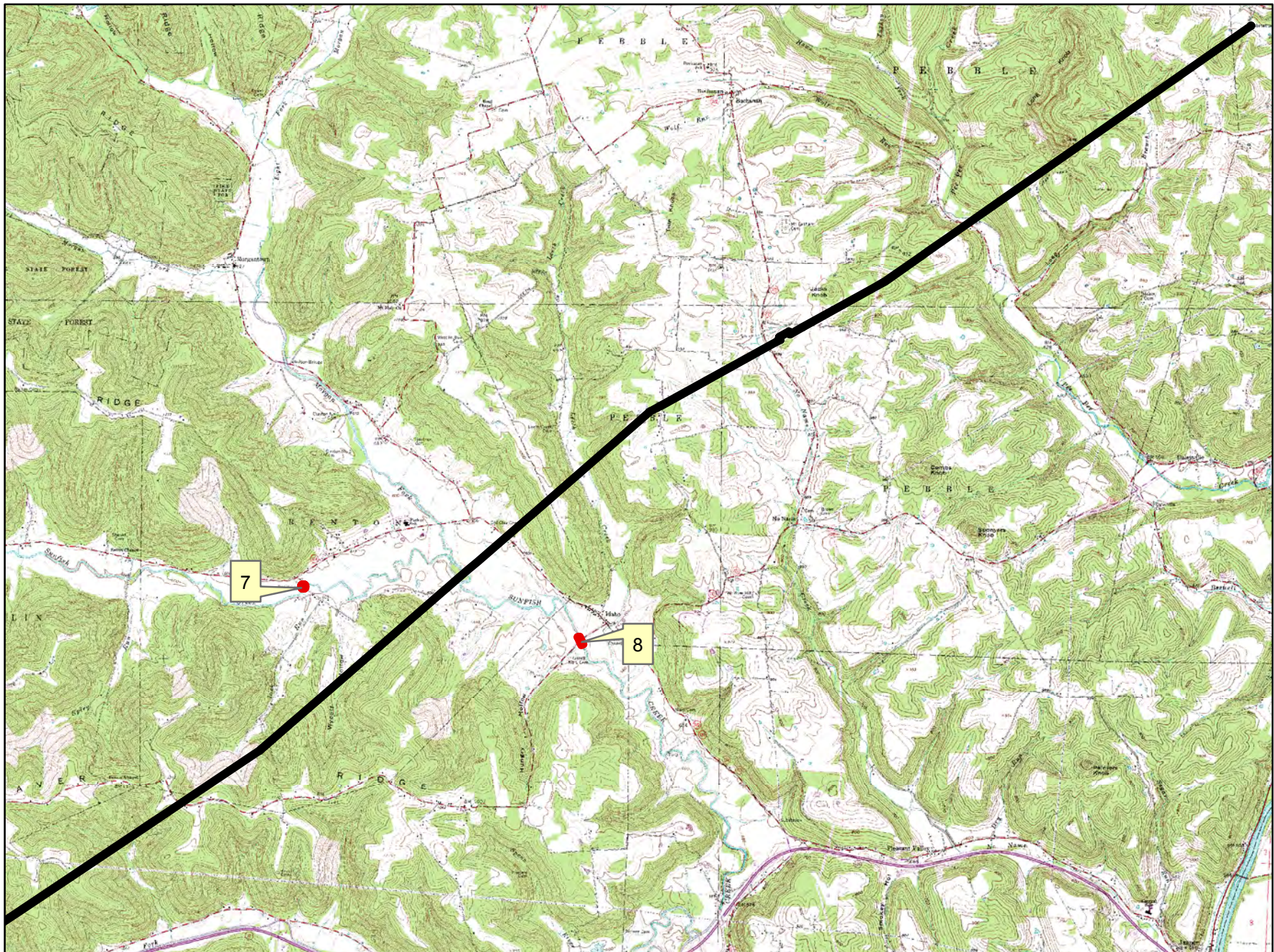


# Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project





# Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project







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**Re:** 17-053; Request for Environmental Review, Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

**Project:** The proposed consists of the rebuilding of approximately 32.8 miles of the Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV transmission line.

**Location:** The proposed project is located in Scott, Meigs and Franklin Townships, Adams County, and Sunfish, Benton, Pebble and Pee Pee Townships, Pike County, Ohio.

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

**Natural Heritage Database:** The Natural Heritage data request response dated December 16, 2016 is included on pages 10-15 of the project documentation.

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

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

The project is within the range of the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), a state endangered and federally endangered species. The following species of trees have relatively high value as potential Indiana bat roost trees: shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*), shellbark hickory (*Carya laciniosa*), bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*), black ash (*Fraxinus nigra*), green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), white ash (*Fraxinus americana*), shingle oak (*Quercus imbricaria*), northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*), slippery elm (*Ulmus rubra*), American elm (*Ulmus americana*), eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*), sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*), post oak (*Quercus stellata*), and white oak (*Quercus alba*). Indiana bat roost trees consists of

trees that include dead and dying trees with exfoliating bark, crevices, or cavities in upland areas or riparian corridors and living trees with exfoliating bark, cavities, or hollow areas formed from broken branches or tops. However, Indiana bats are also dependent on the forest structure surrounding roost trees. If suitable habitat occurs within the project area, the DOW recommends trees be conserved. If suitable habitat occurs within the project area and trees must be cut, the DOW recommends cutting occur between October 1 and March 31. If suitable trees must be cut during the summer months, the DOW recommends a net survey be conducted between June 1 and August 15, prior any to cutting. Net surveys should incorporate either nine net nights per square 0.5 kilometer of project area, or four net nights per kilometer for linear projects. If no tree removal is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the sheepnose (*Plethobasus cyphus*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the pink mucket (*Lampsilis orbiculata*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the Northern riffleshell (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the rayed bean (*Villosa fabalis*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the yellow sandshell (*Lampsilis teres*), a state endangered mussel, the washboard (*Megaloniais nervosa*), a state endangered mussel, the butterfly (*Ellipsaria lineolata*), a state endangered mussel, the long-solid (*Fusconaia maculata maculata*), a state endangered mussel, the ebonyshell (*Fusconaia ebenus*), a state endangered mussel, the wartyback (*Quadrula nodulata*), a state endangered mussel, the Ohio pigtoe (*Pleurobema cordatum*), a state endangered mussel, the threehorn wartyback (*Obliquaria reflexa*), a state threatened mussel, the fawnsfoot (*Truncilla donaciformis*), a state threatened mussel, and the black sandshell (*Ligumia recta*), a state threatened mussel.

This project must not have an impact on freshwater native mussels at the project site. This applies to both listed and non-listed species. Per the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (2016), all Group 2, 3, and 4 streams (Appendix A) require a mussel survey. Per the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol, Group 1 streams (Appendix A) and unlisted streams with a watershed of 10 square miles or larger above the point of impact should be assessed using the Reconnaissance Survey for Unionid Mussels (Appendix B) to determine if mussels are present. Mussel surveys may be recommended for these streams as well. This is further explained within the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol. Therefore, if in-water work is planned in any stream that meets any of the above criteria, the DOW recommends the applicant provide information to indicate no mussel impacts will occur. If this is not possible, the DOW recommends a professional malacologist conduct a mussel survey in the project area. If mussels that cannot be avoided are found in the project area, as a last resort, the DOW recommends a professional malacologist collect and relocate the mussels to suitable and similar habitat upstream of the project site. Mussel surveys and any subsequent mussel relocation should be done in accordance with the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol. The Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (2016) can be found at:

<http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/portals/wildlife/pdfs/licenses%20&%20permits/OH%20Mussel%20Survey%20Protocol.pdf>

The project is within the range of the shortnose gar (*Lepisosteus platostomus*), a state endangered fish, the popeye shiner (*Notropis ariommus*), a state endangered fish, the goldeye (*Hiodon alosoides*), a state endangered fish, the shovelnose sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus*), a state endangered fish, the channel darter (*Percina copelandi*), a state threatened fish, the blue sucker (*Cycleptus elongatus*), a state threatened fish, the bigeye shiner (*Notropis boops*), a state threatened fish, the American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*), a state threatened fish, the Tippecanoe

darter (*Etheostoma tippecanoe*), a state threatened fish, and the river darter (*Percina shumardi*), a state threatened fish. The DOW recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to indigenous aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact these species.

The project is within the range of the timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus horridus*), a state endangered species, and a federal species of concern. The timber rattlesnake is a woodland species. In addition to using wooded areas, the timber rattlesnake also utilizes sunlit gaps in the canopy for basking and deep rock crevices known as den sites for overwintering. The DOW recommends that a habitat suitability survey be conducted by an approved herpetologist to determine if suitable habitat is present along the project route. If suitable habitat is found to be present, the DOW recommends that a presence/absence survey be conducted, or an avoidance/minimization plan be developed and implemented by an approved herpetologist. Survey reports can be submitted to Nathan Reardon, DOW Compliance Coordinator at [Nathan.reardon@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:Nathan.reardon@dnr.state.oh.us).

The project is within the range of the eastern spadefoot toad (*Scaphiopus holbrookii*), a state endangered species. This species is found in areas of sandy soils that are associated with river valleys. Breeding habitats may include flooded agricultural fields or other water holding depressions. The DOW recommends that a habitat suitability survey be conducted by an approved herpetologist to determine if suitable habitat is present along the project route. If suitable habitat is found to be present, the DOW recommends that a presence/absence survey be conducted, or an avoidance/minimization plan be developed and implemented by an approved herpetologist. Survey reports can be submitted to Nathan Reardon, DOW Compliance Coordinator at [Nathan.reardon@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:Nathan.reardon@dnr.state.oh.us).

The project is within the range of the lark sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*), a state endangered bird. This sparrow nests in grassland habitats with scattered shrub layers, disturbed open areas, as well as patches of bare soil. In the Oak Openings area west of Toledo, lark sparrows occupy open grass and shrubby fields along sandy beach ridges. These summer residents normally migrate out of Ohio shortly after their young fledge or leave the nest. If this type of habitat will be impacted, construction should be avoided in this habitat during the species' nesting period of May 1 to June 30. If this habitat will not be impacted, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the Kramer's cave beetle (*Pseudanophthalmus krameri*), a state endangered species, and the Ohio cave beetle (*Pseudanophthalmus ohioensis*), a state endangered species. These species are found only in caves. The Ohio Cave Protection Law, Section 1517.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, protects caves from impacts, in turn, protecting the habitat of these species. Therefore, this project is not likely to have an impact on these species.

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

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

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

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

<http://water.ohiodnr.gov/water-use-planning/floodplain-management#PUB>

**Forestry:** The Division of Forestry has the following comments.

The proposed project will occur in part on Brush Creek State Forest. If access to Brush Creek State Forest land is necessary, those activities should be coordinated with the Forest Manager, Dale Egbert ([Charles.Egbert@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:Charles.Egbert@dnr.state.oh.us), 740-858-6685), in order to obtain a special use permit.

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

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## Ohio Division of Wildlife APPROVED HERPETOLOGISTS

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**The following individuals are approved to conduct habitat suitability surveys and presence/absence surveys for the state listed reptiles and amphibians specified below.**

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**Approved for:** - Spotted turtle (*Clemmys guttata*)  
- Blanding's turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*)  
- Smooth greensnake (*Opheodrys vernalis*)

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**Approved for:** - Spotted turtle (*Clemmys guttata*)  
- Blanding's turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*)

**The following individuals are approved to conduct habitat suitability surveys and presence/absence surveys for all state listed reptiles and amphibians.**

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October 2016

**From:** [Nathan.Reardon@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:Nathan.Reardon@dnr.state.oh.us)  
**To:** [Amy J Toohey](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: AEP Waverly-Ware and Ware Seaman 138kV Line  
**Date:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 10:16:09 AM

**This is an EXTERNAL email. STOP. THINK before you CLICK links or OPEN attachments. If suspicious please forward to [incidents@aep.com](mailto:incidents@aep.com) for review.**

Amy,

Thank you for providing the habitat assessment reports. The DOW concurs with Mr. Davis' assessment that suitable habitat is not present along the project route (both projects), and therefore the eastern spadefoot is not likely to be impacted by this project.

When submitting the reports, if it possible to reference the ODNR internal tracking number (17-053), it would help me with tracking and data management. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,  
Nathan

**Nathan Reardon**  
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**Subject:** AEP Waverly-Ware and Ware Seaman 138kV Line



Greetings:

AEP will be replacing the existing 138kv Transmission line on essentially existing easement. As part of the ecological investigation it was determined that a potential for the Eastern Spadefoot Toad (*Scaphiopus holbrookii*) habitat may exist along the AEP Waverly Ware and Ware Seaman 138kV



transmission line, Pike and Adams County, Ohio. AEP contract through AECOM, Jeffery Davis to complete a habitat assessment of the project areas.

Attached for your review/concurrence are two reports that contain the habitat studies for the segment of line from Waverly Station to Ware Road (Pike County) and the next study segment from Ware Road (Pike County) to Seaman Station (Seaman, Ohio). There were no suitable habitat areas for the Eastern Spadefoot Toad based on field reviews and results of the habitat assessment efforts/report.

Please advise if you need additional information to help with your review of the reports.

Thank you  
Amy

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AEP Eastern Spade Foot Toad-Waverly Ware-Ware Seaman Combined Reports.pdf

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Amy,

The DOW concurs with Mr. Wynn's assessment that timber rattlesnake habitat is not present along the Waverly-Ware project route. Therefore, this project is not likely to impact the timber rattlesnake, and no further coordination is necessary at this time.

Thank you,  
Nathan

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**Subject:** RE: AEP Ware Road-Seaman Station 138kV Upgrade-Timber Rattlesnake Habitat Survey

Greetings:  
Attached is the Waverly-Ware habitat report.

Thanks  
Amy

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**Subject:** AEP Ware Road-Seaman Station 138kV Upgrade-Timber Rattlesnake Habitat Survey

Greetings:

AEP is proposing to rebuild the existing transmission 138kV from **Ware Road Substation (Pike County) to Seaman Station (Adams County)**. As a result of the literature review completed with ODNR, the potential of suitable Timber Rattlesnake exists in a portion of the project area.

AEP has worked with Doug Wynn regarding the completion of habitat surveys for the proposed projects. Attached is the habitat survey that was completed by Doug for the **Ware Road to Seaman Station 138kV** project area. Also attached is a copy of the previously prepared report from Waverly Station to Ware Road-no habitat was identified. The attached reports complete the Timber Rattlesnake Surveys for the limits of the literature review (ODNR letter attached).

As documented in the attached report, the **Ware Road to Seaman Station** project area contains 15 miles of suitable Timber Rattlesnake habitat and the rest of the project area does not contain suitable habitat.

We will continue to work with Doug Wynn regarding the 15 miles of suitable habitat as the construction schedule is developed and access roads confirmed. It is not anticipated that we will be able to complete an absence presence survey as recommended, but will work with Doug on a monitoring approach to construction in the identified 15 miles.

Following the review of the habitat survey if there are any questions or concerns please advise.

Thank you,  
Amy



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Amy,

Thank you for providing Mr. Wynn's survey report. The DOW concurs with Mr. Wynn's avoidance and minimization approach for the Ware Seaman rebuild project.

Thank you,  
Nathan

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**Cc:** Ron Howard <[rmhoward@aep.com](mailto:rmhoward@aep.com)>  
**Subject:** AEP Ware Seaman Timber Rattlesnake Winter Habitat survey

Greetings:

Attached is the Timber Rattlesnake Winter Habitat survey for the portion of the project area identified with suitable habitat however, no suitable overwintering sites were identified. AEP is proposing to rebuild the existing 138kV transmission line from Ware Road Substation (Pike County) to Seaman Station (Adams County). We previously coordinated the habitat studies completed by Doug Wynn and ODNR concurred with the recommendations on November 6, 2017. The enclosed report reflects ODNR's comment regarding working with Doug Wynn regarding an avoidance and minimization approach.

As indicated in the report AEP will be working with Doug Wynn to implement the enclosed plan and to monitor the area during construction. We request your concurrence on the approach as presented in the report.

If you have any questions/concerns please let me know.

Thank you

Amy



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Amy,

As I mentioned, we have been looking at the distribution and habitat requirements for this species. Given the location, and the proposed impacts, I don't think it is necessary to continue with surveys for the lark sparrow as part of this project. If you would like to discuss or have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,  
Nathan

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Amy,

Can you provide me a map of the areas that have been identified as potential habitat? I may be able to eliminate some of the areas. We have been working on an updated distribution for this species. We also have a draft protocol, very similar to the upland sandpiper protocol.

Thanks,  
Nathan

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**Subject:** Lark Sparrow Absence/Presence Surveys?

Greetings:

We have a project-Waverly Adams Seaman 138kV line where there is suitable habitat for the Lark Sparrow. This is the same project area that I previously sent you a copy of the Timber Rattlesnake survey. Is there any protocol for absence/presence survey for the Lark Sparrow? At present we are planning on walking the access road routes/work areas prior to construction starting for the day looking for Lark Sparrow nests during nesting season. The cost to do these surveys are a bit pricey and I was wondering if an Absence/Presence survey would be better/more effective.

Thanks  
Amy



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**Re:** 20-906; Seaman-Adams 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

**Project:** The proposed project involves the rebuild of approximately 7.9 miles of the existing Seaman - Adams 138 kV electric distribution line, and approximately 0.5 miles of the Seaman - Adams 69 kV electric transmission line.

**Location:** The proposed project is located in Village of Seaman, Scott and Meigs Townships, Adams County, Ohio.

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

**Natural Heritage Database:** The Natural Heritage Database has the following records at or within a one-mile radius of the project area:

Mussel Bed  
Tranquility Wildlife Area – ODNR Division of Wildlife

The review was performed on the project area you specified in your request as well as an additional one-mile radius. Records searched date from 1980. This information is provided to inform you of features present within your project area and vicinity.

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

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

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



The entire state of Ohio is within the range of the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), a state endangered and federally endangered species, the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), a state endangered and federally threatened species, the little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*), a state endangered species, and the tricolored bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*), a state endangered species. During the spring and summer (April 1 through September 30), these species of bats predominately roost in trees behind loose, exfoliating bark, in crevices and cavities, or in the leaves. However, these species are also dependent on the forest structure surrounding roost trees. If trees are present within the project area, and trees must be cut, the DOW recommends cutting only occur from October 1 through March 31, conserving trees with loose, shaggy bark and/or crevices, holes, or cavities, as well as trees with DBH  $\geq 20$  if possible. If trees are present within the project area, and trees must be cut during the summer months, the DOW recommends a mist net survey or acoustic survey be conducted from June 1 through August 15, prior to any cutting. Mist net and acoustic surveys should be conducted in accordance with the most recent version of the “OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE GUIDANCE FOR BAT SURVEYS AND TREE CLEARING”. If state listed bats are documented, DOW recommends cutting only occur from October 1 through March 31, however, limited summer tree cutting may be acceptable after consultation with DOW (contact Sarah Stankavich, [sarah.stankavich@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:sarah.stankavich@dnr.state.oh.us)).

The DOW also recommends that a desktop habitat assessment, followed by a field assessment if needed, is conducted to determine if there are potential hibernaculum(a) present within the project area. Information about how to conduct habitat assessments can be found in the current USFWS “Range-wide Indiana Bat Survey Guidelines.” If a habitat assessment finds that potential hibernacula are present within 0.25 miles of the project area, please send this information to Sarah Stankavich, [sarah.stankavich@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:sarah.stankavich@dnr.state.oh.us) for project recommendations. If a potential or known hibernaculum is found, the DOW recommends a 0.25-mile tree cutting and subsurface disturbance buffer around the hibernaculum entrance, however, limited summer or winter tree cutting may be acceptable after consultation with DOW. If no tree cutting or subsurface impacts to a hibernaculum are proposed, this project is not likely to impact these species.

The project is within the range of the following listed mussel species:

Federally Endangered

club shell (*Pleurobema clava*)  
fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria*)  
pink mucket (*Lampsilis orbiculata*)  
rayed bean (*Villosa fabalis*)  
sheepnose (*Plethobasus cyphus*)  
snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*)

State Endangered

butterfly (*Ellipsaria lineolata*)  
ebonyshell (*Fusconaia ebenus*)  
long-solid (*Fusconaia maculata maculata*)  
wartyback (*Quadrula nodulata*)  
washboard (*Megaloniaias nervosa*)  
yellow sandshell (*Lampsilis teres*)

State Threatened

black sandshell (*Ligumia recta*)  
fawnsfoot (*Truncilla donaciformis*)  
threehorn wartyback (*Obliquaria reflexa*)

This project must not have an impact on freshwater native mussels at the project site. This applies to both listed and non-listed species. Per the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (2020), all Group 2, 3, and 4 streams (Appendix A) require a mussel survey. Per the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol, Group 1 streams (Appendix A) and unlisted streams with a watershed of 5 square miles or larger above the point of impact should be assessed using the Reconnaissance Survey for Unionid Mussels (Appendix B) to determine if mussels are present. Mussel surveys may be recommended for these streams as well. This is further explained within the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol. Therefore, if in-water work is planned in any stream that meets any of the above criteria, the DOW recommends the applicant provide information to indicate no mussel impacts will occur. If this is not possible, the DOW recommends a professional malacologist conduct a mussel survey in the project area. If mussels that cannot be avoided are found in the project area, as a last resort, the DOW recommends a professional malacologist collect and relocate the mussels to suitable and similar habitat upstream of the project site. Mussel surveys and any subsequent mussel relocation should be done in accordance with the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol. The Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (2020) can be found at: <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/portals/wildlife/pdfs/licenses%20&%20permits/OH%20Mussel%20Survey%20Protocol.pdf>

The project is within the range of the following listed fish species:

State Endangered

goldeye (*Hiodon alosoides*)  
popeye shiner (*Notropis ariommus*)  
shortnose gar (*Lepisosteus platostomus*)  
shovelnose sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus*)

State Threatened

American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*)  
channel darter (*Percina copelandi*)  
paddlefish (*Polyodon spathula*)  
river darter (*Percina shumardi*)

The DOW recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 through June 30 to reduce impacts to indigenous aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed in a perennial stream, this project is not likely to impact these or other aquatic species.

The project is within the range of the timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*), a state endangered species, and a federal species of concern. The timber rattlesnake is a woodland species, utilizing dry slopes and rocky outcrops. In addition to using wooded areas, the timber rattlesnake utilizes sunlit gaps in the canopy for basking and deep rock crevices for overwintering. Due to the location, and the type of habitat within the project area, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the green salamander (*Aneides aeneus*), a state endangered amphibian. Due to the location, and the type of habitat within the project area, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the cave salamander (*Eurycea lucifuga*), a state endangered species. Due to the location, and the type of habitat within the project area, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the midland mud salamander (*Pseudotriton montanus diastictus*), a state threatened species. Due to the location, and the type of habitat within the project area, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the eastern spadefoot toad (*Scaphiopus holbrookii*), a state endangered species. This species is found in areas of sandy soils that are associated with river valleys. Breeding habitats may include flooded agricultural fields or other water holding depressions. Due to the location, and the type of habitat within the project area, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the Allegheny woodrat (*Neotoma magister*), a state endangered species. The Allegheny woodrat utilizes rocky outcrops such as cliffs and caves in forested areas. To avoid impacts to this species, impacts to cliffs and rocky outcrops should be avoided. In addition, a buffer of 100 feet above and 200 feet below cliffs and rocky outcrops should be maintained. Due to the location, and the type of habitat within the project area, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the lark sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*), a state endangered bird. This sparrow nests in grassland habitats with scattered shrub layers, disturbed open areas, as well as patches of bare soil. In the Oak Openings area west of Toledo, lark sparrows occupy open grass and shrubby fields along sandy beach ridges. These summer residents normally migrate out of Ohio shortly after their young fledge or leave the nest. If this type of habitat will be impacted, construction should be avoided in this habitat during the species' nesting period of May 1 to June 30. If this habitat will not be impacted, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*), a state endangered bird. The loggerhead shrike nests in hedgerows, thickets and fencerows. They hunt over hayfields, pastures, and other grasslands. If thickets or other types of dense shrubbery habitat will be impacted, construction should be avoided in this habitat during the species' nesting period of April 1 to August 1. If this habitat will not be impacted, this project is not likely to impact this species.

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

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

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

[http://water.ohiodnr.gov/portals/soilwater/pdf/floodplain/Floodplain%20Manager%20Community%20Contact%20List\\_8\\_16.pdf](http://water.ohiodnr.gov/portals/soilwater/pdf/floodplain/Floodplain%20Manager%20Community%20Contact%20List_8_16.pdf)

ODNR appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments. Please contact Sarah Tebbe, Environmental Specialist, at (614) 265-6397 or [Sarah.Tebbe@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:Sarah.Tebbe@dnr.state.oh.us) if you have questions about these comments or need additional information.

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## OHIO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE GUIDANCE FOR BAT SURVEYS AND TREE CLEARING JUNE 2020

### Agency Contacts:

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Due to the evolving situation with COVID-19, we are temporarily suspending bat-handling activities until more is known about the risk to North American bats. This document has been updated with new state guidance for the 2020 field season only, or until bat-handling activities are reinstated. These guidelines replace previous guidelines released in March 2020.

*This guidance applies to state recommendations only. Contact the USFWS to determine if federal consultation is also necessary to comply with federal law.*

### Ohio Mist Net Surveys:

Mist-netting for presence/absence surveys, education events, or research activities will not be authorized for the 2020 season.

### Ohio Acoustic Surveys:

Acoustic bat surveys for presence/absence will be accepted by ODNR for the 2020 season. Surveys should follow guidelines laid out in the USFWS Range-wide Indiana Bat Survey Guidelines (March 2020) with the following exceptions:

- Ohio survey dates are June 1 – August 15, 2020
- After conducting automated analyses using one or more of the currently available ‘approved’ acoustic bat ID programs<sup>1</sup>, qualitative analysis (i.e., manual vetting) of any calls recorded from state-endangered species (*Myotis sodalis*, *M. septentrionalis*<sup>2</sup>, *M. lucifugus*<sup>2</sup>, and *Perimyotis subflavus*<sup>2</sup>) must be completed.
  - At a minimum, for each detector site/night a program considered presence of state-listed bats likely, review all files (including no IDs) from that site/night. If more than one acoustic bat ID program is used, qualitative analysis must also include a comparison of the results of each program by site and night.

### During Field Season:

- **Prior to initiation of field work (a minimum of two weeks in advance)**, permittees must provide proposed survey plans to ODNR-DOW via e-mail. **Plans must be reviewed and approved by ODNR-DOW before ANY surveys take place.** Study plans must specify objectives, location details, dates of proposed work, and all other relevant details.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fws.gov/midwest/Endangered/mammals/inba/surveys/inbaAcousticSoftware.html>

<sup>2</sup> State listing as endangered effective July 1, 2020



**After Field Season:**

- By March 15, you must submit your final ODNR-DOW report(s) from the previous summer. You are not required to fill out the ODNR-DOW Wildlife Diversity Bat Excel Spreadsheet; instead, please forward your USFWS Midwestern US Spreadsheet (found here: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/inba/inbasummersurveyguidance.html>) to the ODNR-DOW Bat Survey Coordinator and ODNR-DOW Permit Coordinator and include your state permit number along with an electronic copy of the project report. Electronic summaries emailed during the field season are NOT considered as full compliance of this reporting requirement.

## **Ohio Environmental Review Recommendations for projects involving disturbance near potential/known bat hibernacula (cliffs, caves, mines) or tree cutting:**

**Step 1:** Coordinate with Ohio Division of Wildlife (DOW) regarding existing records for state-listed endangered bat summer and/or winter occurrence information.

If project site contains a known bat hibernaculum(a) –

- For state-listed endangered species other than the Indiana bat, a recommendation of 0.25-mile tree cutting buffer around all known entrances to protect existing conditions at the hibernaculum(a). If the project involves subsurface disturbance, consultation with DOW is required.
- Limited summer and winter tree cutting may be permitted within the buffer following guidelines detailed below. Coordinate with DOW before cutting.

If a project site does not contain known bat hibernaculum(a)

- Conduct a habitat assessment (desktop or field-based, using methods detailed in current USFWS Range-wide Indiana Bat Guidelines) to determine if a potential hibernaculum(a) is present within the action area.

**Step 2:** When conducted, a presence/absence survey must follow current DOW guidelines.

**Step 3:** If a state-listed endangered bat is captured or recorded during the survey:

- Recommendation of no summer tree cutting, or limited cutting following guidelines detailed below, within 5 miles of the capture site if a roost is not located.
- Recommendation of no summer tree cutting, or limited cutting following guidelines detailed below, within 2.5 miles of a roost tree if located.

If no state-listed endangered bat is captured or recorded during the survey:

- Summer tree cutting may proceed for 5 years before a new survey is needed under state guidance.

**Limited summer tree cutting guidance for bats that are only state-listed endangered:** Limited tree cutting in summer may be permitted after consultation with DOW, but clearing trees with the following characteristics should be avoided unless they pose a hazard: dead or live trees of any size with loose, shaggy bark; crevices, holes, or cavities; live trees of any species with DBH  $\geq$  20.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **When does the Bat Survey protocol have to be used?**

This protocol should be used anytime Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat, little brown bat, or tricolored bat summer presence/probable absence surveys are conducted in the state of Ohio. For 2020 only, acoustic surveys will meet the ODNR-DOW requirements unless new guidance allowing for the handling of bats during presence/absence surveys is released from USFWS.

### **How many net surveys are required for presence/probably absence?**

As described in the current USFWS Range-wide Indiana Bat Guidelines: Linear projects: a minimum of 2 detector nights per km (0.6 miles) of suitable summer habitat

Non-linear projects: a minimum of 8 detector nights per 123 acres (0.5 km<sup>2</sup>) of suitable summer habitat. At least 2 detector locations per 123 acre "site" shall be sampled until at least 8 detector nights has been completed over the course of at least 2 calendar nights (may be consecutive). For example:

- 4 detectors for 2 nights each (can sample the same location or move within the site)
- 2 detectors for 4 nights each (can sample the same location or move within the site)
- 1 detector for 8 nights (must sample at least 2 locations and move within the site)

### **How long are the results of the surveys valid for an assessment of an area?**

Mist-net or acoustic surveys documenting probable absence of state-listed endangered bats are valid for five years.

### **When can acoustic surveys occur in Ohio?**

In Ohio, acoustic surveys may only be conducted from June 1 through August 15 unless indicated otherwise in your state permit. Any surveys outside of the June 1 - August 15 timeframe cannot be used in Ohio to assess the presence/probable absence of state-listed bats.

### **Can a presence/probable absence survey be conducted within a known Indiana bat and/or northern long-eared bat capture/detection buffer?**

Surveys generally cannot be used to document presence/probable absence of state-listed endangered bats where presence of the species has already been confirmed by prior surveys.

### **What if a project is proposing to clear trees between April 1 and September 30 when bats may be present but no bat records exist in the project area?**

Any Ohio project that is not within a known bat record buffer, and tree clearing between April 1 and September 31 is being proposed, may have a presence/absence survey conducted between June 1 and August 15 following the range-wide guidance. If a presence/absence survey is not performed, presence of listed bats is assumed.

### **How does take of northern long-eared bats differ from Indiana bats?**

Under Ohio law, there is no exemption for take of any listed bat species.



**Godec, Daniel**

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**From:** susan\_zimmermann@fws.gov on behalf of Ohio, FW3 <ohio@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2016 12:44 PM  
**To:** Godec, Daniel  
**Subject:** Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV Trans Line Rebuild, Pike & Adams Co. (REVISED)



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TAILS: 03E15000-2017-TA-0407

Dear Mr. Godec,

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

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) recommends that proposed developments avoid and minimize water quality impacts and impacts to high quality fish and wildlife habitat (e.g., forests, streams, wetlands). Additionally, natural buffers around streams and wetlands should be preserved to enhance beneficial functions. If streams or wetlands will be impacted, the Corps of Engineers should be contacted to determine whether a Clean Water Act section 404 permit is required. Best management practices should be used to minimize erosion, especially on slopes. All disturbed areas should be mulched and revegetated with native plant species. Prevention of non-native, invasive plant establishment is critical in maintaining high quality habitats.

**FEDERALLY LISTED SPECIES COMMENTS:** All projects in the State of Ohio lie within the range of the federally endangered **Indiana bat** (*Myotis sodalis*) and the federally threatened **northern long-eared bat** (*Myotis septentrionalis*). In Ohio, presence of the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat is assumed wherever suitable habitat occurs unless a presence/absence survey has been performed to document absence. Suitable summer habitat for Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats consists of a wide variety of forested/wooded habitats where they roost, forage, and travel and may also include some adjacent and interspersed non-forested habitats such as emergent wetlands and adjacent edges of agricultural fields, old fields and pastures. This includes forests and woodlots containing potential roosts (i.e., live trees and/or snags  $\geq 3$  inches diameter at breast height (dbh) that have any exfoliating bark, cracks, crevices, hollows and/or cavities), as well as linear features such as fencerows, riparian forests, and other wooded corridors. These wooded areas may be dense or loose aggregates of trees with variable amounts of canopy closure. Individual trees may be considered suitable habitat when they exhibit the characteristics of a potential roost tree and are located within 1,000 feet (305 meters) of other forested/wooded habitat. Northern long-eared bats have also been observed roosting in human-made structures, such as buildings, barns, bridges, and bat houses; therefore, these structures should also be considered potential summer habitat. In the winter, Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats hibernate in caves and abandoned mines.

Should the proposed site contain trees  $\geq 3$  inches dbh, we recommend that trees be saved wherever possible. If any caves or abandoned mines may be disturbed, further coordination with this office is requested to determine if fall or spring portal surveys are warranted. If no caves or abandoned mines are present and trees  $\geq 3$  inches dbh cannot be avoided, we recommend that removal of any trees  $\geq 3$  inches dbh only occur between October 1 and March 31. Seasonal clearing is being recommended to

avoid adverse effects to Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats. While incidental take of northern long-eared bats from most tree clearing is exempted by a 4(d) rule (see <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/index.html>), incidental take of Indiana bats is still prohibited without a project-specific exemption. Thus, seasonal clearing is recommended where Indiana bats are assumed present.

If implementation of this seasonal tree cutting recommendation is not possible, summer surveys may be conducted to document the presence or probable absence of Indiana bats within the project area during the summer. If a summer survey documents probable absence of Indiana bats, the 4(d) rule for the northern long-eared bat could be applied. Surveys must be conducted by an approved surveyor and be designed and conducted in coordination with the Endangered Species Coordinator for this office. Surveyors must have a valid federal permit. Please note that summer surveys may only be conducted between June 1 and August 15.

If there is a federal nexus for the project (e.g., federal funding provided, federal permits required to construct), no tree clearing should occur on any portion of the project area until consultation under section 7 of the ESA, between the Service and the federal action agency, is completed. We recommend that the federal action agency submit a determination of effects to this office, relative to the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat, for our review and concurrence.

The proposed project lies within the range of **running buffalo clover** (*Trifolium stoloniferum*), a federally listed endangered species. This plant can be found in partially shaded woodlots, mowed areas (lawns, parks, cemeteries), and along streams and trails. Running buffalo clover requires periodic disturbance and a somewhat open habitat to successfully flourish, but cannot tolerate full-sun, full-shade, or severe disturbance. If suitable habitat is present, we recommend that surveys for this species be conducted by a trained botanist in May or June when the plant is in flower. The survey must be coordinated with this office in advance.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Everson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dan" being more prominent than the last name "Everson".

Dan Everson

Field Office Supervisor

cc: Nathan Reardon, ODNR-DOW

Kate Parsons, ODNR-DOW



**From:** Finfera, Jennifer  
**To:** [Amy J Toohey](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Waverly-Ware Road and Ware Road-Seaman  
**Date:** Friday, June 15, 2018 10:23:38 AM

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June 15, 2018

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Amy,

We have reviewed the running buffalo clover presence/absence surveys provided for the Waverly to Ware Road and Ware Road to Seaman projects and have no objection to the survey results and conclusions. No running buffalo clover was identified during either survey.

Thank you for your coordination on this project.

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Jenny Finfera  
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Amy,

No, there are no loggerhead shrike assessments being required for the previously coordinated line. Thank you for checking.

Nathan

**Nathan Reardon**  
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**Subject:** RE: AEP Adam Seaman Alignment Update and Avian Coordination 20-906

Greetings:

Thank you so much for the quick review of the project. I wanted to check if based on your review of the project if AEP would be required to do a habitat survey for the recently listed Loggerhead Shrike for the non-reroute portions that was coordinated in 2018. Construction will be occurring during the nesting season of April-August. I wasn't sure from your email below if we needed a habitat

survey or not for the previously coordinated line.

Thank you!

Amy

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**From:** [Nathan.Reardon@dnr.ohio.gov](mailto:Nathan.Reardon@dnr.ohio.gov) <[Nathan.Reardon@dnr.ohio.gov](mailto:Nathan.Reardon@dnr.ohio.gov)>  
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Hi Amy,

The minor reroutes would not justify any additional assessments or surveys for the lark sparrow or the loggerhead shrike. Thank you for checking.

Nathan

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**Subject:** AEP Adam Seaman Alignment Update and Avian Coordination 20-906

Greetings:

Hope you have a safe and calm winter season, I am looking forward to spring temperatures ☺ The Adams Station to Seaman Station rebuild project was originally coordinated with your office starting in 2016 with Lark Sparrow habitat review completed by you in 2018-no lark sparrow habitat identified. Since that time there have been several areas of project reroutes based on input from engineering and property owners and the Lawshe Switch and line extension was added to the project limits. The subject project remains the rebuilding of 7.9 miles of the existing transmission line on maintained r/w, and a 0.5 mile extension to Lawshe switch. The project is located in the Village of Seaman, Scot and Meigs townships, Adams County, Ohio.

AEP/Stantec resubmitted the route to ODNR for input and received a response on 11/15/2020. As a result of the updated coordination the following avian species were identified:

Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*)

Loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*)

Based on the revised 2021 route (mapping and kmz attached), and the additional avian specie since 2016, I wanted to confirm that the determination of no Lark Sparrow habitat being located in the project area remains valid. Based on the KMZ and aerial mapping showing the detailed route, and being the route is located on existing maintained r/w would a Loggerhead shrike survey be warranted as construction will be occurring during the nesting season of April-August?

Please give me a call if you have any questions or concerns or need additional information.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Amy



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TAILS# 03E15000-2017-TA-0407

EVENT# 03E15000-2020-E-03688

Dear Mr. Godec,

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

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

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

(see <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/index.html>), incidental take of Indiana bats is still prohibited without a project-specific exemption. Thus, seasonal clearing is recommended where Indiana bats are assumed present.

If implementation of this seasonal tree cutting recommendation is not possible, a summer presence/absence survey may be conducted for Indiana bats. If Indiana bats are not detected during the survey, then tree clearing may occur at any time of the year. Surveys must be conducted by an approved surveyor and be designed and conducted in coordination with the Ohio Field Office. Surveyors must have a valid federal permit. Please note that in Ohio summer mist net surveys may only be conducted between June 1 and August 15.

Federally Threatened and Endangered Species: The proposed project lies within the range of the endangered **running buffalo clover** (*Trifolium stoloniferum*). Known locations of this plant occur within the proposed project area. This plant can be found in partially shaded woodlots, mowed areas (lawns, parks, cemeteries), and along streams and trails. Running buffalo clover requires periodic disturbance and a somewhat open habitat to successfully flourish, but cannot tolerate full-sun, full-shade, or severe disturbance. If suitable habitat is present, we recommend that surveys for this species be conducted by a trained botanist in May or June when the plant is in flower. The survey must be coordinated with the Ohio Field Office in advance.

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

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

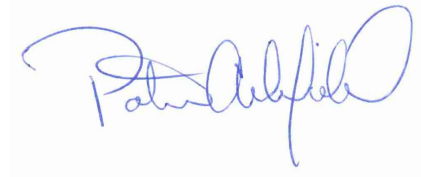
Due to the project type, size, and location, we do not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species, or proposed or designated critical habitat. Should the project design change, or additional information on listed or proposed species or their critical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

Thank you for your efforts to conserve listed species and sensitive habitats in Ohio. We recommend coordinating with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources due to the potential

for the proposed project to affect state listed species and/or state lands. Contact Mike Pettegrew, Acting Environmental Services Administrator, at (614) 265-6387 or at [mike.pettegrew@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:mike.pettegrew@dnr.state.oh.us).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrice Ashfield", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Patrice Ashfield  
Ohio Field Office Supervisor

cc: Nathan Reardon, ODNR-DOW  
Kate Parsons, ODNR-DOW

**From:** [Finfera, Jennifer](#)  
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**Cc:** [Ohio, FW3](#); [Amy J Toohey](#)  
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Dan,

I have reviewed the information and no further surveys for running buffalo clover (RBC) are needed for the Seaman-Adams 138 kV transmission line. All necessary surveys for RBC have been completed.

Thank you for your efforts to protect this species!

Jenny

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**From:** Godec, Daniel <Daniel.Godec@stantec.com>  
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Hello Jenny,

Please see attached additional running buffalo clover coordination letter for AEP's Seaman-Adams 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project. We are respectfully asking that you review this letter and provide us with your comments at your earliest convenience. Thanks in advance for your help and let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thanks,

Dan

**Dan Godec**

Senior Environmental Project Manager

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2017-PIK-37708

February 17, 2017

Mr. Ryan J. Weller  
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**RE: Waverly-Ware Road 138kV Transmission Line Project, Pebble and Pee Pee Townships,  
Pike County, Ohio**

Dear Mr. Weller:

This is in response to the receipt, on January 27, 2017, of the *Phase I Cultural Resource Management Investigations for the 7.5 km (4.7 mi) Waverly-Ware Road 138kV Transmission Line Project in Pebble and Pee Pee Townships, Pike County, Ohio*. The comments of the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C.470 [36 CFR 800]).

A literature review, visual inspection, surface collection and shovel test unit excavation was completed as part of the Phase I Archaeological Investigations. No archaeological sites were identified during the field survey. The field reconnaissance and visual inspection of the project resulted in the re-identification of Dick Cemetery (OGSID 9789). The cemetery was recorded as being located further south and east of its currently mapped location. Gravestone remnants identified during field survey confirmed the location. The newly identified location of the cemetery brings it closer to the project area and directly adjacent to Structure #42. We recommend the new location of the cemetery be noted on any plans and care be taken during construction to not impact the cemetery.

Based on the information provided, I agree with the recommendation that no further archaeological work is necessary. No further coordination is required regarding the archaeological resources unless the project changes or archaeological remains are discovered during the course of the project. In such a situation, this office should be contacted as per 36 CFR 800.13.

The cultural historic investigations consisted of a systematic survey of all properties 50 years of age or older that are situated within 1,000 feet of the centerline of the proposed project. The results of the field survey identified four (4) individual properties within the survey Area of Potential Effects that may have a direct line-of-site to the project. Based on the information provided, we agree that the four (4) properties identified in the cultural historic investigations field survey are not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (614) 298-2000, or by e-mail at [khorricks@ohiohistory.org](mailto:khorricks@ohiohistory.org). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Krista Horrocks, Project Reviews Manager  
Resource Protection and Review

RPR Serial No: 1067124



In reply refer to  
2017-ADA-38607

May 5, 2017

Mr. Ryan J. Weller  
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**RE: Ware Road-Seaman 138kV Line Rebuild Project, Pebble/Benton/Sunfish Townships,  
Pike County, and Franklin/Meigs/Scott Townships, Adams County, Ohio**

Dear Mr. Weller:

This is in response to the receipt, on April 7, 2017, of the *Phase I Archaeological Investigations for the 45.25 km (28.12 mi) Ware Road-Seaman 138kV Line Rebuild Project in Pebble/Benton/Sunfish Townships in Pike County and Franklin/Meigs/Scott Townships, Adams County, Ohio and History/Architecture Investigations for the Approximately 45.25 km (28.12 mi) Ware Road-Seaman 138kV Line Rebuild Project in Pebble/Benton/Sunfish Townships in Pike County and Franklin/Meigs/Scott Townships, Adams County, Ohio*. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. The comments of the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C.470 [36 CFR 800]).

During review of the *History/Architecture Investigations for the Approximately 45.25 km (28.12 mi) Ware Road-Seaman 138kV Line Rebuild Project in Pebble/Benton/Sunfish Townships in Pike County and Franklin/Meigs/Scott Townships, Adams County, Ohio* by Weller & Associates, Inc. (2017), we realized the alignment for the proposed project is a portion of the same alignment we reviewed and coordinated on February 21, 2017 for the report titled *History/Architecture Investigations for the Approximately 60.1 km (37.3 mi) Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV Rebuild Project in Pike and Adams Counties, Ohio* (2017-PIK-37709, RPR Serial No. 1067125). Please refer to that coordination letter in regards to this History/Architecture submittal.

The following comments pertain to the *Phase I Archaeological Investigations for the 45.25 km (28.12 mi) Ware Road-Seaman 138kV Line Rebuild Project in Pebble/Benton/Sunfish Townships in Pike County and Franklin/Meigs/Scott Townships, Adams County, Ohio* by Weller & Associates, Inc. (2017).

A literature review, visual inspection, shovel probe excavation, surface collection and shovel test unit excavation was completed as part of the investigations. One (1) previously identified Ohio Archaeological Inventory (OAI) site is located within the project area. OAI#33AD0007, known as the McCullough Mound I, is located between Structures 195 and 196. W.K. Moorehead excavated the stone mound in 1896 and human remains were identified with no associated grave goods. OAI#33AD0007 was not identified in the field and shovel testing along the proposed project corridor found no cultural material. It is likely the stone mound has been completely demolished since its excavation in 1896 or the actual location of the mound is located elsewhere. We agree the proposed project will not impact OAI#33AD0007.

Seven (7) OAI sites were identified during this survey. OAI#33AD0420, 33AD0421, 33AD0424, and 33AD0426 represent prehistoric isolated finds. OAI#33AD0422, 33AD0423, and 33AD0425 are lithic scatters. None of the seven (7) OAI sites are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The site forms for OAI#33AD0420-33AD0426 have not yet been completed and

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submitted to the survey manager. Please complete the associated site inventory as soon as possible. Following IForm submission procedure, please send a notification to the survey manager ([archsurvey@ohiohistory.org](mailto:archsurvey@ohiohistory.org), or directly at [beberhard@ohiohistory.org](mailto:beberhard@ohiohistory.org)) so that the manager is aware your inventory is prepared, complete, and ready for review.

Based on the information provided, we agree the project will not affect historic properties and no further archaeological work is necessary. No further coordination with this office is necessary, unless the project changes or unless new or additional historic properties are discovered during implementation of this project. In such a situation, this office should be contacted as per 36 CFR 800.13.

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

Sincerely,



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**RE: Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project – Addendum, Adams County, Ohio**

Dear Mr. Weller:

This letter is in response to the correspondence received electronically on August 28, 2020 regarding the proposed Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project – Addendum, Adams County, Ohio. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. The comments of the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are made pursuant to Section 149.53 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Power Siting Board rules for siting this project (OAC 4906-5). The comments of the Ohio SHPO are also submitted in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. 306108 [36 CFR 800]).

The following comments pertain to the *Addendum Phase I Investigations for Additional Areas Associated with the Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project in Adams County, Ohio* by Weller & Associates, Inc. (2020).

A literature review, visual inspection, surface collection, shovel probes and shovel test unit excavation was completed as part of the investigations. No previously identified archaeological resources are located within in the project area and no new archaeological sites were identified during survey. Our office agrees no additional archaeological investigation is needed.

Based on the information provided, we continue to agree that the project will have no adverse effect on historic properties. No further coordination with this office is necessary, unless the project changes or unless new or additional historic properties are discovered during implementation of this project. In such a situation, this office should be contacted. If you have any questions, please contact me at (614) 298-2022, or by e-mail at [khorrocks@ohiohistory.org](mailto:khorrocks@ohiohistory.org). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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# APPENDIX D      Ecological Resources Inventory Report



**Seaman-Adams 138 kV Transmission  
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**Ecological Resources Inventory  
Report**

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## 1.0 Introduction

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. (AEP) is proposing to rebuild approximately 7.9 miles of the Seaman-Adams 138 kV electric transmission line and approximately 0.5 miles of the Seaman-Adams 69 kV electric transmission line in Adams County, Ohio (Figure 1, Appendix A). The Project will include a rebuild/upgrade of the transmission line within existing AEP right-of-way (ROW) and construction of the associated access roads needed to perform the line rebuild/upgrade activities (Figure 1, Appendix A). The existing ROW, proposed ROW, and the proposed access roads were surveyed for wetlands, waterbodies, and potential threatened, endangered, and rare species habitat by Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) biologists on December 7-13, 2016, March 28-29, 2017, September 6, 2017, and August 3, 2020. The approximate locations of features located up to 50 feet outside of the survey corridor were also recorded during the field surveys, where landowner access was permitted. However, no data forms were collected on features that did not extend into the survey corridor. These features are shown on the Figure 2 maps in Appendix A as "approximate" wetlands, waterways (streams), open waters, and upland drainage features.

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## 2.0 Methods

### 2.1 WETLAND DELINEATION

Prior to completing the field surveys, a desktop review of the Project area was conducted using U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic mapping, National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil survey data, and aerial imagery mapping. Stantec completed a wetland delineation study in accordance with the *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual* (USACE 1987) and the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Eastern Mountains and Piedmont Region* (Version 2.0) (USACE 2012). Wetland categories were classified using the Ohio Rapid Assessment Method (ORAM) for Wetlands Version 5.0 (Mack 2001).

### 2.2 STREAM DELINEATION

Streams that demonstrated a continuously defined channel (bed and bank), ordinary high water mark (OHWM), and the disturbance of terrestrial vegetation were delineated within the Project area, per the protocols outlined in the USACE's *Guidance on Ordinary High Water Mark Identification* (Regulatory Guidance Letter, No. 05-05) (USACE 2005). Delineated streams were classified as ephemeral, intermittent, or perennial per definitions in the Federal Register/Vol. 67, No. 10 (USACE 2002 ) and determined as potential Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) per "The Navigable Waters Protection Rule" published in the Federal Register/Vol. 85, No. 77 (USACE 2020). Functional assessment of streams identified within the Project area was based on completion of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (OEPA) Headwater Habitat Evaluation Index (HHEI; OEPA 2018) and/or Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI; OEPA 2006). The centerline of each waterway (stream) was identified and surveyed using a handheld sub-meter accuracy GPS unit and mapped with GIS software. Additionally, the locations of ponds/open water features and upland drainage features (which lacked a continuously defined bed and bank/OHWM) identified within the Project area were also recorded with a sub-meter accuracy GPS unit during the field surveys.

### 2.3 RARE SPECIES

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

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## 3.0 Results

### 3.1 TERRESTRIAL HABITAT

Stantec completed field surveys within the Project area on December 7-13, 2016, March 28-29, 2017, September 6, 2017, and August 3, 2020, for potentially suitable habitats for threatened and endangered species. Figure 3 (Appendix A) shows the land cover, vegetation communities, and locations of any identified rare, threatened, or endangered species habitat observed within the Project area during the habitat assessment surveys. Representative photographs of the vegetation communities/habitats identified within the Project area are included in Appendix C of this report (photo locations of habitats are shown on Figure 3, Appendix A). Information regarding the vegetation communities/habitats identified within the Project area is provided in Table 1.

**Table 1. Vegetation Communities and Land Cover Found within the Seaman-Adams 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project Area, Adams County, Ohio**

Vegetation Communities and Land Cover Types within the Project Area	Degree of Human-Related Ecological Disturbance	Unique, Rare, or High Quality?	Approximate Acreage Within Project Area
Agricultural Field	Extreme Disturbance/Ruderal Community (dominated by planted non-native row crop species, opportunistic invaders, and/or native highly tolerant taxa). Common plant species observed included corn ( <i>Zea mays</i> ) and soybeans ( <i>Glycine max</i> ).	No	35.3
Hay Field	Extreme Disturbance/Ruderal Community (dominated by planted non-native herbaceous species, opportunistic invaders, and/or native highly tolerant taxa). Common plant species observed included orchardgrass ( <i>Dactylis glomerata</i> ), white clover ( <i>Trifolium repens</i> ), alsike clover ( <i>Trifolium hybridum</i> ), tall fescue ( <i>Schedonorus arundinaceus</i> ), red clover ( <i>Trifolium pratense</i> ), and Carolina horsenettle ( <i>Solanum carolinense</i> ).	No	8.5
Pasture	Extreme Disturbance/Ruderal Community (dominated by opportunistic invaders and/or native highly tolerant taxa). Common plant species observed included tall fescue, giant ironweed ( <i>Vernonia gigantea</i> ), Queen Anne's lace ( <i>Daucus carota</i> ), Canada goldenrod ( <i>Solidago canadensis</i> ), red clover, Canada thistle	No	25.5



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<b>Vegetation Communities and Land Cover Types within the Project Area</b>	<b>Degree of Human-Related Ecological Disturbance</b>	<b>Unique, Rare, or High Quality?</b>	<b>Approximate Acreage Within Project Area</b>
	( <i>Cirsium arvense</i> ), broomsedge blustem ( <i>Andropogon virginicus</i> ), and yellow foxtail ( <i>Setaria pumila</i> ).		
New Field	Extreme Disturbance/Ruderal Community (dominated by opportunistic invaders or native highly tolerant taxa). Common plant species observed included Kentucky bluegrass ( <i>Poa pratensis</i> ), Canada goldenrod, tall fescue, perennial ryegrass ( <i>Lolium perenne</i> ), and common dandelion ( <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> ).	No	0.5
Old Field	Extreme Disturbance/Ruderal Community (dominated by opportunistic invaders and/or native highly tolerant taxa). Common plant species observed included Canada goldenrod, multiflora rose ( <i>Rosa multiflora</i> ), Allegheny blackberry ( <i>Rubus allegheniensis</i> ), autumn olive ( <i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i> ), Queen Anne's lace, common milkweed ( <i>Asclepias syriaca</i> ), and annual ragweed ( <i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i> ).	No	18.4
Residential Lawn	Extreme Disturbance/Ruderal Community (dominated by opportunistic invaders, planted non-native species, and/or native highly tolerant taxa). Common plant species observed included narrowleaf plantain ( <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> ), common dandelion, Kentucky bluegrass, tall fescue, white clover, and Bermudagrass ( <i>Cynodon dactylon</i> ).	No	5.9
Existing Roadway	Extreme Disturbance/existing gravel and/or paved road. Little to no vegetation was observed in these areas.	No	1.5
Industrial	Extreme Disturbance/existing gravel and/or paved areas. Little to no vegetation was observed in these areas.	No	2.5
Mixed Early Successional/Second Growth Riparian Forest	Moderate Disturbance/Natural Community (dominated by native woody and herbaceous species and/or opportunistic invaders). Common plant species observed included American sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> ), boxelder ( <i>Acer negundo</i> ), green ash ( <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> ), silver maple	No	2.9

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<b>Vegetation Communities and Land Cover Types within the Project Area</b>	<b>Degree of Human-Related Ecological Disturbance</b>	<b>Unique, Rare, or High Quality?</b>	<b>Approximate Acreage Within Project Area</b>
	( <i>Acer saccharinum</i> ), riverbank wildrye ( <i>Elymus riparius</i> ), jewelweed ( <i>Impatiens capensis</i> ), eastern cottonwood ( <i>Populus deltoides</i> ), and wingstem ( <i>Verbesina alternifolia</i> ).		
Mixed Early Successional/Second Growth Deciduous Forest	Moderate Disturbance/Natural Community (dominated by native woody and herbaceous species and/or opportunistic invaders). Common plant species observed included red maple ( <i>Acer rubra</i> ), multiflora rose, white oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> ), Virginia creeper ( <i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> ), white ash ( <i>Fraxinus americana</i> ), eastern poison ivy ( <i>Toxicodendron radicans</i> ), Amur honeysuckle ( <i>Lonicera maackii</i> ), shagbark hickory ( <i>Carya ovata</i> ), and American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> ).	No	11.5
Second Growth Coniferous Forest	Moderate Disturbance/Natural Community (dominated by native woody and herbaceous species and/or opportunistic invaders). Common plant species observed included white pine ( <i>Pinus strobus</i> ), eastern redcedar ( <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> ), broomsedge bluestem, and tall fescue.	No	0.6
Palustrine Emergent Wetland	Moderate Disturbance/Natural Community (dominated by native herbaceous species and/or opportunistic invaders). Common plant species observed included broadleaf cattail ( <i>Typha latifolia</i> ), common rush ( <i>Juncus effusus</i> ), American water plantain ( <i>Alisma subcordatum</i> ), and spikerush ( <i>Eleocharis</i> spp.).	No	0.04
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>113.14</b>

### 3.2 WETLANDS

Stantec completed field surveys for wetlands within the Project area on December 7-13, 2016, March 28-29, 2017, September 6, 2017, and August 3, 2020. Figure 2 (Appendix A) shows the wetlands identified by Stantec within the Project area. Representative photographs of the wetlands identified within the Project area are included in Appendix C of this report (photo locations are shown on Figure 2, Appendix A). Completed wetland determination and ORAM

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data forms are included in Appendix D. Information regarding the Cowardin classification and ORAM categories of wetlands identified within the Project area is provided in Table 2.

**Table 2. Summary of Wetland Resources Found within the Seaman-Adams 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project Area, Adams County, Ohio**

Wetland Name	Figure 2 Photo Location <sup>1</sup>	Isolated?	Wetland Classification <sup>2</sup>	ORAM Score <sup>4</sup>	ORAM Category <sup>4</sup>	Delineated Area (acres) within Project Area
Wetland 1	19	Yes	PEM <sup>3</sup>	28	1	0.04
TOTAL						0.04
<sup>1</sup> Figure 2 and Appendix C – Representative Photographs						
<sup>2</sup> Wetland classification is based on Cowardin et al. (1979).						
<sup>3</sup> PEM = Palustrine Emergent Wetland						
<sup>4</sup> ORAM Score and Category are based on the Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands v. 5.0 (Mack 2001).						

### 3.3 STREAMS

Stantec completed field surveys for waterbodies (streams) within the Project area on December 7-13, 2016, March 28-29, 2017, September 6, 2017, and August 3, 2020. Figure 2 (Appendix A) shows the streams and upland drainage features identified by Stantec within the Project area. Representative photographs of the streams and upland drainage features identified within the Project area are included in Appendix C of this report (photo locations are shown on Figure 2, Appendix A). Completed QHEI and HHEI data forms for streams identified in the Project area are included in Appendix D. Information regarding the streams identified within the Project area is provided in Table 3.

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**Table 3. Summary of Stream Resources Found within the Seaman-Adams 138 kV Transmission  
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Stream Name	Photo Location <sup>1</sup>	Receiving Waters	Stream Flow Regime <sup>2</sup>	Stream Evaluation Method	Stream Evaluation Score	Approximate OHWM Width (feet) <sup>3</sup>	Delineated Length (feet) within Project Area
Stream 1	2	Ohio Brush Creek	Ephemeral	HHEI	42	1	142
	27	Ohio Brush Creek	Intermittent	HHEI	62	6	77
Stream 2	3	Ohio Brush Creek	Ephemeral	HHEI	30	1	31
Stream 3 (West Fork Ohio Brush Creek)	5	Ohio Brush Creek	Intermittent	QHEI	51	20	137
Stream 4 (West Fork Ohio Brush Creek)	6	Ohio Brush Creek	Ephemeral	QHEI	51	90	115
Stream 5 (West Fork Ohio Brush Creek)	7	Ohio River	Perennial	QHEI	64	85	118
Stream 6 (George's Creek)	9	Ohio Brush Creek	Perennial	QHEI	83	95	142
Stream 7	10	Ohio Brush Creek	Intermittent	HHEI	83	8	103
Stream 8	11	Ohio Brush Creek	Intermittent	HHEI	88	5	157
Stream 9	14	Ohio Brush Creek	Perennial	HHEI	59	3.5	130
Stream 10 (Big Run)	13	Ohio Brush Creek	Perennial	HHEI	83	38	104
Stream 11	12	Ohio Brush Creek	Ephemeral	HHEI	57	6	106
Stream 12	15	Ohio Brush Creek	Perennial	HHEI	81	30	105
Stream 13	16	West Fork Ohio Brush Creek	Intermittent	HHEI	46	7	103
Stream 14	17	West Fork Ohio Brush Creek	Ephemeral	HHEI	53	5	128
Stream 15	18	West Fork Ohio Brush Creek	Perennial	HHEI	64	3	118



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Stream Name	Photo Location <sup>1</sup>	Receiving Waters	Stream Flow Regime <sup>2</sup>	Stream Evaluation Method	Stream Evaluation Score	Approximate OHWM Width (feet) <sup>3</sup>	Delineated Length (feet) within Project Area
Stream 16	20	West Fork Ohio Brush Creek	Ephemeral	HHEI	21	1.5	44
Stream 17	21	West Fork Ohio Brush Creek	Perennial	HHEI	80	10	143
Stream 18	22	West Fork Ohio Brush Creek	Ephemeral	HHEI	15	4	46
Stream 19 (Ohio Brush Creek)	23	Ohio Brush Creek	Perennial	QHEI	60	88	138
Stream 20	24	Ohio Brush Creek	Ephemeral	HHEI	19	2	229
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>2,416</b>
<sup>1</sup> Figure 2 and Appendix C – Representative Photographs							
<sup>2</sup> Stream classification is based on Federal Register/Vol. 67, No. 10 (USACE 2002)							
<sup>3</sup> OHWM = Ordinary High Water Mark							

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## **3.4 OPEN WATERS**

Two open waters (ponds) were delineated within the Project area during the field surveys completed on December 7-13, 2016, March 28-29, 2017, September 6, 2017, and August 3, 2020. Representative photographs of the open waters identified within the Project area are included in Appendix C of this report (photo locations are shown on Figure 2, Appendix A).

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3.5 RARE, THREATENED, OR ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT

Table 4. Summary of Potential Ohio State-Listed Species within the Seaman-Adams 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project Area, Adams County, Ohio

Common Name	Scientific Name	State <sup>1</sup> Listing	Known to Occur Within Adams County? <sup>2</sup>	Known to Occur Within One Mile of Project Area? <sup>3</sup>	Habitat Preference	Potential Habitat Observed in Project Area?	Impact Assessment	ODNR Comments/Recommendations
Insects								
Uhler's Sundragon	<i>Helocordula uhleri</i>	E	Yes	No	This species needs clean, small to medium, rocky forest streams with gravelly and/or sandy substrate and flowing water. They can be found in sunny clearings and forest edges near their streams (Munroe 2012).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a one-mile radius of the Project area and no in-stream work is proposed by AEP. Therefore, impacts to this species are possible but not anticipated.	No comments received.
Ohio Cave Beetle	<i>Pseudanophthalmus ohioensis</i>	E	No	No	Occur in twilight zone of caves (or deeper) on moist soil; often near streams or drip areas (NatureServe 2020).	No	No caves or suitable habitat were observed within the Project area. Therefore, no impacts to this species are anticipated.	This species is only found in caves. The Ohio Cave Protection Law, Section 1517.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, protects caves from impacts, in turn, protecting the habitat of these species. Therefore, this project is not likely to have an impact on this species.
Kramer's Cave Beetle	<i>Pseudanophthalmus krameri</i>	Ex	No	No	This species typically occurs in the twilight zone or deeper in or on moist soil, often near streams or drip areas. They (especially larvae) probably do burrow some. They are often found under rocks or debris (NatureServe 2020).	No	No caves or suitable habitat were observed within the Project area and ODNR now lists this species as extinct. Therefore, no impacts to this species are anticipated.	This species is only found in caves. The Ohio Cave Protection Law, Section 1517.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, protects caves from impacts, in turn, protecting the habitat of these species. Therefore, this project is not likely to have an impact on this species.
Caddisfly	<i>Oecetis eddlestoni</i>	E	Yes	No	No habitat information is available on this species. However, caddisflies typically inhabit perennial streams, lakes, and ponds.	Yes	While habitat information is not readily available for this species, potential habitat is assumed present in the Project area (perennial streams and ponds). No in-water work in perennial streams or ponds is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	No comments received.
Unexpected Cynia	<i>Cynia inopinatus</i>	E	Yes	No	Habitat for this species has been described as high quality, coastal scrub, dry barrens and similar native grasslands, typically on sand (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. Therefore, no impacts to this species are anticipated.	No comments received.
Blue Corporal	<i>Ladona deplanata</i>	E	Yes	No	This species has a wide range of habitats, from ponds and lakes to slower sections of creeks, and even ditches (Paulson 2011).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, this	No comments received

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Common Name	Scientific Name	State <sup>1</sup> Listing	Known to Occur Within Adams County? <sup>2</sup>	Known to Occur Within One Mile of Project Area? <sup>3</sup>	Habitat Preference	Potential Habitat Observed in Project Area?	Impact Assessment	ODNR Comments/Recommendations
							species is not known to occur within a one-mile radius of the Project area and no in water work is proposed by AEP. Therefore, impacts to this species are possible but not anticipated,	
Green-faced Clubtail	<i>Gomphus viridifrons</i>	T	Y	No	Found in small to large moderate-gradient rivers; free flowing with high water quality; larvae burrow in silt, adults forage in trees (NatureServe 2020).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat (perennial streams - West Fork Ohio Brush Creek, Ohio Brush Creek, George's Creek, and Big Run) was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a one-mile radius of the Project area and no in water work within perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, impacts to this species are possible but not anticipated.	No comments received.
Birds								
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	E	Yes	No	Breeding habitats for the loggerhead shrike are open country with scattered trees and shrubs, savanna, desert scrub and, occasionally, open woodland (NatureServe 2020).	Yes	Potentially suitable habitat for this species was observed within portions of the Project area (pastures, old fields, openings in early successional forest). However, this species is not known to occur within a one-mile radius of the Project area. Therefore, impacts to this species are possible but are not anticipated.	No comments received.
Lark Sparrow	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	E	No	No	Breeding habitat includes various open situations with scattered bushes and trees: shortgrass, mixed-grass, and tallgrass prairie with a shrub component and sparse litter; parkland; sandhills; barrens; old fields; cultivated fields; shrub thickets; shrubsteppe (native and altered); woodland edges; shelterbelts; orchards, parks; riparian areas; brushy pastures; overgrazed pastures; and savanna. The lark sparrow nests on the ground or close to the ground (most often within 4 meters) in woody vegetation. Ground nests may be located in areas of sparse ground cover such as those areas associated with burning, moderate to heavy grazing, or poor or eroded soils, or in idle fields, lawns, and cemeteries (NatureServe 2020).	Yes	Potentially suitable habitat for this species (old field, pasture, hay field) was observed within portions of the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within the Project area or a one-mile radius of it. Therefore, impacts to this species are possible but not anticipated.	If habitat for this species will be impacted, construction should be avoided in this habitat during the species' nesting period of May 1 to June 30. If this habitat will not be impacted, the project is not likely to impact this species.

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Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	T	Yes	No	Barn owls require extensive tracts of grasslands, marshes, and meadows to forage. This is a primary reason for their decline; agricultural practices have become much “neater” and there are not nearly as many fallow fields and untilled land as there was when they were at their peak. It is likely that good grasslands must be older and established to provide maximum benefit, as they must support viable populations of voles and mice, the major prey of barn owls. There must also be suitable nest sites nearby, and this is another limiting factor. Most barn owl nests are located in barns, usually high in a loft or some niche well off the floor. A variety of other man-made structures might be used, such as under bridges, in abandoned wells, old houses, and church steeples. Very rarely, at least now, barn owls will use cavities in trees (ODNR 2006).	Yes	Potential foraging habitat was observed (pasture, old field, hay field). However, no suitable nesting structures were observed within the Project area. Therefore, impacts to this species are possible, but not anticipated.	No comments received.
Fishes								
Shortnose Gar	<i>Lepisosteus platostomus</i>	E	Yes	No	Shortnose Gar prefer open, slow silty or clear-water rivers, wave-washed shoals of large lakes, quiet creek pools and river backwaters. Usually at water surface, often near vegetation and submerged logs (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	ODNR recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species or other aquatic species.
Popeye Shiner	<i>Notropis ariommus</i>	E	Yes	No	Habitat includes warm, relatively clear flowing waters of large creeks and small to medium rivers; these shiners are closely associated with gravel substrate; typically, they occur in runs, backwaters near appreciable current, and the head of pools (NatureServe 2020).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat (perennial streams) was observed within the Project area. However, no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	ODNR recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species or other aquatic species.
American Eel	<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	T	Yes	No	The American eel may be found at times in any stream in Ohio, and in Lake Erie. They occur most often in moderate or large rivers with continuous flow and moderately clear water. While in fresh water, eels are secretive and hide in deep pools around cover, sometimes burying themselves during the day and coming out to feed at night (ODNR 2017a).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat (perennial streams) was observed within the Project area. However, no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	ODNR recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species or other aquatic species.
Channel Darter	<i>Persina copelandi</i>	T	Yes	No	Habitat includes warm, low, and moderate gradient rivers and large creeks in areas of moderate current. This darter usually is found over sand and gravel substrates; it prefers clear water and silt-free bottoms (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	ODNR recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species or other aquatic species.



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River Darter	<i>Percina shumardi</i>	T	Yes	No	Large rivers and lower part of tributaries; deep chutes and riffles where current is swift and bottom is coarse gravel or rock (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	ODNR recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species or other aquatic species.
Bigeye Shiner	<i>Notropis boops</i>	T	No	No	Flowing pools of moderately clear creeks and small to medium rivers with large permanent pools over bottom of clear sand, gravel, or rock. Often at stream margin in beds of emergent vegetation (NatureServe 2020).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	ODNR recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species or other aquatic species.
Goldeye	<i>Hiodon alosoides</i>	E	Yes	No	Habitat includes quiet turbid water of medium to large lowland rivers, the small lakes, ponds, and marshes connected to them, and muddy shallows of larger lakes. This fish prefers moderate to fast current in Illinois and Ohio. Spawning occurs in shallow firm-bottomed sites in river pools or backwaters or over gravel shoals in tributary streams (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	ODNR recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species or other aquatic species.
Paddlefish	<i>Polyodon spathula</i>	T	Yes	No	Paddlefish are found in the Ohio River and up to the first dam on its larger tributaries. They prefer the sluggish pools and backwater areas of these rivers and streams. Historically they were much more common and could be found as far up the Ohio River as Pennsylvania. It is also probable that there was a small population in Lake Erie at one time. Today paddlefish are most often seen in the Ohio River from Portsmouth downstream to the Indiana state line (ODNR 2017a).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	No comments received.
Shovelnose Sturgeon	<i>Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus</i>	E	No	No	Habitat includes deep channels and embayments of large turbid rivers; often over sand mixed with gravel or mud in areas with strong current (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	ODNR recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species or other aquatic species.
Blue Sucker	<i>Cycleptus elongatus</i>	T	No	No	Habitat includes the largest rivers and lower parts of major tributaries. Usually this sucker occurs in channels and flowing pools with moderate current (1.0-2.6 meters/sec). It also occurs in some impoundments. Adults probably winter in deep pools. Young occupy shallower and less swift water than do adults (NatureServe 2020).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	ODNR recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species or other aquatic species.

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Tippecanoe Darter	<i>Etheostoma tippecanoe</i>	T	No	No	Habitat includes shallow gravel riffles of small to medium-sized rivers with moderate gradient and warm, usually clear water; adults occupy shallow and deep, moderate and swift runs and long shallow gravel/sand riffles. Spawning occurs at heads or tails of clean-swept gravel and pebble riffles in water 8-46 centimeters deep with gentle current (NatureServe 2020).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	ODNR recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species or other aquatic species.
Reptiles								
Timber Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	E	Yes	No	Remnant colonies persist in widely scattered areas in southern unglaciated Ohio. They prefer dry, wooded hill country where they prey on a variety of small warm-blooded animals (ODNR 2018).	No	A timber rattlesnake habitat assessment was completed by an ODNR-approved herpetologist and it was determined that no areas of this suitable habitat for this species was present within the Project area. Additionally, no occurrences of this species are known from the Project area or a one-mile radius of it. Therefore, impacts to this species may occur but are not anticipated.	ODNR recommends that a survey be conducted to determine if suitable habitat exists at the project site. If suitable habitat is present, the ODNR recommends that a presence/absence survey be conducted or an avoidance/minimize plan be developed and implemented by an approved herpetologist to ensure any timber rattlesnakes that are utilizing the area are not impacted by the project.
Isopods								
Fern Cave Isopod	<i>Caecidotea filicispeluncae</i>	E	Yes	No	Found in subterranean rimstone pools (NatureServe 2020).	No	No caves or suitable habitat were observed within the Project area. Therefore, no impacts to this species is anticipated.	No comments received.
Frost Cave Isopod	<i>Caecidotea rotunda</i>	T	Yes	No	Inhabits cave streams where the isopods can be found on the undersides of rocks (NatureServe 2020).	No	No caves or suitable habitat were observed within the Project area. Therefore, no impacts to this species is anticipated.	No comments received.
Mussels								
Fanshell	<i>Cyprogenia stegaria</i>	E	Yes	No	Found in medium to large streams and river habitats with gravel substrates and a strong current, in both deep and shallow water (NatureServe 2020).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.

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Butterfly	<i>Ellipsaria lineolata</i>	E	Yes	No	This species reaches its greatest abundance in large rivers in stretches with pronounced current and a substrate of coarse sand and gravel (NatureServe 2020). It appears to have been successful in adapting to impoundment conditions in the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers where it is locally common and can be found at depths of up to 20 feet (Parmalee and Bogan, 1998).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Snuffbox	<i>Epioblasma triquetra</i>	E	Yes	No	Occurs in medium-sized streams to large rivers, generally on mud, rocky, gravel, or sand substrates in flowing water. Often deeply buried in substrate and overlooked by collectors (NatureServe 2020). Snuffbox is commonly found buried in the substrate. It is found in a wide range of particle sized substrates; however, swift shallow riffles with sand and gravel are where it is typically found (Parmalee and Bogan 1998; Watters et al. 2009).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Ebonyshell	<i>Fusconaia ebena</i>	E	Yes	No	This species inhabits large rivers and prefers swift water and stable sandy or gravelly shoals. Parmalee and Bogan (1998) list this species as occurring in current at depths of 10 to 15 feet or more. A coarse sand and gravel substrate provides the most suitable habitat, although this species thrives in rivers composed of sand, silt, and mud (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Longsolid	<i>Fusconaia maculata maculata</i>	E	Yes	No	This species is found in medium to large rivers in gravel with a strong current often in sand and gravel (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Pink Mucket	<i>Lampsilis abrupta</i>	E	Yes	No	Characterized as a large river species associated with fast-flowing waters, although in recent years it has been able to survive and reproduce in impoundments with river-lake conditions but never in standing pools of water. Found in waters with strong currents, rocky or boulder substrates, with depths up to about 1 m, but is also found in deeper waters	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR

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					with slower currents and sand and gravel substrates (NatureServe 2020).			and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Yellow Sandshell	<i>Lampsilis teres</i>	E	Yes	No	This species prefers sand in either swift or slowly moving water. It also can be found in muddy sand and sand in slight to moderate current and in a few lakes and reservoirs. Occurs in medium-sized creeks to large rivers, often in slower current areas of stream borders. In the ACF basin, over 50% of individuals recently collected were listed as having sand as primary substrate, followed by mud (29%), rock (13%), and silt (4%) (NatureServe 2020).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Washboard	<i>Megaloniaias nervosa</i>	E	Yes	No	This species is typically a large river species, living in the main channel and in some of the overbank areas of reservoirs, but in some instances, it may also become established in medium-sized and even small rivers. It is found in areas with a slow current with muddy to coarse gravel substrates (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Sheepnose	<i>Plethobasus cyphus</i>	E	Yes	No	Although it does inhabit medium-sized rivers, this mussel generally has been considered a large-river species. It may be associated with riffles and gravel/cobble substrates but usually has been reported from deep water (>2 m) with slight to swift currents and mud, sand, or gravel bottoms. It also appears capable of surviving in reservoirs, such as upper Chickamauga Reservoir immediately below Watts Bar Dam. Specimens in larger rivers may occur in deep runs (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.

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Clubshell	<i>Pleurobema clava</i>	E	Yes	No	The clubshell occurs in medium to small rivers and streams, containing clean, coarse sand and cobble substrates (USFWS 1994). The clubshell is usually found within the current, where it may live several inches underneath the surface. It is most common in the downstream ends of riffles and islands (Watters et al. 2009). The clubshell is mostly considered an Ohio River system species, including the Tennessee, Cumberland, Kanawha, and Wabash river drainages. However, it is also found within the Maumee River system of Lake Erie. Although historically the clubshell was originally described as occurring within Lake Erie, only one record of its occurrence there has been found (Watters et al. 2009).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Ohio Pigtoe	<i>Pleurobema cordatum</i>	E	Yes	No	This species primarily inhabits large rivers but may be found in medium-sized rivers. It is also tolerant of some reservoir environments. In lotic situations it is found in or immediately above riffles in heterogenous assemblages of gravel, cobble, and boulder. It also occurs in some habitats with greater depth and substrates of mud/sand/gravel but seems to require flowing water. In reservoirs, it tends to occur in the sublotic areas of dam tailwaters and may be in some overbank beds (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Rabbitsfoot	<i>Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica</i>	E	Yes	No	According to Gordon and Layzer (1989) the typical habitat for this species is small to medium rivers with moderate to swift currents, and in smaller streams it inhabits bars or gravel and cobble close to the fast current. Found in medium to large rivers in sand and gravel. It has been found in depths up to 3 meters (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Monkeyface	<i>Quadrula metanevra</i>	E	Yes	No	This is a species of medium to large rivers typically found in runs with a substrate of mixed sand or gravel (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.



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Wartyback	<i>Quadrula nodulata</i>	E	Yes	No	This species can occur in medium to large rivers at depths of up to 15-18 feet on a sand and mud substrate (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Rayed Bean	<i>Villosa fabalis</i>	E	Yes	No	Habitat includes gravel or sandy substrate, especially in areas of thick roots of aquatic plants, increase substrate stability (NatureServe 2020, Parmalee and Bogan 1998). Rayed bean can be associated with shoal or riffle areas, and in shallow, wave-washed areas of glacial lakes. It is generally found in smaller, headwater creeks, but sometimes in larger rivers and open-water bodies. It can occur in shallow riffles or in lakes with water depths up to four feet. It has been found in riffles, generally in vegetation, and deeply buried in sand and gravel bound together by roots (Parmalee and Bogan 1998).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Black Sandshell	<i>Ligumia recta</i>	T	Yes	No	Typically found in medium-sized to large rivers in locations with strong current and substrates of coarse sand and gravel with cobbles in water depths from several inches to six feet or more (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Threehorn Wartyback	<i>Obliquaria reflexa</i>	T	Yes	No	This species is typical of the large rivers where there is moderately strong current, and a stable substrate composed of gravel, sand, and mud (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Fawnsfoot	<i>Truncilla donaciformis</i>	T	Yes	No	This species occurs in both large and medium-sized rivers at normal depths varying from less than three feet up to 15 to 18 feet in big rivers such as the Tennessee. A substrate of either sand or mud is suitable and although it is typically found in	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio

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					moderate current, it can adapt to a lake or embayment environment lacking current (NatureServe 2020).		by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Northern Riffleshell	<i>Epioblasma torulosa rangiana</i>	E	No	No	This species is found in riffles, on a bottom of firmly packed and rather fine gravel, in swiftly flowing, shallow water or coarse gravel. Preferred habitat appears to require swiftly moving water. The high oxygen concentrations in swift streams may be necessary for survival. It is a species of riffle areas of smaller streams, and as such has fared better than larger river species, which have been heavily impacted by dredging and impoundment (NatureServe 2020).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	This project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur.
Mammals								
Indiana Bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	E	Yes	No	<p>The Indiana bat is likely distributed over the entire State of Ohio, though not uniformly. This species generally forages in openings and edge habitats within upland and floodplain forest, but they also forage over old fields and pastures (Brack et al. 2010). Natural roost structures include trees (live or dead) with exfoliating bark, and exposure to solar radiation. Other important factors for roost trees include relative location to other trees, a permanent water source and foraging areas; Dead trees are preferred as maternity roosts; however, live trees are often used as secondary roosts depending on microclimate conditions (USFWS 2007a; USFWS 2020). Roosts have also occasionally been found to consist of cracks and hollows in trees, utility poles, buildings, and bat boxes. Primarily use caves for hibernacula, although are also known to hibernate in abandoned underground mines (Brack et al. 2010).</p>	Yes	No suitable winter hibernacula were observed in the Project area. However, suitable summer foraging habitat and potentially suitable summer roost habitat was observed in the Project area. AEP intends to avoid areas with summer roost habitat to the extent possible and conduct necessary tree clearing between October 1 and March 31. AEP will determine if any summer tree clearing is necessary in areas containing suitable roost habitat and will proceed accordingly.	If suitable habitat occurs within the project area, ODNR recommends trees be conserved. If suitable habitat occurs within the project area and trees must be cut, ODNR recommends cutting occur between October 1 and March 31. If suitable trees must be cut during the summer months, ODNR recommends a net survey be conducted between June 1 and August 15, prior to any cutting.
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	E	Yes	No	<p>The northern long-eared bat is found throughout Ohio. This species generally forages in forested habitat and openings in forested habitat and utilizes cracks, cavities, and loose bark within live and dead trees, as well as buildings as roosting habitat (Brack et al. 2010; USFWS 2016). The species utilizes caves and abandoned mines as winter hibernacula. Various sized caves are used providing they have a constant temperature, high humidity, and little to no air current (Brack et al. 2010).</p>	Yes	No suitable winter hibernacula were observed in the Project area. However, suitable summer foraging habitat and potentially suitable summer roost habitat was observed in the Project area. AEP intends to avoid areas with summer roost habitat to the extent possible and conduct necessary tree clearing between October 1 and March 31. AEP will determine if any summer tree clearing is necessary in areas containing	No comments received.

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							suitable roost habitat and will proceed accordingly.	
Little Brown Bat	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	E	Yes	No	The little brown bat is found throughout Ohio. This species seems to prefer to forage over water but also forages among trees in rather open areas (Harvey et al. 1999). During summer, it typically inhabits buildings, attics, church belfries, barns and outbuildings, and occasionally more natural habitats such as sloughing bark of a dead tree. During summer, two types of roosts are utilized: day roosts and night roosts. Day roosts are the maternity colony roost, while little brown bats often roost in other areas where they rest and congregate to digest their food in between foraging bouts. In Ohio, this species typically utilizes caves and mines as hibernacula, although at least one hibernaculum was found to be located in an attic of an old building (Brack et al. 2010).	Yes	No suitable winter hibernacula were observed in the Project area. However, suitable summer foraging habitat and potentially suitable summer roost habitat was observed in the Project area. AEP intends to avoid areas with summer roost habitat to the extent possible and conduct necessary tree clearing between October 1 and March 31. AEP will determine if any summer tree clearing is necessary in areas containing suitable roost habitat and will proceed accordingly.	No comments received.
Tri-colored Bat	<i>Perimyotis subflavus</i>	E	No	No	The tricolored bat is found throughout Ohio. This species has been found to forage above and within a variety of habitats, including woodlands, agricultural fields, grassy areas, and over streamside vegetation (Sparks et al. 2011). Maternity colonies have often been found within clusters of dead leaves, hanging in trees. Maternity colonies have also been found in or on buildings. Little is known of male tri-colored bats in summer, but it is thought that they are probably solitary and spend their days in similar situations, as well as crevices, caves and mines (Brack et al. 2010). In Ohio, this species typically utilizes caves and mines as hibernacula, utilizing a variety of situations, including very cold areas near cave entrances to deeper passages that seem to be too warm for other species of bats (Brack et al. 2010).	Yes	No suitable winter hibernacula were observed in the Project area. However, suitable summer foraging habitat and potentially suitable summer roost habitat was observed in the Project area. AEP intends to avoid areas with summer roost habitat to the extent possible and conduct necessary tree clearing between October 1 and March 31. AEP will determine if any summer tree clearing is necessary in areas containing suitable roost habitat and will proceed accordingly.	No comments received.
Allegheny Woodrat	<i>Neotoma magister</i>	E	Yes	No	Allegheny woodrats can be found in rocky outcrops, such as cliffs and caves, and in forested areas. Builds a large, cup-shaped nest under rocks or ledges (ODNR 2016).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	No comments received.
Black Bear	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	E	Yes	No	Heavily wooded habitats, ranging from swamps and wetlands to dry upland hardwood and coniferous forests; prefers wooded cover with a dense understory (ODNR 2016).	Yes	Suitable habitat was observed within the Project area, but due to the mobility of this species, impacts are not anticipated.	Due to the mobility of this species, this project is not likely to impact this species.

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Amphibians								
Green Salamander	<i>Aneides aeneus</i>	E	Yes	No	This species is limited in Ohio to a very few rock ledges in Adams, Lawrence, and Scioto counties. It prefers the deep moist cracks in otherwise mostly dry limestone and sandstone cliffs (ODNR 2012).	No	No suitable habitat for this species was observed within the Project area. Therefore, impacts to this species are not anticipated.	No comments received.
Cave Salamander	<i>Eurycea lucifuga</i>	E	Yes	No	this species prefers the dimly lighted zone near the entrance of wet limestone caves. However, it may also be encountered in wooded areas or along streams with a connection to groundwater, far removed from any known caves (ODNR 2012).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	No comments received.
Midland Mud Salamander	<i>Pseudotriton montanus diastictus</i>	T	Yes	No	Midland mud salamanders are most often encountered under large, flat stones along shallow, sluggish woodland streams, springs, and seeps. As implied by their name, they indeed seem to prefer muddy areas. In Ohio, this species is somewhat uncommon and is limited to a few counties in the extreme southern part of the state (ODNR 2012).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts to this species are anticipated.	No comments received.
Eastern Spadefoot	<i>Scaphiopus holbrookii</i>	E	Yes	No	Eastern spadefoots occur in areas of sandy, gravelly, or soft, light soils in wooded or unwooded terrain. On land, they range up to at least several hundred meters from breeding sites. When inactive, they remain burrowed in the ground. Breeding sites include temporary pools and areas flooded by heavy rains (NatureServe 2020).	No	A habitat assessment for this species was completed by an ODNR-approved herpetologist and no suitable habitat was identified within the Project area. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	If suitable habitat is found to be present, the DOW recommends that a habitat suitability survey be conducted by an approved herpetologist to determine if suitable habitat is present along the Project route. If suitable habitat is found to be present, the DOW recommends that a presence/absence survey be conducted, or an avoidance/minimization plan be developed and implemented by an approved herpetologist.
Plants								
Scaly Blazing-star	<i>Liatris squarrosa</i>	P	Yes	No	Found in dry prairie sites with poor soil or sand on oak ridges, also found on Great Lakes Dunes (ODNR 2017b).	Yes	Some suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a one-mile radius of the Project area. Therefore, impacts may occur but are not anticipated.	No comments received.
Wall-rue	<i>Asplenium ruta-muraria</i>	T	Yes	No	Wall-rue is found on dry to moist calcareous rock exposures. It is rarely found in full sun (ODNR 2017b).	Yes	Some suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a one-mile radius of the Project area. Therefore, impacts may occur but are not anticipated.	No comments received.

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Walter's Violet	<i>Viola walteri</i>	T	Yes	No	Walter's violet is found in open woods and on rocky ledges, usually in calcareous substrates; frequently collected on dolomite outcrops and promontories (ODNR 2017b).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	No comments received.
Arbor Vitae	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	P	Yes	No	Arbor vitae occurs in open to semi-open habitats on calcareous substrates; cliffs, limestone ledges, uplands, and fens (ODNR 2017b).	Yes	Some suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a one-mile radius of the Project area. Therefore, impacts may occur but are not anticipated.	No comments received.
Wedge-leaved Whitlow-grass	<i>Draba cuneifolia</i>	T	Yes	No	Occurs in dry, open situations, usually in sandy areas or calcareous cliff tops and prairies (ODNR 2017b).	Yes	Some suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a one-mile radius of the Project area. Therefore, impacts may occur but are not anticipated.	No comments received.
Carolina Whitlow-grass	<i>Draba reptans</i>	T	Yes	No	Occurs in dry, open situations, usually in sandy soil: ledges, fields, pastures, dunes, waste places, and roadsides (ODNR 2017b).	Yes	Some suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a one-mile radius of the Project area. Therefore, impacts may occur but are not anticipated.	No comments received.
Early Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus fascicularis</i>	T	Yes	No	Occurs in calcareous soils of prairies, pastures, and dry, open woods; also on calcareous rock outcrops (ODNR 2017b).	Yes	Some suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a one-mile radius of the Project area. Therefore, impacts may occur but are not anticipated.	No comments received.
Narrow-leaved Toothwort	<i>Cardamine dissecta</i>	P	Yes	No	Rich to disturbed woods and wooded stream terraces (ODNR 2017b).	Yes	Some suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a one-mile radius of the Project area. Therefore, impacts may occur but are not anticipated.	No comments received.
Wherry's Catchfly	<i>Silene caroliniana</i> ssp. <i>wherryi</i>	T	Yes	No	Occurs in rocky upland woods of calcareous region; also tolerant of slightly acidic soil conditions (ODNR 2017b).	Yes	Some suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a one-mile radius of the Project area. Therefore, impacts may occur but are not anticipated.	No comments received.



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Tennessee Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton tennesseensis</i>	T	Yes	No	Still or flowing water (ODNR 2017b).	Yes	Some suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, this species is not known to occur within a one-mile radius of the Project area. Therefore, impacts may occur but are not anticipated.	No comments received.
<sup>1</sup> E=Endangered; T=Threatened; SOC=Species of Concern; P=Potentially Threatened; Ex=Extinct <sup>2</sup> According to Ohio Department of Natural Resources, State Listed Wildlife Species by County (ODNR 2020). <sup>3</sup> According to Ohio Natural Heritage Program (Appendix B).								

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Table 5. Summary of Potential Federally Listed Species within the Seaman-Adams 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project Area, Adams County, Ohio

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Listing <sup>1</sup>	Known to Adams County? <sup>2</sup>	Habitat Preference	Potential Habitat Observed in Project Area?	Impact Assessment	USFWS Comments/ Recommendations
Mammals							
Indiana Bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	E	Yes	The Indiana bat is likely distributed over the entire State of Ohio, though not uniformly. This species generally forages in openings and edge habitats within upland and floodplain forest, but they also forage over old fields and pastures (Brack et al. 2010). Natural roost structures include trees (live or dead) with exfoliating bark, and exposure to solar radiation. Other important factors for roost trees include relative location to other trees, a permanent water source and foraging areas; Dead trees are preferred as maternity roosts; however, live trees are often used as secondary roosts depending on microclimate conditions (USFWS 2007a; USFWS 2020). Roosts have also occasionally been found to consist of cracks and hollows in trees, utility poles, buildings, and bat boxes. Primarily use caves for hibernacula, although are also known to hibernate in abandoned underground mines (Brack et al. 2010).	Yes	No suitable winter hibernacula were observed in the Project area. However, suitable summer foraging habitat and potentially suitable summer roost habitat was observed in the Project area. AEP intends to avoid areas with summer roost habitat to the extent possible and conduct necessary tree clearing between October 1 and March 31. AEP will determine if any summer tree clearing is necessary in areas containing suitable roost habitat and will proceed accordingly.	The USFWS response letter (Appendix B) indicated that, due to the project type, size, and location, if caves and mines (potential bat hibernacula) will not be disturbed and seasonal tree cutting (clearing of trees ≥3 inches' diameter at breast height between October 1 and March 31) to avoid impacts to Indiana bats is implemented, they do not anticipate adverse effects to this species.
Northern Long-eared Bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	T	Yes	The northern long-eared bat is found throughout Ohio. This species generally forages in forested habitat and openings in forested habitat and utilizes cracks, cavities, and loose bark within live and dead trees, as well as buildings as roosting habitat (Brack et al. 2010; USFWS 2016). The species utilizes caves and abandoned mines as winter hibernacula. Various sized caves are used providing they have a constant temperature, high humidity, and little to no air current (Brack et al. 2010).	Yes	No suitable winter hibernacula were observed in the Project area. However, suitable summer foraging habitat and potentially suitable summer roost habitat was observed in the Project area. AEP intends to avoid areas with summer roost habitat to the extent possible and conduct necessary tree clearing between October 1 and March 31. AEP will determine if any summer tree clearing is necessary in areas containing suitable roost habitat and will proceed accordingly.	If no caves or abandoned mines may be disturbed and tree removal is unavoidable, seasonal tree cutting (clearing of trees ≥3 inches diameter at breast height between October 1 and March 31) is recommended. Following this seasonal tree clearing recommendation should ensure that no adverse effects to the northern long-eared bat will occur. Incidental take of northern long-eared bats from most tree clearing is exempted by a 4(d) rule.
Mussels							
Clubshell	<i>Pleurobema clava</i>	E	Yes	The clubshell occurs in medium to small rivers and streams, containing clean, coarse sand and cobble substrates (USFWS 1994). The clubshell is usually found within the current, where it may live several inches underneath the surface. It is most common in the downstream ends of riffles and islands (Watters et al. 2009). The clubshell is mostly considered an Ohio River system species, including the Tennessee, Cumberland, Kanawha, and Wabash river drainages. However, it is also found within the Maumee River system of Lake Erie. Although historically the clubshell was originally described as occurring within Lake Erie, only one record of its occurrence there has been found (Watters et al. 2009).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	Due to the project type, size, and location, USFWS does not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally listed species.
Fanshell	<i>Cyprogenia stegaria</i>	E	Yes	Found in medium to large streams and river habitats with gravel substrates and a strong current, in both deep and shallow water (NatureServe 2020).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	Due to the project type, size, and location, USFWS does not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally listed species.

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Pink Mucket	<i>Lampsilis abrupta</i>	E	Yes	Characterized as a large river species associated with fast-flowing waters, although in recent years it has been able to survive and reproduce in impoundments with river-lake conditions but never in standing pools of water. Found in waters with strong currents, rocky or boulder substrates, with depths up to about 1 m, but is also found in deeper waters with slower currents and sand and gravel substrates (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	Due to the project type, size, and location, USFWS does not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally listed species.
Rayed Bean	<i>Villosa fabalis</i>	E	Yes	Habitat includes gravel or sandy substrate, especially in areas of thick roots of aquatic plants, increase substrate stability (NatureServe 2020, Parmalee and Bogan 1998). Rayed bean can be associated with shoal or riffle areas, and in shallow, wave-washed areas of glacial lakes. It is generally found in smaller, headwater creeks, but sometimes in larger rivers and open-water bodies. It can occur in shallow riffles or in lakes with water depths up to four feet. It has been found in riffles, generally in vegetation, and deeply buried in sand and gravel bound together by roots (Parmalee and Bogan 1998).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	Due to the project type, size, and location, USFWS does not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally listed species.
Sheepnose	<i>Plethobasus cyphus</i>	E	Yes	Although it does inhabit medium-sized rivers, this mussel generally has been considered a large-river species. It may be associated with riffles and gravel/cobble substrates but usually has been reported from deep water (>2 m) with slight to swift currents and mud, sand, or gravel bottoms. It also appears capable of surviving in reservoirs, such as upper Chickamauga Reservoir immediately below Watts Bar Dam. Specimens in larger rivers may occur in deep runs (NatureServe 2020).	No	No suitable habitat was observed within the Project area and no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	Due to the project type, size, and location, USFWS does not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally listed species.
Snuffbox	<i>Epioblasma triquetra</i>	E	Yes	Occurs in medium-sized streams to large rivers, generally on mud, rocky, gravel, or sand substrates in flowing water. Often deeply buried in substrate and overlooked by collectors (NatureServe 2020). Snuffbox is commonly found buried in the substrate. It is found in a wide range of particle sized substrates; however, swift shallow riffles with sand and gravel are where it is typically found (Parmalee and Bogan 1998; Watters et al. 2009).	Yes	Some potentially suitable habitat was observed within the Project area. However, no in-water work in perennial streams is proposed by AEP. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.	Due to the project type, size, and location, USFWS does not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally listed species.
Plants							
Running Buffalo Clover	<i>Trifolium stoloniferum</i>	E	Yes	Running buffalo clover's habitat most commonly is mesic woodlands in partial to filtered sunlight, where there is a pattern of moderate periodic disturbance for a prolonged period, such as mowing, trampling, or grazing. It utilizes a variety of disturbed woodland habitats, floodplains, streambanks, grazed woodlots, cemeteries, lawns, old logging roads, and jeep trails (USFWS 2007b).	Yes	Potentially suitable habitat for this species was observed within portions of the Project area. However, surveys for running buffalo clover were completed by Stantec's USFWS-approved running buffalo clover surveyors in May of 2018 and no running buffalo clover individuals or populations were observed. Therefore, no adverse effects to this species are anticipated.	If suitable habitat is present, USFWS recommends surveys for this species be conducted by a trained biologist in May or June when the plant is in flower. The survey must be coordinated with USFWS in advance.
<sup>1</sup> E=Endangered; T=Threatened <sup>2</sup> According to USFWS (2018).							

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Stantec conducted wetland and waterbody delineation field surveys and a preliminary habitat assessment for threatened and endangered species within the Project area on December 7-13, 2016, March 28-29, 2017, September 6, 2017, and August 3, 2020. During the field surveys, one palustrine emergent wetland totaling approximately 0.04 acres was identified within the Project area. See Table 2 for more information regarding the wetland classifications and ORAM categories for wetlands identified within the Project area. Eight ephemeral streams totaling approximately 841 linear feet in length, five intermittent streams totaling approximately 577 linear feet in length, and eight perennial streams totaling approximately 998 linear feet in length were delineated within the Project area. Perennial streams included West Fork Ohio Brush Creek, George's Creek, Big Run, and Ohio Brush Creek. See Table 3 for more information regarding the streams identified within the Project area.

The information provided by Stantec regarding wetland and stream boundaries is based on an analysis of the wetland and upland conditions present within the Project area at the time of the fieldwork. The delineations were performed by experienced and qualified professionals using regulatory agency-accepted practices and sound professional judgment.

Table 4 provides summary information for all state-listed species known to occur within Adams County. A technical assistance/environmental review request letter was sent to ODNR Office of Real Estate. The ODNR Office of Real Estate response letter (Appendix B) indicates that the Project area is located within range of the following state-listed endangered and/or threatened species: Indiana bat, black bear, lark sparrow, Ohio cave beetle, Kramer's cave beetle (now listed as extinct; ODNR 2020), shortnose gar, popeye shiner, channel darter, American eel, river darter, as well as 16 mussel species. Impacts to these species are not anticipated by the Project.

If suitable Indiana bat roost habitat occurs within the Project area, ODNR recommends trees be conserved. If suitable habitat occurs in the Project area and trees must be cut, ODNR recommends cutting occur between October 1 and March 31. If suitable trees must be cut during summer months, ODNR recommends a net survey be conducted between June 1 and August 15, prior to any cutting. If no tree removal is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species. No suitable winter hibernacula were observed in the Project area. However, suitable summer roost habitat was observed in the Project area. AEP intends to avoid areas with summer roost habitat to the extent possible. AEP will determine if any summer tree clearing is necessary in areas containing suitable roost habitat and will proceed accordingly.

According to ODNR, this project must not impact mussels (listed and non-listed) at the Project site. If in-water work is planned in any stream that meets the criteria described in the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (ODNR and USFWS 2020), ODNR recommends information be provided that indicates no mussels are present or no mussel impacts will occur. ODNR also recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, the project is not likely to impact listed mussel and fish species.

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Suitable habitat for several mussel and fish species does occur in the Project area. However, no in-water work is proposed by AEP in perennial streams. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated to state-listed mussel and fish species.

ODNR recommended that habitat surveys for timber rattlesnake and eastern spadefoot toad be performed by ODNR-approved herpetologists. If suitable habitat is found to be present, then ODNR recommended a presence/absence survey be conducted or an avoidance/minimization plan be developed and implemented. An eastern spadefoot toad habitat assessment study was conducted by ODNR-approved herpetologist Jeffrey Davis in 2017. The habitat assessment study concluded that there is no suitable habitat for the eastern spadefoot toad within the Project area. Additionally, a timber rattlesnake habitat assessment study was conducted by ODNR-approved herpetologist Doug Wynn in 2017. The timber rattlesnake habitat assessment study concluded that there is no suitable habitat for the timber rattlesnake within the Project area.

According to correspondence received from ODNR Ohio Natural Heritage Program (ONHP) (Appendix B), the Tranquility Wildlife Area and a mussel bed are within a one-mile radius of the Project area. The ODNR ONHP was unaware of any scenic rivers, state nature preserves or parks or national wildlife refuges, parks, or forests within a one-mile radius of the Project area.

A technical assistance request letter was also submitted to the USFWS. The USFWS response letter states that there are no federal wilderness areas, wildlife refuges, or designated critical habitat within the vicinity of the Project area (Appendix B). The USFWS recommends that impacts to wetlands and other water resources be avoided or minimized to the fullest extent possible, and that best management practices be utilized to minimize erosion and sedimentation.

The Project area includes potential roosting and foraging habitat for the federally endangered Indiana bat and federally threatened northern long-eared bat and is in the range of these species in Ohio (USFWS; Appendix B). Should the project site contain trees  $\geq 3$  inches dbh, the USFWS recommends trees be saved whenever possible. If any caves or abandoned mines may be disturbed, further coordination is requested. If no caves or abandoned mines are present and trees  $\geq 3$  inches dbh cannot be avoided, USFWS recommends that removal of trees  $\geq 3$  inches dbh only occur between October 1 and March 31 to avoid adverse effects to this species. If implementation of seasonal tree clearing is not possible, USFWS recommends summer presence/absence surveys be conducted between June 1 and August 15. AEP plans to conduct any necessary tree clearing for the Project between October 1 and March 31. Therefore, no adverse effects to the Indiana bat or northern long-eared bat are anticipated.

In addition, the USFWS stated that the Project lies within the range of the federally endangered running buffalo clover. If suitable habitat is present, USFWS recommends surveys for this species be conducted by a trained biologist in May or June when the plant is in flower. The survey must be coordinated with USFWS in advance. On behalf of AEP, Stantec's USFWS-approved running buffalo clover surveyors completed surveys for this species within the Project area in May of 2018. No running buffalo clover individuals or populations were observed. Therefore, no adverse effects to this species are anticipated.



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Due to the project type, size, and location, USFWS does not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species.

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## Appendix A Figures

### A.1 FIGURE 1 – PROJECT LOCATION MAP



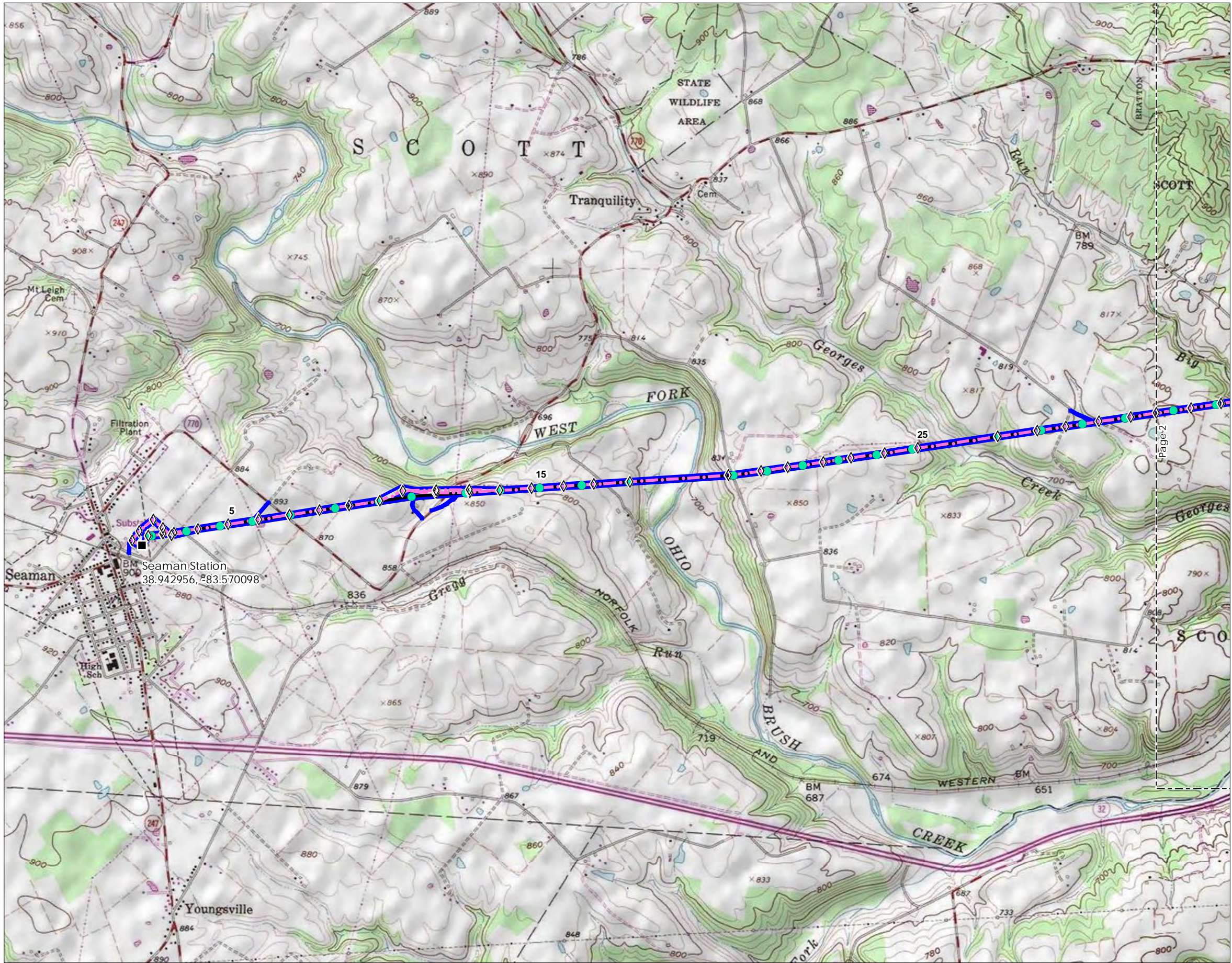


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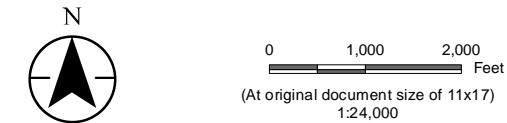
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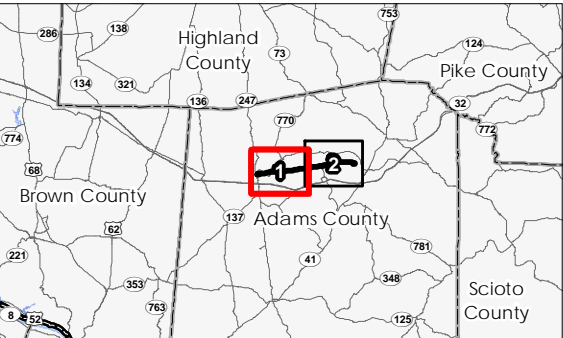
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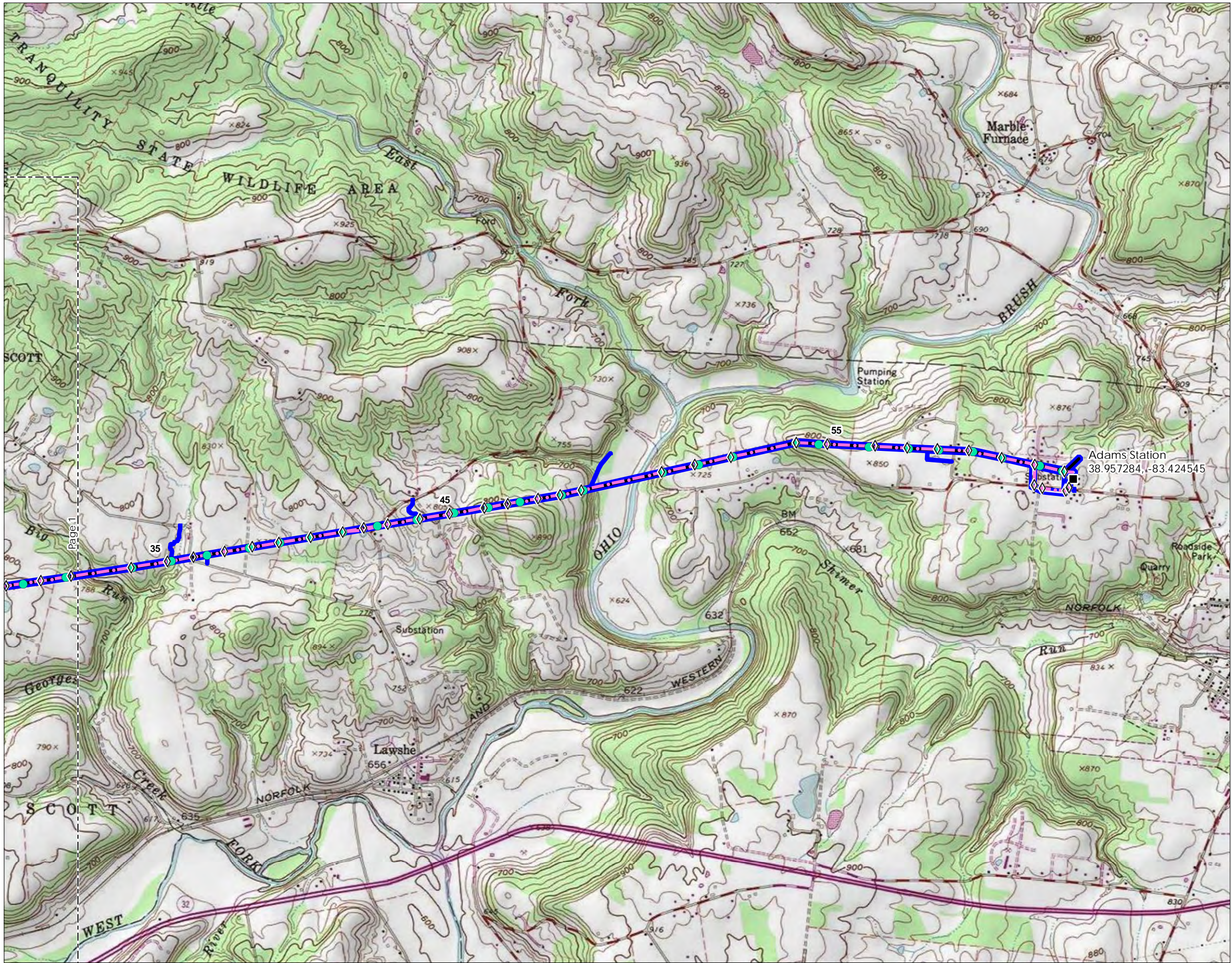


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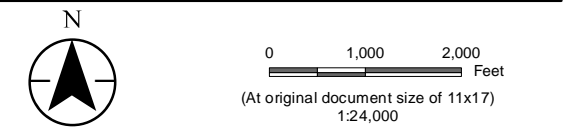
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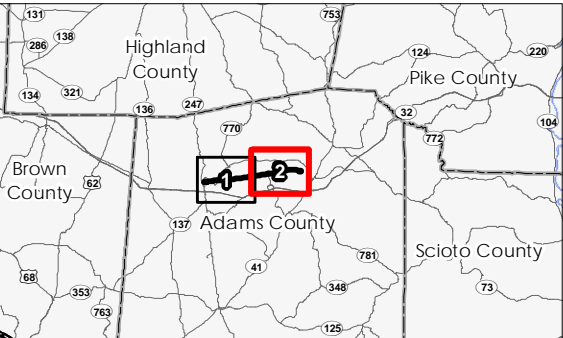
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**A.2      FIGURE 2 – WETLAND AND WATERBODY DELINEATION MAP**



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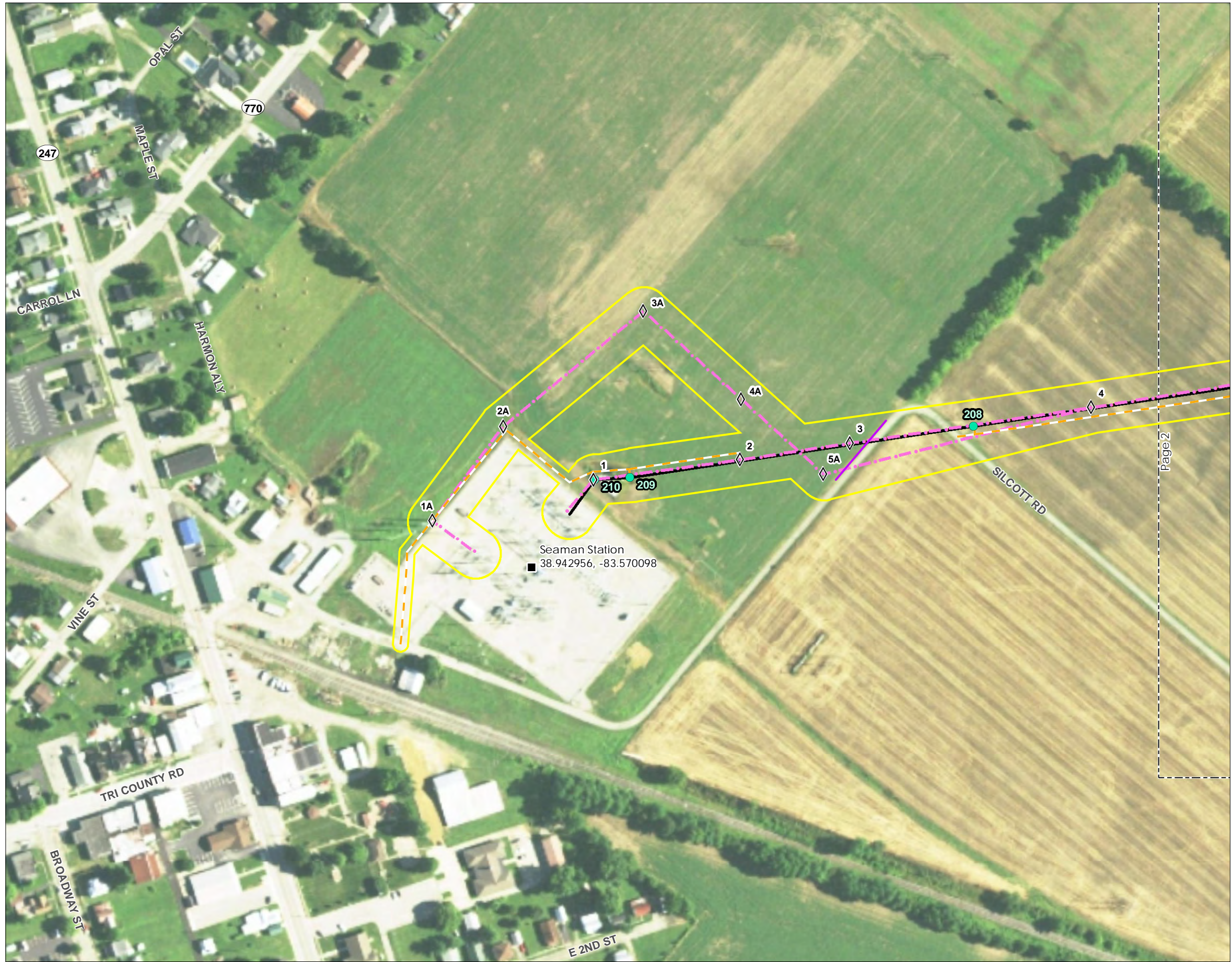


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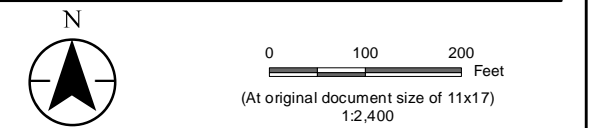
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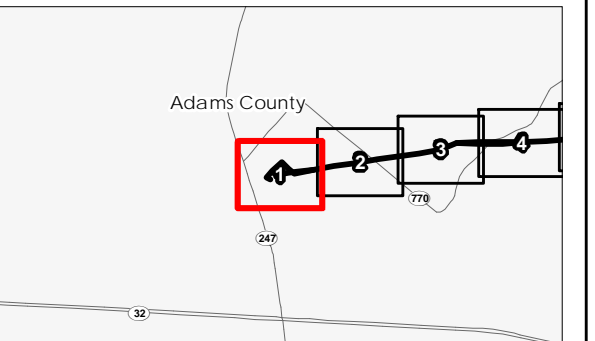
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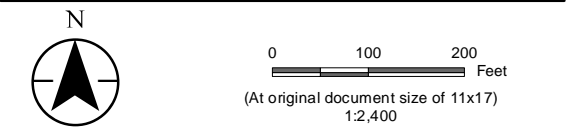
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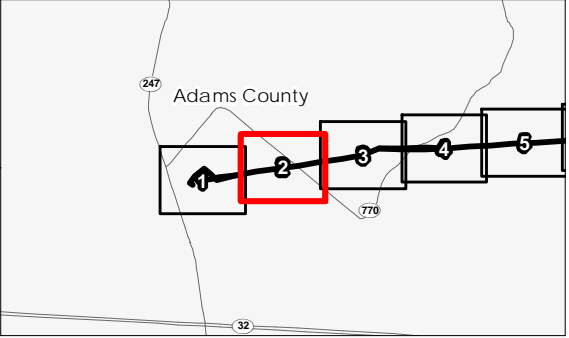
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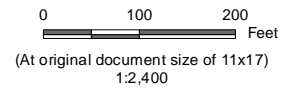
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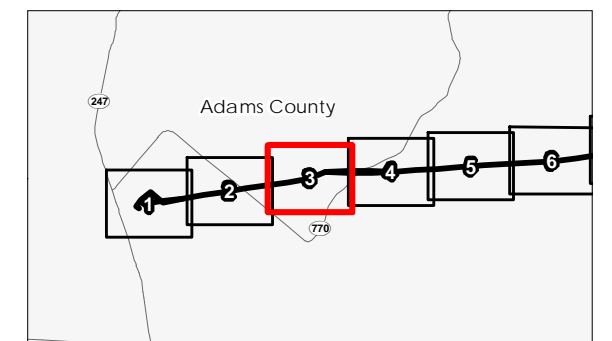
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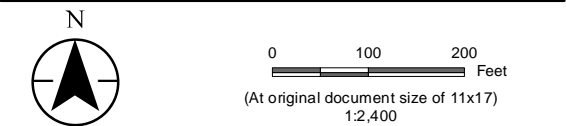
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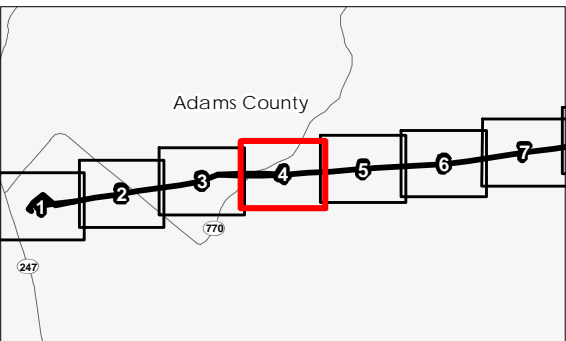
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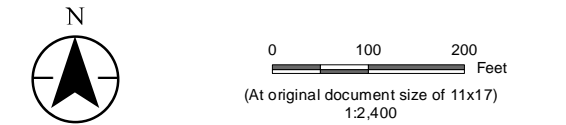
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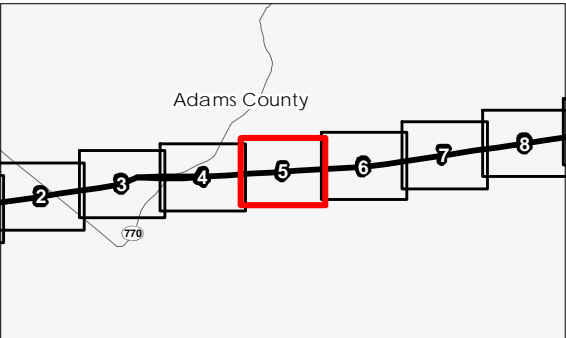
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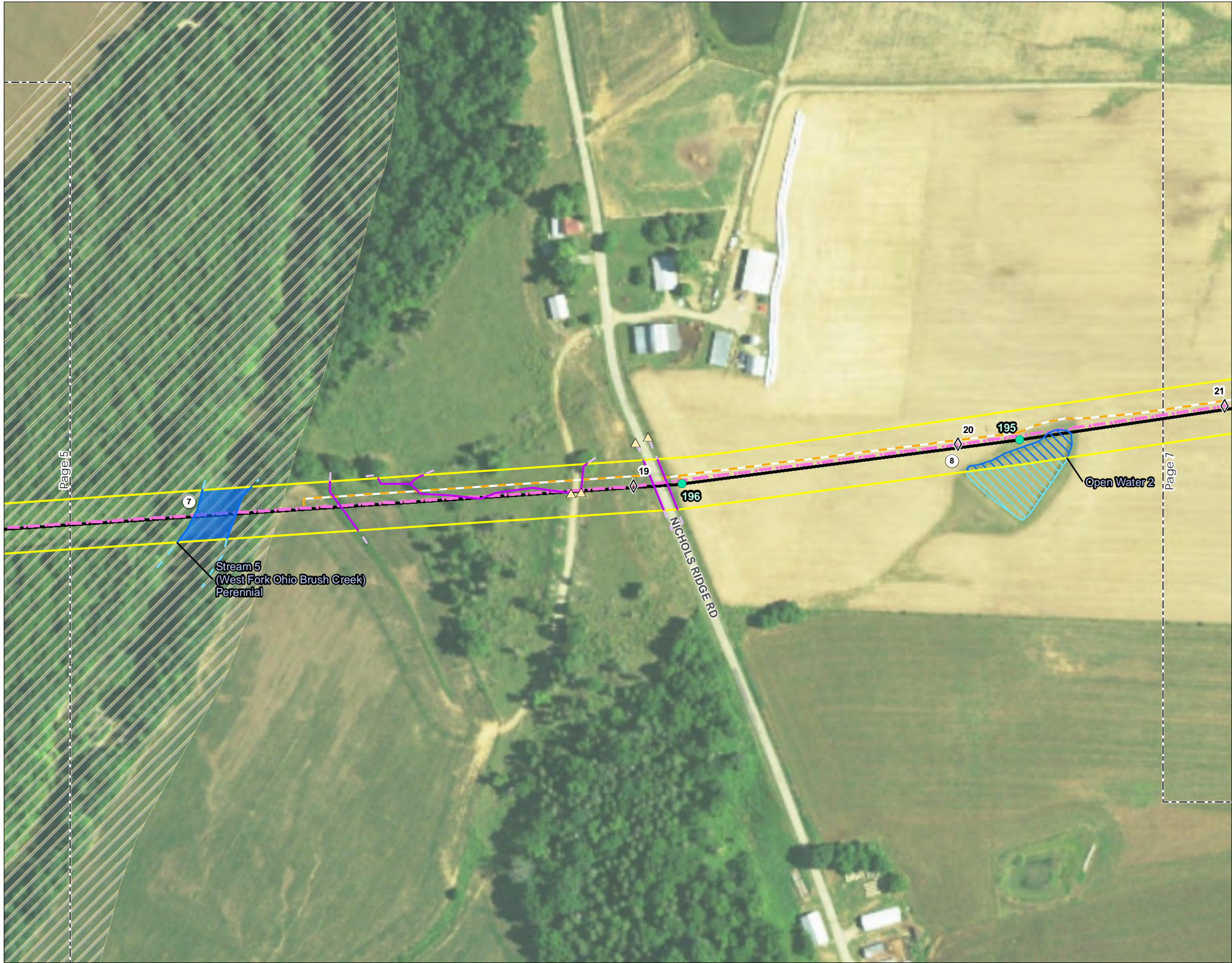


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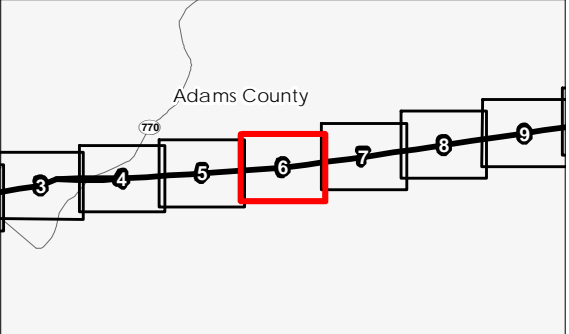
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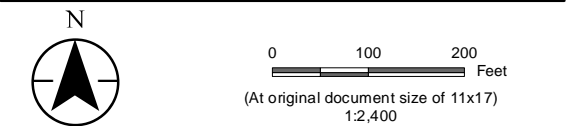
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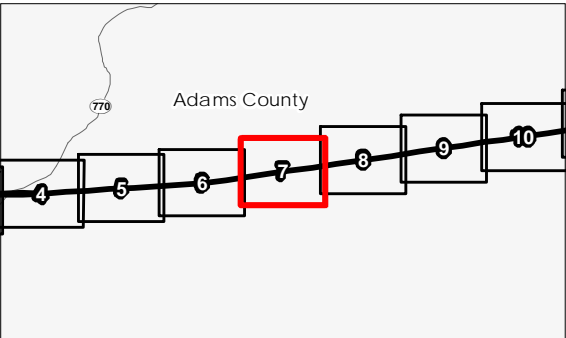
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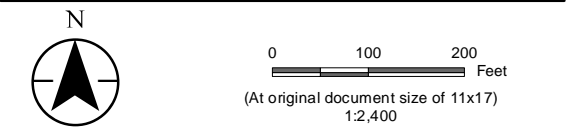
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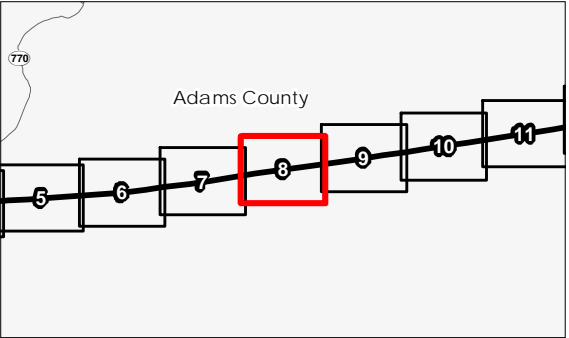
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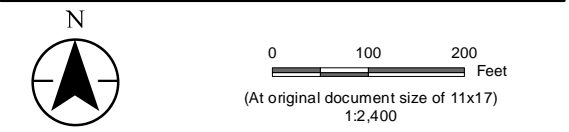
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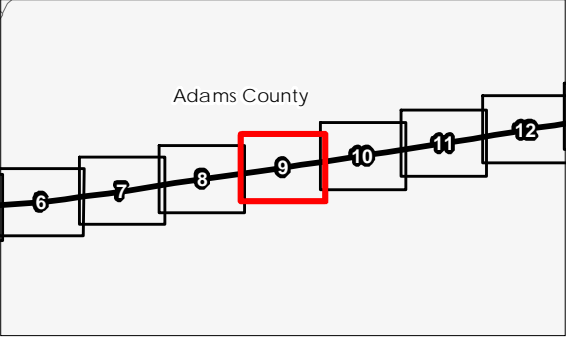
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Existing 138 kV Transmission Line to be Replaced	Approximate Waterway
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Project Area	Approximate Open Water
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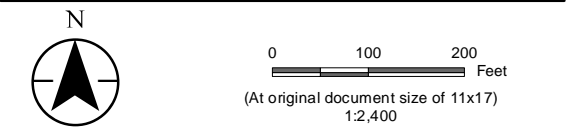
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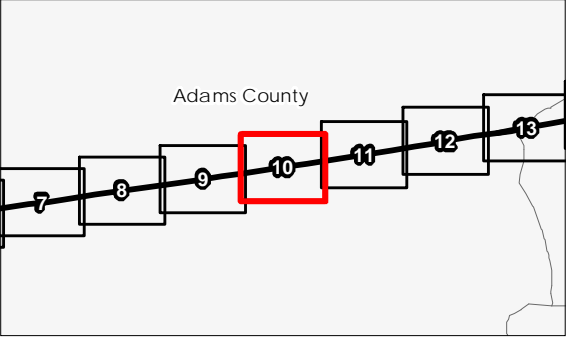
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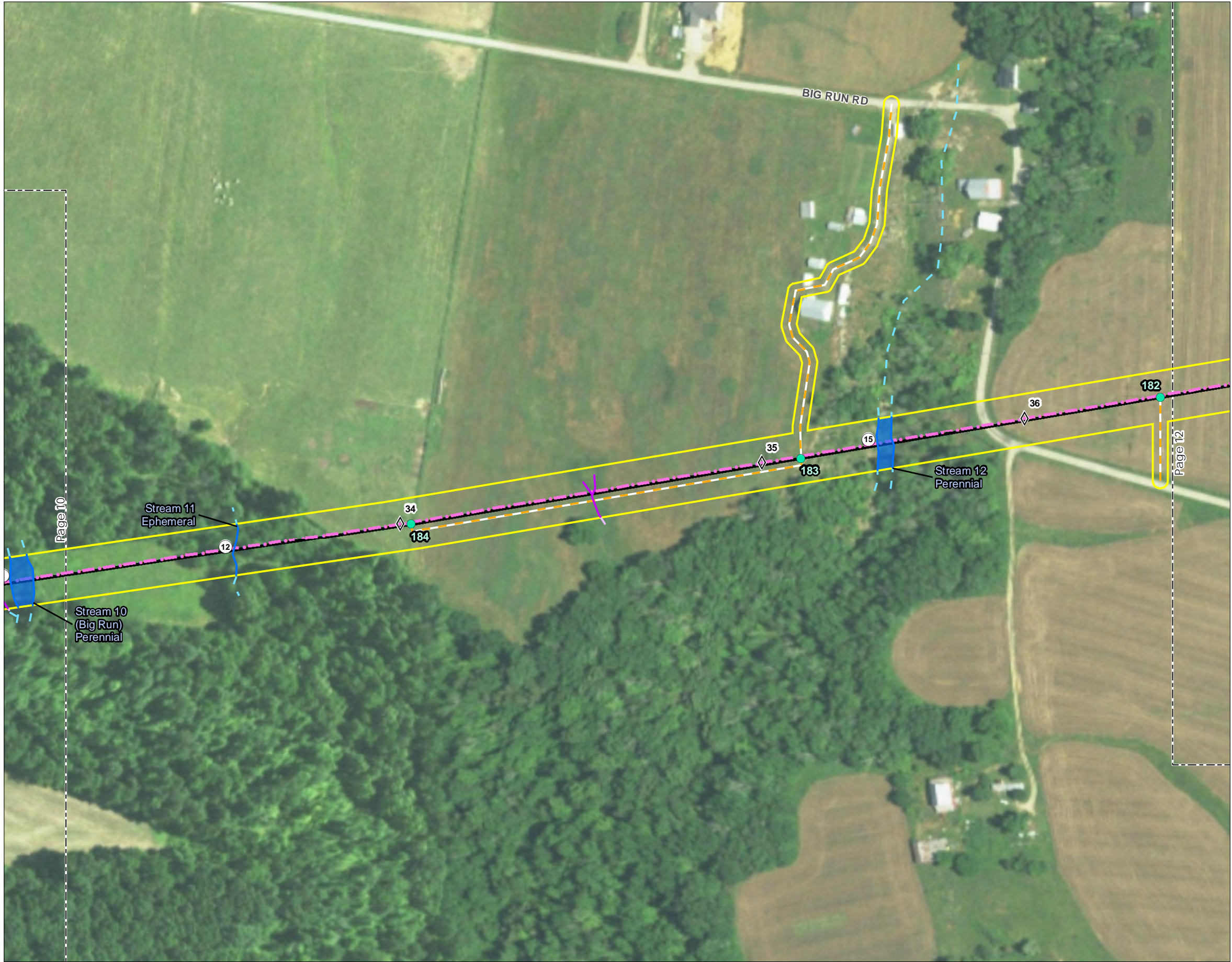


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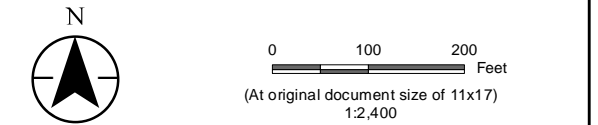
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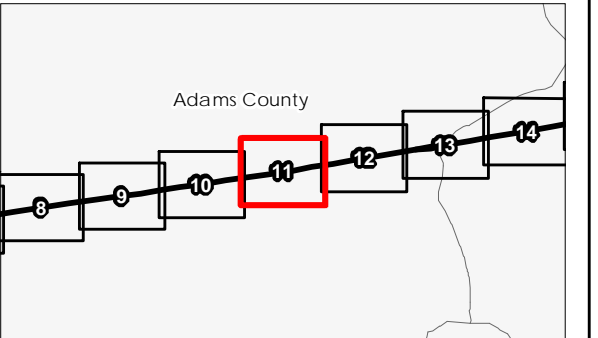
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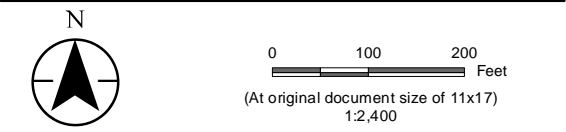
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Existing 138 kV Transmission Line to be Replaced

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Access Road

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Project Area

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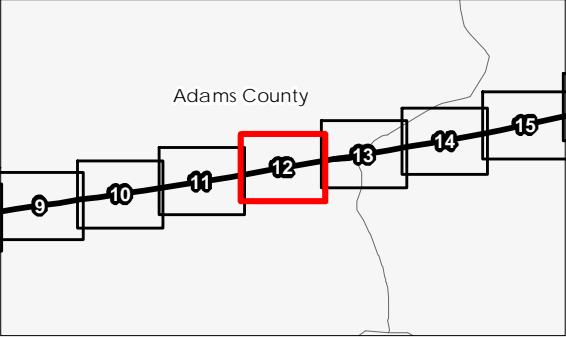
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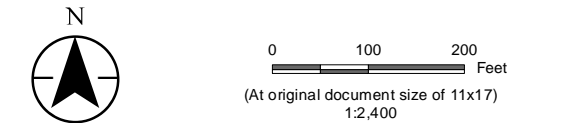
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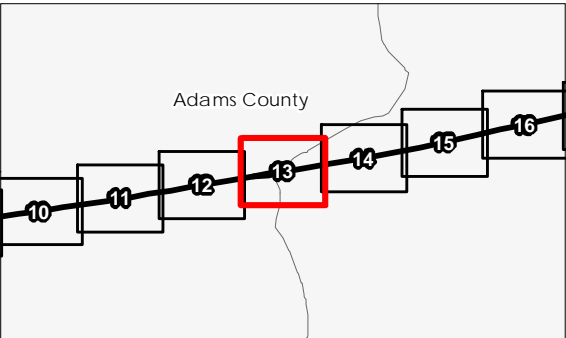
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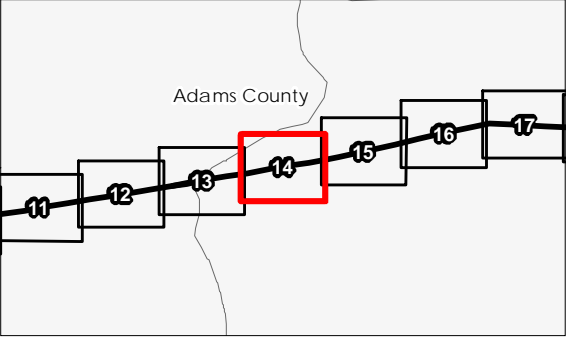
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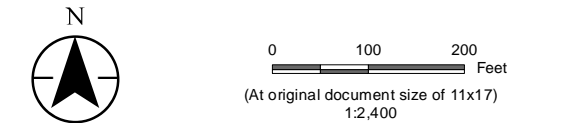
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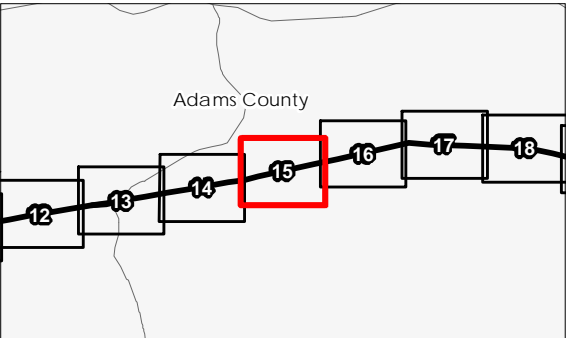
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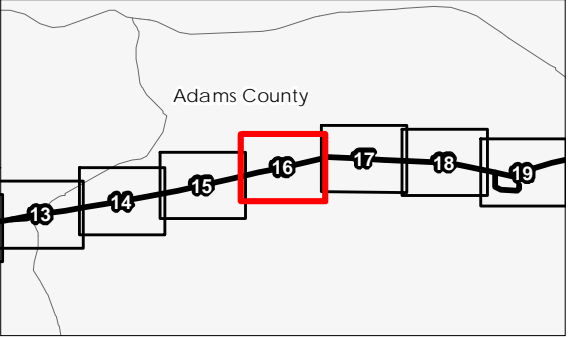
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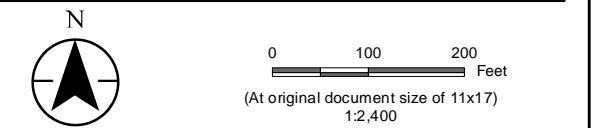
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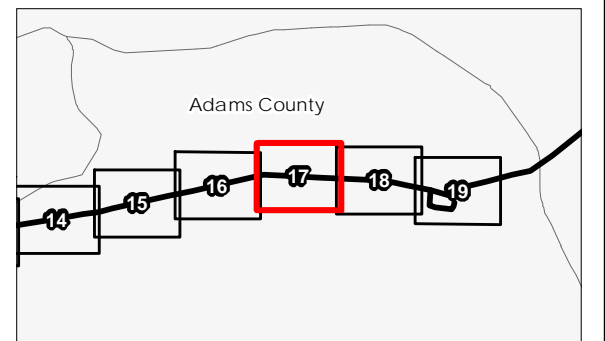
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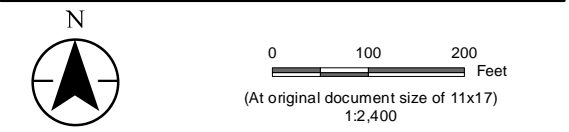
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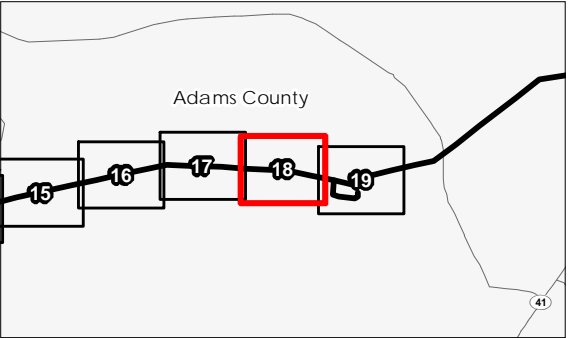
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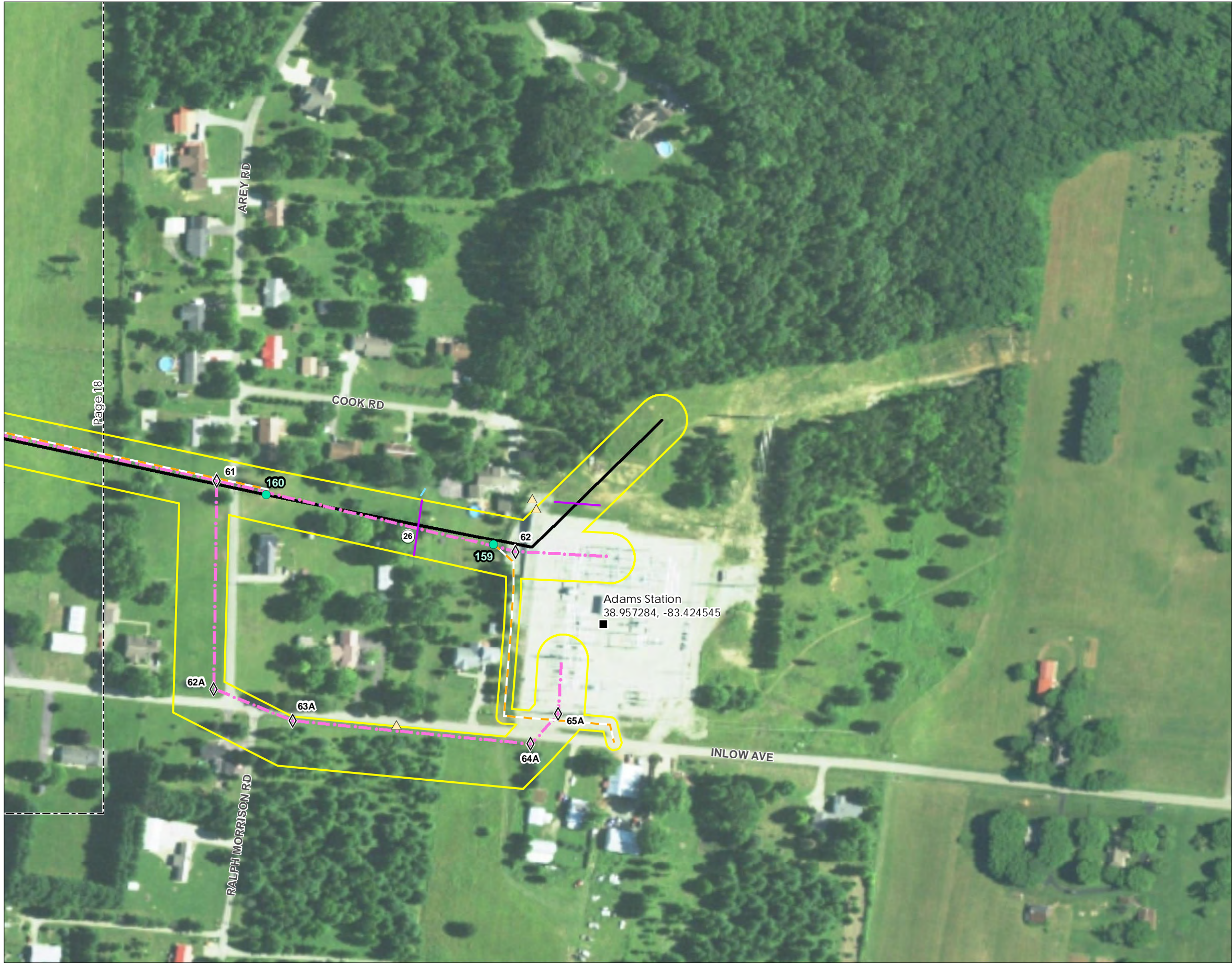


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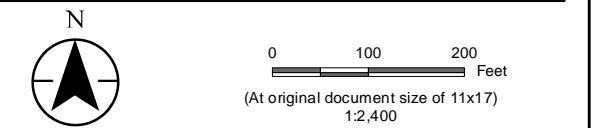
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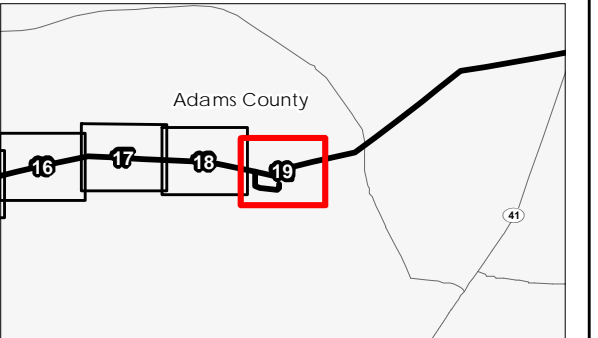
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**A.3     FIGURE 3 – HABITAT ASSESSMENT MAP**



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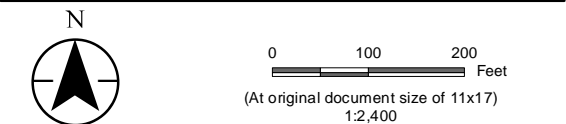
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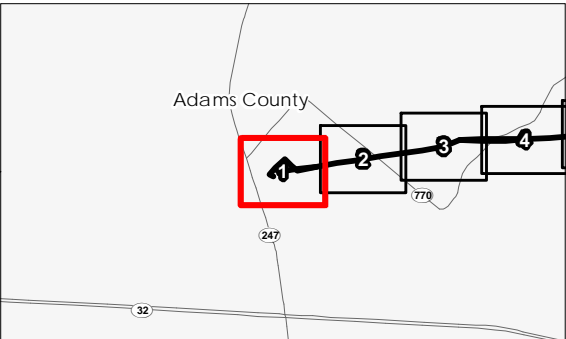
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| ◇ Proposed New Structure                     | Habitat Area  |
| Existing 138 kV Transmission Line Centerline | Agricultural Field                                      |
| Proposed 138 kV Transmission Line Centerline | Hayfield  |
| Access Road                                  | Mixed Early Successional/Second Growth Deciduous Forest |
| Project Area                                 | Mixed Early Successional/Second Growth Riparian Forest  |
| Photo Location                               | Second Growth Coniferous Forest                         |
| Upland Drainage Feature                      | New Field   |
| Approximate Upland Drainage Feature          | Old Field   |
| Field Delineated Waterway                    | Pasture   |
| Approximate Waterway                         | Residential Lawn  |
| Field Delineated Waterway Area               | Existing Roadway  |
| Field Delineated Open Water                  | Industrial  |
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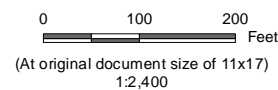
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









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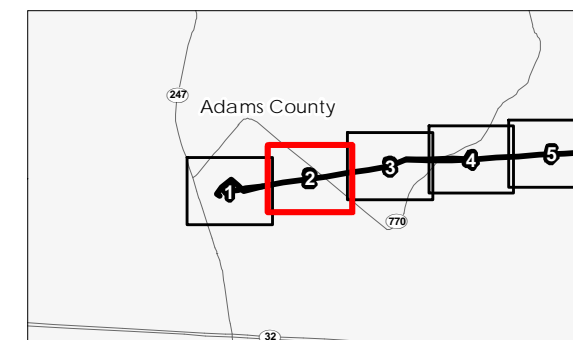
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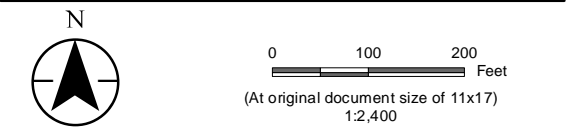
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Upland Drainage Feature

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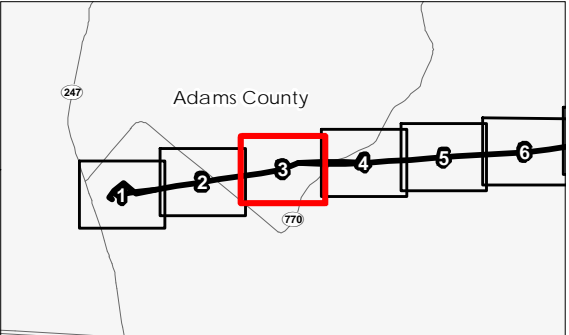
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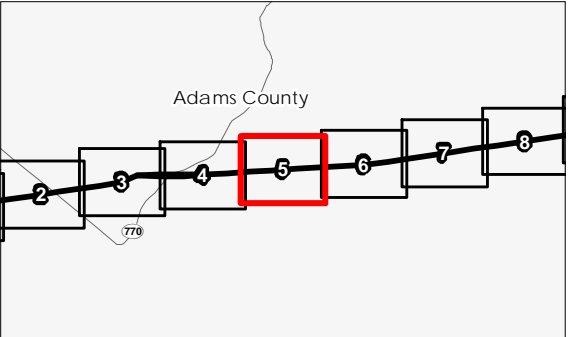
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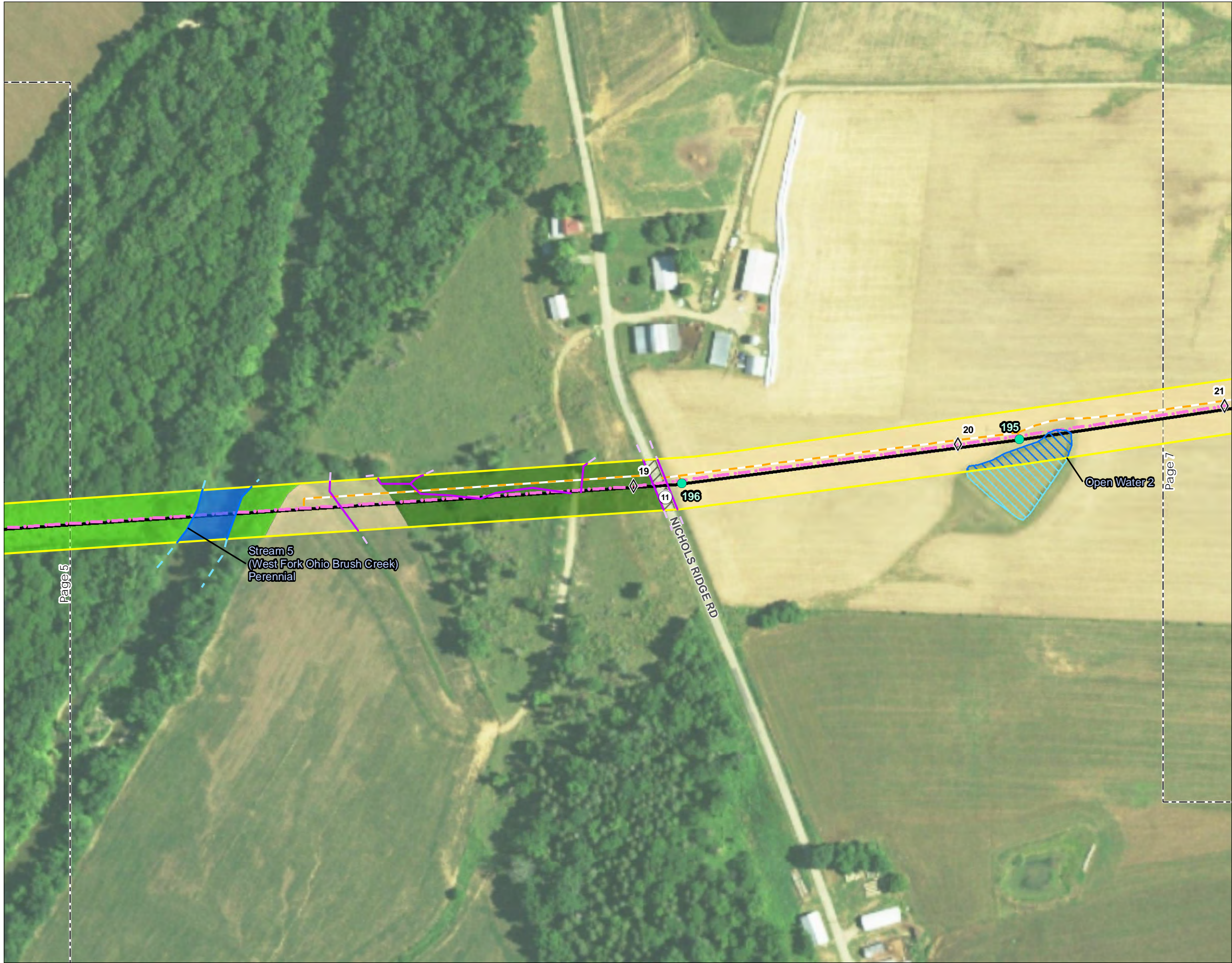


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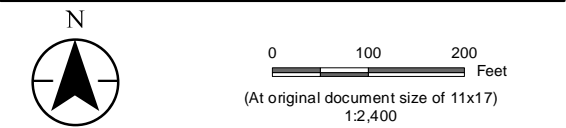
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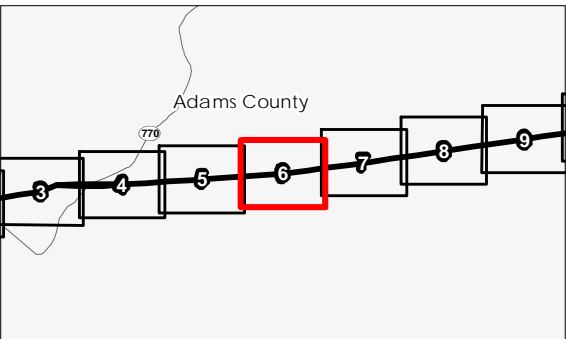
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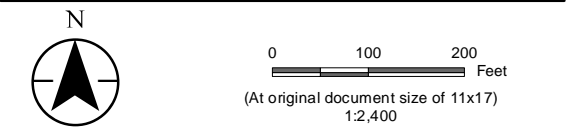
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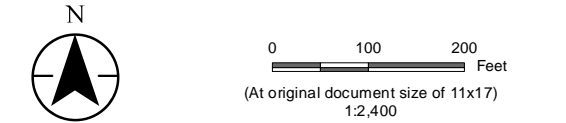
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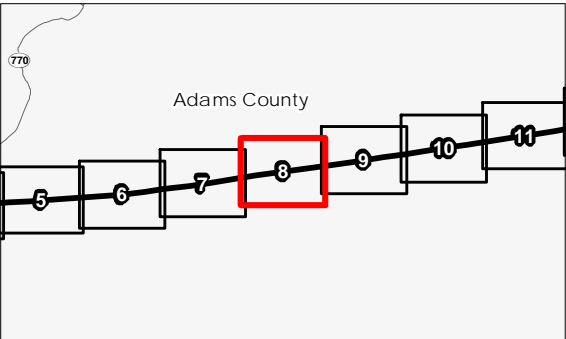
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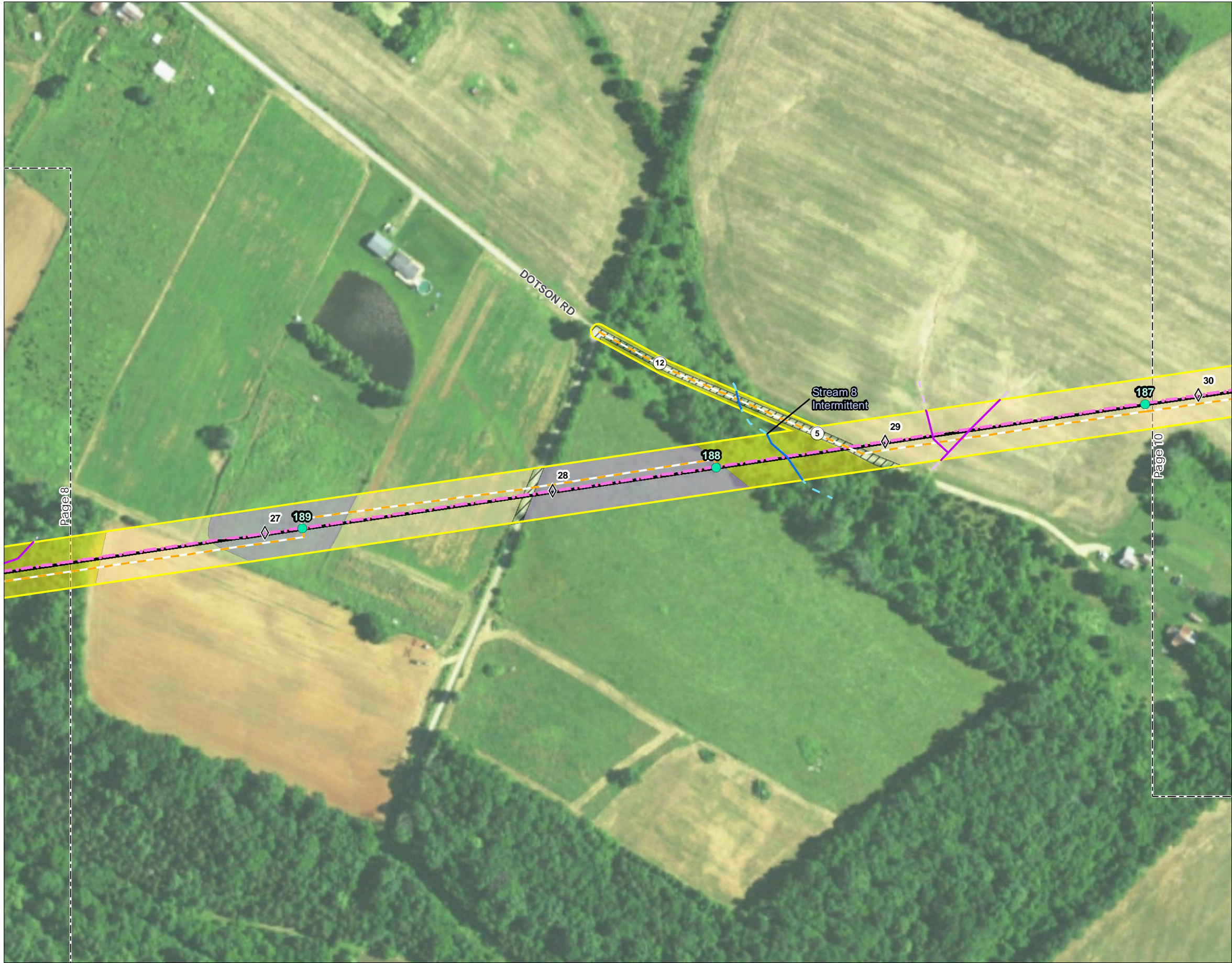


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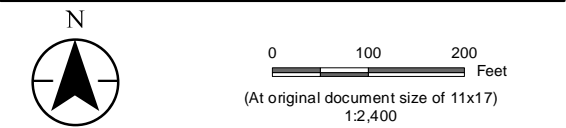
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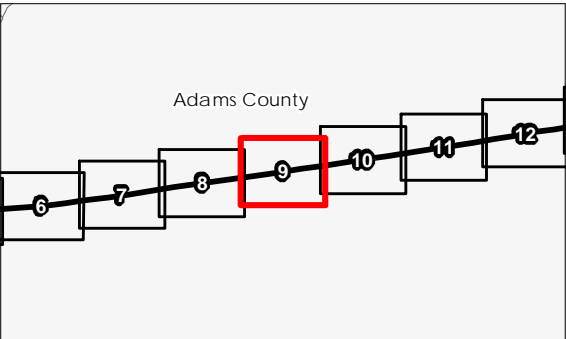
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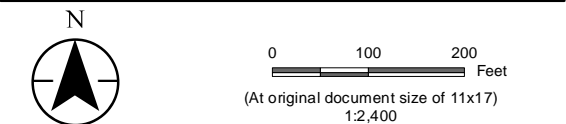
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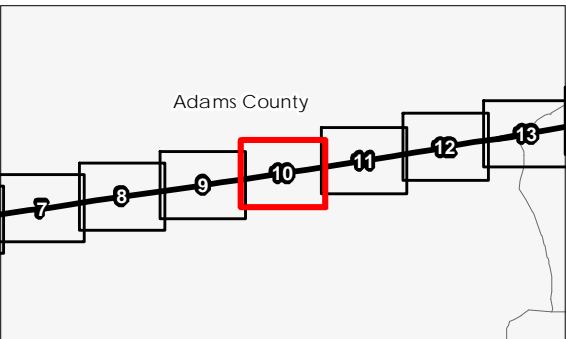
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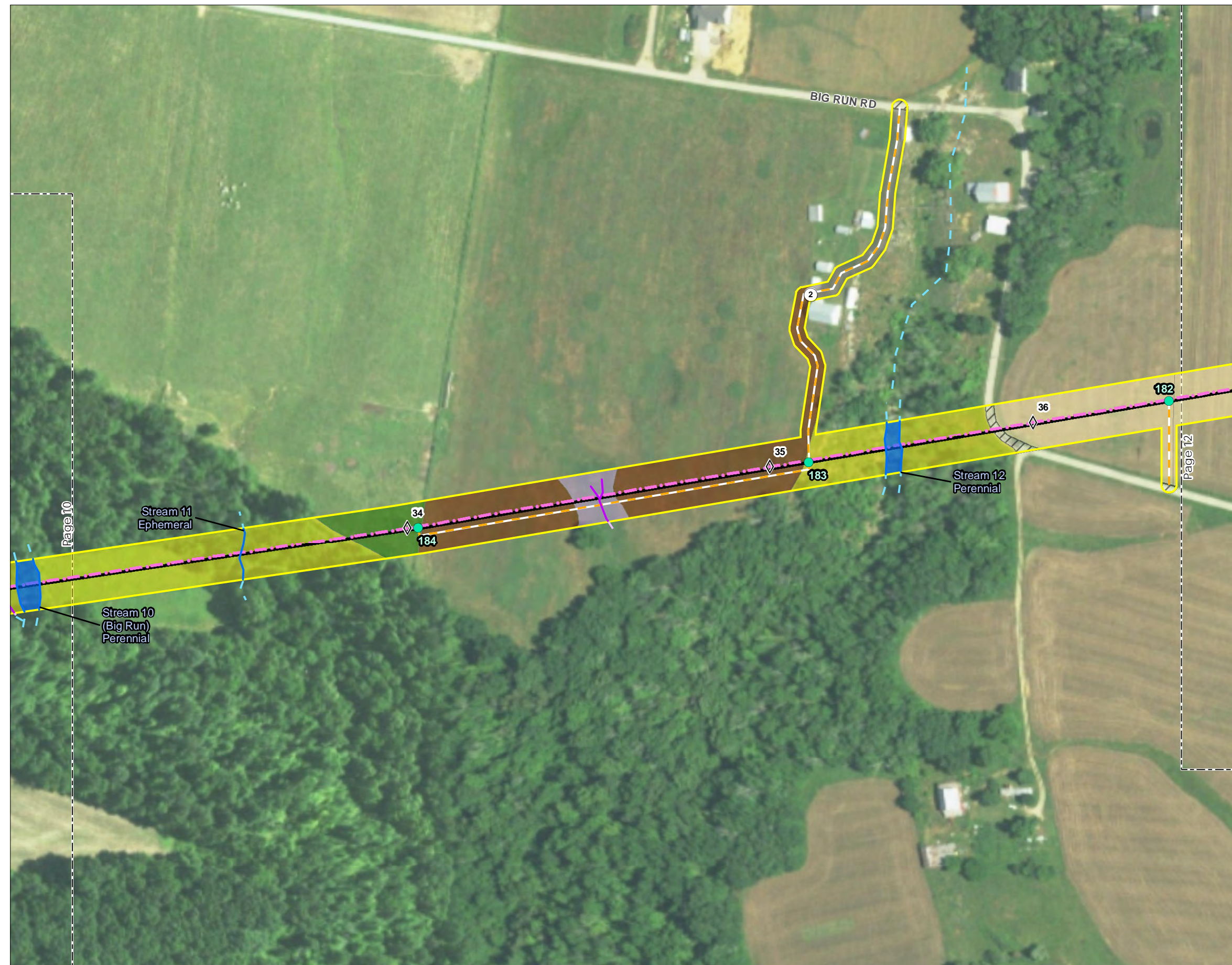


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



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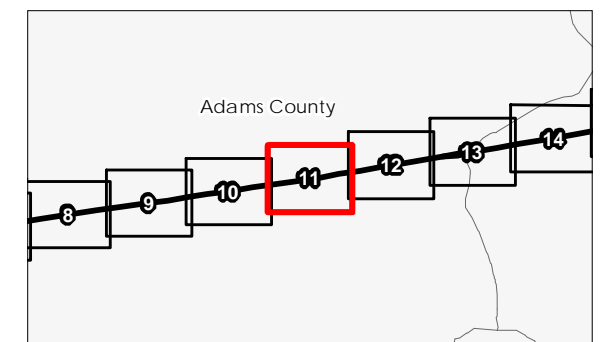
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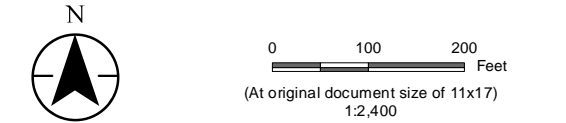
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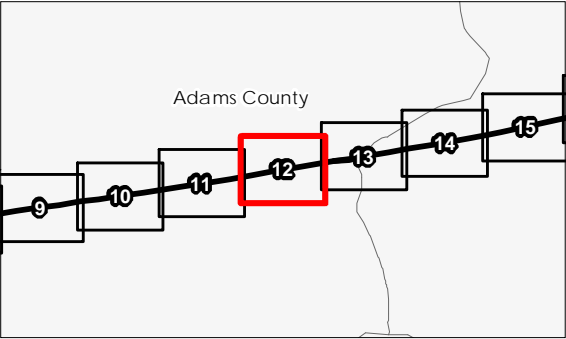
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















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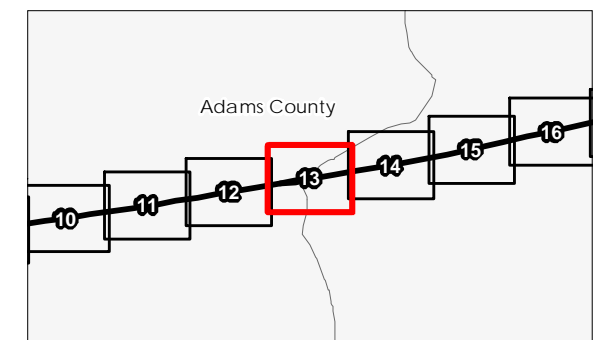
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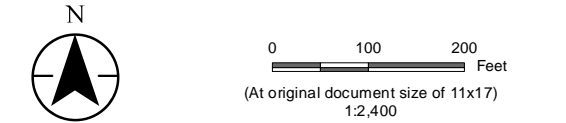
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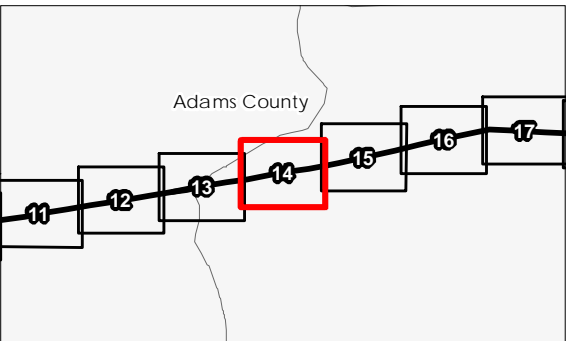
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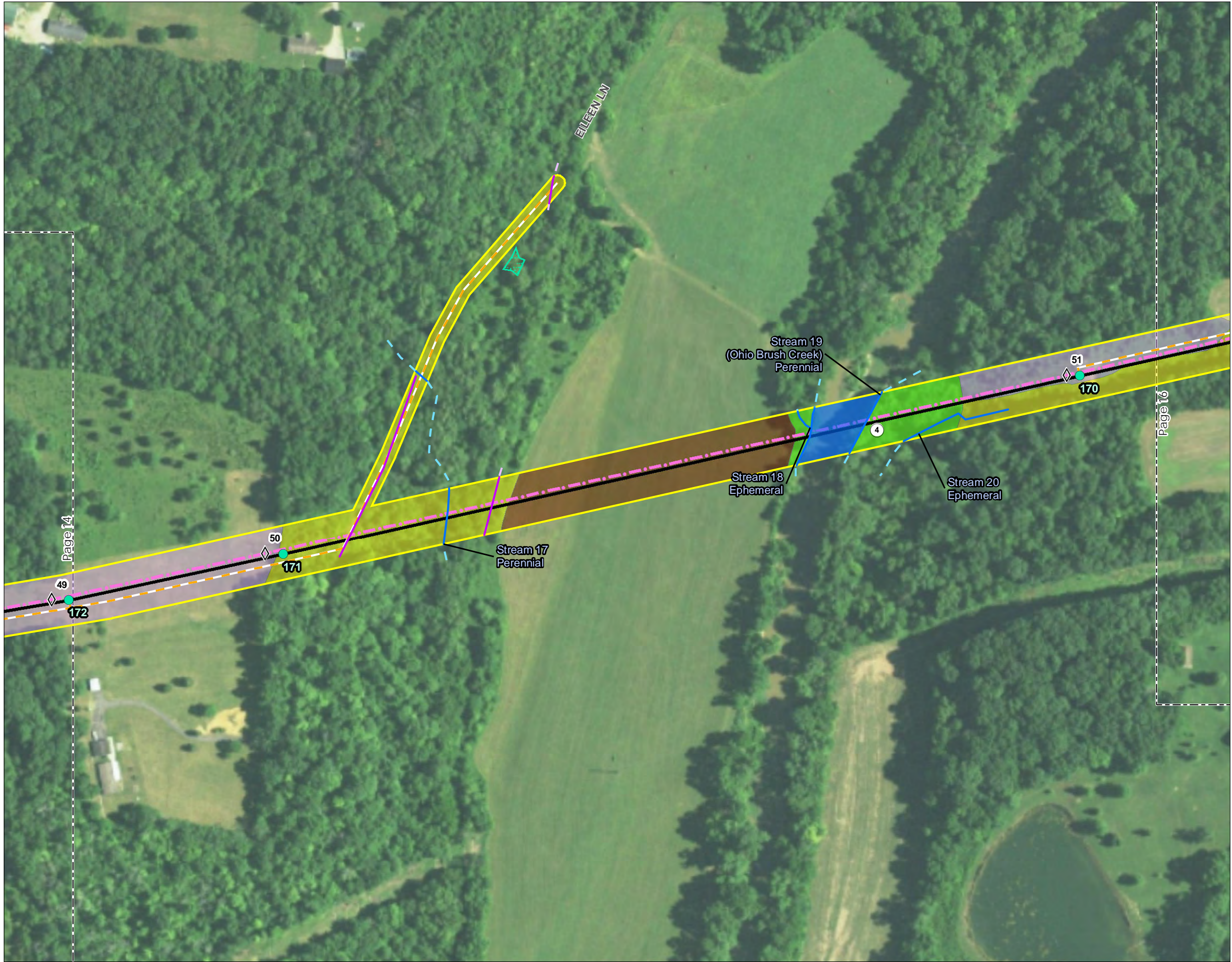


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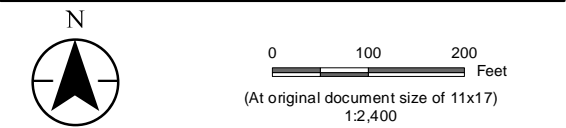
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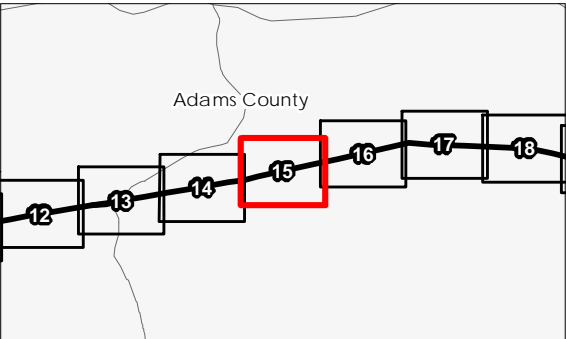
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| ● Existing Structure to be Removed           | Approximate Wetland                                     |
| ◇ Proposed New Structure                     | Habitat Area  |
| Existing 138 kV Transmission Line Centerline | Agricultural Field                                      |
| Proposed 138 kV Transmission Line Centerline | Hayfield  |
| Access Road                                  | Mixed Early Successional/Second Growth Deciduous Forest |
| Project Area                                 | Mixed Early Successional/Second Growth Riparian Forest  |
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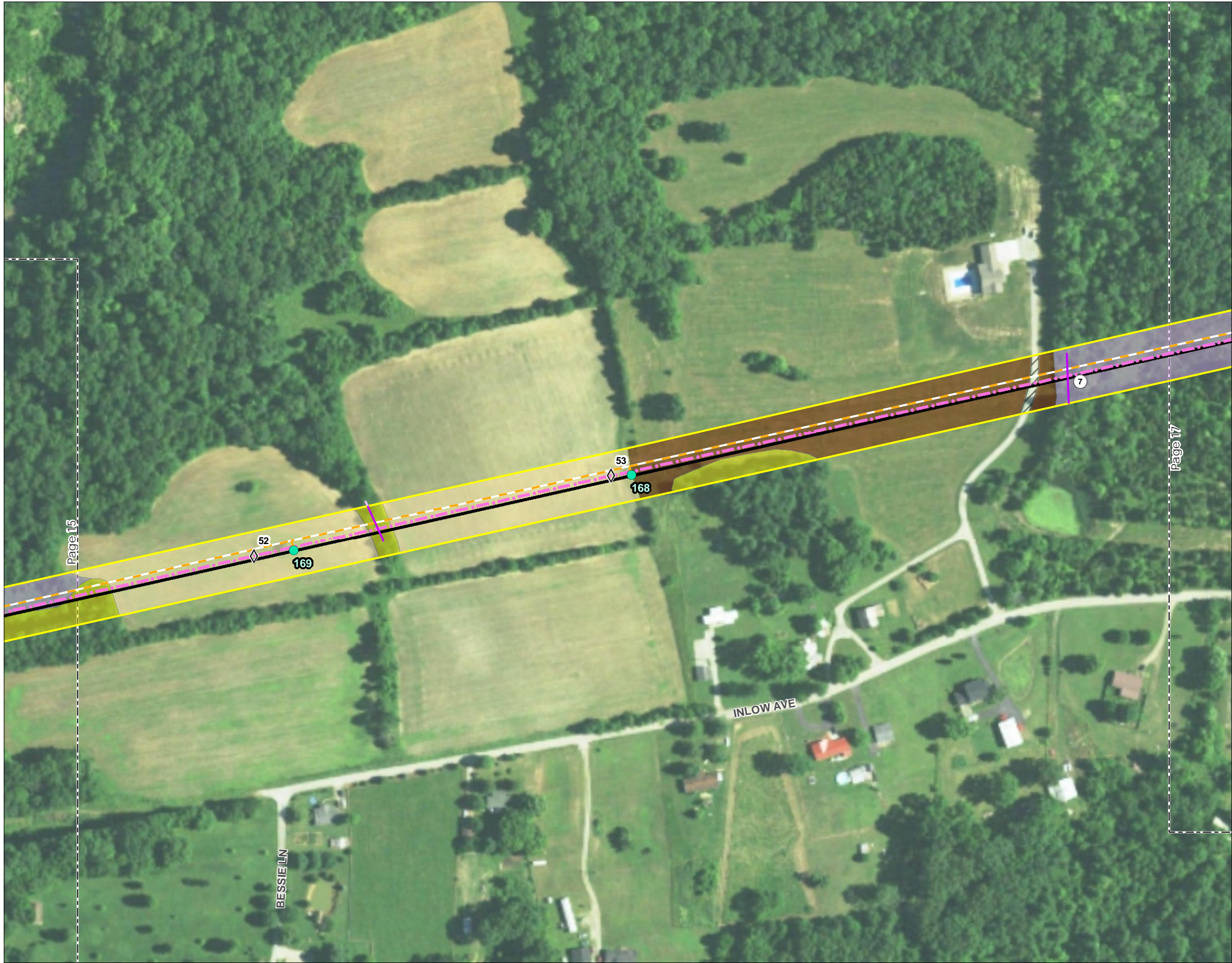


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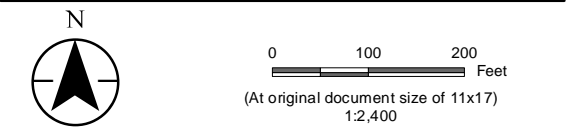
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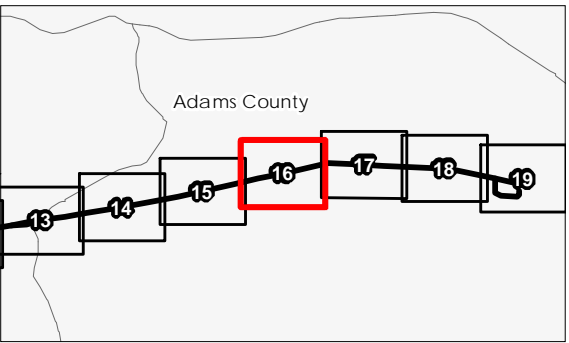
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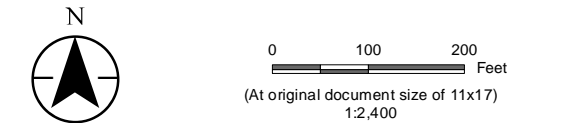
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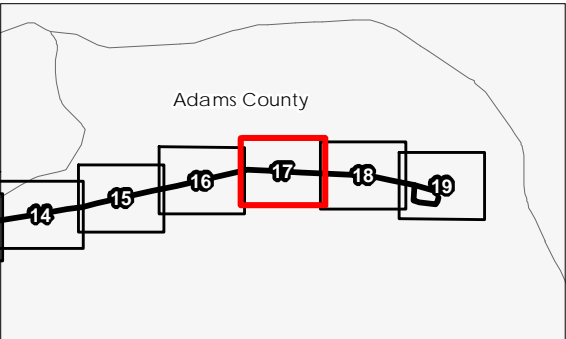
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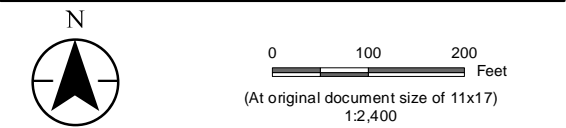
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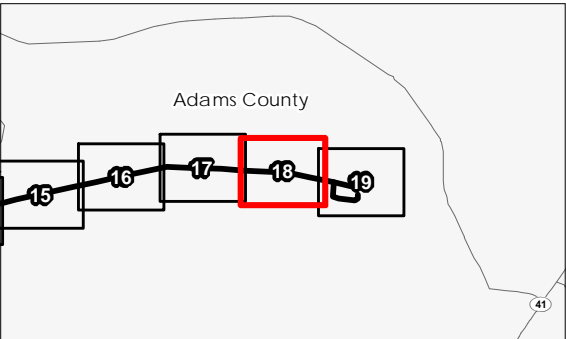
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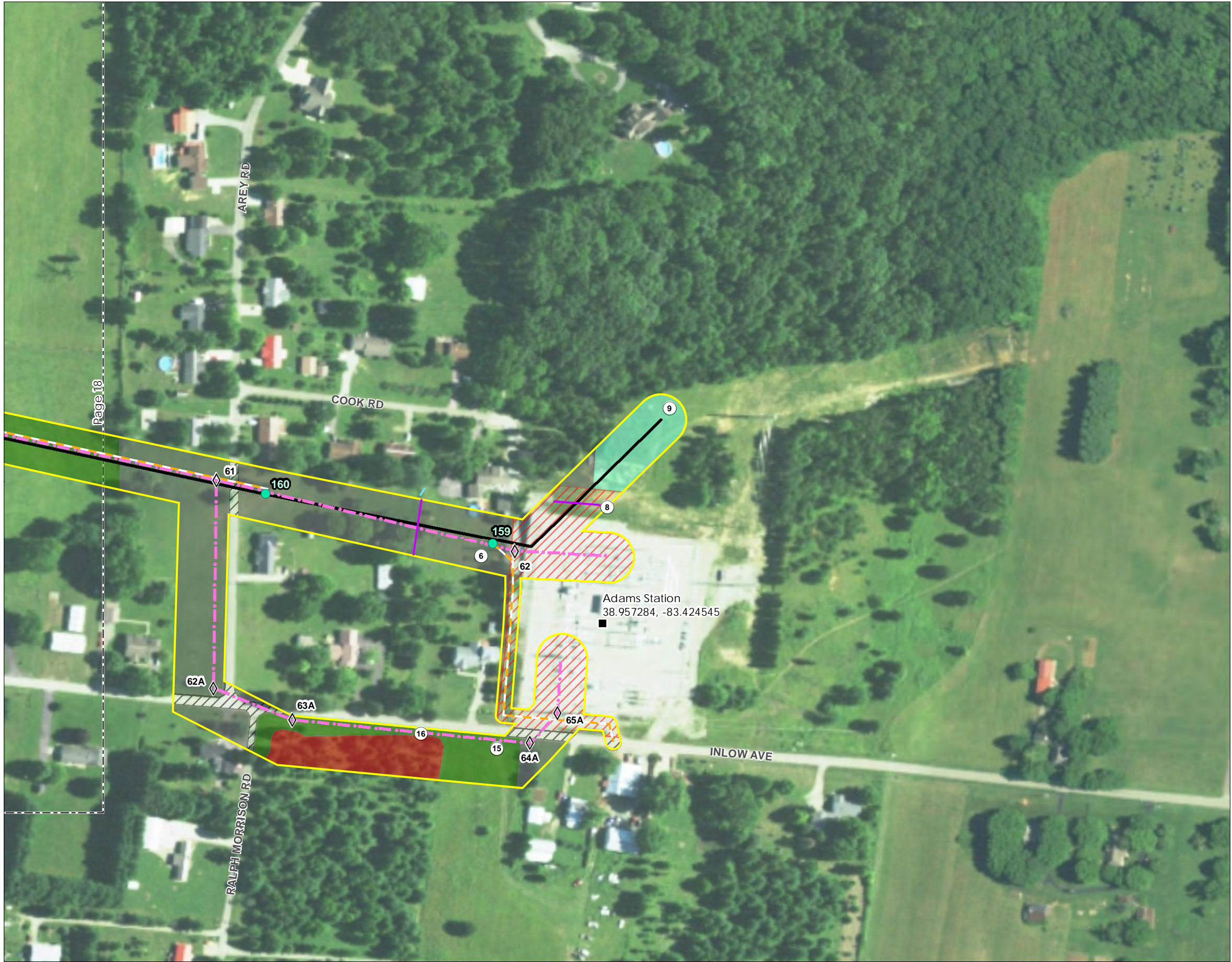


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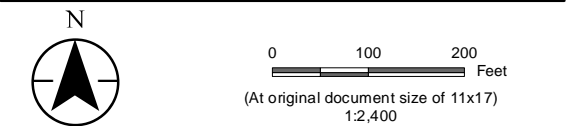
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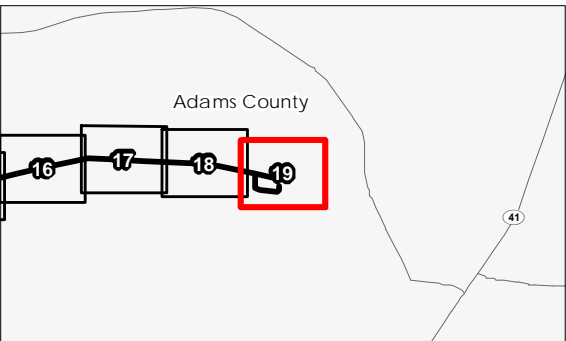
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ECOLOGICAL RESOURCES INVENTORY REPORT, SEAMAN-ADAMS 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE  
REBUILD PROJECT, ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO

September 15, 2020

## **Appendix B Agency Correspondence**





# Ohio Department of Natural Resources

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JAMES ZEHRINGER, DIRECTOR

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February 24, 2017

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**Re:** 17-053; Request for Environmental Review, Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

**Project:** The proposed consists of the rebuilding of approximately 32.8 miles of the Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV transmission line.

**Location:** The proposed project is located in Scott, Meigs and Franklin Townships, Adams County, and Sunfish, Benton, Pebble and Pee Pee Townships, Pike County, Ohio.

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

**Natural Heritage Database:** The Natural Heritage data request response dated December 16, 2016 is included on pages 10-15 of the project documentation.

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

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

The project is within the range of the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), a state endangered and federally endangered species. The following species of trees have relatively high value as potential Indiana bat roost trees: shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*), shellbark hickory (*Carya laciniosa*), bitternut hickory (*Carya cordiformis*), black ash (*Fraxinus nigra*), green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), white ash (*Fraxinus americana*), shingle oak (*Quercus imbricaria*), northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*), slippery elm (*Ulmus rubra*), American elm (*Ulmus americana*), eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*), sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*), post oak (*Quercus stellata*), and white oak (*Quercus alba*). Indiana bat roost trees consists of

trees that include dead and dying trees with exfoliating bark, crevices, or cavities in upland areas or riparian corridors and living trees with exfoliating bark, cavities, or hollow areas formed from broken branches or tops. However, Indiana bats are also dependent on the forest structure surrounding roost trees. If suitable habitat occurs within the project area, the DOW recommends trees be conserved. If suitable habitat occurs within the project area and trees must be cut, the DOW recommends cutting occur between October 1 and March 31. If suitable trees must be cut during the summer months, the DOW recommends a net survey be conducted between June 1 and August 15, prior any to cutting. Net surveys should incorporate either nine net nights per square 0.5 kilometer of project area, or four net nights per kilometer for linear projects. If no tree removal is proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the sheepnose (*Plethobasus cyphus*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the pink mucket (*Lampsilis orbiculata*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the Northern riffleshell (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the rayed bean (*Villosa fabalis*), a state endangered and federally endangered mussel, the yellow sandshell (*Lampsilis teres*), a state endangered mussel, the washboard (*Megaloniais nervosa*), a state endangered mussel, the butterfly (*Ellipsaria lineolata*), a state endangered mussel, the long-solid (*Fusconaia maculata maculata*), a state endangered mussel, the ebonyshell (*Fusconaia ebenus*), a state endangered mussel, the wartyback (*Quadrula nodulata*), a state endangered mussel, the Ohio pigtoe (*Pleurobema cordatum*), a state endangered mussel, the threehorn wartyback (*Obliquaria reflexa*), a state threatened mussel, the fawnsfoot (*Truncilla donaciformis*), a state threatened mussel, and the black sandshell (*Ligumia recta*), a state threatened mussel.

This project must not have an impact on freshwater native mussels at the project site. This applies to both listed and non-listed species. Per the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (2016), all Group 2, 3, and 4 streams (Appendix A) require a mussel survey. Per the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol, Group 1 streams (Appendix A) and unlisted streams with a watershed of 10 square miles or larger above the point of impact should be assessed using the Reconnaissance Survey for Unionid Mussels (Appendix B) to determine if mussels are present. Mussel surveys may be recommended for these streams as well. This is further explained within the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol. Therefore, if in-water work is planned in any stream that meets any of the above criteria, the DOW recommends the applicant provide information to indicate no mussel impacts will occur. If this is not possible, the DOW recommends a professional malacologist conduct a mussel survey in the project area. If mussels that cannot be avoided are found in the project area, as a last resort, the DOW recommends a professional malacologist collect and relocate the mussels to suitable and similar habitat upstream of the project site. Mussel surveys and any subsequent mussel relocation should be done in accordance with the Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol. The Ohio Mussel Survey Protocol (2016) can be found at:

<http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/portals/wildlife/pdfs/licenses%20&%20permits/OH%20Mussel%20Survey%20Protocol.pdf>

The project is within the range of the shortnose gar (*Lepisosteus platostomus*), a state endangered fish, the popeye shiner (*Notropis ariommus*), a state endangered fish, the goldeye (*Hiodon alosoides*), a state endangered fish, the shovelnose sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus*), a state endangered fish, the channel darter (*Percina copelandi*), a state threatened fish, the blue sucker (*Cycleptus elongatus*), a state threatened fish, the bigeye shiner (*Notropis boops*), a state threatened fish, the American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*), a state threatened fish, the Tippecanoe



darter (*Etheostoma tippecanoe*), a state threatened fish, and the river darter (*Percina shumardi*), a state threatened fish. The DOW recommends no in-water work in perennial streams from April 15 to June 30 to reduce impacts to indigenous aquatic species and their habitat. If no in-water work is proposed, this project is not likely to impact these species.

The project is within the range of the timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus horridus*), a state endangered species, and a federal species of concern. The timber rattlesnake is a woodland species. In addition to using wooded areas, the timber rattlesnake also utilizes sunlit gaps in the canopy for basking and deep rock crevices known as den sites for overwintering. The DOW recommends that a habitat suitability survey be conducted by an approved herpetologist to determine if suitable habitat is present along the project route. If suitable habitat is found to be present, the DOW recommends that a presence/absence survey be conducted, or an avoidance/minimization plan be developed and implemented by an approved herpetologist. Survey reports can be submitted to Nathan Reardon, DOW Compliance Coordinator at [Nathan.reardon@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:Nathan.reardon@dnr.state.oh.us).

The project is within the range of the eastern spadefoot toad (*Scaphiopus holbrookii*), a state endangered species. This species is found in areas of sandy soils that are associated with river valleys. Breeding habitats may include flooded agricultural fields or other water holding depressions. The DOW recommends that a habitat suitability survey be conducted by an approved herpetologist to determine if suitable habitat is present along the project route. If suitable habitat is found to be present, the DOW recommends that a presence/absence survey be conducted, or an avoidance/minimization plan be developed and implemented by an approved herpetologist. Survey reports can be submitted to Nathan Reardon, DOW Compliance Coordinator at [Nathan.reardon@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:Nathan.reardon@dnr.state.oh.us).

The project is within the range of the lark sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*), a state endangered bird. This sparrow nests in grassland habitats with scattered shrub layers, disturbed open areas, as well as patches of bare soil. In the Oak Openings area west of Toledo, lark sparrows occupy open grass and shrubby fields along sandy beach ridges. These summer residents normally migrate out of Ohio shortly after their young fledge or leave the nest. If this type of habitat will be impacted, construction should be avoided in this habitat during the species' nesting period of May 1 to June 30. If this habitat will not be impacted, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the Kramer's cave beetle (*Pseudanophthalmus krameri*), a state endangered species, and the Ohio cave beetle (*Pseudanophthalmus ohioensis*), a state endangered species. These species are found only in caves. The Ohio Cave Protection Law, Section 1517.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, protects caves from impacts, in turn, protecting the habitat of these species. Therefore, this project is not likely to have an impact on these species.

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

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

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

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

<http://water.ohiodnr.gov/water-use-planning/floodplain-management#PUB>

**Forestry:** The Division of Forestry has the following comments.

The proposed project will occur in part on Brush Creek State Forest. If access to Brush Creek State Forest land is necessary, those activities should be coordinated with the Forest Manager, Dale Egbert ([Charles.Egbert@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:Charles.Egbert@dnr.state.oh.us), 740-858-6685), in order to obtain a special use permit.

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

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## Ohio Division of Wildlife APPROVED HERPETOLOGISTS

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**The following individuals are approved to conduct habitat suitability surveys and presence/absence surveys for the state listed reptiles and amphibians specified below.**

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- Blanding's turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*)  
- Smooth greensnake (*Opheodrys vernalis*)

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**Approved for:** - Spotted turtle (*Clemmys guttata*)  
- Blanding's turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*)

**The following individuals are approved to conduct habitat suitability surveys and presence/absence surveys for all state listed reptiles and amphibians.**

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October 2016



**Godec, Daniel**

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**From:** susan\_zimmermann@fws.gov on behalf of Ohio, FW3 <ohio@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2016 12:44 PM  
**To:** Godec, Daniel  
**Subject:** Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV Trans Line Rebuild, Pike & Adams Co. (REVISED)



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4625 Morse Road, Suite 104  
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TAILS: 03E15000-2017-TA-0407

Dear Mr. Godec,

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

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) recommends that proposed developments avoid and minimize water quality impacts and impacts to high quality fish and wildlife habitat (e.g., forests, streams, wetlands). Additionally, natural buffers around streams and wetlands should be preserved to enhance beneficial functions. If streams or wetlands will be impacted, the Corps of Engineers should be contacted to determine whether a Clean Water Act section 404 permit is required. Best management practices should be used to minimize erosion, especially on slopes. All disturbed areas should be mulched and revegetated with native plant species. Prevention of non-native, invasive plant establishment is critical in maintaining high quality habitats.

**FEDERALLY LISTED SPECIES COMMENTS:** All projects in the State of Ohio lie within the range of the federally endangered **Indiana bat** (*Myotis sodalis*) and the federally threatened **northern long-eared bat** (*Myotis septentrionalis*). In Ohio, presence of the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat is assumed wherever suitable habitat occurs unless a presence/absence survey has been performed to document absence. Suitable summer habitat for Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats consists of a wide variety of forested/wooded habitats where they roost, forage, and travel and may also include some adjacent and interspersed non-forested habitats such as emergent wetlands and adjacent edges of agricultural fields, old fields and pastures. This includes forests and woodlots containing potential roosts (i.e., live trees and/or snags  $\geq 3$  inches diameter at breast height (dbh) that have any exfoliating bark, cracks, crevices, hollows and/or cavities), as well as linear features such as fencerows, riparian forests, and other wooded corridors. These wooded areas may be dense or loose aggregates of trees with variable amounts of canopy closure. Individual trees may be considered suitable habitat when they exhibit the characteristics of a potential roost tree and are located within 1,000 feet (305 meters) of other forested/wooded habitat. Northern long-eared bats have also been observed roosting in human-made structures, such as buildings, barns, bridges, and bat houses; therefore, these structures should also be considered potential summer habitat. In the winter, Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats hibernate in caves and abandoned mines.

Should the proposed site contain trees  $\geq 3$  inches dbh, we recommend that trees be saved wherever possible. If any caves or abandoned mines may be disturbed, further coordination with this office is requested to determine if fall or spring portal surveys are warranted. If no caves or abandoned mines are present and trees  $\geq 3$  inches dbh cannot be avoided, we recommend that removal of any trees  $\geq 3$  inches dbh only occur between October 1 and March 31. Seasonal clearing is being recommended to

avoid adverse effects to Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats. While incidental take of northern long-eared bats from most tree clearing is exempted by a 4(d) rule (see <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/index.html>), incidental take of Indiana bats is still prohibited without a project-specific exemption. Thus, seasonal clearing is recommended where Indiana bats are assumed present.

If implementation of this seasonal tree cutting recommendation is not possible, summer surveys may be conducted to document the presence or probable absence of Indiana bats within the project area during the summer. If a summer survey documents probable absence of Indiana bats, the 4(d) rule for the northern long-eared bat could be applied. Surveys must be conducted by an approved surveyor and be designed and conducted in coordination with the Endangered Species Coordinator for this office. Surveyors must have a valid federal permit. Please note that summer surveys may only be conducted between June 1 and August 15.

If there is a federal nexus for the project (e.g., federal funding provided, federal permits required to construct), no tree clearing should occur on any portion of the project area until consultation under section 7 of the ESA, between the Service and the federal action agency, is completed. We recommend that the federal action agency submit a determination of effects to this office, relative to the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat, for our review and concurrence.

The proposed project lies within the range of **running buffalo clover** (*Trifolium stoloniferum*), a federally listed endangered species. This plant can be found in partially shaded woodlots, mowed areas (lawns, parks, cemeteries), and along streams and trails. Running buffalo clover requires periodic disturbance and a somewhat open habitat to successfully flourish, but cannot tolerate full-sun, full-shade, or severe disturbance. If suitable habitat is present, we recommend that surveys for this species be conducted by a trained botanist in May or June when the plant is in flower. The survey must be coordinated with this office in advance.

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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Dan Everson

Field Office Supervisor

cc: Nathan Reardon, ODNR-DOW

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December 13, 2016

Dan Godec  
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Cincinnati, OH 45241

Dear Mr. Godec,

I have reviewed the Natural Heritage Database for the Waverly-Adams-Seaman 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild project area, including a one mile radius, in Scott, Meigs and Franklin Townships, Adams County and Sunfish, Benton, Pebble and Pee Pee Townships, Pike County, Ohio. The numbers/letters on the list below correspond to the areas marked on the accompanying map. Common name, scientific name and status are given for each species.

- A. Tranquility Wildlife Area – ODNR Division of Wildlife
- B. Chalet Nivale/Bacon Flats – Highlands Nature Sanctuary
- C. Appalachian Highway Cliffs Conservation Site
- D. Brush Creek State Forest – ODNR Division of Forestry (several parcels)
  - 1. Mussel Bed
  - 2. *Liatris squarrosa* – Scaly Blazing-star, potentially threatened
  - 3. Cave or Cavern
    - Natural Bridge or Arch
    - Asplenium ruta-muraria* – Wall-rue, threatened
    - Viola walteri* – Walter's Violet, threatened
    - Thuja occidentalis* – Arbor Vitae, potentially threatened
    - Draba cuneifolia* – Wedge-leaved Whitlow-grass, threatened
    - Draba reptans* – Carolina Whitlow-grass, threatened
    - Ranunculus fascicularis* – Early Buttercup, threatened
    - Cardamine dissecta* – Narrow-leaved Toothwort, potentially threatened
  - 4. *Silene caroliniana* ssp. *wherryi* – Wherry's Catchfly, threatened
  - 5. *Silene caroliniana* ssp. *wherryi* – Wherry's Catchfly, threatened
  - 6. *Notropis boops* – Bigeye Shiner, threatened
  - 7. *Potamogeton tennesseensis* – Tennessee Pondweed, threatened
  - 8. *Potamogeton tennesseensis* – Tennessee Pondweed, threatened

A Conservation Site is an area deemed by the Natural Heritage Program to be a high quality natural area not currently under formal protection. It may, for example, harbor one or more rare species,



be an outstanding example of a plant community or have geologically significant features, etc. These sites may be in private ownership and our listing of them does not imply permission for access.

We are unaware of any scenic rivers, state nature preserves or parks or national wildlife refuges, parks or forests within a one mile radius of the project area.

Our inventory program has not completely surveyed Ohio and relies on information supplied by many individuals and organizations. Therefore, a lack of records for any particular area is not a statement that rare species or unique features are absent from that area. This letter only represents a review of rare species and natural features data within the Ohio Natural Heritage Database. It does not fulfill coordination under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S. C. 661 et seq.) and does not supersede or replace the regulatory authority of any local, state or federal agency nor relieve the applicant of the obligation to comply with any local, state or federal laws or regulations.

Please contact me at 614-265-6818 if I can be of further assistance.

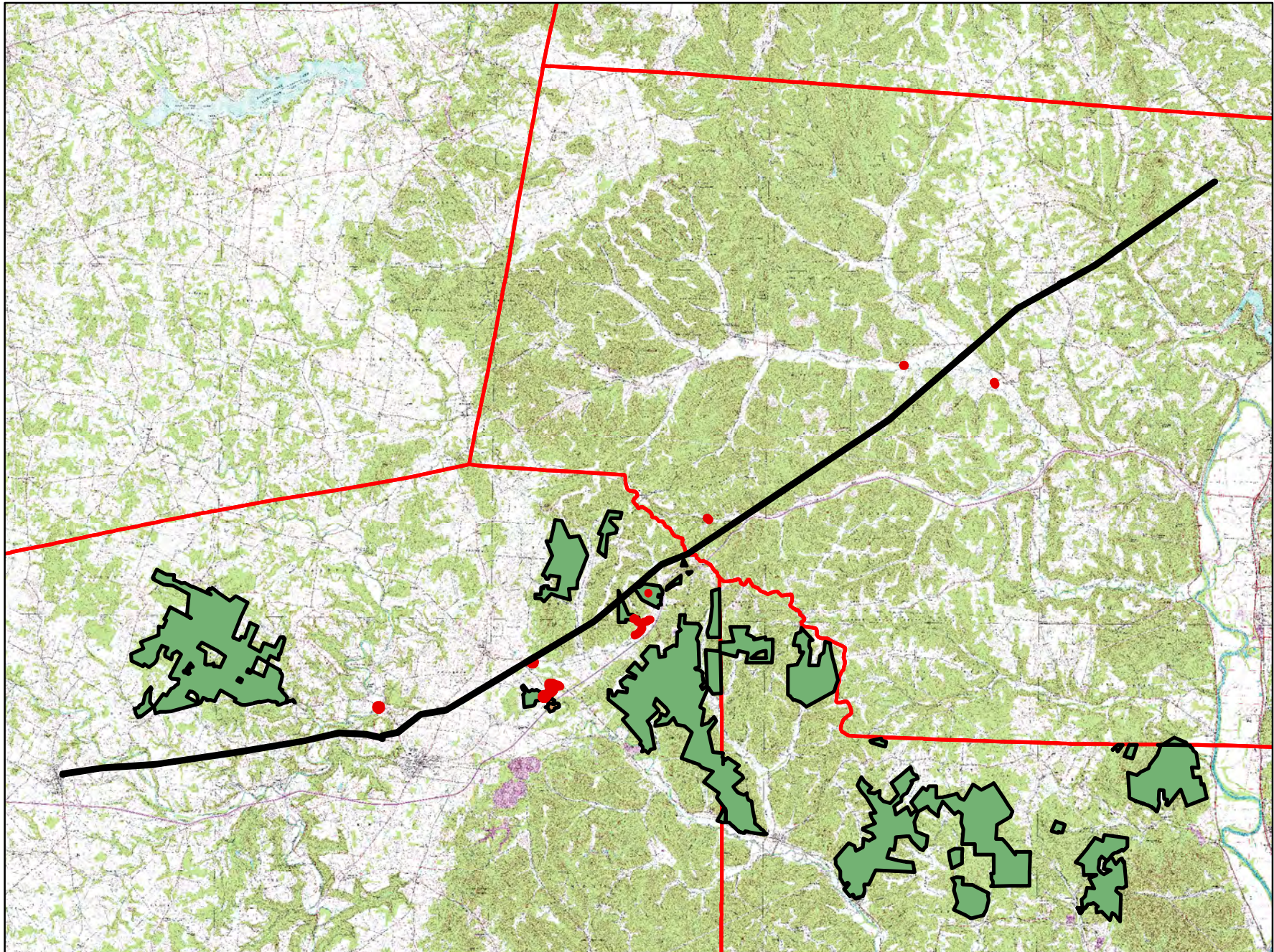
Sincerely,

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Debbie Woischke  
Ohio Natural Heritage Program

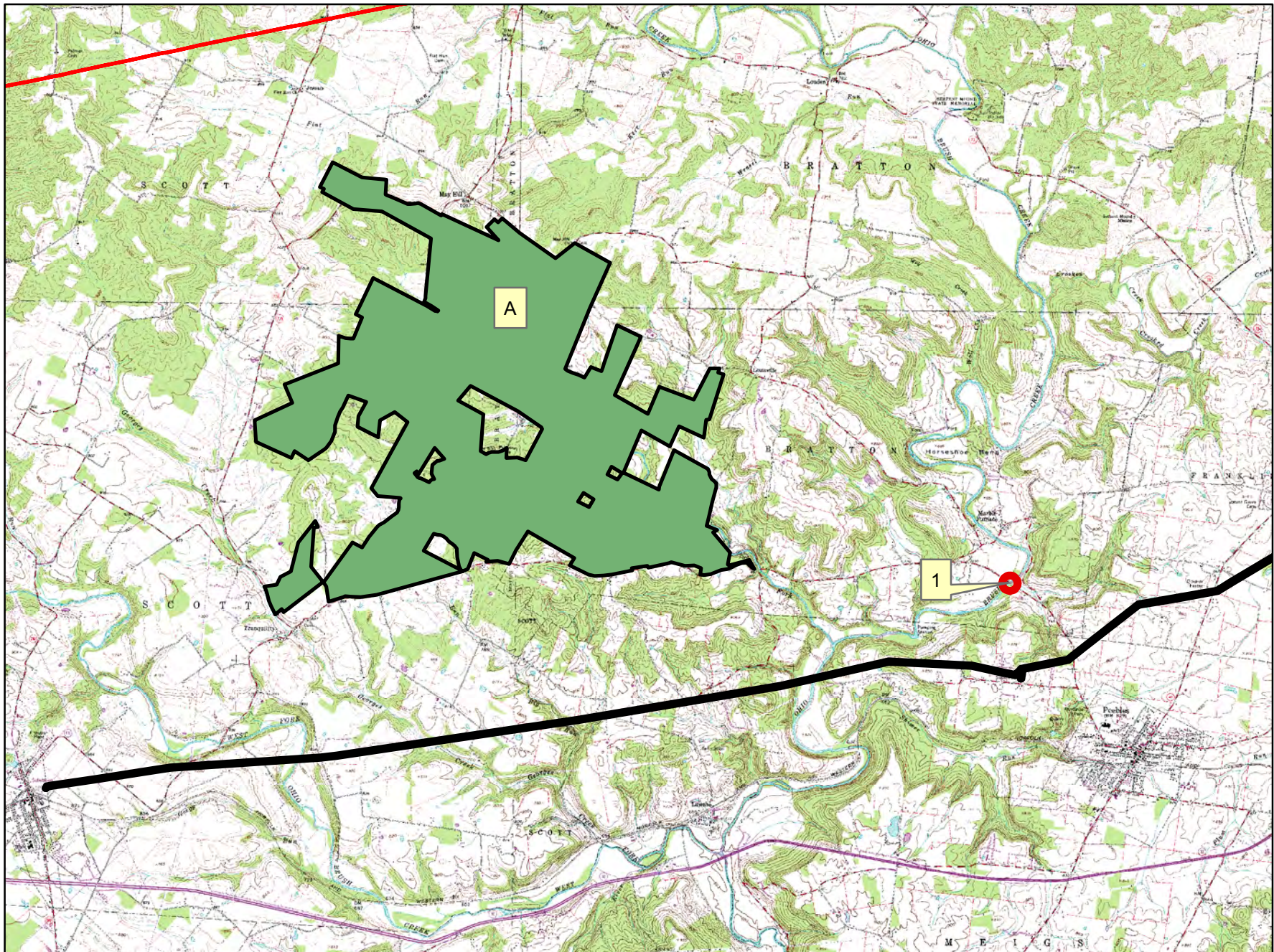


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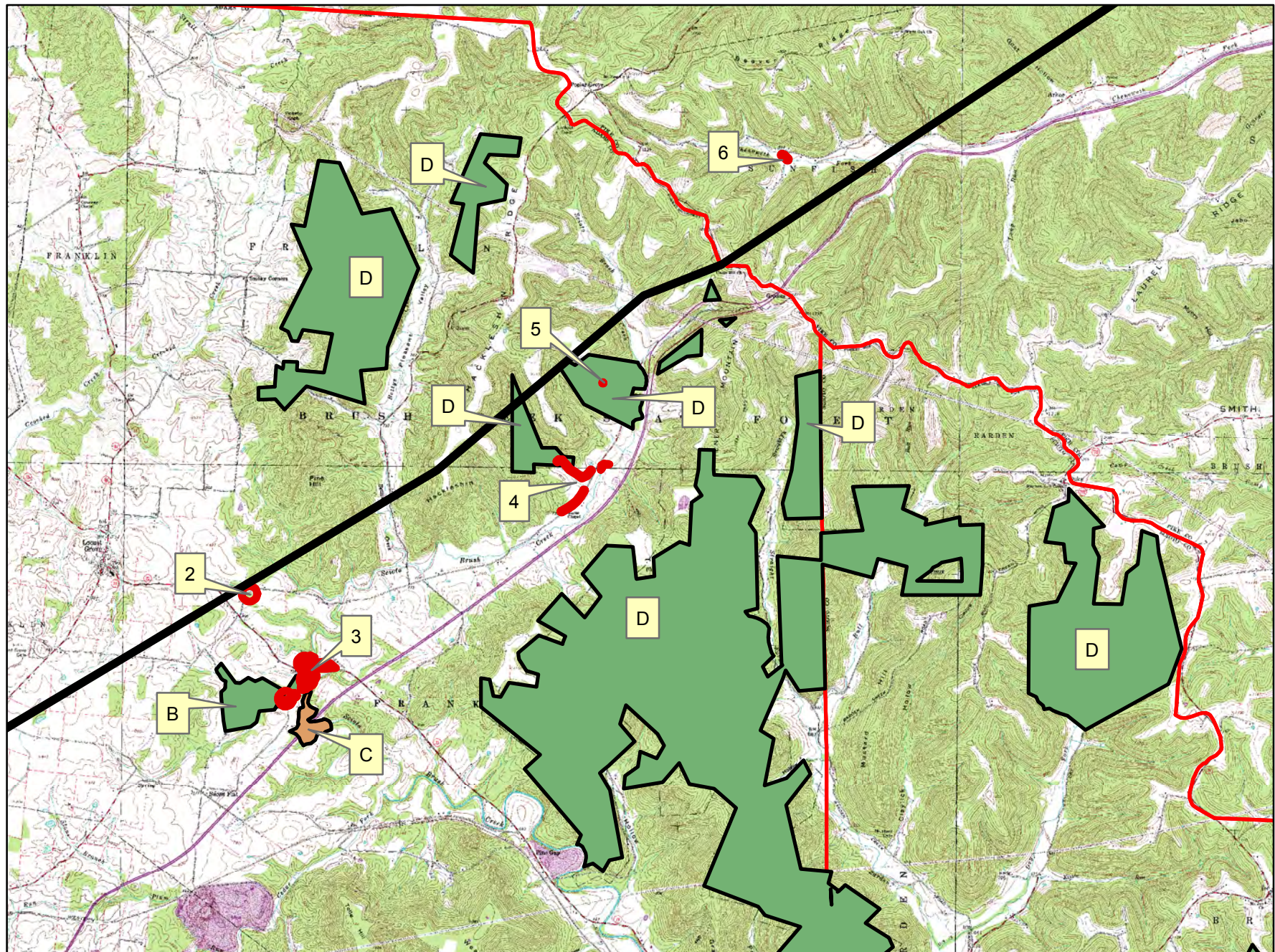


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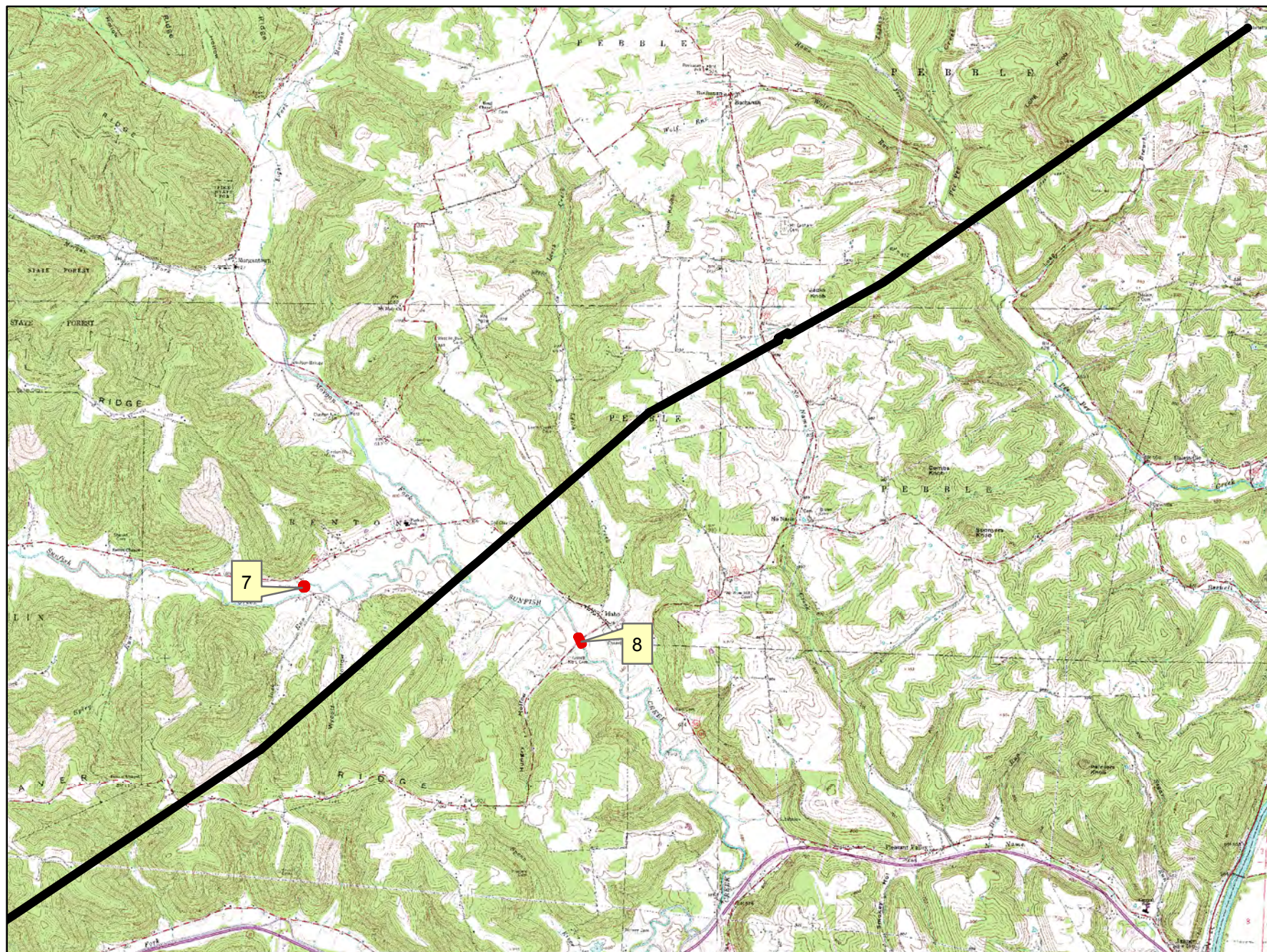


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## **Appendix C Representative Photographs**

### **C.1 WETLAND AND WATERBODY PHOTOGRAPHS**



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s  
Photo Location 1. View of Open Water 1. Photograph taken facing east.



Photo Location 2. View of Stream 1. Photograph taken facing upstream/southwest.



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Photo Location 2. View of Stream 1. Photograph taken facing downstream/northeast.



Photo Location 3. View of Stream 2. Photograph taken facing upstream/southwest.



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Photo Location 3. View of Stream 2. Photograph taken facing downstream/northeast.



Photo Location 4. View of non-jurisdictional point at wetland determination sample point (SP 1).  
Photograph taken facing north.



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Photo Location 5. View of Stream 3 (West Fork Ohio Brush Creek). Photograph taken facing upstream/north.



Photo Location 5. View of Stream 3 (West Fork Ohio Brush Creek). Photograph taken facing downstream/south.



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Photo Location 6. View of Stream 4 (West Fork Ohio Brush Creek). Photograph taken facing upstream/north.



Photo Location 6. View of Stream 4 (West Fork Ohio Brush Creek). Photograph taken facing downstream/south.



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Photo Location 7. View of Stream 5 (West Fork Ohio Brush Creek). Photograph taken facing upstream/north.



Photo Location 7. View of Stream 5 (West Fork Ohio Brush Creek). Photograph taken facing downstream/south.



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Photo Location 8. View of Open Water 2. Photograph taken facing south.



Photo Location 9. View of Stream 6 (George's Creek). Photograph taken facing upstream/northwest.



Photo Location 9. View of Stream 6 (George's Creek). Photograph taken facing downstream/southeast.



Photo Location 10. View of Stream 7. Photograph taken facing upstream/north.





Photo Location 10. View of Stream 7. Photograph taken facing downstream/south.



Photo Location 11. View of Stream 8. Photograph taken facing upstream/northwest.





Photo Location 11. View of Stream 8. Photograph taken facing downstream/southeast.



Photo Location 12. View of Stream 9. Photograph taken facing upstream/northwest.





Photo Location 12. View of Stream 9. Photograph taken facing downstream/southeast.



Photo Location 13. View of Stream 10 (Big Run). Photograph taken facing upstream/north.





Photo Location 13. View of Stream 10 (Big Run). Photograph taken facing downstream/south.



Photo Location 14. View of Stream 11. Photograph taken facing upstream/south.





Photo Location 14. View of Stream 11. Photograph taken facing downstream/north.



Photo Location 15. View of Stream 12. Photograph taken facing upstream/north.





Photo Location 15. View of Stream 12. Photograph taken facing downstream/south.



Photo Location 16. View of Stream 13. Photograph taken facing upstream/south.



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Photo Location 16. View of Stream 13. Photograph taken facing downstream/north.



Photo Location 17. View of Stream 14. Photograph taken facing upstream/south.





Photo Location 17. View of Stream14. Photograph taken facing downstream/north.



Photo Location 18. View of Stream 15. Photograph taken facing upstream/southeast.





Photo Location 18. View of Stream 15. Photograph taken facing downstream/northwest.



Photo Location 19. View of wetland determination sample point (SP 2) within Wetland 1.  
Photograph taken facing south.





Photo Location 19. View of wetland determination sample point (SP 2) within Wetland 1. Photograph taken facing southeast.



Photo Location 20. View of Stream 16. Photograph taken facing upstream/south.





Photo Location 20. View of Stream 16. Photograph taken facing downstream/north.



Photo Location 21. View of Stream 17. Photograph taken facing upstream/south.





Photo Location 21. View of Stream 17. Photograph taken facing downstream/north.



Photo Location 22. View of Stream 18. Photograph taken facing upstream/northwest.





Photo Location 22. View of Stream 18. Photograph taken facing downstream/southeast.



Photo Location 23. View of Stream 19 (Ohio Brush Creek). Photograph taken facing upstream/north.



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Photo Location 23. View of Stream 19 (Ohio Brush Creek). Photograph taken facing downstream/ south.



Photo Location 24. View of Stream 20. Photograph taken facing upstream/east.





Photo Location 24. View of Stream 20. Photograph taken facing downstream/west.



Photo Location 25. Representative view of Upland Drainage Feature (UDF) within Project Area. Photograph taken facing south.



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Photo Location 26. Representative view of upland drainage feature (UDF) within Project Area.  
Photograph taken facing south.



Photo Location 27. View of intermittent portion of Stream 1. Photograph taken facing  
upstream/southwest.





Photo Location 27. View of intermittent portion of Stream 1. Photograph taken facing downstream/northeast.



Photo Location 27. View of substrates of Stream 1.

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**C.2 HABITAT PHOTOGRAPHS**



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Photo Location 1. Representative view of agricultural field habitat. Photograph taken facing west.



Photo Location 2. Representative view of hayfield habitat. Photograph taken facing west.

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Photo Location 3. Representative view of pasture habitat. Photograph taken facing east.



Photo Location 4. Representative view of mixed early successional/second growth riparian forest habitat. Photograph taken facing north.



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Photo Location 5. Representative view of mixed early successional/second growth deciduous forest. Photograph taken facing south.



Photo Location 6. Representative view of residential lawn habitat. Photograph taken facing west.



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Photo Location 7. Representative view of old field habitat. Photograph taken facing north.



Photo Location 8. Representative view of industrial habitat. Photograph taken facing south.



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Photo Location 9. Representative view of new field habitat. Photograph taken facing east.

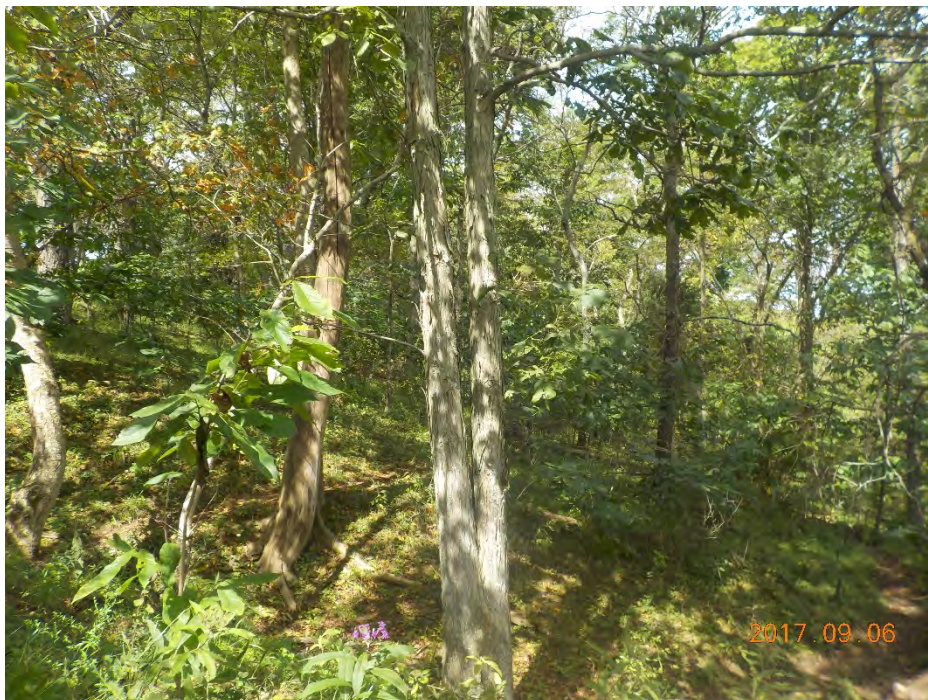


Photo Location 10. Representative view of potential roost tree (PRT) within Project Area.  
Photograph taken facing northwest.



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Photo Location 11. Representative view of existing paved road within Project Area.  
Photograph taken facing north.



Photo Location 12. Representative view of existing gravel access road within Project Area.  
Photograph taken facing southeast.



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Photo Location 13. Representative view of agricultural field. Photograph taken facing northeast.



Photo Location 14. Representative view of pasture. Photograph taken facing north.



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Photo Location 15. Representative view of pasture. Photograph taken facing west.



Photo Location 16. Representative view of second growth coniferous forest. Photograph taken facing south.



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## **Appendix D Data Forms**

### **D.1 WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORMS**

Project/Site: <b>Seaman - Adams 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project</b>		Stantec Project #: <b>193704860</b>	Date: <b>12/13/16</b>
Applicant: <b>American Electric Power</b>			County: <b>Adams</b>
Investigator #1: <b>Aaron Kwolek</b>		Investigator #2: <b>Dan Schepis</b>	State: <b>OH</b>
Soil Unit:	NW1/WW1 Classification:		Wetland ID: <b>N/A</b>
Landform: <b>Side slope</b>	Local Relief: <b>Convex</b>		Sample Point: <b>SP 1</b>
Slope (%): <b>25%</b>	Latitude: <b>38.94623</b>	Longitude: <b>-83.543649</b>	Datum: <b>NAD83</b>
Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? (If no, explain in remarks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Community ID: <b>UPL</b>
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input type="checkbox"/> or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> significantly disturbed?		Are normal circumstances present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input type="checkbox"/> or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> naturally problematic?		Section: <b>N/A</b>	
		Township: <b>N/A</b>	
		Range: <b>N/A</b> Dir:	

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Hydric Soils Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Wetland Hydrology Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is This Sampling Point Within A Wetland? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks: <b>Hill side wet area during rainfall with cattle grazing creating vegetated hummocks.</b>	

**HYDROLOGY**

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators</b> (Check here if indicators are not present): <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Secondary:</b>
<b>Primary:</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A1 - Surface Water <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - High Water Table <input type="checkbox"/> A3 - Saturation <input type="checkbox"/> B1 - Water Marks <input type="checkbox"/> B2 - Sediment Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B3 - Drift Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B4 - Algal Mat or Crust <input type="checkbox"/> B5 - Iron Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> B7 - Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery	<input type="checkbox"/> B9 - Water-Stained Leaves <input type="checkbox"/> B13 - Aquatic Fauna <input type="checkbox"/> B14 - True Aquatic Plants <input type="checkbox"/> C1 - Hydrogen Sulfide Odor <input type="checkbox"/> C3 - Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots <input type="checkbox"/> C4 - Presence of Reduced Iron <input type="checkbox"/> C6 - Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils <input type="checkbox"/> C7 - Thin Muck Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<input type="checkbox"/> B6 - Surface Soil Cracks <input type="checkbox"/> B8 - Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface <input type="checkbox"/> B10 - Drainage Patterns <input type="checkbox"/> B16 - Moss Trim Lines <input type="checkbox"/> C2 - Dry Season Water Table <input type="checkbox"/> C8 - Crayfish Burrows <input type="checkbox"/> C9 - Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input type="checkbox"/> D1 - Stunted or Stressed Plants <input type="checkbox"/> D2 - Geomorphic Position <input type="checkbox"/> D3 - Shallow Aquitard <input type="checkbox"/> D4 - Microtopographic Relief <input type="checkbox"/> D5 - FAC-Neutral Test

<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      Depth: <b>0.5</b> (in.) Water Table Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No      Depth: (in.) Saturation Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No      Depth: (in.)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available: <b>N/A</b>
Remarks: <b>Surface water due to rainfall on 12/12/16 and 12/13/16.</b>

**SOILS**

Map Unit Name:	Series Drainage Class:
Taxonomy (Subgroup):	

Profile Description (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) (Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered/Coated Sand Grains; Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix)											
Top Depth	Bottom Depth	Horizon	Matrix			Mottles				Texture (e.g. clay, sand, loam)	
			Color (Moist)		%	Color (Moist)		%	Type	Location	
0	3	--	10YR	4/3	100	--	--	--	--	--	clay loam
3	7	--	10YR	5/3	100	--	--	--	--	--	clay
7	15	--	10YR	5/1	100	--	--	--	--	--	clay
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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<b>NRCS Hydric Soil Field Indicators</b> (check here if indicators are not present): <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Indicators for Problematic Soils</b> <sup>1</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Histosol <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Histic Epipedon <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Black Histic <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Hydrogen Sulfide <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - Stratified Layers <input type="checkbox"/> 10 - 2 cm Muck (LRR N) <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - Depleted Below Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> 12 - Thick Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Sandy Muck Mineral (LRR N, MLRA 147, 148) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Sandy Gleyed Matrix	<input type="checkbox"/> S5 - Sandy Redox <input type="checkbox"/> S6 - Stripped Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> S7 - Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> S8 - Polyvalue Below Dark Surface (MLRA 147, 148) <input type="checkbox"/> S9 - Thin Dark Surface (MLRA 147, 148) <input type="checkbox"/> F2 - Loamy Gleyed Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F3 - Depleted Matrix <input type="checkbox"/> F6 - Redox Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F7 - Depleted Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> F8 - Redox Depressions	<input type="checkbox"/> F12 - Iron-Manganese Masses (LRR N, <input type="checkbox"/> A10 - 2cm Muck (MLRA 147) <input type="checkbox"/> F13 - Umbric Surface (MLRA 122, 136) <input type="checkbox"/> A16 - Coast Prairie Redox (MLRA 147, 148) <input type="checkbox"/> F19 - Piedmont Floodplain Soils (MLRA <input type="checkbox"/> F19 - Piedmont Floodplain Soils (MLRA 136, 147) <input type="checkbox"/> F21 - Red Parent Material (MLRA 127, 147) <input type="checkbox"/> TF12 - Very Shallow Dark Surface <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

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



Project/Site: **Seaman - Adams 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project** Wetland ID: **N/A** Sample Point: **SP 1**

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

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft radius)

	Species Name	% Cover	Dominant	Ind.Status
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--

Total Cover = **0**

Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft radius)

1.	--	--	--	--
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3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--

Total Cover = **0**

Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft radius)

1.	<i>Daucus carota</i>	5	N	UPL
2.	<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>	36	Y	UPL
3.	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	3	N	FACU
4.	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	4	N	FACU
5.	<i>Setaria glabra</i>	30	Y	UPL
6.	<i>Cyperus strigosus</i>	5	N	FACW
7.	<i>Carex frankii</i>	15	N	OBL
8.	<i>Solidago altissima</i>	2	N	FACU
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
11.	--	--	--	--
12.	--	--	--	--
13.	--	--	--	--
14.	--	--	--	--
15.	--	--	--	--

Total Cover = **100**

Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft radius)

1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--

Total Cover = **0**

Remarks:

**Dominance Test Worksheet**

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

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: **0.0%** (A/B)

**Prevalence Index Worksheet**

Total % Cover of:

Multiply by:

OBL spp.	<b>15</b>	x 1 =	<b>15</b>
FACW spp.	<b>5</b>	x 2 =	<b>10</b>
FAC spp.	<b>0</b>	x 3 =	<b>0</b>
FACU spp.	<b>9</b>	x 4 =	<b>36</b>
UPL spp.	<b>71</b>	x 5 =	<b>355</b>

Total **100** (A) **416** (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = **4.160**

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

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

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

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

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Additional Remarks:**

Project/Site: <b>Seaman - Adams 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project</b>		Stantec Project #: <b>193704860</b>	Date: <b>12/13/16</b>
Applicant: <b>American Electric Power</b>			County: <b>Adams</b>
Investigator #1: <b>Bruce Jones</b>		Investigator #2: <b>Kate Bomar</b>	State: <b>Ohio</b>
Soil Unit: <b>Opequon silty clay loam 20-40 percent slopes</b>	NW1/WW1 Classification: <b>PUB</b>		Wetland ID: <b>Wetland 1</b>
Landform: <b>Depression</b>	Local Relief: <b>Concave</b>		Sample Point: <b>SP 2</b>
Slope (%): <b>5</b>	Latitude: <b>38.95467</b>	Longitude: <b>-83.469890</b>	Datum: <b>NAD83</b>
Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? (If no, explain in remarks) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Section:
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> significantly disturbed?		Are normal circumstances present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> , Soil <input type="checkbox"/> or Hydrology <input type="checkbox"/> naturally problematic?		Township:	
		Range: Dir: <b>--</b>	

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hydric Soils Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Wetland Hydrology Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is This Sampling Point Within A Wetland? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks: <b>No hydric soil where sampled, but signs of periodic inundation around fringe of permanently inundated; wetland appears to have been excavated and original native soil and topsoil absent signifying previously disturbances</b>	

**HYDROLOGY**

<b>Wetland Hydrology Indicators</b> (Check here if indicators are not present): <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Primary:</u> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A1 - Surface Water  <input type="checkbox"/> A2 - High Water Table  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A3 - Saturation  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B1 - Water Marks  <input type="checkbox"/> B2 - Sediment Deposits  <input type="checkbox"/> B3 - Drift Deposits  <input type="checkbox"/> B4 - Algal Mat or Crust  <input type="checkbox"/> B5 - Iron Deposits  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B7 - Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> B9 - Water-Stained Leaves  <input type="checkbox"/> B13 - Aquatic Fauna  <input type="checkbox"/> B14 - True Aquatic Plants  <input type="checkbox"/> C1 - Hydrogen Sulfide Odor  <input type="checkbox"/> C3 - Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots  <input type="checkbox"/> C4 - Presence of Reduced Iron  <input type="checkbox"/> C6 - Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils  <input type="checkbox"/> C7 - Thin Muck Surface  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) </div> </div>		<u>Secondary:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> B6 - Surface Soil Cracks <input type="checkbox"/> B8 - Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface <input type="checkbox"/> B10 - Drainage Patterns <input type="checkbox"/> B16 - Moss Trim Lines <input type="checkbox"/> C2 - Dry Season Water Table <input type="checkbox"/> C8 - Crayfish Burrows <input type="checkbox"/> C9 - Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery <input type="checkbox"/> D1 - Stunted or Stressed Plants <input type="checkbox"/> D2 - Geomorphic Position <input type="checkbox"/> D3 - Shallow Aquitard <input type="checkbox"/> D4 - Microtopographic Relief <input type="checkbox"/> D5 - FAC-Neutral Test
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<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      Depth: <b>12</b> (in.) Water Table Present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No      Depth: <b>N/A</b> (in.) Saturation Present? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      Depth: <b>6</b> (in.)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available: **N/A**

Remarks: **Clay soils preclude water table evidence**

**SOILS**

Map Unit Name: **Opequon silty clay loam 20-40 percent slopes**      Series Drainage Class: **moderately well drained**

Taxonomy (Subgroup):

Profile Description (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.) (Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered/Coated Sand Grains; Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix)											
Top Depth	Bottom Depth	Horizon	Matrix			Mottles				Texture (e.g. clay, sand, loam)	
			Color (Moist)		%	Color (Moist)		%	Type		Location
0	14	1	10YR	5/4	100	10YR	6/8	30	C	M	clay loam
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<b>NRCS Hydric Soil Field Indicators</b> (check here if indicators are not present): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Histosol  <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Histic Epipedon  <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Black Histic  <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Hydrogen Sulfide  <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - Stratified Layers  <input type="checkbox"/> 10 - 2 cm Muck (LRR N)  <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - Depleted Below Dark Surface  <input type="checkbox"/> 12 - Thick Dark Surface  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Sandy Muck Mineral (LRR N, MLRA 147, 148)  <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Sandy Gleyed Matrix </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> S5 - Sandy Redox  <input type="checkbox"/> S6 - Stripped Matrix  <input type="checkbox"/> S7 - Dark Surface  <input type="checkbox"/> S8 - Polyvalue Below Dark Surface (MLRA 147, 148)  <input type="checkbox"/> S9 - Thin Dark Surface (MLRA 147, 148)  <input type="checkbox"/> F2 - Loamy Gleyed Matrix  <input type="checkbox"/> F3 - Depleted Matrix  <input type="checkbox"/> F6 - Redox Dark Surface  <input type="checkbox"/> F7 - Depleted Dark Surface  <input type="checkbox"/> F8 - Redox Depressions </div> </div>		<b>Indicators for Problematic Soils</b> <sup>1</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> F12 - Iron-Manganese Masses (LRR N, N) <input type="checkbox"/> F13 - Umbric Surface (MLRA 122, 136) <input type="checkbox"/> F19 - Piedmont Floodplain Soils (MLRA) <input type="checkbox"/> F21 - Red Parent Material (MLRA 127, 147) <input type="checkbox"/> A10 - 2cm Muck (MLRA 147) <input type="checkbox"/> A16 - Coast Prairie Redox (MLRA 147, 148) <input type="checkbox"/> F19 - Piedmont Floodplain Soils (MLRA 136, 147) <input type="checkbox"/> TF12 - Very Shallow Dark Surface <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
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<sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

<b>Restrictive Layer</b> (If Observed)      Type:      Depth:	<b>Hydric Soil Present?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks: <b>Hydric soil not present at fringe, but evidence of inundation and hydrophytic vegetation next to permanently inundated depression. Original soil is absent due to excavation</b>	



Project/Site: **Seaman - Adams 138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project** Wetland ID: **Wetland 1** Sample Point **SP 2**

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

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft radius)

	Species Name	% Cover	Dominant	Ind. Status
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft radius)

1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft radius)

1.	<i>Typha latifolia</i>	5	N	OBL
2.	<i>Juncus effusus</i>	2	N	FACW
3.	<i>Eleocharis engelmannii</i>	80	Y	FACW
4.	<i>Alisma subcordatum</i>	2	N	OBL
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
11.	--	--	--	--
12.	--	--	--	--
13.	--	--	--	--
14.	--	--	--	--
15.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		89		

Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft radius)

1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Remarks:

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Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 100.0% (A/B)

**Prevalence Index Worksheet**

Total % Cover of:

Multiply by:

OBL spp.	<u>7</u>	x 1 =	<u>7</u>
FACW spp.	<u>82</u>	x 2 =	<u>164</u>
FAC spp.	<u>0</u>	x 3 =	<u>0</u>
FACU spp.	<u>0</u>	x 4 =	<u>0</u>
UPL spp.	<u>0</u>	x 5 =	<u>0</u>

Total 89 (A) 171 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 1.921

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- Yes ☒ No ☐ Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation  
 Yes ☒ No ☐ Dominance Test is > 50%  
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 Yes ☐ No ☒ Problem Hydrophytic Vegetation (Explain) \*

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**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present** ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Additional Remarks:**





Project/Site: **Seaman - Adams 138Kv Transmission Line Rebuild Project** Wetland ID: **Wetland 1** Sample Point **SP 3**

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

Tree Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft radius)				
1.	Species Name	% Cover	Dominant	Ind. Status
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 15 ft radius)				
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft radius)				
1.	<i>Andropogon virginicus</i>	50	Y	FACU
2.	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	10	N	UPL
3.	<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	10	N	FACW
4.	<i>Poa pratensis</i>	30	Y	FACU
5.	--	--	--	--
6.	--	--	--	--
7.	--	--	--	--
8.	--	--	--	--
9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
11.	--	--	--	--
12.	--	--	--	--
13.	--	--	--	--
14.	--	--	--	--
15.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		100		
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: 30 ft radius)				
1.	--	--	--	--
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
4.	--	--	--	--
5.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

Remarks:

**Additional Remarks:**

**Dominance Test Worksheet**

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0.0% (A/B)

**Prevalence Index Worksheet**

Total % Cover of:	Multiply by:
OBL spp. <u>0</u>	x 1 = <u>0</u>
FACW spp. <u>10</u>	x 2 = <u>20</u>
FAC spp. <u>0</u>	x 3 = <u>0</u>
FACU spp. <u>80</u>	x 4 = <u>320</u>
UPL spp. <u>10</u>	x 5 = <u>50</u>
Total <u>100</u> (A)	<u>390</u> (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>3.900</u>	

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

- Yes ☒ No ☐ Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation  
 Yes ☒ No ☐ Dominance Test is > 50%  
 Yes ☒ No ☐ Prevalence Index is ≤ 3.0 \*  
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**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present** ☐ Yes ☒ No

**ECOLOGICAL RESOURCES INVENTORY REPORT, SEAMAN-ADAMS 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE  
REBUILD PROJECT, ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO**

September 15, 2020

**D.2 ORAM DATA FORMS**



## Background Information

<b>Name:</b>	Bruce Jones
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<b>Name of Wetland:</b>	Wetland 1
<b>Vegetation Community(ies):</b>	PEM
<b>HGM Class(es):</b>	Depressional
<b>Location of Wetland: include map, address, north arrow, landmarks, distances, roads, etc.</b>	
<b>Lat/Long or UTM Coordinate</b>	38.954673, -83.469890
<b>USGS Quad Name</b>	PEEBLES
<b>County</b>	ADAMS
<b>Township</b>	N/A
<b>Section and Subsection</b>	N/A
<b>Hydrologic Unit Code</b>	05060002
<b>Site Visit</b>	12/13/2016
<b>National Wetland Inventory Map</b>	Y
<b>Ohio Wetland Inventory Map</b>	N/A
<b>Soil Survey</b>	Y Jessup silt loam 1-8% slope
<b>Delineation report/map</b>	See Ecological Resources Inventory Report

Name of Wetland: <u>Wetland 1</u>	
Wetland Size (acres, hectares): <u>~0.04 acres</u>	
Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface waters, vegetation zones, etc.	
Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes:	
<p>Depressional wetland apparently excavated with berm on northeast corner. Permanently inundated depression with non-inundated wetland fringe.</p>	
Final score : <u>28</u>	Category: <u>1</u>



## Scoring Boundary Worksheet

**INSTRUCTIONS.** The initial step in completing the ORAM is to identify the “scoring boundaries” of the wetland being rated. In many instances this determination will be relatively easy and the scoring boundaries will coincide with the “jurisdictional boundaries.” For example, the scoring boundary of an isolated cattail marsh located in the middle of a farm field will likely be the same as that wetland’s jurisdictional boundaries. In other instances, however, the scoring boundary will not be as easily determined. Wetlands that are small or isolated from other surface waters often form large contiguous areas or heterogeneous complexes of wetland and upland. In separating wetlands for scoring purposes, the hydrologic regime of the wetland is the main criterion that should be used. Boundaries between contiguous or connected wetlands should be established where the volume, flow, or velocity of water moving through the wetland changes significantly. *Areas with a high degree of hydrologic interaction should be scored as a single wetland.* In determining a wetland’s scoring boundaries, use the guidelines in the ORAM Manual Section 5.0. In certain instances, it may be difficult to establish the scoring boundary for the wetland being rated. These problem situations include wetlands that form a patchwork on the landscape, wetlands divided by artificial boundaries like property fences, roads, or railroad embankments, wetlands that are contiguous with streams, lakes, or rivers, and estuarine or coastal wetlands. These situations are discussed below, however, it is recommended that Rater contact Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, 401/Wetlands Section if there are additional questions or a need for further clarification of the appropriate scoring boundaries of a particular wetland.

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

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

Wetland 1

## Narrative Rating

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

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



8b	<b>Mature forested wetlands.</b> Is the wetland a forested wetland with 50% or more of the cover of upper forest canopy consisting of deciduous trees with large diameters at breast height (dbh), generally diameters greater than 45cm (17.7in) dbh?	YES  Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status.  Go to Question 9a	NO  Go to Question 9a
9a	<b>Lake Erie coastal and tributary wetlands.</b> Is the wetland located at an elevation less than 575 feet on the USGS map, adjacent to this elevation, or along a tributary to Lake Erie that is accessible to fish?	YES  Go to Question 9b	NO  Go to Question 10
9b	Does the wetland's hydrology result from measures designed to prevent erosion and the loss of aquatic plants, i.e. the wetland is partially hydrologically restricted from Lake Erie due to lakeward or landward dikes or other hydrological controls?	YES  Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status  Go to Question 10	NO  Go to Question 9c
9c	Are Lake Erie water levels the wetland's primary hydrological influence, i.e. the wetland is hydrologically unrestricted (no lakeward or upland border alterations), or the wetland can be characterized as an "estuarine" wetland with lake and river influenced hydrology. These include sandbar deposition wetlands, estuarine wetlands, river mouth wetlands, or those dominated by submersed aquatic vegetation.	YES  Go to Question 9d	NO  Go to Question 10
9d	Does the wetland have a predominance of native species within its vegetation communities, although non-native or disturbance tolerant native species can also be present?	YES  Wetland is a Category 3 wetland  Go to Question 10	NO  Go to Question 9e
9e	Does the wetland have a predominance of non-native or disturbance tolerant native plant species within its vegetation communities?	YES  Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status  Go to Question 10	NO  Go to Question 10
10	<b>Lake Plain Sand Prairies (Oak Openings)</b> Is the wetland located in Lucas, Fulton, Henry, or Wood Counties and can the wetland be characterized by the following description: the wetland has a sandy substrate with interspersed organic matter, a water table often within several inches of the surface, and often with a dominance of the gramineous vegetation listed in Table 1 (woody species may also be present). The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves can provide assistance in confirming this type of wetland and its quality.	YES  Wetland is a Category 3 wetland.  Go to Question 11	NO  Go to Question 11
11	<b>Relict Wet Prairies.</b> Is the wetland a relict wet prairie community dominated by some or all of the species in Table 1. Extensive prairies were formerly located in the Darby Plains (Madison and Union Counties), Sandusky Plains (Wyandot, Crawford, and Marion Counties), northwest Ohio (e.g. Erie, Huron, Lucas, Wood Counties), and portions of western Ohio Counties (e.g. Darke, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Van Wert etc.).	YES  Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status  Complete Quantitative Rating	NO  Complete Quantitative Rating

**Table 1. Characteristic plant species.**

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

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



<b>Site:</b> <u>Wetland 1</u>	<b>Rater(s):</b> <u>BJ KB</u>	<b>Date:</b> <u>12/13/2016</u>
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<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
max 6 pts.	subtotal

### Metric 1. Wetland Area (size).

Select one size class and assign score.

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

<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
max 14 pts	subtotal

### Metric 2. Upland buffers and surrounding land use.

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

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

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

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

<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>
max 30 pts	subtotal

### Metric 3. Hydrology.

3a. Sources of Water. Score all that apply

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

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

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

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

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

3b. Connectivity. Score all that apply.

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

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

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

Check all disturbances observed

- ☐ ditch
- ☐ tile
- ☐ dike
- ☐ weir
- ☐ stormwater input

- ☐ point source (nonstormwater)
- ☐ filling/grading
- ☐ road bed/RR track
- ☐ dredging

- ☒ other EXCAVATED DEPRESSION

<u>8</u>	<u>24</u>
max 20 pts.	subtotal

### Metric 4. Habitat Alteration and Development.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Check all disturbances observed

- ☒ mowing
- ☒ grazing
- ☒ clearcutting
- ☐ selective cutting
- ☐ woody debris removal
- ☐ toxic pollutants

- ☐ shrub/sapling removal
- ☐ herbaceous/aquatic bed removal
- ☐ sedimentation
- ☐ dredging
- ☒ farming
- ☐ nutrient enrichment

<u>24</u>
subtotal this page

## ORAM v. 5.0 Field Form Quantitative Rating

<b>Site:</b> Wetland 1	<b>Rater(s):</b> BT/KB	<b>Date:</b> 12/13/16
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subtotal first page

0	24
max 10 pts.	subtotal

**Metric 5. Special Wetlands.**

Check all that apply and score as indicated.

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

3	28
max 20 pts.	subtotal

**Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersions, microtopography.****6a. Wetland Vegetation Communities.**

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale.

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

**6b. horizontal (plan view) Interspersion.**

Select only one.

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

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

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

**6d. Microtopography.**

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale.

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

**Vegetation Community Cover Scale**

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

**Narrative Description of Vegetation Quality**

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

**Mudflat and Open Water Class Quality**

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

**Microtopography Cover Scale**

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

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**End of Quantitative Rating. Complete Categorization Worksheets.**



# ORAM Summary Worksheet

		circle answer or insert score	Result
Narrative Rating	Question 1 Critical Habitat	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 3. High Quality Natural Wetland	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 4. Significant bird habitat	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 5. Category 1 Wetlands	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, Category 1.
	Question 6. Bogs	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 7. Fens	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8a. Old Growth Forest	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands - Restricted	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands - Unrestricted with native plants	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, Category 3
	Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands - Unrestricted with invasive plants	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
Question 10. Oak Openings	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, Category 3	
Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies	YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.	
Quantitative Rating	Metric 1. Size	0	
	Metric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use	4	
	Metric 3. Hydrology	12	
	Metric 4. Habitat	8	
	Metric 5. Special Wetland Communities	0	
	Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersed, microtopography	4	
	TOTAL SCORE	28	Category based on score breakpoints 1

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet.

## Wetland Categorization Worksheet

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

Final Category			
Choose one	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3

**End of Ohio Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands.**



**ECOLOGICAL RESOURCES INVENTORY REPORT, SEAMAN-ADAMS 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE  
REBUILD PROJECT, ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO**

September 15, 2020

**D.3 HHEI/QHEI DATA FORMS**

AKDS 20161213 534



## Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

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SITE NAME/LOCATION Seaman - Adams 138kv Transmission Line Rebuild Project  
Project SITE NUMBER Stream 1 RIVER BASIN Ohio DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>) 4.1  
 LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 200 LAT. 38.9459 LONG. 83.5491 RIVER CODE \_\_\_\_\_ RIVER MILE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE 12/13/16 SCORER AKK COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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

STREAM CHANNEL ☐ NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL ☒ RECOVERED ☐ RECOVERING ☐ RECENT OR NO RECOVERYMODIFICATIONS: channelized by road

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

TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT
<input type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pts]	<u>10</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pts]	<u>10</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (63-256 mm) [12 pts]	<u>5</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pts]	<u>50</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [8 pts]	<u>5</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]	<u>20</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]	

Total of Percentages of  
Blr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock15(A) 6(B) 6

SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:

TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:

HHEI  
Metric  
PointsSubstrate  
Max = 4012

A + B

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

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

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters):

9Pool Depth  
Max = 3015

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

<input type="checkbox"/> > 4.0 meters (> 13') [30 pts]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 1.0 m - 1.5 m (> 3' 3" - 4' 8") [15 pts]
<input type="checkbox"/> > 3.0 m - 4.0 m (> 9' 7" - 13') [26 pts]	<input type="checkbox"/> ≤ 1.0 m (≤ 3' 3") [5 pts]
<input type="checkbox"/> > 1.5 m - 3.0 m (> 4' 8" - 9' 7") [20 pts]	

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters)

15Bankfull  
Width  
Max=30

This information must also be completed

RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY NOTE: River Left (L) and Right (R) as looking downstream

## RIPARIAN WIDTH

L	R	(Per Bank)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wide >10m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate 5-10m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Narrow <5m
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

## FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

L	R	(Most Predominant per Bank)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mature Forest, Wetland
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential, Park, New Field
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fenced Pasture

L	R	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation Tillage
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban or Industrial
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Pasture, Row Crop
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mining or Construction

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

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

COMMENTS Flow, recent rain

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

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

## STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

☐ Flat (< 5 ft/100 ft) ☐ Flat to Moderate ☐ Moderate (2 ft/100 ft) ☒ Moderate to Severe ☐ Severe (10 ft/100 ft)



**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This Information Must Also be Completed):**QHEI PERFORMED? ☐ Yes ☒ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)**DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☒ WWH Name: West Branch Ohio Brush Creek Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ EWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

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USGS Quadrangle Name: Seaman NRCS Soil Map Page: \_\_\_\_\_ NRCS Soil Map Stream Order \_\_\_\_\_

County: Adams Township / City: Seaman

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): N Date of last precipitation: \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Photograph Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Elevated Turbidity? (Y/N): Y Canopy (% open): ~50

Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Measures: Temp (°C) \_\_\_\_\_ Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) \_\_\_\_\_ pH (S.U.) \_\_\_\_\_ Conductivity (µmhos/cm) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N) Y If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: Cattle access**BIOTIC EVALUATION**

Performed? (Y/N): Y (If Yes, Record all observations. Voucher collections optional. NOTE: all voucher samples must be labeled with the site ID number. Include appropriate field data sheets from the Primary Headwater Habitat Assessment Manual)

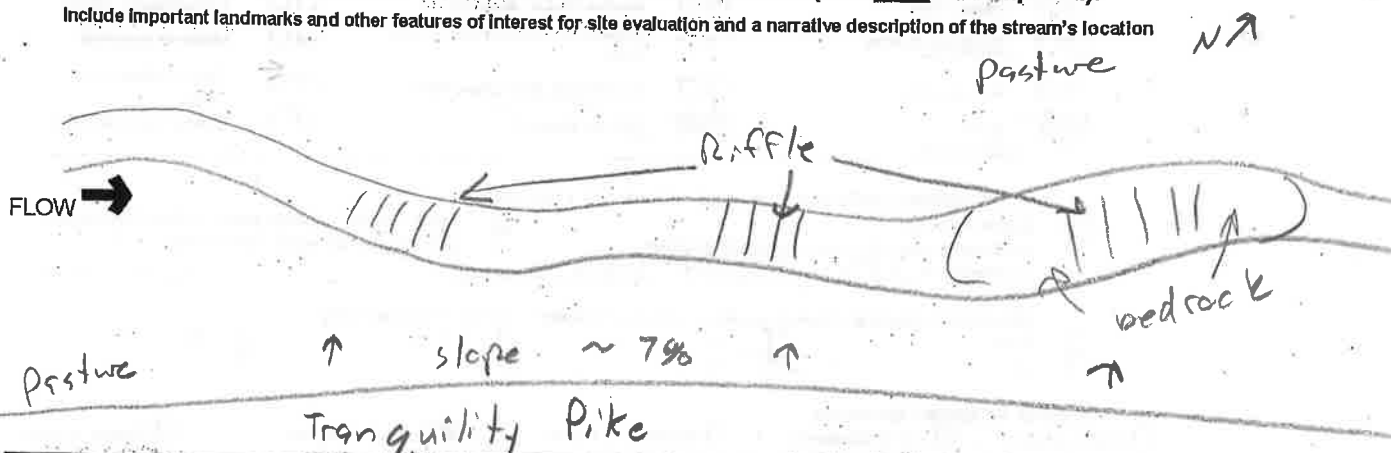
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Comments Regarding Biology: none observed

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

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





# Primary Headwater Habitat Field Evaluation Form

HHEI Score (sum of metrics 1+2+3) **62**

SITE NAME/LOCATION Summit-Adams 138KV T-Line Rebuild Adams Co.  
SITE NUMBER Stream RIVER BASIN Ohio River RIVER CODE        DRAINAGE AREA (sq mi) <100  
LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 200 LAT 38.941161°N LONG -83.518946°W RIVER MILE         
DATE 8/3/2020 SCORER NTA COMMENTS       

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

STREAM CHANNEL MODIFICATIONS: ☒ NONE ☐ NATURAL CHANNEL ☐ RECOVERED ☐ RECOVERING ☐ PERCENT OR NO RECOVERY

<b>1. SUBSTRATE</b> (Estimate percent of every type present). Check ONLY <u>type</u> predominant substrate TYPE boxes. (Max of 32). Add total number of significant substrate types found (Max of 8). Final metric score is sum of boxes A & B				<b>HHEI Metric Points</b> Substrate Max = 40  <b>27</b>  A + B																												
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This information must also be completed

**RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY** • NOTE: River Left (L) and Right (R) as looking downstream.

RIPARIAN WIDTH (Per Bank)		FLOODPLAIN QUALITY (Most Predominant per Bank)	
L	R	L	R
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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COMMENTS       

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

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

COMMENTS Intermittent

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

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

**STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE**

<input type="checkbox"/> Flat (2.5 m/100 ft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat to Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate (2.5 m/100 ft)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate to Severe	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe (10 m/100 ft)
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Stream 1 (Intermittent)

**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This information must also be completed):**

QHEI PERFORMED? ☐ Yes ☒ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI form)

**DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☒ WWH Name: West Branch Ohio Brush creek Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MAPPING: ATTACH COPIES OF MAPS, INCLUDING THE ENTIRE WATERSHED AREA. CLEARLY MARK THE SITE LOCATION.**

USGS Quadrangle Name: Seaman NRCS Soil Map Page: \_\_\_\_\_ NRCS Soil Map Stream Order: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: Adams Co Township/City: Seaman

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): Y Date of last precipitation: 8/2/20 Quantity: 0.33"  
Photo-documentation Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elevated Turbidity? (Y/N): N Canopy (% open): 10%  
Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N Lab Sample # or ID (attach results): \_\_\_\_\_  
Field Measures: Temp (°C) \_\_\_\_\_ Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) \_\_\_\_\_ pH (S.U.) \_\_\_\_\_ Conductivity (umhos/cm) \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N) N If not, explain: stream is ephemeral  
upstream/out of woods  
Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: \_\_\_\_\_

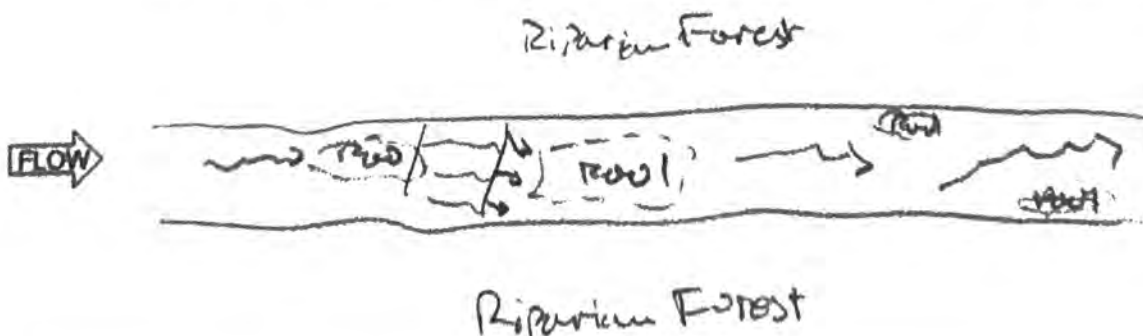
**BIOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS**

(Record all observations below)

Fish Observed? (Y/N) N Species observed (if known): \_\_\_\_\_  
Frogs or Tadpoles Observed? (Y/N) N Species observed (if known): \_\_\_\_\_  
Salamanders Observed? (Y/N) N Species observed (if known): \_\_\_\_\_  
Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Observed? (Y/N) N Species observed (if known): \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments Regarding Biology: none (isolated pools)

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

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





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# Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

30

SITE NAME/LOCATION Seaman - Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

SITE NUMBER Stream 2 RIVER BASIN Ohio DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>) < 1 mi<sup>2</sup>  
LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 31 LAT 38.9447 LONG 83.5507 RIVER CODE RIVER MILE  
DATE 3/28/17 SCORER ASK COMMENTS

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

STREAM CHANNEL ☐ NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL ☐ RECOVERED ☐ RECOVERING ☒ RECENT OR NO RECOVERY

MODIFICATIONS: straightened in lawn

1. SUBSTRATE (Estimate percent of every type of substrate present. Check ONLY two predominant substrate TYPE boxes (Max of 40). Add total number of significant substrate types found (Max of 8). Final metric score is sum of boxes A & B.)				HHEI Metric Points
TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> BLDG SLABS [16 pts]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pts]	30	
<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	10	
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<input type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [8 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]		
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [8 pts]	20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]	40	
Total of Percentages of Bldg Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock		(A) 6 (B) 4		
SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES: TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:				
2. Maximum Pool Depth (Measure the maximum pool depth within the 61 meter (200 ft) evaluation reach at the time of evaluation. Avoid plunge pools from road culverts or storm water pipes) (Check ONLY one box):				
<input type="checkbox"/> > 30 centimeters [26 pts]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 5 cm - 10 cm [15 pts]	7.5		
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COMMENTS		MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters):		
3. BANK FULL WIDTH (Measured as the average of 3-4 measurements) (Check ONLY one box):				
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COMMENTS		AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters):		

This information must also be completed

## RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

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

### RIPARIAN WIDTH

- | L                                   | R                                   | (Per Bank)     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Wide >10m      |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Moderate 5-10m |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Narrow <5m     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | None           |

COMMENTS

### FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

- | L                                   | R                                   | (Most Predominant per Bank)         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Mature Forest, Wetland              |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Residential, Park, New Field        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Fenced Pasture                      |

- | L                        | R                        |                        |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Conservation Tillage   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban or Industrial    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Open Pasture, Row Crop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mining or Construction |

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

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

COMMENTS

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

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|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
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### STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flat (0.5 ft/100 ft) | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat to Moderate | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate (2 ft/100 ft) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate to Severe | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe (10 ft/100 ft) |
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**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This Information Must Also be Completed):**QHEI PERFORMED? - ☐ Yes ☐ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)**DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☒ WWH Name: Ohio Brush Creek Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ EWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

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

USGS Quadrangle Name: Peebles NRCS Soil Map Page: \_\_\_\_\_ NRCS Soil Map Stream Order: \_\_\_\_\_

County: Adams Township / City: Peebles

**MISCELLANEOUS**Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): N Date of last precipitation: 3/26/17 Quantity: 0.61"

Photograph Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Elevated Turbidity? (Y/N): N Canopy (% open): 100Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Measures: Temp (°C) \_\_\_\_\_ Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) \_\_\_\_\_ pH (S.U.) \_\_\_\_\_ Conductivity (µmhos/cm) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

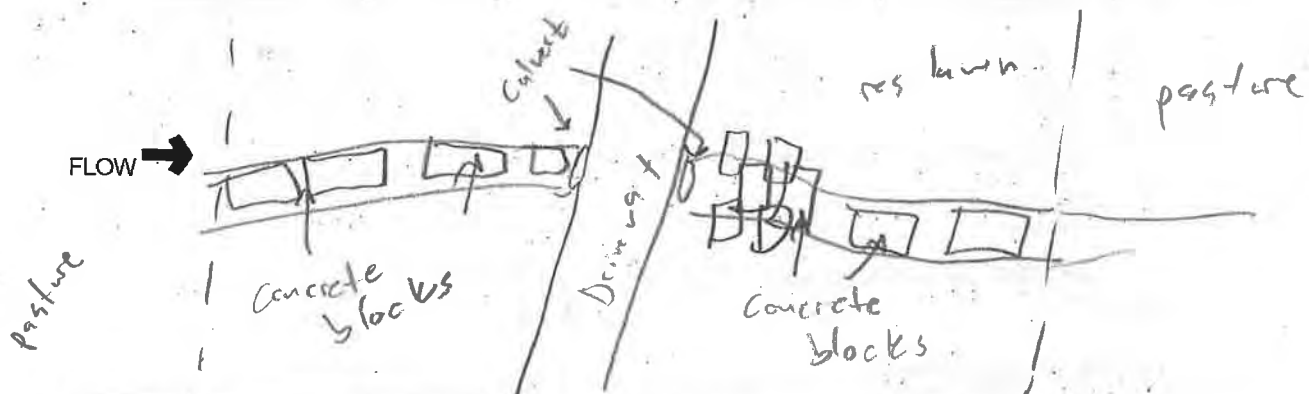
Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: cattle access upstream**BIOTIC EVALUATION**Performed? (Y/N): Y (If Yes, Record all observations. Voucher collections optional. NOTE: all voucher samples must be labeled with the site ID number. Include appropriate field data sheets from the Primary Headwater Habitat Assessment Manual)

Fish Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Salamanders Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Frogs or Tadpoles Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments Regarding Biology: none, ephemera**DRAWING AND NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF STREAM REACH (This must be completed):**

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# Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index and Use Assessment Field Sheet

QHEI Score:

51

Stream &amp; Location: Stream 3 (West Branch Ohio Brush Creek): Seaman-Adams

M:

Date: 12/13/16

138 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Scorers Full Name &amp; Affiliation: A. Kvalek / stantec

River Code:

STORET#:

Lat./Long.: 38.9467 / 83.5347

Office verified location ☐

1] SUBSTRATE Check ONLY Two substrate TYPE BOXES; estimate % or note every type present

Check ONE (Or 2 &amp; average)

BEST TYPES		OTHER TYPES		ORIGIN		QUALITY	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLDR / SLABS [10]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POOL RIFFLE	<input type="checkbox"/> HARDPAN [4]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POOL RIFFLE	<input type="checkbox"/> LIMESTONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> SILT	<input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY [-2]	Substrate 16 Maximum 20
<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDER [9]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> DETRITUS [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TILLS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [-1]	
<input type="checkbox"/> COBBLE [8]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [2]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> WETLANDS [0]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL [0]	
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<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [5]	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Score natural substrates; ignore sludge from point-sources)		<input type="checkbox"/> RIP/RAP [0]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [-1]	
NUMBER OF BEST TYPES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 or more [2] <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or less [0]				<input type="checkbox"/> LACUSTURINE [0]		<input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL [0]	
Comments				<input type="checkbox"/> SHALE [-1]		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	
				<input type="checkbox"/> COAL FINES [-2]			

2] INSTREAM COVER Indicate presence 0 to 3: 0-Absent; 1-Very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality; 2-Moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality; 3-Highest quality in moderate or greater amounts (e.g., very large boulders in deep or fast water, large diameter log that is stable, well developed rootwad in deep / fast water, or deep, well-defined, functional pools.

Check ONE (Or 2 &amp; average)

AMOUNT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDERCUT BANKS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOLS > 70cm [2]
<input type="checkbox"/> OVERHANGING VEGETATION [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> ROOTWADS [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> SHALLOWS (IN SLOW WATER) [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDERS [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> ROOTMATS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> OXBOWS, BACKWATERS [1]
	<input type="checkbox"/> AQUATIC MACROPHYTES [1]
	<input type="checkbox"/> LOGS OR WOODY DEBRIS [1]
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEARLY ABSENT <5% [1]

Comments

no H<sub>2</sub>OCover  
Maximum 20  
2

3] CHANNEL MORPHOLOGY Check ONE in each category (Or 2 &amp; average)

SINUOSITY	DEVELOPMENT	CHANNELIZATION	STABILITY
<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT [7]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE [6]	<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH [3]
<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD [5]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOVERED [4]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [2]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOW [2]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOVERING [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> LOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOR [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECENT OR NO RECOVERY [1]	

Comments

Channel  
Maximum 20  
13

4] BANK EROSION AND RIPARIAN ZONE Check ONE in each category for EACH BANK (Or 2 per bank &amp; average)

RIPARIAN ZONE		FLOOD PLAIN QUALITY	
<input type="checkbox"/> EROSION	<input type="checkbox"/> R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOREST, SWAMP [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> R
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE / LITTLE [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE 10-50m [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> SHRUB OR OLD FIELD [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION TILLAGE [1]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> NARROW 5-10m [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL, PARK, NEW FIELD [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> URBAN OR INDUSTRIAL [0]
<input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY / SEVERE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> VERY NARROW < 5m [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> FENCED PASTURE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> MINING / CONSTRUCTION [0]
	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN PASTURE, ROWCROP [0]	

Comments

Indicate predominant land use(s) past 100m riparian.  
Riparian  
Maximum 10  
8

5] POOL / GLIDE AND RIFFLE / RUN QUALITY

MAXIMUM DEPTH	CHANNEL WIDTH	CURRENT VELOCITY
Check ONE (ONLY!)	Check ONE (Or 2 & average)	Check ALL that apply
<input type="checkbox"/> > 1m [6]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH > RIFFLE WIDTH [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> TORRENTIAL [-1]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.7-1m [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH = RIFFLE WIDTH [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.4-0.7m [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH < RIFFLE WIDTH [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> VERY FAST [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.2-0.4m [1]		<input type="checkbox"/> FAST [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> < 0.2m [0]		<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [1]
		<input type="checkbox"/> EDDIES [1]

Comments

Indicate for reach - pools and riffles.

none, no H<sub>2</sub>ORecreation Potential  
Primary Contact  
Secondary Contact  
(circle one and comment on back)Pool / Current  
Maximum 12  
6

Indicate for functional riffles; Best areas must be large enough to support a population of riffle-obligate species:

Check ONE (Or 2 &amp; average).

NO RIFFLE [metric=0]

RIFFLE DEPTH	RUN DEPTH	RIFFLE / RUN SUBSTRATE	RIFFLE / RUN EMBEDDEDNESS
<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS > 10cm [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> MAXIMUM > 50cm [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> STABLE (e.g., Cobble, Boulder) [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [2]
<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS 5-10cm [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> MAXIMUM < 50cm [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> MOD. STABLE (e.g., Large Gravel) [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> LOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS < 5cm [metric=0]		<input type="checkbox"/> UNSTABLE (e.g., Fine Gravel, Sand) [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [0]
			<input type="checkbox"/> EXTENSIVE [-1]

Comments

Riffle / Run  
Maximum 8  
06] GRADIENT (27.1 ft/mi) ☐ VERY LOW - LOW [2-4] ☐ MODERATE [6-10] ☒ HIGH - VERY HIGH [10-6]

%POOL: 0

%GLIDE: 0

%RUN: 0

%RIFFLE: 0

Gradient  
Maximum 10  
6



**A) SAMPLED REACH**

Check ALL that apply

**METHOD**

- ☐ BOAT  
☒ WADE  
☐ L. LINE  
☐ OTHER

**STAGE**

1st - sample pass - 2nd

- ☐ HIGH  
☐ UP  
☐ NORMAL  
☐ LOW  
☒ DRY

**DISTANCE**

- ☐ 0.5 Km  
☐ 0.2 Km  
☐ 0.15 Km  
☐ 0.12 Km  
☐ OTHER

61  
meters**CLARITY**

1st - sample pass - 2nd

- ☐ < 20 cm  
☐ 20 - 40 cm  
☐ 40 - 70 cm  
☐ > 70 cm / CTB  
☒ SECCHI DEPTH

**CANOPY**

1st - sample pass - 2nd

- ☐ > 85% - OPEN  
☐ 55% - 85%  
☐ 30% - 55%  
☒ 10% - 30%  
☐ < 10% - CLOSED

**C) RECREATION**

AREA DEPTH

POOL: ☐ > 100ft<sup>2</sup> ☐ > 3ft**B) AESTHETICS**

- ☐ NUISANCE ALGAE  
☐ INVASIVE MACROPHYTES  
☐ EXCESS TURBIDITY  
☐ DISCOLORATION  
☐ FOAM / SCUM  
☐ OIL SHEEN  
☐ TRASH / LITTER  
☐ NUISANCE ODOR  
☐ SLUDGE DEPOSITS  
☐ CSOs/SSOs/OUTFALLS

**D) MAINTENANCE**

- ☐ PUBLIC / PRIVATE / BOTH / NA  
☐ ACTIVE / HISTORIC / BOTH / NA  
☐ YOUNG-SUCCESSION-OLD  
☐ SPRAY / SNAG / REMOVED  
☐ MODIFIED / DIPPED OUT / NA  
☐ LEVEED / ONE SIDED  
☐ RELOCATED / CUTOFFS  
☐ MOVING-BEDLOAD-STABLE  
☐ ARMoured / SLUMPS  
☐ ISLANDS / SCoured  
☐ IMPOUNDED / DESICCATED  
☐ FLOOD CONTROL / DRAINAGE

Circle some &amp; COMMENT

retaining wall

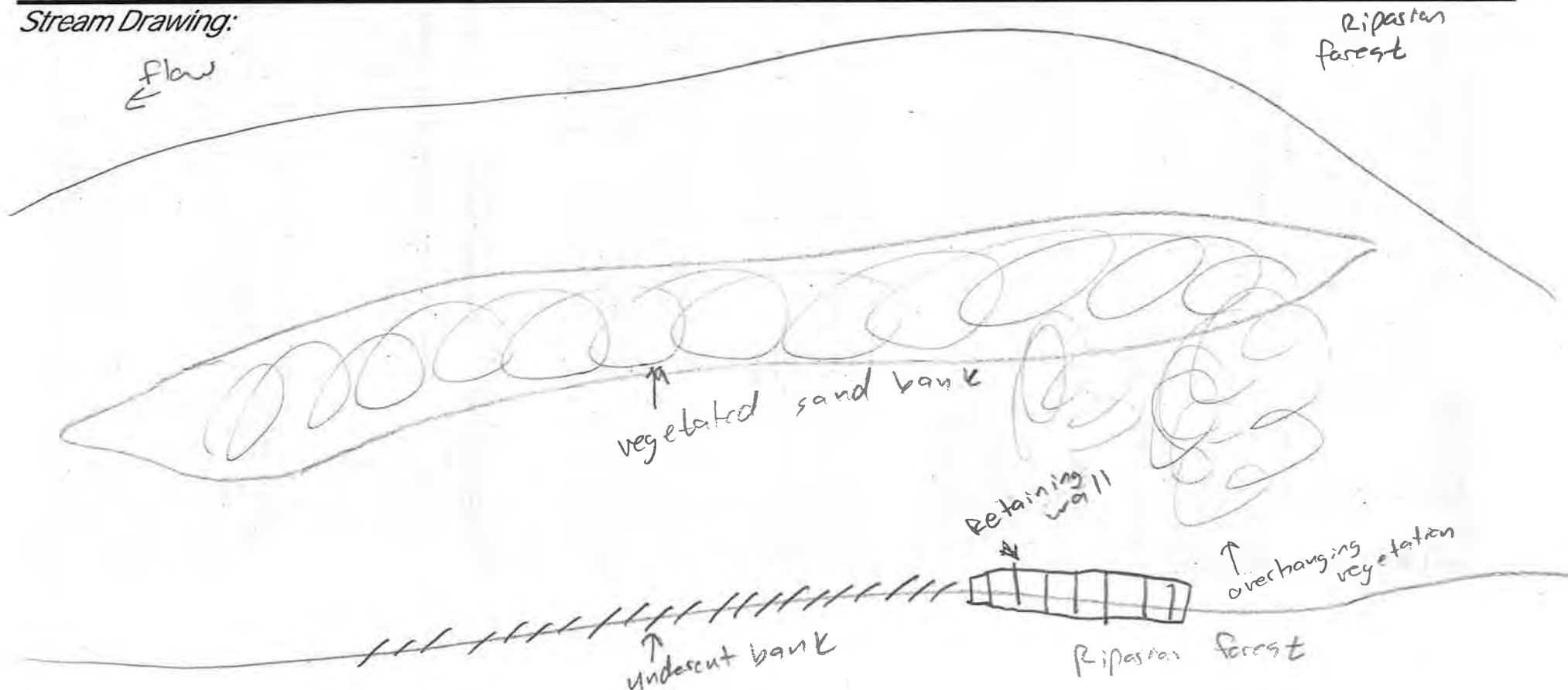
**E) ISSUES**

- WWTP / CSO / NPDES / INDUSTRY  
 HARDENED / URBAN / DIRT&GRIME  
 CONTAMINATED / LANDFILL  
 BMPs-CONSTRUCTION-SEDIMENT  
 LOGGING / IRRIGATION / COOLING  
 BANK / EROSION / SURFACE  
 FALSE BANK / MANURE / LAGOON  
 WASH H<sub>2</sub>O / TILE / H<sub>2</sub>O TABLE  
 ACID / MINE / QUARRY / FLOW  
 NATURAL / WETLAND / STAGNANT  
 PARK / GOLF / LAWN / HOME  
 ATMOSPHERE / DATA PAUCITY

**F) MEASUREMENTS**

- $\bar{x}$  width  
 $\bar{x}$  depth  
 max. depth  
 $\bar{x}$  bankfull width  
 bankfull  $\bar{x}$  depth  
 W/D ratio  
 bankfull max. depth  
 floodprone  $x^2$  width  
 entrench. ratio

Legacy Tree:

**Stream Drawing:**



# Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index and Use Assessment Field Sheet

QHEI Score: **51**

Stream & Location: Stream 4 (West Branch Ohio Brush Creek) Seaman-Adams

Date: 12/13/16

138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Scorer's Full Name & Affiliation:

River Code: STORET #:

Lat./Long: 38.9468 183.5339

Office verified location

1] SUBSTRATE Check ONLY Two substrate TYPE BOXES; estimate % or note every type present

Check ONE (Or 2 & average)

BEST TYPES		POOL RIFFLE		OTHER TYPES		POOL RIFFLE		ORIGIN		QUALITY	
<input type="checkbox"/>	BLDR/SLABS [10]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	HARDPAN [4]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	LIMESTONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/>	HEAVY [-2]
<input type="checkbox"/>	BOULDER [9]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	DETRITUS [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TILLS [1]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MODERATE [-1]
<input type="checkbox"/>	COBBLE [8]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	MUCK [2]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	WETLANDS [0]	<input type="checkbox"/>	NORMAL [0]
<input type="checkbox"/>	GRAVEL [7]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	SILT [2]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	HARDPAN [0]	<input type="checkbox"/>	FREE [1]
<input type="checkbox"/>	SAND [6]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	ARTIFICIAL [0]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SANDSTONE [0]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EXTENSIVE [-2]
<input type="checkbox"/>	BEDROCK [5]							<input type="checkbox"/>	RIP/RAP [0]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MODERATE [-1]
(Score natural substrates; ignore sludge from point-sources)								<input type="checkbox"/>	LACUSTURINE [0]	<input type="checkbox"/>	NORMAL [0]
NUMBER OF BEST TYPES: <input type="checkbox"/> 4 or more [2] <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or less [0]								<input type="checkbox"/>	SHALE [-1]	<input type="checkbox"/>	NONE [1]
Comments								<input type="checkbox"/>	COAL FINES [-2]	Substrate	

2] INSTREAM COVER Indicate presence 0 to 3: 0-Absent; 1-Very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality; 2-Moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality; 3-Highest quality in moderate or greater amounts (e.g., very large boulders in deep or fast water, large diameter log that is stable, well developed rootwad in deep / fast water, or deep, well-defined, functional pools.

AMOUNT

Check ONE (Or 2 & average)

<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERCUT BANKS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOLS > 70cm [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> OXBOWS, BACKWATERS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> EXTENSIVE >75% [11]
<input type="checkbox"/> OVERHANGING VEGETATION [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> ROOTWADS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> AQUATIC MACROPHYTES [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE 25-75% [7]
<input type="checkbox"/> SHALLOWS (IN SLOW WATER) [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDERS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> LOGS OR WOODY DEBRIS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> SPARSE 5-<25% [3]
<input type="checkbox"/> ROOTMATS [1]			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEARLY ABSENT <5% [1]

Comments

no H<sub>2</sub>O

Cover  
Maximum  
20

3] CHANNEL MORPHOLOGY Check ONE in each category (Or 2 & average)

SINUOSITY	DEVELOPMENT	CHANNELIZATION	STABILITY
<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT [7]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE [6]	<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH [3]
<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD [5]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOVERED [4]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [2]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOW [2]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOVERING [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> LOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOR [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECENT OR NO RECOVERY [1]	

Comments

Channel  
Maximum  
20

4] BANK EROSION AND RIPARIAN ZONE Check ONE in each category for EACH BANK (Or 2 per bank & average)

EROSION		RIPARIAN WIDTH		FLOOD PLAIN QUALITY		CONSERVATION TILLAGE	
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE / LITTLE [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE 10-50m [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDE > 50m [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE 10-50m [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOREST, SWAMP [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> SHRUB OR OLD FIELD [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> URBAN OR INDUSTRIAL [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> MINING / CONSTRUCTION [0]
<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> NARROW 5-10m [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> NARROW 5-10m [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> VERY NARROW < 5m [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL, PARK, NEW FIELD [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> FENCED PASTURE [1]		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEAVY / SEVERE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [0]			<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN PASTURE, ROWCROP [0]			

Comments

Indicate predominant land use(s) past 100m riparian.

Riparian  
Maximum  
10

5] POOL / GLIDE AND RIFFLE / RUN QUALITY

MAXIMUM DEPTH	CHANNEL WIDTH	CURRENT VELOCITY
Check ONE (ONLY)	Check ONE (Or 2 & average)	Check ALL that apply
<input type="checkbox"/> > 1m [6]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH > RIFFLE WIDTH [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> TORRENTIAL [-1]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.7-<1m [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH = RIFFLE WIDTH [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.4-<0.7m [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH > RIFFLE WIDTH [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> VERY FAST [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.2-<0.4m [1]		<input type="checkbox"/> FAST [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> < 0.2m [0]		<input type="checkbox"/> INTERSTITIAL [-1]
		<input type="checkbox"/> INTERMITTENT [-2]
		<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [1]
		<input type="checkbox"/> EDDIES [1]

Comments

Indicate for reach - pools and riffles.

no H<sub>2</sub>O

Recreation Potential  
Primary Contact  
Secondary Contact  
(circle one and comment on back)

Pool / Current  
Maximum  
12

Indicate for functional riffles; Best areas must be large enough to support a population of riffle-obligate species:

Check ONE (Or 2 & average).

☒ NO RIFFLE [metric=0]

RIFFLE DEPTH	RUN DEPTH	RIFFLE / RUN SUBSTRATE	RIFFLE / RUN EMBEDDEDNESS
<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS > 10cm [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> MAXIMUM > 50cm [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> STABLE (e.g., Cobble, Boulder) [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [2]
<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS 5-10cm [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> MAXIMUM < 50cm [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> MOD. STABLE (e.g., Large Gravel) [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> LOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS < 5cm [metric=0]		<input type="checkbox"/> UNSTABLE (e.g., Fine Gravel, Sand) [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [0]
			<input type="checkbox"/> EXTENSIVE [-1]

Comments

Riffle / Run  
Maximum  
8

6] GRADIENT (27.1 ft/mi)

DRAINAGE AREA

(167.3 mi<sup>2</sup>)

☐ VERY LOW - LOW [2-4]

☐ MODERATE [6-10]

☒ HIGH - VERY HIGH [10-6]

%POOL: 0

%GLIDE: 0

%RUN: 0

%RIFFLE: 0

Gradient  
Maximum  
10



**A) SAMPLED REACH**

Check ALL that apply

**METHOD**

- ☐ BOAT  
☒ WADE  
☐ L. LINE  
☐ OTHER

**STAGE**

- 1st-sample pass- 2nd  
☐ HIGH  
☐ UP  
☐ NORMAL  
☐ LOW  
☒ DRY

**DISTANCE**

- ☐ 0.5 Km  
☐ 0.2 Km  
☐ 0.15 Km  
☐ 0.12 Km  
☐ OTHER

61

meters

**CANOPY**

- ☐ > 85%- OPEN  
☐ 55%-<85%  
☐ 30%-<55%  
☒ 10%-<30%  
☐ <10%- CLOSED

**CLARITY**

- 1st-sample pass- 2nd  
☐ < 20 cm  
☐ 20-40 cm  
☐ 40-70 cm  
☐ > 70 cm/ CTB  
☒ SECCHI DEPTH

- 1st 0 cm  
 2nd 0 cm

**C) RECREATION**

- AREA DEPTH  
 POOL: ☐ >100ft<sup>2</sup> ☐ >3ft

**B) AESTHETICS**

- ☐ NUISANCE ALGAE  
☐ INVASIVE MACROPHYTES  
☐ EXCESS TURBIDITY  
☐ DISCOLORATION  
☐ FOAM / SCUM  
☐ OIL SHEEN  
☐ TRASH / LITTER  
☐ NUISANCE ODOR  
☐ SLUDGE DEPOSITS  
☐ CSOs/SSOs/OUTFALLS

**D) MAINTENANCE**

- ☐ PUBLIC / PRIVATE / BOTH / NA  
☐ ACTIVE / HISTORIC / BOTH / NA  
☐ YOUNG-SUCCESSION-OLD  
☐ SPRAY / SNAG / REMOVED  
☐ MODIFIED / DIPPED OUT / NA  
☐ LEVEED / ONE SIDED  
☐ RELOCATED / CUTOFFS  
☐ MOVING-BEDLOAD-STABLE  
☐ ARMoured / SLUMPS  
☐ ISLANDS / SCoured  
☐ IMPOUNDED / DESICCATED  
☐ FLOOD CONTROL / DRAINAGE

Circle some &amp; COMMENT

retaining wall

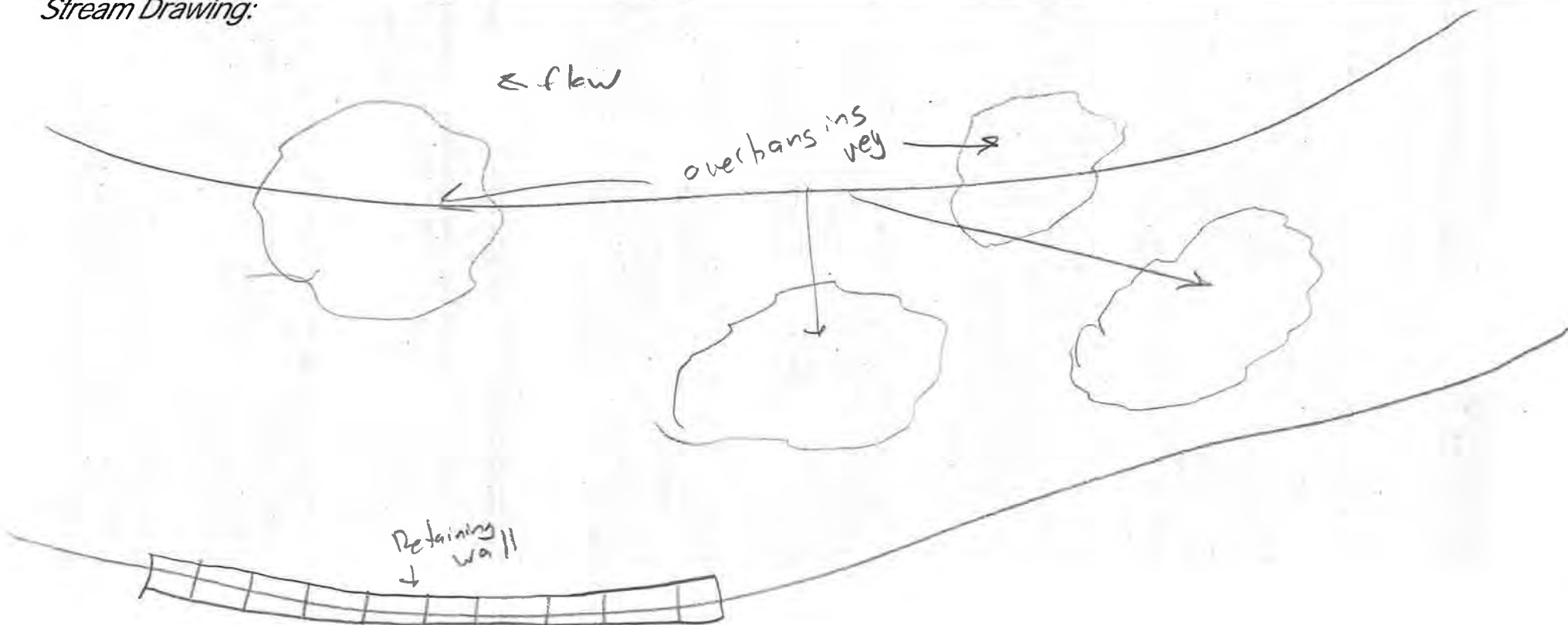
**E) ISSUES**

- ☐ WWTP / CSO / NPDES / INDUSTRY  
☐ HARDENED / URBAN / DIRT&GRIME  
☐ CONTAMINATED / LANDFILL  
☐ BMPs-CONSTRUCTION-SEDIMENT  
☐ LOGGING / IRRIGATION / COOLING  
☐ BANK / EROSION / SURFACE  
☐ FALSE BANK / MANURE / LAGOON  
☐ WASH H<sub>2</sub>O / TILE / H<sub>2</sub>O TABLE  
☐ ACID / MINE / QUARRY / FLOW  
☐ NATURAL / WETLAND / STAGNANT  
☐ PARK / GOLF / LAWN / HOME  
☐ ATMOSPHERE / DATA PAUCITY

**F) MEASUREMENTS**

- ☐  $\bar{x}$  width  
☐  $\bar{x}$  depth  
☐ max. depth  
☐  $\bar{x}$  bankfull width  
☐ bankfull  $\bar{x}$  depth  
☐ WVD ratio  
☐ bankfull max. depth  
☐ floodprone  $\bar{x}^2$  width  
☐ entrench. ratio

Legacy Tree:

**Stream Drawing:**



# Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index and Use Assessment Field Sheet

QHEI Score: **64**

Stream & Location: Stream 5 (West Branch Ohio Brush Creek) Seaman-Adams

RM: \_\_\_ Date: **12/13/06**

138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Scorers Full Name & Affiliation:

River Code: **9** STORET #: **38.9469183.532**

Office verified location ☐

1] SUBSTRATE Check ONLY Two substrate TYPE BOXES; estimate % or note every type present

Check ONE (Or 2 & average)

BEST TYPES		POOL RIFFLE		OTHER TYPES		POOL RIFFLE		ORIGIN		QUALITY	
<input type="checkbox"/> BLDR / SLABS [10]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/> HARDPAN [4]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/> LIMESTONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY [-2]	<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDER [9]	<input type="checkbox"/> DETRITUS [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SILT	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [-1]	<div>Substrate <b>16</b> Maximum 20</div>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COBBLE [8]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> WETLANDS [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> TILLS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL [0]						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL [7]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/> SILT [2]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	<input type="checkbox"/> WETLANDS [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE [1]						
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND [6]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> SANDSTONE [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> HARDPAN [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> EXTENSIVE [-2]						
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [5]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> RIP/RAP [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> SANDSTONE [0]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [-1]						
(Score natural substrates; ignore sludge from point-sources)				<input type="checkbox"/> LACUSTURINE [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL [0]						
				<input type="checkbox"/> SHALE [-1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]						
				<input type="checkbox"/> COAL FINES [-2]							

NUMBER OF BEST TYPES: ☒ 4 or more [2]

☐ 3 or less [0]

Comments

2] INSTREAM COVER Indicate presence 0 to 3: 0-Absent; 1-Very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality; 2-Moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality; 3-Highest quality in moderate or greater amounts (e.g., very large boulders in deep or fast water, large diameter log that is stable, well developed rootwad in deep / fast water, or deep, well-defined, functional pools.

AMOUNT

Check ONE (Or 2 & average)

<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERCUT BANKS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOLS > 70cm [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> OXBOWS, BACKWATERS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> EXTENSIVE >75% [11]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OVERHANGING VEGETATION [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> ROOTWADS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> AQUATIC MACROPHYTES [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE 25-75% [7]
<input type="checkbox"/> SHALLOWS (IN SLOW WATER) [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDERS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> LOGS OR WOODY DEBRIS [1]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPARSE 5-<25% [3]
<input type="checkbox"/> ROOTMATS [1]			<input type="checkbox"/> NEARLY ABSENT <5% [1]

Comments

Cover  
Maximum 20

3] CHANNEL MORPHOLOGY Check ONE in each category (Or 2 & average)

SINUOSITY	DEVELOPMENT	CHANNELIZATION	STABILITY
<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT [7]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [6]	<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH [3]
<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD [5]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOVERED [4]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [2]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOW [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOVERING [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> LOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOR [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECENT OR NO RECOVERY [1]	

Comments

Channel  
Maximum 20

4] BANK EROSION AND RIPARIAN ZONE Check ONE in each category for EACH BANK (Or 2 per bank & average)

EROSION	RIPIARIAN WIDTH	FLOOD PLAIN QUALITY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE / LITTLE [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDE > 50m [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> FOREST, SWAMP [3]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE 10-50m [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> SHRUB OR OLD FIELD [2]
<input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY / SEVERE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NARROW 5-10m [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL, PARK, NEW FIELD [1]
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VERY NARROW < 5m [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> FENCED PASTURE [1]
	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN PASTURE, ROWCROP [0]

Comments

Indicate predominant land use(s) past 100m riparian.

Riparian  
Maximum 10

5] POOL / GLIDE AND RIFFLE / RUN QUALITY

MAXIMUM DEPTH	CHANNEL WIDTH	CURRENT VELOCITY
Check ONE (ONLY)	Check ONE (Or 2 & average)	Check ALL that apply
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 1m [6]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH > RIFFLE WIDTH [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> TORRENTIAL [-1]
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.7-<1m [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH = RIFFLE WIDTH [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.4-<0.7m [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH > RIFFLE WIDTH [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> VERY FAST [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.2-<0.4m [1]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAST [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> < 0.2m [0]		<input type="checkbox"/> INTERSTITIAL [-1]
		<input type="checkbox"/> INTERMITTENT [-2]
		<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [1]
		<input type="checkbox"/> EDDIES [1]

Comments

Indicate for reach - pools and riffles.

Pool / Current  
Maximum 12

Indicate for functional riffles; Best areas must be large enough to support a population of riffle-obligate species:

Check ONE (Or 2 & average).

☐ NO RIFFLE [metric=0]

RIFFLE DEPTH	RUN DEPTH	RIFFLE / RUN SUBSTRATE	RIFFLE / RUN EMBEDDEDNESS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS > 10cm [2]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAXIMUM > 50cm [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> STABLE (e.g., Cobble, Boulder) [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [2]
<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS 5-10cm [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> MAXIMUM < 50cm [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> MOD. STABLE (e.g., Large Gravel) [1]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS < 5cm [metric=0]		<input type="checkbox"/> UNSTABLE (e.g., Fine Gravel, Sand) [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [0]
			<input type="checkbox"/> EXTENSIVE [-1]

Comments

Riffle / Run  
Maximum 8

6] GRADIENT **2.7** ft/mi  
DRAINAGE AREA **167.3** m<sup>2</sup>

%POOL: **0**

%GLIDE: **0**

%RUN: **85**

%RIFFLE: **15**

Gradient  
Maximum 10



## A) SAMPLED REACH

Check ALL that apply

## METHOD

- ☐ BOAT  
☒ WADE  
☐ L. LINE  
☐ OTHER

## STAGE

1st - sample pass - 2nd

- ☐ HIGH  
☒ UP  
☐ NORMAL  
☐ LOW  
☐ DRY

## DISTANCE

- ☐ 0.5 Km  
☐ 0.2 Km  
☐ 0.15 Km  
☐ 0.12 Km  
☒ OTHER

61  
meters

## CLARITY

1st - sample pass - 2nd

- ☒ < 20 cm  
☐ 20-40 cm  
☐ 40-70 cm  
☐ > 70 cm / CTB  
☐ SECCHI DEPTH

## CANOPY

- ☐ > 85% - OPEN  
☒ 55% - 85%  
☐ 30% - 55%  
☐ 10% - 30%  
☐ < 10% - CLOSED

1st \_\_\_\_\_ cm  
 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ cm

## C) RECREATION

AREA DEPTH

POOL: ☐ > 100ft<sup>2</sup> ☐ > 3ft

## B) AESTHETICS

- ☐ NUISANCE ALGAE  
☐ INVASIVE MACROPHYTES  
☐ EXCESS TURBIDITY  
☐ DISCOLORATION  
☐ FOAM / SCUM  
☐ OIL SHEEN  
☐ TRASH / LITTER  
☐ NUISANCE ODOR  
☐ SLUDGE DEPOSITS  
☐ CSOs / SSOs / OUTFALLS

N/A

## D) MAINTENANCE

- PUBLIC / PRIVATE / BOTH / NA  
 ACTIVE / HISTORIC / BOTH / NA  
 YOUNG-SUCCESSION-OLD  
 SPRAY / SNAG / REMOVED  
 MODIFIED / DIPPED OUT / NA  
 LEVEED / ONE SIDED  
 RELOCATED / CUTOFFS  
 MOVING-BEDLOAD-STABLE  
 ARMoured / SLUMPS  
 ISLANDS / SCoured  
 IMPOUNDED / DESICCATED  
 FLOOD CONTROL / DRAINAGE

Circle some &amp; COMMENT

## E) ISSUES N/A

- WWTP / CSO / NPDES / INDUSTRY  
 HARDENED / URBAN / DIRT & GRIME  
 CONTAMINATED / LANDFILL  
 BMPs-CONSTRUCTION-SEDIMENT  
 LOGGING / IRRIGATION / COOLING  
 BANK / EROSION / SURFACE  
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 WASH H<sub>2</sub>O / TILE / H<sub>2</sub>O TABLE  
 ACID / MINE / QUARRY / FLOW  
 NATURAL / WETLAND / STAGNANT  
 PARK / GOLF / LAWN / HOME  
 ATMOSPHERE / DATA PAUCITY

## F) MEASUREMENTS

- $\bar{x}$  width  
 $\bar{x}$  depth  
 max. depth  
 $\bar{x}$  bankfull width  
 bankfull  $\bar{x}$  depth  
 W/D ratio  
 bankfull max. depth  
 floodprone  $\bar{x}^2$  width  
 entrench. ratio  
 Legacy Tree:

## Stream Drawing:

heavy erosion / extremely steep

riffle

Run

overhanging  
veggravel  
bankgravel  
bank

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# Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index and Use Assessment Field Sheet

QHEI Score: **83**

Stream &amp; Location: Stream 6 (Georges Creek)

Seaman-Adams 138 kV

RM: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: **12/13/06**

Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Scorers Full Name & Affiliation: **Eric Parker / A.M.E.D.S**

River Code: \_\_\_\_\_

STORET #: \_\_\_\_\_

Lat./ Long.: **38.949096 / 83.512825**Office verified location ☐1] **SUBSTRATE** Check **ONLY** Two substrate TYPE BOXES; estimate % or note every type present

Check ONE (Or 2 &amp; average)

BEST TYPES		POOL RIFFLE		OTHER TYPES		POOL RIFFLE		ORIGIN		QUALITY		Substrate <b>20</b> Maximum 20
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLDR / SLABS [10]	<b>100</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HARDPAN [4]	<b>5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> LESTONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY [-2]	<input type="checkbox"/> SILT	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [-1]	<input type="checkbox"/> TILLS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE [1]	<b>20</b> Maximum 20	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOULDER [9]	<b>20</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> DETRITUS [3]	<b>5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> WETLANDS [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> EXTENSIVE [-2]	<input type="checkbox"/> HARDPAN [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [-1]	<input type="checkbox"/> SANDSTONE [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [-1]		
<input type="checkbox"/> COBBLE [8]	<b>5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [2]	<b>5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> RIP/RAP [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [-1]	<input type="checkbox"/> SAND [6]	<input type="checkbox"/> LACUSTURINE [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> SHALE [-1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> COAL FINES [-2]		
<input type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL [7]	<b>5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> SILT [2]	<b>5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [-1]	<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [5]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]		
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND [6]	<b>5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [0]	<b>5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]		

NUMBER OF BEST TYPES: **4** or more [2] sludge from point-sources) ☐ 3 or less [0]

Comments

2] **INSTREAM COVER** Indicate presence 0 to 3: 0-Absent; 1-Very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality; 2-Moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality; 3-Highest quality in moderate or greater amounts (e.g., very large boulders in deep or fast water, large diameter log that is stable, well developed rootwad in deep / fast water, or deep, well-defined, functional pools.

Check ONE (Or 2 &amp; average)

AMOUNT		Check ONE (Or 2 & average)	
<b>1</b> UNDERCUT BANKS [1]	<b>1</b> POOLS > 70cm [2]	<b>2</b> OXBOWS, BACKWATERS [1]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXTENSIVE >75% [11]
<b>2</b> OVERHANGING VEGETATION [1]	<b>1</b> ROOTWADS [1]	<b>2</b> AQUATIC MACROPHYTES [1]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE 25-75% [7]
<b>2</b> SHALLOWS (IN SLOW WATER) [1]	<b>3</b> BOULDERS [1]	<b>2</b> LOGS OR WOODY DEBRIS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> SPARSE 5-<25% [3]
<b>0</b> ROOTMATS [1]			<input type="checkbox"/> NEARLY ABSENT <5% [1]

Comments

Cover  
Maximum 20  
**16**3] **CHANNEL MORPHOLOGY** Check ONE in each category (Or 2 & average)

SINUOSITY	DEVELOPMENT	CHANNELIZATION	STABILITY
<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT [7]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE [6]	<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH [3]
<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD [5]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOVERED [4]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [2]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOW [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOVERING [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> LOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOR [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECENT OR NO RECOVERY [1]	

Comments

Channel  
Maximum 20  
**15**4] **BANK EROSION AND RIPARIAN ZONE** Check ONE in each category for **EACH BANK** (Or 2 per bank & average)

River right looking downstream		RIPARIAN WIDTH		FLOOD PLAIN QUALITY	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EROSION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDE > 50m [4]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOREST, SWAMP [3]	<b>2.5</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION TILLAGE [1]	
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE / LITTLE [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE 10-50m [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHRUB OR OLD FIELD [2]		<input type="checkbox"/> URBAN OR INDUSTRIAL [0]	
<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> NARROW 5-10m [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL, PARK, NEW FIELD [1]		<input type="checkbox"/> MINING / CONSTRUCTION [0]	
<input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY / SEVERE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> VERY NARROW < 5m [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> FENCED PASTURE [1]			
	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN PASTURE, ROWCROP [0]			

Indicate predominant land use(s) past 100m riparian.

Comments

Riparian  
Maximum 10  
**9**5] **POOL / GLIDE AND RIFFLE / RUN QUALITY**

MAXIMUM DEPTH	CHANNEL WIDTH	CURRENT VELOCITY
Check ONE (ONLY!)	Check ONE (Or 2 & average)	Check ALL that apply
<input type="checkbox"/> > 1m [6]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH > RIFFLE WIDTH [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> TORRENTIAL [-1]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0.7-<1m [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH = RIFFLE WIDTH [1]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.4-<0.7m [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOL WIDTH > RIFFLE WIDTH [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> VERY FAST [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> 0.2-<0.4m [1]		<input type="checkbox"/> INTERSTITIAL [-1]
<input type="checkbox"/> < 0.2m [0]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAST [1]
		<input type="checkbox"/> INTERMITTENT [-2]
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [1]
		<input type="checkbox"/> EDDIES [1]

Indicate for reach - pools and riffles.

Comments

**Recreation Potential**  
**Primary Contact**  
**Secondary Contact**  
 (circle one and comment on back)
Pool /  
Current  
Maximum 12  
**8**

Indicate for functional riffles; Best areas must be large enough to support a population of riffle-obligate species:

Check ONE (Or 2 &amp; average).

☐ NO RIFFLE [metric=0]

RIFFLE DEPTH	RUN DEPTH	RIFFLE / RUN SUBSTRATE	RIFFLE / RUN EMBEDDEDNESS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS > 10cm [2]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAXIMUM > 50cm [2]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STABLE (e.g., Cobble, Boulder) [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [2]
<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS 5-10cm [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> MAXIMUM < 50cm [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> MOD. STABLE (e.g., Large Gravel) [1]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS < 5cm [metric=0]		<input type="checkbox"/> UNSTABLE (e.g., Fine Gravel, Sand) [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [0]
			<input type="checkbox"/> EXTENSIVE [-1]

Comments

Riffle /  
Run  
Maximum 8  
**7**6] **GRADIENT** (37.5 ft/mi) ☐ VERY LOW - LOW [2-4]  
DRAINAGE AREA (7.44 mi<sup>2</sup>) ☒ MODERATE [6-10]  
☐ HIGH - VERY HIGH [10-6]%POOL: **15** %GLIDE: **40**  
%RUN: **25** %RIFFLE: **20**Gradient  
Maximum 10  
**8**



**A) SAMPLED REACH**

Check ALL that apply

METHOD	STAGE
<input type="checkbox"/> BOAT	1st sample pass-- 2nd
<input type="checkbox"/> WADE	<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH
<input type="checkbox"/> L. LINE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> LOW
	<input type="checkbox"/> DRY

**DISTANCE**

☐ 0.5 Km  
☐ 0.2 Km  
☐ 0.15 Km  
☒ 0.12 Km  
☐ OTHER

meters

**CANOPY**

☐ > 85%- OPEN  
☐ 55%-<85%  
☐ 30%-<55%  
☒ 10%-<30%  
☐ <10%- CLOSED

**CLARITY**

1st --sample pass-- 2nd

☐ < 20 cm  
☐ 20-<40 cm  
☐ 40-70 cm  
☐ > 70 cm/ CTB  
☐ SECCHI DEPTH

1st \_\_\_\_\_ cm  
 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ cm

**C) RECREATION**

AREA DEPTH  
 POOL: ☐ >100ft<sup>2</sup> ☐ >3ft

**B) AESTHETICS**

☐ NUISANCE ALGAE  
☐ INVASIVE MACROPHYTES  
☐ EXCESS TURBIDITY  
☐ DISCOLORATION  
☐ FOAM / SCUM  
☐ OIL SHEEN  
☐ TRASH / LITTER  
☐ NUISANCE ODOR  
☐ SLUDGE DEPOSITS  
☐ CSOs/SSOs/OUTFALLS

**D) MAINTENANCE**

PUBLIC / PRIVATE / BOTH / NA  
 ACTIVE / HISTORIC / BOTH / NA  
 YOUNG-SUCCESSION-OLD  
 SPRAY / SNAG / REMOVED  
 MODIFIED / DIPPED OUT / NA  
 LEVEED / ONE SIDED  
 RELOCATED / CUTOFFS  
 MOVING-BEDLOAD-STABLE  
 ARMoured / SLUMPS  
 ISLANDS / SCoured  
 IMPOUNDED / DESICCATED  
 FLOOD CONTROL / DRAINAGE

Circle some &amp; COMMENT

**E) ISSUES**

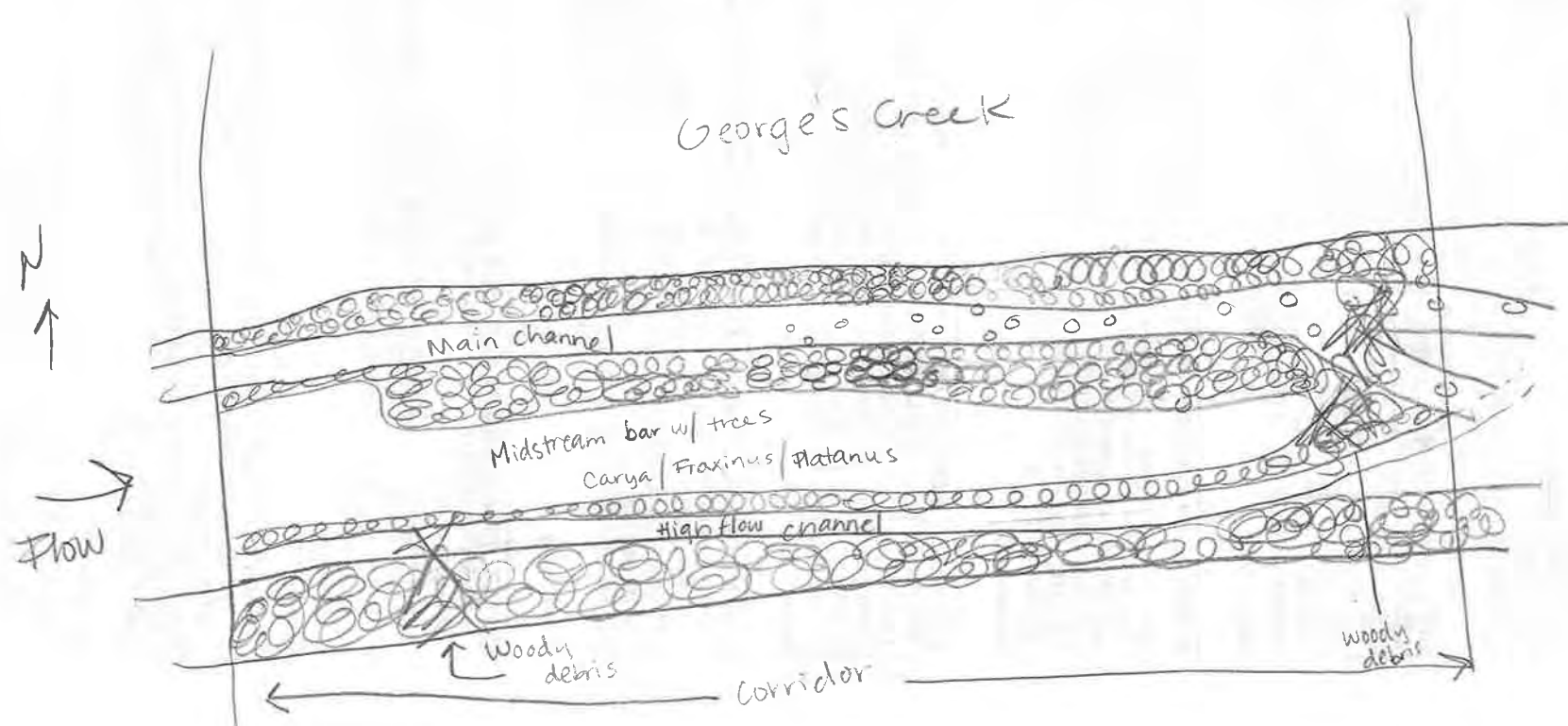
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 PARK / GOLF / LAWN / HOME  
 ATMOSPHERE / DATA PAUCITY

**F) MEASUREMENTS**

$\bar{x}$  width  
 $\bar{x}$  depth  
 max. depth  
 $\bar{x}$  bankfull width  
 bankfull  $\bar{x}$  depth  
 W/D ratio  
 bankfull max. depth  
 floodprone  $x^2$  width  
 entrench. ratio  
 Legacy Tree:

Comment RE: Reach consistency/ Is reach typical of stream?, Recreation/ Observed - Inferred, Other/ Sampling observations, Concerns, Access directions, etc.

Recent rain

**Stream Drawing:**

EPAM20161213517



## Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

83

SITE NAME/LOCATION Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild ProjectSITE NUMBER Stream 7RIVER BASIN OhioDRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>) 40.1 mi<sup>2</sup>LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 200 LAT. 38.949505 LONG. -83.509565 RIVER CODE 1 RIVER MILE 1DATE 12/13/16 SCORER EP COMMENTS

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

STREAM CHANNEL ☒ NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL ☐ RECOVERED ☐ RECOVERING ☐ RECENT OR NO RECOVERY

MODIFICATIONS:

1. SUBSTRATE (Estimate percent of every type of substrate present. Check ONLY two predominant substrate TYPE boxes (Max of 40). Add total number of significant substrate types found (Max of 8). Final metric score is sum of boxes A & B.)				HHEI Metric Points
TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]	<u>20</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pt]		Substrate Max = 40 <u>33</u> A + B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]	<u>5</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	<u>20</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pt]	<u>15</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]	<u>30</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pt]		
<input type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]		
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]		
Total of Percentages of Bldr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock <u>80</u>		(A) <u>28</u>	(B) <u>5</u>	
SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:		TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:		
2. Maximum Pool Depth (Measure the maximum pool depth within the 61 meter (200 ft) evaluation reach at the time of evaluation. Avoid plunge pools from road culverts or storm water pipes) (Check ONLY one box):				Pool Depth Max = 30 <u>30</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> > 30 centimeters [20 pts] <input type="checkbox"/> > 5 cm - 10 cm [15 pts] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 22.5 - 30 cm [30 pts] <input type="checkbox"/> < 5 cm [5 pts] <input type="checkbox"/> > 10 - 22.5 cm [25 pts] <input type="checkbox"/> NO WATER OR MOIST CHANNEL [0 pts]				
COMMENTS				Bankfull Width Max=30 <u>20</u>
3. BANK FULL WIDTH (Measured as the average of 3-4 measurements) (Check ONLY one box):				
<input type="checkbox"/> > 4.0 meters (> 13') [30 pts] <input type="checkbox"/> > 1.0 m - 1.5 m (> 3' 3" - 4' 8") [15 pts] <input type="checkbox"/> > 3.0 m - 4.0 m (> 9' 7" - 13') [25 pts] <input type="checkbox"/> ≤ 1.0 m (≤ 3' 3") [5 pts] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 1.5 m - 3.0 m (> 4' 8" - 9' 7") [20 pts]				
COMMENTS				

This information must also be completed

RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY ☆NOTE: River Left (L) and Right (R) as looking downstream☆

## RIPARIAN WIDTH

- L R (Per Bank)
- ☒ ☒ Wide >10m
- ☐ ☐ Moderate 5-10m
- ☐ ☐ Narrow <5m
- ☐ ☐ None

COMMENTS

## FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

- L R (Most Predominant per Bank)
- ☐ ☐ Mature Forest, Wetland
- ☒ ☒ Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field
- ☐ ☐ Residential, Park, New Field
- ☐ ☐ Fenced Pasture
- L R
- ☐ ☐ Conservation Tillage
- ☐ ☐ Urban or Industrial
- ☐ ☐ Open Pasture, Row Crop
- ☐ ☐ Mining or Construction

COMMENTS

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

- ☒ Stream Flowing ☐ Moist Channel, isolated pools, no flow (Intermittent)
- ☐ Subsurface flow with isolated pools (Interstitial) ☐ Dry channel, no water (Ephemeral)

COMMENTS likely intermittent stream

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

- ☐ None ☒ 1.0 ☐ 2.0
- ☐ 0.5 ☐ 1.5 ☐ 2.5 ☐ >3

## STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

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

OHWM  
Width 8'  
Depth 0.75'

TOB  
Width 12'  
Depth 1.5'



**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This Information Must Also be Completed):**QHEI PERFORMED? - ☐ Yes ☒ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)**DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☐ WWH Name: Ohio-Brush Creek Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ EWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

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

USGS Quadrangle Name: Peebles NRCS Soil Map Page: / NRCS Soil Map Stream Order /

County: Adams Township / City: Peebles

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): N Date of last precipitation: 12/12/16 Quantity: 0.08"

Photograph Information: P32 upstream downstream

Elevated Turbidity? (Y/N): Y Canopy (% open): 30

Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: /

Field Measures: Temp (°C) / Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) / pH (S.U.) / Conductivity (µmhos/cm) /

Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N): Y If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: \_\_\_\_\_

**BIOTIC EVALUATION**

Performed? (Y/N): N (If Yes, Record all observations. Voucher collections optional. NOTE: all voucher samples must be labeled with the site ID number. Include appropriate field data sheets from the Primary Headwater Habitat Assessment Manual)

Fish Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Salamanders Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Frogs or Tadpoles Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

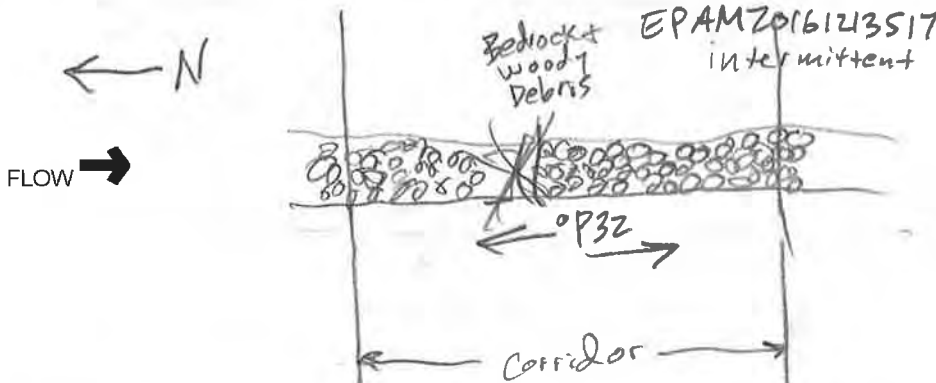
Comments Regarding Biology: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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





## Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

80

SITE NAME/LOCATION: Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

SITE NUMBER: Stream 8

RIVER BASIN: Ohio

DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>): 0.1 mi<sup>2</sup>

LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft): 200 LAT: 38.950222 LONG: -83.503871 RIVER CODE: RIVER MILE:

DATE: 12/13/16 SCORER: Eric Parker COMMENTS:

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

STREAM CHANNEL ☐ NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL ☒ RECOVERED ☐ RECOVERING ☐ RECENT OR NO RECOVERY

MODIFICATIONS:

old pasture cleared of mature trees in row

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

TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]	10	<input type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pt]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]	25	<input type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pt]	20	<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]	25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pt]	20
<input type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]	

Total of Percentages of Bldr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock: 80

(A) 28

(B) 5

SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:

TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:

HHEI  
Metric  
PointsSubstrate  
Max = 40

33

A + B

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

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

COMMENTS:

MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters):

25

Pool Depth  
Max = 30

30

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

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

COMMENTS:

AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters)

32

Bankfull  
Width  
Max=30

25

This information must also be completed

RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY ☆NOTE: River Left (L) and Right (R) as looking downstream☆

## RIPARIAN WIDTH

L	R	(Per Bank)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wide >10m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate 5-10m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Narrow <5m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	None

COMMENTS:

## FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

L	R	(Most Predominant per Bank)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mature Forest, Wetland
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential, Park, New Field
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fenced Pasture
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation Tillage
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban or Industrial
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Pasture, Row Crop
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mining or Construction

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

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

COMMENTS: likely intermittent stream

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

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

## STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

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

OFFW M  
width 5'  
depth 1.5'

TOB  
width 10'  
depth 3.5'



**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This Information Must Also be Completed):**QHEI PERFORMED? - ☐ Yes ☒ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)**DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☐ WWH Name: Ohio-rough Creek Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ EWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

**MAPPING: ATTACH COPIES OF MAPS, INCLUDING THE ENTIRE WATERSHED AREA. CLEARLY MARK THE SITE LOCATION**USGS Quadrangle Name: Peebles NRCS Soil Map Page: ✓ NRCS Soil Map Stream Order ✓County: Adams Township / City: Peebles**MISCELLANEOUS**Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): N Date of last precipitation: 12/12/2016 Quantity: 6.08"Photograph Information: P31 upstream - downstreamElevated Turbidity? (Y/N): N Canopy (% open): 100Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: ✓Field Measures: Temp (°C) ✓ Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) ✓ pH (S.U.) ✓ Conductivity (µmhos/cm) ✓Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N) ✓ If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: \_\_\_\_\_

**BIOTIC EVALUATION**Performed? (Y/N): N (If Yes, Record all observations. Voucher collections optional. NOTE: all voucher samples must be labeled with the site ID number. Include appropriate field data sheets from the Primary Headwater Habitat Assessment Manual)

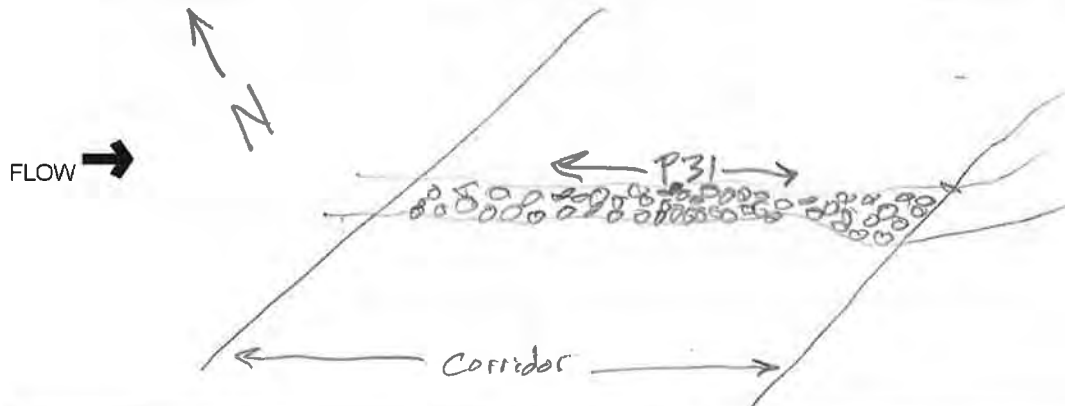
Fish Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Salamanders Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Frogs or Tadpoles Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments Regarding Biology: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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





## Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

59

SITE NAME/LOCATION Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

SITE NUMBER Stream 9

RIVER BASIN Ohio

DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>)

LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 200

LAT 38.951482

LONG -83.49346

RIVER CODE

RIVER MILE

DATE 12/13/16

SCORER EPAM

COMMENTS

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

STREAM CHANNEL



NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL



RECOVERED



RECOVERING



RECENT OR NO RECOVERY

MODIFICATIONS:

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

TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT
<input type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pt]	20
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]	20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	30
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pt]		<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]	30	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pt]	
<input type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]	

Total of Percentages of  
Bldr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock

50

(A)

15

(B)

4

SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:

TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:

HHEI  
Metric  
PointsSubstrate  
Max = 40

19

A + B

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

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

COMMENTS

MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters):

Pool Depth  
Max = 30

25

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

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

COMMENTS

AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters)

Bankfull  
Width  
Max=30

1.2

15

This information must also be completed

RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

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

RIPARIAN WIDTH

FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

L	R	(Per Bank)	L	R	(Most Predominant per Bank)	L	R	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wide >10m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mature Forest, Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation Tillage
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate 5-10m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban or Industrial
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Narrow <5m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential, Park, New Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Pasture, Row Crop
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	None	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fenced Pasture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mining or Construction

COMMENTS

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

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

COMMENTS

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

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

STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

☐ Flat (0.5 ft/100 ft)☐ Flat to Moderate☐ Moderate (2 ft/100 ft)☒ Moderate to Severe☐ Severe (10 ft/100 ft)OHWM  
width 3.5'  
Depth 0.6'TOB  
width 4.5'  
Depth 1.0'



**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This Information Must Also be Completed):**QHEI PERFORMED? - ☐ Yes ☒ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)**DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☐ WWH Name: Ohio - Brush Creek Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ EWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

**MAPPING: ATTACH COPIES OF MAPS, INCLUDING THE ENTIRE WATERSHED AREA. CLEARLY MARK THE SITE LOCATION**USGS Quadrangle Name: Peebles NRCS Soil Map Page: ✓ NRCS Soil Map Stream Order ✓County: Adams Township / City: Peebles**MISCELLANEOUS**Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): N Date of last precipitation: 12/12/16 Quantity: 0.09"Photograph Information: P 30 upstream downstreamElevated Turbidity? (Y/N): Y Canopy (% open): 50Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Measures: Temp (°C) \_\_\_\_\_ Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) \_\_\_\_\_ pH (S.U.) \_\_\_\_\_ Conductivity (µmhos/cm) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N): Y If not, please explain: except its more open canopy

Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: \_\_\_\_\_

**BIOTIC EVALUATION**Performed? (Y/N): N (If Yes, Record all observations. Voucher collections optional. NOTE: all voucher samples must be labeled with the site ID number. Include appropriate field data sheets from the Primary Headwater Habitat Assessment Manual)

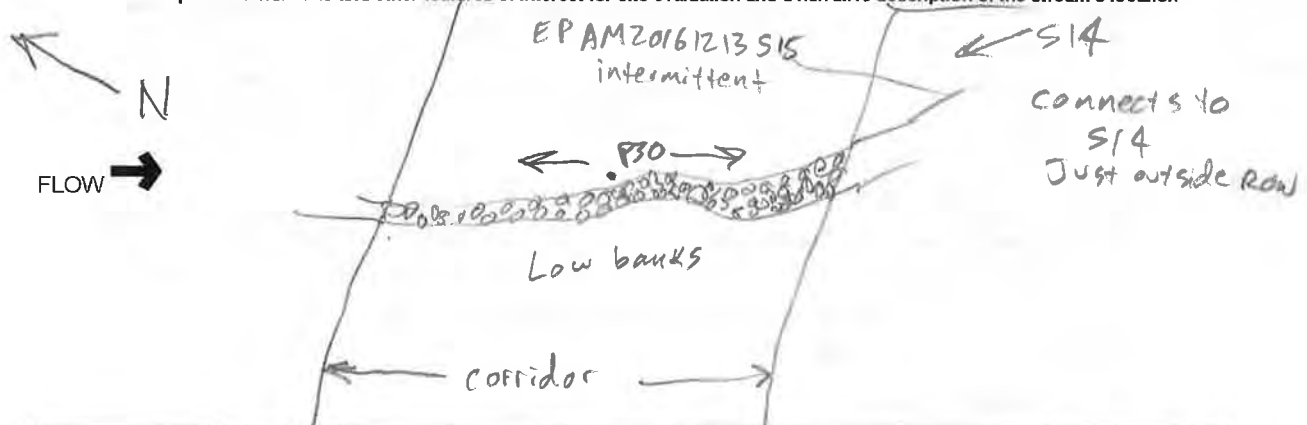
Fish Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Salamanders Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Frogs or Tadpoles Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments Regarding Biology: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



EPAM20161213514

"Big Run" Creek



## Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

83

SITE NAME/LOCATION Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Big Run

SITE NUMBER Stream 10

RIVER BASIN Ohio

DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>) 0.92

LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 100

LAT. 38.951538

LONG. -83.493174

RIVER CODE

RIVER MILE

DATE 12/13/16

SCORER EPAM

COMMENTS

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

STREAM CHANNEL

☐ NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL☒ RECOVERED☐ RECOVERING☐ RECENT OR NO RECOVERY

MODIFICATIONS:

2-track road ford - south of corridor

1. SUBSTRATE (Estimate percent of every type of substrate present. Check ONLY two predominant substrate TYPE boxes (Max of 40). Add total number of significant substrate types found (Max of 8). Final metric score is sum of boxes A & B.				HHEI Metric Points	
TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]	25	<input type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pts]		Substrate Max = 40	33
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]	20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	10		
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pt]		<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]		A + B	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]	25	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pt]			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]		Pool Depth Max = 30	20
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]	20	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]			
Total of Percentages of Bldr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock 70		(A) 28	(B) 5		
SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:		TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:			
2. Maximum Pool Depth (Measure the maximum pool depth within the 61 meter (200 ft) evaluation reach at the time of evaluation. Avoid plunge pools from road culverts or storm water pipes) (Check ONLY one box):					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 30 centimeters [20 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> > 5 cm - 10 cm [15 pts]		36	30
<input type="checkbox"/> > 22.5 - 30 cm [30 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> < 5 cm [5 pts]			
<input type="checkbox"/> > 10 - 22.5 cm [25 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> NO WATER OR MOIST CHANNEL [0 pts]		MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters):	
COMMENTS					
3. BANK FULL WIDTH (Measured as the average of 3-4 measurements) (Check ONLY one box):					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 4.0 meters (> 13') [30 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> > 1.0 m - 1.5 m (> 3' 3" - 4' 8") [15 pts]		12	30
<input type="checkbox"/> > 3.0 m - 4.0 m (> 9' 7" - 13') [25 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> ≤ 1.0 m (≤ 3' 3") [5 pts]			
<input type="checkbox"/> > 1.5 m - 3.0 m (> 4' 8" - 9' 7") [20 pts]		AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters)			
COMMENTS channel split in Row - causing width to be skewed up					

This information must also be completed

## RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

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

## RIPARIAN WIDTH

## FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

L R

(Per Bank)

☐ ☒

Wide &gt;10m

☒ ☐

Moderate 5-10m

☐ ☐

Narrow &lt;5m

☐ ☐

None

COMMENTS

L R

(Most Predominant per Bank)

☐ ☐

Mature Forest, Wetland

☐ ☐

Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field

☐ ☐

Residential, Park, New Field

☐ ☐

Fenced Pasture

L R

Conservation Tillage

☐ ☐

Urban or Industrial

☐ ☐

Open Pasture, Row Crop

☐ ☐

Mining or Construction

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

☒

Stream Flowing

☐

Moist Channel, isolated pools, no flow (Intermittent)

☐

Subsurface flow with isolated pools (Interstitial)

☐

Dry channel, no water (Ephemeral)

COMMENTS

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

☐

None

☐

1.0

☐

2.0

☐

3.0

☐

0.5

☒

1.5

☐

2.5

☐

&gt;3

## STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

☐ Flat (0.5 ft/100 ft)☐ Flat to Moderate☐ Moderate (2 ft/100 ft)☒ Moderate to Severe☐ Severe (10 ft/100 ft)Skeezeweed  
in bloomOHWM  
width 38'  
Depth 2'TOB  
width 45'  
Depth 3'



**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This information Must Also be Completed):**QHEI PERFORMED? - ☐ Yes ☒ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)**DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☐ WWH Name: Ohio - Brush Creek Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ EWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

**MAPPING: ATTACH COPIES OF MAPS, INCLUDING THE ENTIRE WATERSHED AREA. CLEARLY MARK THE SITE LOCATION**USGS Quadrangle Name: Peebles NRCS Soil Map Page: \_\_\_\_\_ NRCS Soil Map Stream Order: \_\_\_\_\_County: Adams Township / City: Peebles**MISCELLANEOUS**Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): N Date of last precipitation: 12/12/16 Quantity: 0.08"Photograph Information: P29 upstream downstreamElevated Turbidity? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Canopy (% open): 25Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Measures: Temp (°C) \_\_\_\_\_ Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) \_\_\_\_\_ pH (S.U.) \_\_\_\_\_ Conductivity (µmhos/cm) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N) N If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_stream width in ROW wider than typical Big Run Creek channel

Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: \_\_\_\_\_

**BIOTIC EVALUATION**Performed? (Y/N): N (If Yes, Record all observations. Voucher collections optional. NOTE: all voucher samples must be labeled with the site ID number. Include appropriate field data sheets from the Primary Headwater Habitat Assessment Manual)

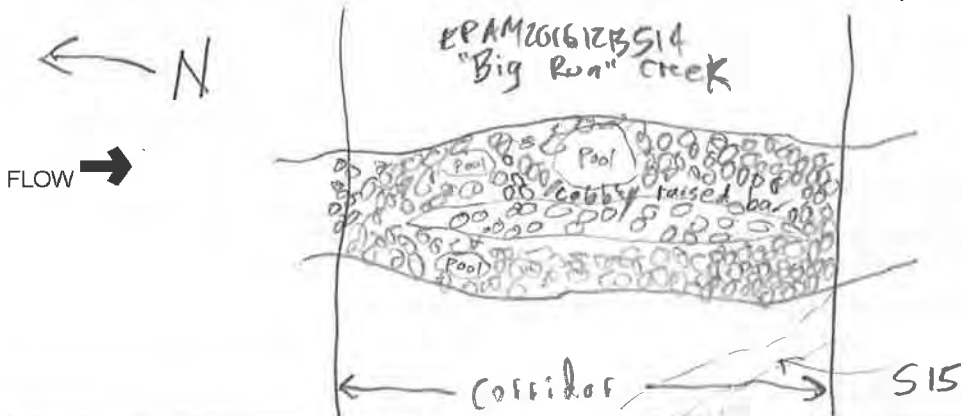
Fish Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Salamanders Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Frogs or Tadpoles Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments Regarding Biology: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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





## Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

57

SITE NAME/LOCATION Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

SITE NUMBER Stream 11 RIVER BASIN Ohio

DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>)

LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 104 LAT. 38.951735 LONG. -83.491616 RIVER CODE / RIVER MILE /

DATE 12/13/16 SCORER EPAM COMMENTS

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

STREAM CHANNEL ☐ NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL ☒ RECOVERED ☐ RECOVERING ☐ RECENT OR NO RECOVERY

MODIFICATIONS: 2-track road crossing

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

TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]	25	<input type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pt]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]	40	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	15
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pt]		<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]	15	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pt]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]	5	<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]	

Total of Percentages of Bldr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock 80

(A)

32

(B)

5

SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:

TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:

HHEI  
Metric  
PointsSubstrate  
Max = 40

37

A + B

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

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

COMMENTS

Moist  
dry channel

MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters):

0

Pool Depth  
Max = 30

0

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

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

COMMENTS

AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters)

20

Bankfull  
Width  
Max=30

20

This information must also be completed

RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

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

RIPARIAN WIDTH

FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

L	R	(Per Bank)	L	R	(Most Predominant per Bank)	L	R	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wide >10m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mature Forest, Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation Tillage
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moderate 5-10m	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban or Industrial
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Narrow <5m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential, Park, New Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Pasture, Row Crop
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	None	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fenced Pasture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mining or Construction

COMMENTS Food plot / mowed field to right

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

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

COMMENTS

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

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

STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

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



**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This Information Must Also be Completed):**QHEI PERFORMED? - ☐ Yes ☒ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)**DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☐ WWH Name: Ohio Brush Creek Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ EWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

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

USGS Quadrangle Name: Peebles NRCS Soil Map Page: \_\_\_\_\_ NRCS Soil Map Stream Order \_\_\_\_\_

County: Adams Township / City: Peebles

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): N Date of last precipitation: 12/12/16 Quantity: 0.08"

Photograph Information: P28

Elevated Turbidity? (Y/N): N/A Canopy (% open): 50

Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Measures: Temp (°C) \_\_\_\_\_ Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) \_\_\_\_\_ pH (S.U.) \_\_\_\_\_ Conductivity (µmhos/cm) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N) Y If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: \_\_\_\_\_

**BIOTIC EVALUATION**

Performed? (Y/N): N (If Yes, Record all observations. Voucher collections optional. NOTE: all voucher samples must be labeled with the site ID number. Include appropriate field data sheets from the Primary Headwater Habitat Assessment Manual)

Fish Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Salamanders Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Frogs or Tadpoles Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Observed? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

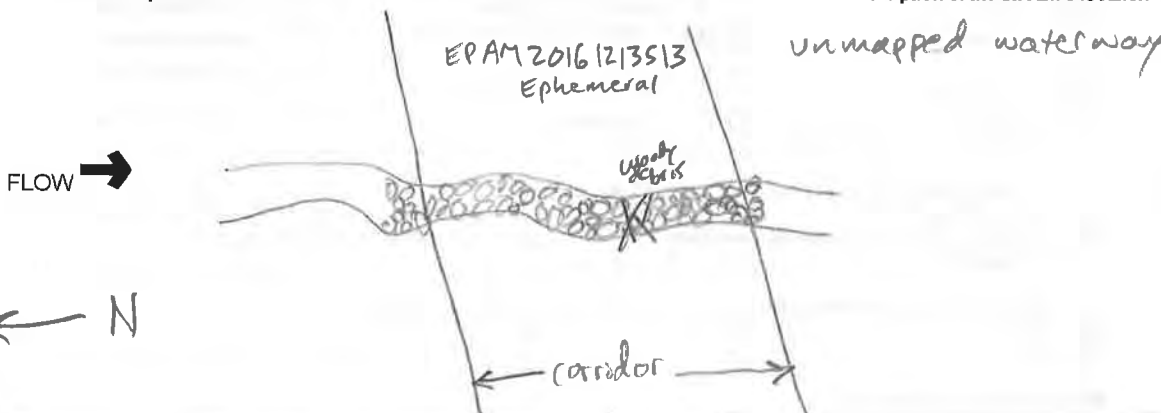
Comments Regarding Biology: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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## Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

81

SITE NAME/LOCATION Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

SITE NUMBER Stream 12 RIVER BASIN Ohio DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>)  
 LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 200 LAT. 38.952348 LONG. -83.487116 RIVER CODE RIVER MILE  
 DATE 12/13/16 SCORER EPAM COMMENTS

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

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

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

TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]	20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pt]	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]	15	<input type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pt]	30	<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pt]	30
<input type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]	

Total of Percentages of Bldr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock 65

(A)

16

(B)

5

SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:

TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:

HHEI  
Metric  
PointsSubstrate  
Max = 40

21

A + B

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

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

COMMENTS

MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters):

30

Pool Depth  
Max = 30

30

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

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

COMMENTS

AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters)

40

Bankfull  
Width  
Max=30

30

This Information must also be completed

## RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

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

## RIPARIAN WIDTH

L	R	(Per Bank)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wide >10m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate 5-10m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Narrow <5m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	None

COMMENTS

## FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

L	R	(Most Predominant per Bank)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mature Forest, Wetland
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential, Park, New Field
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fenced Pasture

L	R	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation Tillage
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban or Industrial
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Pasture, Row Crop
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mining or Construction

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

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

COMMENTS

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

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

## STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

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



**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This Information Must Also be Completed):**QHEI PERFORMED? - ☐ Yes ☒ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)**DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☐ WWH Name: Ohio Brush Creek Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ EWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

**MAPPING: ATTACH COPIES OF MAPS, INCLUDING THE ENTIRE WATERSHED AREA. CLEARLY MARK THE SITE LOCATION**USGS Quadrangle Name: Peebles NRCS Soil Map Page: 1 NRCS Soil Map Stream Order 1County: Adams Township / City: Peebles**MISCELLANEOUS**Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): N Date of last precipitation: 12/13/16 Quantity: 0.08"Photograph Information: 827 Upstream DownstreamElevated Turbidity? (Y/N): Y Canopy (% open): 90 Turbidity is low, but presentWere samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: \_\_\_\_\_Field Measures: Temp (°C) Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) pH (S.U.) Conductivity (µmhos/cm)Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N): Y If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: \_\_\_\_\_

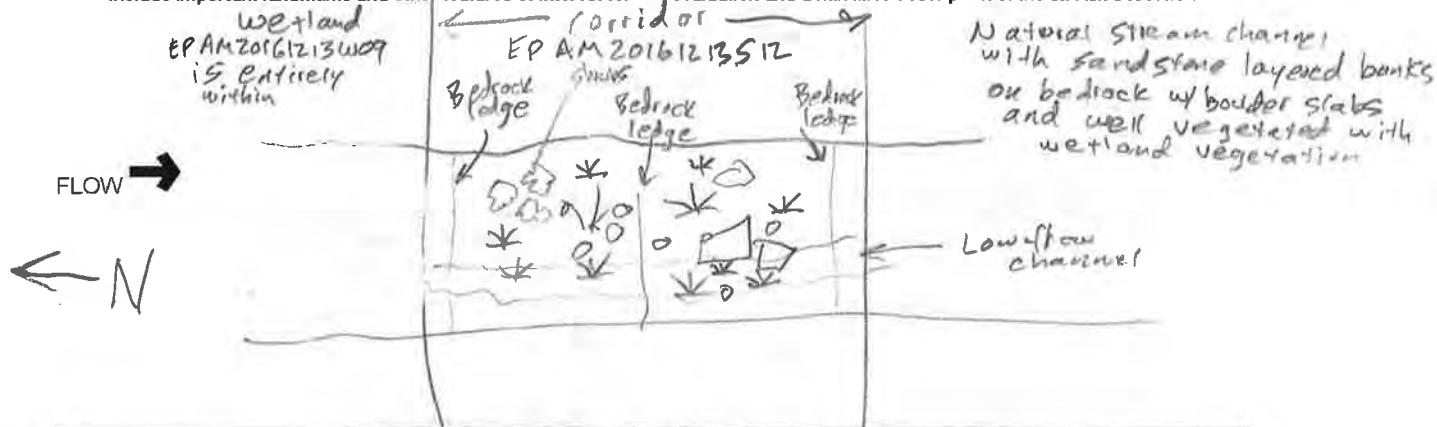
**BIOTIC EVALUATION**Performed? (Y/N): Y (If Yes, Record all observations. Voucher collections optional. NOTE: all voucher samples must be labeled with the site ID number. Include appropriate field data sheets from the Primary Headwater Habitat Assessment Manual)

Fish Observed? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Salamanders Observed? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

Frogs or Tadpoles Observed? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Observed? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Voucher? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments Regarding Biology: No aquatic organisms observed**DRAWING AND NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF STREAM REACH (This must be completed):**

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



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## Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

46

SITE NAME/LOCATION Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

SITE NUMBER Stream 13

RIVER BASIN OHIO RIVER

DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>)24.5 mi<sup>2</sup>

LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft)

100

LAT 38.953448

LONG -83.479169

RIVER CODE

RIVER MILE

DATE 12/13/16

SCORER BJS

COMMENTS

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

## STREAM CHANNEL

☐ NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL☐ RECOVERED☐ RECOVERING☒ RECENT OR NO RECOVERY

## MODIFICATIONS:

EXTENSIVE CATTLE GRAZING &amp; EROSION ON BANKS &amp; THROUGH STREAM

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

TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT
<input type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pt]	
<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	10
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pt]		<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pt]	85
<input type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]	5	<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]	

Total of Percentages of  
Blr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock

5

(A)

3

(B)

3

SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:

TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:

HHEI  
Metric  
PointsSubstrate  
Max = 40

6

A + B

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

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

COMMENTS

MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters):

10

25

Pool Depth  
Max = 30

25

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

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

COMMENTS

2 distinct widths

AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters)

3.0

15

Bankfull  
Width  
Max=30

15

This information must also be completed

## RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

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

## RIPARIAN WIDTH

L	R	(Per Bank)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wide >10m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate 5-10m
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Narrow <5m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	None

COMMENTS

## FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

L	R	(Most Predominant per Bank)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mature Forest, Wetland
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential, Park, New Field
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fenced Pasture

L	R	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation Tillage
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban or Industrial
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Pasture, Row Crop
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mining or Construction

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

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

COMMENTS

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

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

## STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

<input type="checkbox"/> Flat (0.5 ft/100 ft)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat to Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate (2 ft/100 ft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate to Severe	<input type="checkbox"/> Severe (10 ft/100 ft)
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**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This Information Must Also be Completed):**QHEI PERFORMED? - ☐ Yes ☒ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)**DOWNSSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☒ WWH Name: WEST FORK OHIO BRUSH CREEK Distance from Evaluated Stream 20.8 mi  
☐ CWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ EWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

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

USGS Quadrangle Name: PEEBLES NRCS Soil Map Page: \_\_\_\_\_ NRCS Soil Map Stream Order: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County: ADAMS Township: LAWSHE City: \_\_\_\_\_

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): Y Date of last precipitation: 12/13/16 Quantity: 0.01"  
 Photograph Information: P15  
 Elevated Turbidity? (Y/N): Y Canopy (% open): 50  
 Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field Measures: Temp (°C) \_\_\_\_\_ Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) \_\_\_\_\_ pH (S.U.) \_\_\_\_\_ Conductivity (µmhos/cm) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N): Y If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: EXTENSIVE GRAZING / EROSION DAMAGE**BIOTIC EVALUATION**

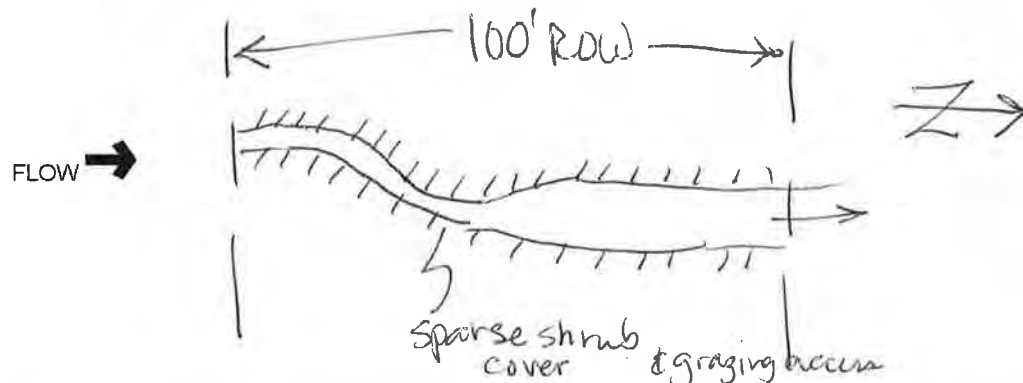
Performed? (Y/N): N (If Yes, Record all observations. Voucher collections optional. NOTE: all voucher samples must be labeled with the site ID number. Include appropriate field data sheets from the Primary Headwater Habitat Assessment Manual)

Fish Observed? (Y/N): Y Voucher? (Y/N): Y Salamanders Observed? (Y/N): N Voucher? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Frogs or Tadpoles Observed? (Y/N): Y Voucher? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Observed? (Y/N): Y Voucher? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments Regarding Biology: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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# Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

53

SITE NAME/LOCATION Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

SITE NUMBER Stream 14

RIVER BASIN OHIO RIVER

DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>) < 0.5 mi<sup>2</sup>

LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 125'

LAT. 38.953743

LONG. 83.477159

RIVER CODE

RIVER MILE

DATE 12/13/16

SCORER BCS

COMMENTS

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

STREAM CHANNEL ☐ NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL ☐ RECOVERED ☒ RECOVERING ☐ RECENT OR NO RECOVERY

MODIFICATIONS: IN MAINTAINED ROW - BRUSH PUT INTO STREAM

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

TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT
<input type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]	10	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pts]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]	40	<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]	50	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]	

Total of Percentages of Bldr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock 100

(A) 15

(B) 3

SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:

TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:

HHEI Metric Points

Substrate Max = 40

18

A + B

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

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

COMMENTS Difficult to see - fully brush cut MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters):

Pool Depth Max = 30

15

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

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

COMMENTS AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters):

Bankfull Width Max=30

20

This information must also be completed

RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY ☆NOTE: River Left (L) and Right (R) as looking downstream☆

## RIPARIAN WIDTH

L	R	(Per Bank)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wide >10m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate 5-10m
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Narrow <5m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	None

COMMENTS few shrubs/tree

## FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

L	R	(Most Predominant per Bank)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mature Forest, Wetland
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential, Park, New Field
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fenced Pasture
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation Tillage
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban or Industrial
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Pasture, Row Crop
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mining or Construction

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

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

COMMENTS

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

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

## STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

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



**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This information must also be completed):**QHEI PERFORMED? - ☐ Yes ☒ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)**DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☒ WWH Name: WEST FORK OHIO BRUSH CREEK Distance from Evaluated Stream 20.8 m

☐ CWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ EWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

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

USGS Quadrangle Name: PEEBLES NRCS Soil Map Page: \_\_\_\_\_ NRCS Soil Map Stream Order: \_\_\_\_\_

County: Adams Township/City: LAWSHE

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): Y Date of last precipitation: 12/13/16 Quantity: 0.01"

Photograph Information: P16

Elevated Turbidity? (Y/N): N Canopy (% open): 90

Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Measures: Temp (°C) \_\_\_\_\_ Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) \_\_\_\_\_ pH (S.U.) \_\_\_\_\_ Conductivity (µmhos/cm) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N): N If not, please explain: maintained ROW

Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: cut brush thrown into stream channel - which is very incised & eroding

**BIOTIC EVALUATION**

Performed? (Y/N): N (If Yes, Record all observations. Voucher collections optional. NOTE: all voucher samples must be labeled with the site ID number. Include appropriate field data sheets from the Primary Headwater Habitat Assessment Manual)

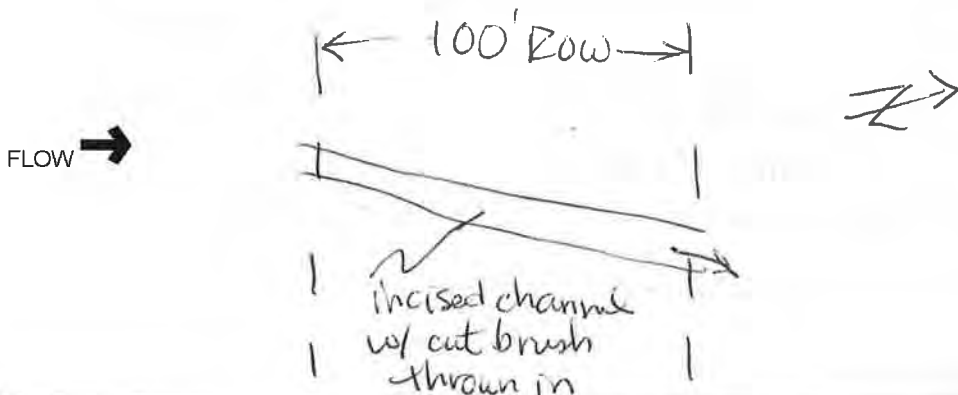
Fish Observed? (Y/N): N Voucher? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Salamanders Observed? (Y/N): N Voucher? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

Frogs or Tadpoles Observed? (Y/N): N Voucher? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Observed? (Y/N): N Voucher? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments Regarding Biology: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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## Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

64

SITE NAME/LOCATION Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Project

SITE NUMBER Stream 15

RIVER BASIN OHIO RIVER

DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>)40.5 mi<sup>2</sup>

LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft)

125'

LAT 38.954504

LONG 83.471695

RIVER CODE

RIVER MILE

DATE 12/13/16

SCORER BCT

COMMENTS

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

## STREAM CHANNEL

☐ NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL☐ RECOVERED☐ RECOVERING☒ RECENT OR NO RECOVERY

## MODIFICATIONS:

GRAZED PASTURE w/ CATTLE ACCESS &amp; EROSION DAMAGE

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

TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT
<input type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]	5	<input type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pt]	
<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pt]		<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]	5	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pt]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]	40	<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]	50	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]	

Total of Percentages of  
Blr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock

10

(A)

15

(B)

4

SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:

TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:

HHEI  
Metric  
PointsSubstrate  
Max = 40

19

A + B

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

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

COMMENTS

MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters):

30

Pool Depth  
Max = 30

30

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

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

COMMENTS

AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters)

15

Bankfull  
Width  
Max=30

15

This information must also be completed

## RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

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

## RIPARIAN WIDTH

L	R	(Per Bank)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wide >10m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate 5-10m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Narrow <5m
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None

COMMENTS

## FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

L	R	(Most Predominant per Bank)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mature Forest, Wetland
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential, Park, New Field
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fenced Pasture

L	R	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation Tillage
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban or Industrial
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Pasture, Row Crop
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mining or Construction

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

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

COMMENTS

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

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

## STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

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



DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

### BIOTIC EVALUATION

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

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# Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

21

SITE NAME/LOCATION seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

SITE NUMBER Stream 16 RIVER BASIN OHIO RIVER

DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>) 40.5 mi<sup>2</sup>

LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 110'

LAT. 38.955131

LONG. 83.467300

RIVER CODE       

RIVER MILE       

DATE 12/13/16 SCORER BCJ

COMMENTS eroded channel - disturbed area

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

STREAM CHANNEL ☐ NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL ☐ RECOVERED ☐ RECOVERING ☒ RECENT OR NO RECOVERY

MODIFICATIONS: disturbed - surface mining area? (gravel?)

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

TYPE	PERCENT
<input type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]	<u>      </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]	<u>      </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pt]	<u>      </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]	<u>      </u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]	<u>5</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]	<u>      </u>

TYPE	PERCENT
<input type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pt]	<u>      </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	<u>      </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]	<u>      </u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pt]	<u>95</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]	<u>      </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]	<u>      </u>

Total of Percentages of Bldr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock 5

(A) 9

(B) 2

SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:

TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:

HHEI Metric Points

Substrate Max = 40

11

A + B

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

☐ > 30 centimeters [20 pts]  
☐ > 22.5 - 30 cm [30 pts]  
☐ > 10 - 22.5 cm [25 pts]

☐ > 5 cm - 10 cm [15 pts]  
☒ < 5 cm [5 pts]  
☐ NO WATER OR MOIST CHANNEL [0 pts]

Pool Depth Max = 30

5

COMMENTS        MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters):

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

☐ > 4.0 meters (> 13') [30 pts]  
☐ > 3.0 m - 4.0 m (> 9' 7" - 13') [25 pts]  
☐ > 1.5 m - 3.0 m (> 4' 8" - 9' 7") [20 pts]

☐ > 1.0 m - 1.5 m (> 3' 3" - 4' 8") [15 pts]  
☒ ≤ 1.0 m (≤ 3' 3") [5 pts]

Bankfull Width Max=30

5

COMMENTS incised channel AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters)

This information must also be completed

RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY ☆NOTE: River Left (L) and Right (R) as looking downstream☆

RIPARIAN WIDTH

FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

L R (Per Bank)  
☐ Wide >10m  
☐ Moderate 5-10m  
☐ Narrow <5m  
☒ None

L R (Most Predominant per Bank)  
☐ Mature Forest, Wetland  
☐ Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field  
☐ Residential, Park, New Field  
☐ Fenced Pasture

L R  
☐ Conservation Tillage  
☐ Urban or Industrial  
☐ Open Pasture, Row Crop  
☒ Mining or Construction

COMMENTS too sparse of growth

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

☒ Stream Flowing  
☐ Subsurface flow with isolated pools (Interstitial)

☐ Moist Channel, isolated pools, no flow (Intermittent)  
☐ Dry channel, no water (Ephemeral)

COMMENTS UDF above (upstream) 3' deep erosion the intercepted H2O table

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

☒ None  
☐ 0.5

☐ 1.0  
☐ 1.5

☐ 2.0  
☐ 2.5

☐ 3.0  
☐ >3

STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

☐ Flat (0.5 ft/100 ft)

☐ Flat to Moderate

☐ Moderate (2 ft/100 ft)

☒ Moderate to Severe

☐ Severe (10 ft/100 ft)

OHWM  
W - 1.5  
D - 0.3

TOP BANK  
W - 2'  
D - 1'



DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)

☐ EWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

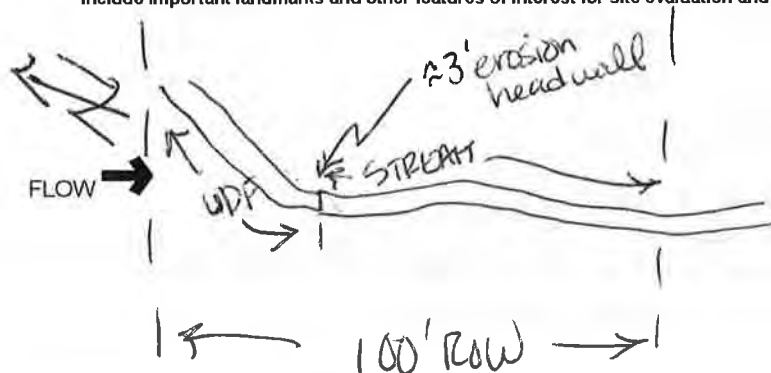
County: ADAMS Township/City: LAWSHE

Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N) Y If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## BIOTIC EVALUATION

Comments Regarding Biology: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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# Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

80

SITE NAME/LOCATION Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

SITE NUMBER Stream 17 RIVER BASIN OHIO RIVER

DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>) < 0.5 mi<sup>2</sup>

LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 100' LAT. 38.936556 LONG. 83.457804 RIVER CODE RIVER MILE

DATE 12/13/16 SCORER BCJ COMMENTS

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

STREAM CHANNEL ☐ NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL ☒ RECOVERED ☐ RECOVERING ☐ RECENT OR NO RECOVERY

MODIFICATIONS: IN & OUT OF ROW LOOKS SIMILAR

1. SUBSTRATE (Estimate percent of every type of substrate present. Check ONLY two predominant substrate TYPE boxes (Max of 40). Add total number of significant substrate types found (Max of 8). Final metric score is sum of boxes A & B.				HHEI Metric Points
TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]	10	<input type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pt]		Substrate Max = 40 25 A + B
<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACK/WOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	5	
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pt]		<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]	30	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pt]		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]	55	<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]		
<input type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]		
Total of Percentages of Bldr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock 40		(A) 21	(B) 4	
SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:		TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:		
2. Maximum Pool Depth (Measure the maximum pool depth within the 61 meter (200 ft) evaluation reach at the time of evaluation. Avoid plunge pools from road culverts or storm water pipes) (Check ONLY one box):				Pool Depth Max = 30
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 30 centimeters [20 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> > 5 cm - 10 cm [15 pts]		30
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 22.5 - 30 cm [30 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> < 5 cm [5 pts]		
<input type="checkbox"/> > 10 - 22.5 cm [25 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> NO WATER OR MOIST CHANNEL [0 pts]		
COMMENTS				MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters): 30
3. BANK FULL WIDTH (Measured as the average of 3-4 measurements) (Check ONLY one box):				Bankfull Width Max=30
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 4.0 meters (> 13') [30 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> > 1.0 m - 1.5 m (> 3' 3" - 4' 8") [15 pts]		3.0 25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> > 3.0 m - 4.0 m (> 9' 7" - 13') [25 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> ≤ 1.0 m (≤ 3' 3") [5 pts]		
<input type="checkbox"/> > 1.5 m - 3.0 m (> 4' 8" - 9' 7") [20 pts]				
COMMENTS				AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters): 3.0

This information must also be completed

RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY ☆NOTE: River Left (L) and Right (R) as looking downstream☆

## RIPARIAN WIDTH

- L R (Per Bank)
- ☒ Wide >10m
- ☐ Moderate 5-10m
- ☐ Narrow <5m
- ☐ None

## FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

- L R (Most Predominant per Bank)
- ☐ Mature Forest, Wetland
- ☒ Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field
- ☐ Residential, Park, New Field
- ☐ Fenced Pasture
- L R
- ☐ Conservation Tillage
- ☐ Urban or Industrial
- ☒ Open Pasture, Row Crop
- ☐ Mining or Construction

COMMENTS LEFT BANK PARTIALLY FORESTED

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

- ☒ Stream Flowing
- ☐ Subsurface flow with isolated pools (Interstitial)
- ☐ Moist Channel, isolated pools, no flow (Intermittent)
- ☐ Dry channel, no water (Ephemeral)

COMMENTS

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

- ☐ None
- ☐ 0.5
- ☐ 1.0
- ☐ 1.5
- ☒ 2.0
- ☐ 2.5
- ☐ 3.0
- ☐ >3

## STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

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



**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This Information Must Also be Completed):**QHEI PERFORMED? - ☐ Yes ☒ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)**DOWNSIDE DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☒ WWH Name: WEST FORK OHIO BRUSH CREEK Distance from Evaluated Stream 0.2 mi  
☐ CWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ EWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

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

USGS Quadrangle Name: PEEBLES NRCS Soil Map Page: \_\_\_\_\_ NRCS Soil Map Stream Order: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County: ADAMS Township / City: LAWSHE

**MISCELLANEOUS**

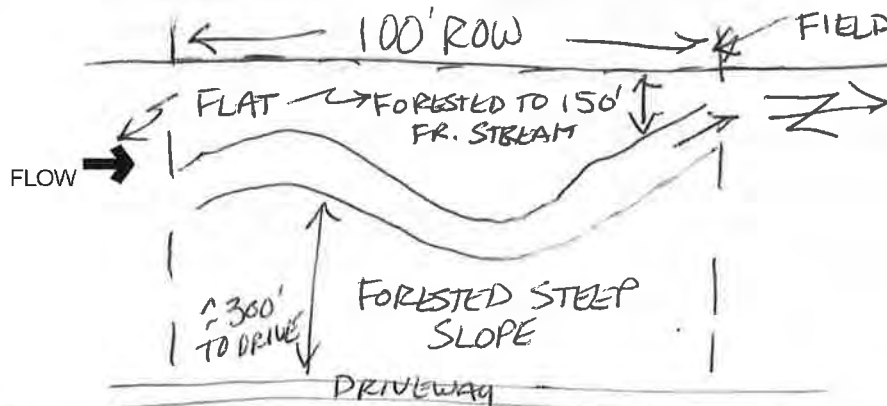
Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): Y Date of last precipitation: 12/13/16 Quantity: 0.01"  
 Photograph Information: P20  
 Elevated Turbidity? (Y/N): Y Canopy (% open): 5  
 Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field Measures: Temp (°C) \_\_\_\_\_ Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) \_\_\_\_\_ pH (S.U.) \_\_\_\_\_ Conductivity (µmhos/cm) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N): Y If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: NA

**BIOTIC EVALUATION**

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

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

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



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# Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

15

SITE NAME/LOCATION Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

SITE NUMBER Stream 18

RIVER BASIN OHIO RIVER

DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>)

< 0.5 mi<sup>2</sup>

LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 30'

LAT 38.957029

LONG 83.455261

RIVER CODE

RIVER MILE

DATE 12/13/16

SCORER BCS

COMMENTS

SHORT DEEP GULCH TRIBUTARY TO OHIO BRUSH CREEK

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

STREAM CHANNEL

☐ NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL

☒ RECOVERED

☐ RECOVERING

☐ RECENT OR NO RECOVERY

MODIFICATIONS:

EROSION FR. ADJACENT FARM CLEAR CUT

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

TYPE

☐

BLDR SLABS [16 pts]

PERCENT

☐

☐

BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]

☐

☐

BEDROCK [16 pts]

☐

☐

COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]

☐

☐

GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]

☐

☐

SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]

☐

TYPE

☐

SILT [3 pt]

☒

LEAF PACKWOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]

☐

FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]

☒

CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pt]

☐

MUCK [0 pts]

☐

ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]

PERCENT

☐

95

☐

5

☐

☐

Total of Percentages of Bldr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock

0

(A)

3

(B)

2

SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:

TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:

HHEI Metric Points

Substrate Max = 40

5

A + B

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

☐

> 30 centimeters [20 pts]

☐

> 22.5 - 30 cm [30 pts]

☐

> 10 - 22.5 cm [25 pts]

☐

> 5 cm - 10 cm [15 pts]

☒

< 5 cm [5 pts]

☐

NO WATER OR MOIST CHANNEL [0 pts]

COMMENTS

MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters):

5

Pool Depth Max = 30

5

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

☐

> 4.0 meters (> 13') [30 pts]

☐

> 3.0 m - 4.0 m (> 9' 7" - 13') [25 pts]

☐

> 1.5 m - 3.0 m (> 4' 8" - 9' 7") [20 pts]

☐

> 1.0 m - 1.5 m (> 3' 3" - 4' 8") [15 pts]

☒

≤ 1.0 m (≤ 3' 3") [5 pts]

COMMENTS

AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters)

3.0

Bankfull Width Max=30

5

This information must also be completed

RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

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

RIPARIAN WIDTH

FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

L R

(Per Bank)

☐

Wide >10m

☒

Moderate 5-10m

☐

Narrow <5m

☐

None

☐

Comments

L R

(Most Predominant per Bank)

☐

Mature Forest, Wetland

☒

Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field

☐

Residential, Park, New Field

☐

Fenced Pasture

L R

Conservation Tillage

☐

Urban or Industrial

☐

Open Pasture, Row Crop

☐

Mining or Construction

COMMENTS

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

☐

Stream Flowing

☐

Subsurface flow with isolated pools (Interstitial)

☒

Moist Channel, isolated pools, no flow (Intermittent)

☐

Dry channel, no water (Ephemeral)

COMMENTS

☒

SINUOSITY (Number of bends per 61 m (200 ft) of channel)

(Check ONLY one box):

☐

None

☐

0.5

☐

1.0

☐

1.5

☐

2.0

☐

2.5

☐

3.0

☐

>3

STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

☒ Flat (0.5 ft/100 ft)

☐ Flat to Moderate

☒ Moderate (2 ft/100 ft)

☐ Moderate to Severe

☐ Severe (10 ft/100 ft)



**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This information must also be completed):**QHEI PERFORMED? - ☐ Yes ☒ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)**DOWNSIDE DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☒ WWH Name: WEST FORK OHIO BRUSH CREEK Distance from Evaluated Stream 30'  
☐ CWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ EWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

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

USGS Quadrangle Name: PEEBLES NRCS Soil Map Page: \_\_\_\_\_ NRCS Soil Map Stream Order \_\_\_\_\_  
 County: Adams Township/City: LAWSHE

**MISCELLANEOUS**Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): N Date of last precipitation: 12/13/16 Quantity: 0.01"Photograph Information: P21Elevated Turbidity? (Y/N): NA Canopy (% open): 50Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Measures: Temp (°C) \_\_\_\_\_ Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) \_\_\_\_\_ pH (S.U.) \_\_\_\_\_ Conductivity (µmhos/cm) \_\_\_\_\_

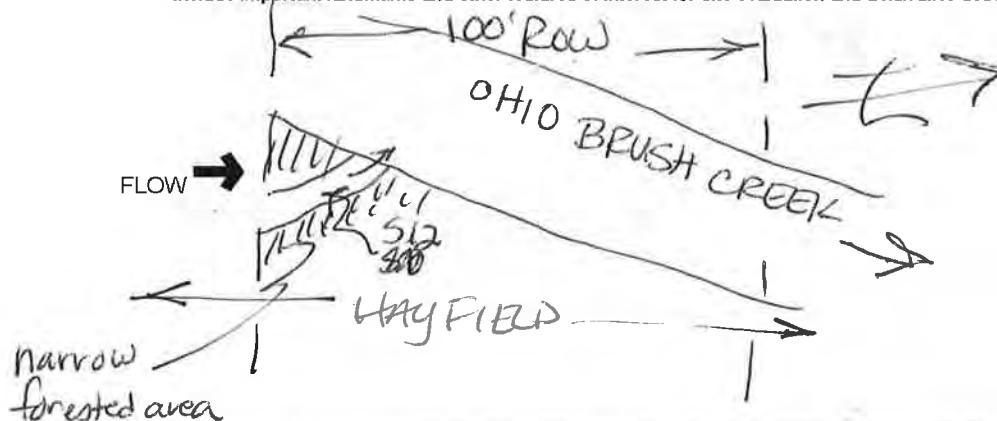
Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N) Y If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: ADJACENT HAYFIELD**BIOTIC EVALUATION**Performed? (Y/N): N (If Yes, Record all observations. Voucher collections optional. NOTE: all voucher samples must be labeled with the site ID number. Include appropriate field data sheets from the Primary Headwater Habitat Assessment Manual)

Fish Observed? (Y/N) N Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Salamanders Observed? (Y/N) N Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Frogs or Tadpoles Observed? (Y/N) N Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Observed? (Y/N) N Voucher? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments Regarding Biology: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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





# Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index and Use Assessment Field Sheet

QHEI Score: **100**

Stream & Location: Stream 19 (Ohio Brush Creek) Seaman-Adams 138kV

Date: 12/13/06

Transmission Line Rebuild Project AEP

Scorers Full Name & Affiliation: Bill Leopold / Kate Bomar - Stantec

River Code: STORET #

Lat./Long.: 38.957118 -83.45481

Office verified location ☐

1] **SUBSTRATE** Check ONLY TWO substrate TYPE BOXES; estimate % or note every type present

Check ONE (Or 2 & average)

BEST TYPES		OTHER TYPES	
POOL	RIFFLE	POOL	RIFFLE
<input type="checkbox"/> BLDR / SLABS [10]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> HARDPAN [4]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDER [9]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> DETRITUS [3]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> COBBLE [8]	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [2]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL [7]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SILT [2]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SAND [6]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [0]	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [5]	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**ORIGIN**

☒ LIMESTONE [1]

☐ TILLS [1]

☐ WETLANDS [0]

☐ HARDPAN [0]

☐ SANDSTONE [0]

☐ RIP/RAP [0]

☐ LACUSTURINE [0]

☐ SHALE [-1]

☐ COAL FINES [-2]

**QUALITY**

☐ HEAVY [-2]

☒ MODERATE [-1]

☐ NORMAL [0]

☐ FREE [1]

☐ EXTENSIVE [-2]

☐ MODERATE [-1]

☐ NORMAL [0]

☐ NONE [1]

NUMBER OF BEST TYPES: ☐ 4 or more [2] ☒ 3 or less [0]

Comments

0

SILT  
EMBEDDEDNESS

Substrate  
Maximum  
20  
**7**

2] **INSTREAM COVER** Indicate presence 0 to 3: 0-Absent; 1-Very small amounts or if more common of marginal quality; 2-Moderate amounts, but not of highest quality or in small amounts of highest quality; 3-Highest quality in moderate or greater amounts (e.g., very large boulders in deep or fast water, large diameter log that is stable, well developed rootwad in deep / fast water, or deep, well-defined, functional pools.

**AMOUNT**

Check ONE (Or 2 & average)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDERCUT BANKS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOLS > 70cm [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> OXBOWS, BACKWATERS [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> OVERHANGING VEGETATION [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> ROOTWADS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> AQUATIC MACROPHYTES [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> SHALLOWS (IN SLOW WATER) [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDERS [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> LOGS OR WOODY DEBRIS [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> ROOTMATS [1]		

☐ EXTENSIVE >75% [11]

☐ MODERATE 25-75% [7]

☒ SPARSE 5-<25% [3]

☐ NEARLY ABSENT <5% [1]

Comments

Cover  
Maximum  
20  
**8**

3] **CHANNEL MORPHOLOGY** Check ONE in each category (Or 2 & average)

SINUOSITY	DEVELOPMENT	CHANNELIZATION	STABILITY
<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT [7]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [6]	<input type="checkbox"/> HIGH [3]
<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD [5]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RECOVERED [4]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [2]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOW [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOVERING [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> LOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> POOR [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> RECENT OR NO RECOVERY [1]	

Comments

2

5

4

2

Channel  
Maximum  
20  
**13**

4] **BANK EROSION AND RIPARIAN ZONE** Check ONE in each category for EACH BANK (Or 2 per bank & average)

River right looking downstream

EROSION	THAT RIPARIAN WIDTH	FLOOD PLAIN QUALITY	CONSERVATION TILLAGE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE / LITTLE [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDE > 50m [4]	<input type="checkbox"/> FOREST, SWAMP [3]	<input type="checkbox"/> URBAN OR INDUSTRIAL [0]
<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE 10-50m [3]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SHRUB OR OLD FIELD [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> MINING / CONSTRUCTION [0]
<input type="checkbox"/> HEAVY / SEVERE [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> NARROW 5-10m [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL, PARK, NEW FIELD [1]	
	<input type="checkbox"/> VERY NARROW < 5m [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> FENCED PASTURE [1]	
	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [0]	<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN PASTURE, ROWCROP [0]	

Comments

3

3.5

1.5

Indicate predominant land use(s)  
past 100m riparian.  
Riparian  
Maximum  
10  
**8**

5] **POOL / GLIDE AND RIFFLE / RUN QUALITY**

**MAXIMUM DEPTH**

Check ONE (ONLY!)

☒ > 1m [6]

☐ 0.7-<1m [4]

☐ 0.4-<0.7m [2]

☐ 0.2-<0.4m [1]

☐ < 0.2m [0]

Comments

**CHANNEL WIDTH**

Check ONE (Or 2 & average)

☐ POOL WIDTH > RIFFLE WIDTH [2]

☒ POOL WIDTH = RIFFLE WIDTH [1]

☐ POOL WIDTH < RIFFLE WIDTH [0]

**CURRENT VELOCITY**

Check ALL that apply

☐ TORRENTIAL [-1]

☐ VERY FAST [1]

☒ FAST [1]

☒ MODERATE [1]

☐ SLOW [1]

☐ INTERSTITIAL [-1]

☐ INTERMITTENT [-2]

☐ EDDIES [1]

Indicate for reach - pools and riffles.

**Recreation Potential**

Primary Contact

Secondary Contact  
(circle one and comment on back)

Pool /  
Current  
Maximum  
12  
**9**

Indicate for functional riffles; Best areas must be large enough to support a population of riffle-obligate species:

Check ONE (Or 2 & average).

☐ NO RIFFLE [metric=0]

RIFFLE DEPTH	RUN DEPTH	RIFFLE / RUN SUBSTRATE	RIFFLE / RUN EMBEDDEDNESS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS > 10cm [2]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAXIMUM > 50cm [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> STABLE (e.g., Cobble, Boulder) [2]	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE [2]
<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS 5-10cm [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> MAXIMUM < 50cm [1]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOD. STABLE (e.g., Large Gravel) [1]	<input type="checkbox"/> LOW [1]
<input type="checkbox"/> BEST AREAS < 5cm [metric=0]		<input type="checkbox"/> UNSTABLE (e.g., Fine Gravel, Sand) [0]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE [0]
			<input type="checkbox"/> EXTENSIVE [-1]

Comments

2

2

1

Riffle /  
Run  
Maximum  
8  
**5**

6] **GRADIENT** (0.54 ft/mi)

**DRAINAGE AREA**

(401 mi<sup>2</sup>)

☐ VERY LOW - LOW [2-4]

☐ MODERATE [6-10]

☒ HIGH - VERY HIGH [10-6]

%POOL: **10**

%GLIDE: **0**

%RUN: **80**

%RIFFLE: **10**

Gradient  
Maximum  
10  
**10**



**A) SAMPLED REACH**

Check ALL that apply

**METHOD**

- ☐ BOAT  
☒ WADE  
☐ L. LINE  
☐ OTHER

- STAGE**  
 1st -sample pass- 2nd  
☐ HIGH  
☐ UP  
☒ NORMAL  
☐ LOW  
☐ DRY

**DISTANCE**

- ☐ 0.5 Km  
☐ 0.2 Km  
☐ 0.15 Km  
☐ 0.12 Km  
☒ OTHER

**CLARITY**

- 1st --sample pass-- 2nd  
☐ < 20 cm  
☐ 20-40 cm  
☐ 40-70 cm  
☐ > 70 cm/ CTB  
☐ SECCHI DEPTH

**CANOPY**

- ☐ > 85%- OPEN  
☒ 55%-<85%  
☐ 30%-<55%  
☐ 10%-<30%  
☐ <10%- CLOSED

**C) RECREATION**

AREA DEPTH  
 POOL: ☐ >100ft<sup>2</sup> ☐ >3ft

**B) AESTHETICS**

- ☐ NUISANCE ALGAE  
☐ INVASIVE MACROPHYTES  
☐ EXCESS TURBIDITY  
☐ DISCOLORATION  
☐ FOAM / SCUM  
☐ OIL SHEEN  
☒ TRASH / LITTER  
☐ NUISANCE ODOR  
☐ SLUDGE DEPOSITS  
☐ CSOs/SSOs/OUTFALLS

**D) MAINTENANCE**

- PUBLIC / PRIVATE / BOTH / NA  
 ACTIVE / HISTORIC / BOTH / NA  
 YOUNG-SUCCESSION-OLD  
 SPRAY / SNAG / REMOVED  
 MODIFIED / DIPPED OUT / NA  
 LEVEED / ONE SIDED  
 RELOCATED / CUTOFFS  
 MOVING-BEDLOAD-STABLE  
 ARMoured / SLUMPS  
 ISLANDS / SCoured  
 IMPOUNDED / DESICCATED  
 FLOOD CONTROL / DRAINAGE

Circle some &amp; COMMENT

**E) ISSUES**

- WWTP / CSO / NPDES / INDUSTRY  
 HARDENED / URBAN / DIRT&GRIME  
 CONTAMINATED / LANDFILL  
 BMPs-CONSTRUCTION-SEDIMENT  
 LOGGING / IRRIGATION / COOLING  
 BANK / EROSION / SURFACE  
 FALSE BANK / MANURE / LAGOON  
 WASH H<sub>2</sub>O / TILE / H<sub>2</sub>O TABLE  
 ACID / MINE / QUARRY / FLOW  
 NATURAL / WETLAND / STAGNANT  
 PARK / GOLF / LAWN / HOME  
 ATMOSPHERE / DATA PAUCITY

**F) MEASUREMENTS**

- $\bar{x}$  width 88 ft  
 $\bar{x}$  depth  
 max. depth  
 $\bar{x}$  bankfull width  
 bankfull  $\bar{x}$  depth  
 W/D ratio  
 bankfull max. depth  
 floodprone  $x^2$  width  
 entrench. ratio  
 Legacy Tree:

**Stream Drawing:**



## Primary Headwater Habitat Evaluation Form

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

19

SITE NAME/LOCATION Seaman-Adams 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

SITE NUMBER Stream 20 RIVER BASIN Ohio DRAINAGE AREA (mi<sup>2</sup>) 50.1

LENGTH OF STREAM REACH (ft) 200 LAT. 38.957215 -83.454997 RIVER CODE RIVER MILE 0.4

DATE 12/13/16 SCORER BL COMMENTS ephemeral

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

STREAM CHANNEL ☐ NONE / NATURAL CHANNEL ☒ RECOVERED ☐ RECOVERING ☐ RECENT OR NO RECOVERY

MODIFICATIONS:

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

TYPE	PERCENT	TYPE	PERCENT
<input type="checkbox"/> BLDR SLABS [16 pts]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SILT [3 pt]	60
<input type="checkbox"/> BOULDER (>256 mm) [16 pts]		<input type="checkbox"/> LEAF PACKWOODY DEBRIS [3 pts]	5
<input type="checkbox"/> BEDROCK [16 pt]		<input type="checkbox"/> FINE DETRITUS [3 pts]	
<input type="checkbox"/> COBBLE (65-256 mm) [12 pts]	5	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAY or HARDPAN [0 pt]	
<input type="checkbox"/> GRAVEL (2-64 mm) [9 pts]	10	<input type="checkbox"/> MUCK [0 pts]	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SAND (<2 mm) [6 pts]	20	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL [3 pts]	

Total of Percentages of Bldr Slabs, Boulder, Cobble, Bedrock 5

(A)

9

(B)

5

SCORE OF TWO MOST PREDOMINATE SUBSTRATE TYPES:

TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBSTRATE TYPES:

HHEI Metric Points

Substrate Max = 40

14

A + B

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

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

COMMENTS MAXIMUM POOL DEPTH (centimeters):

1

Pool Depth Max = 30

5

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

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

COMMENTS OHW = 1.4' x 0.3', 1.7' x 0.3' AVERAGE BANKFULL WIDTH (meters)

6.7

Bankfull Width Max=30

0

This information must also be completed

## RIPARIAN ZONE AND FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

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

## RIPARIAN WIDTH

L	R	(Per Bank)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wide >10m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate 5-10m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Narrow <5m
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	None

COMMENTS

## FLOODPLAIN QUALITY

L	R	(Most Predominant per Bank)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mature Forest, Wetland
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Immature Forest, Shrub or Old Field
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential, Park, New Field
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fenced Pasture

L	R	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation Tillage
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban or Industrial
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Open Pasture, Row Crop
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mining or Construction

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

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

COMMENTS

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

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

## STREAM GRADIENT ESTIMATE

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



**ADDITIONAL STREAM INFORMATION (This Information Must Also be Completed):**QHEI PERFORMED? - ☐ Yes ☒ No QHEI Score \_\_\_\_\_ (If Yes, Attach Completed QHEI Form)**DOWNSTREAM DESIGNATED USE(S)**

☐ WWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CWH Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Distance from Evaluated Stream \_\_\_\_\_

☒ EWH Name: Ohio Brush Creek Distance from Evaluated Stream 0.1

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USGS Quadrangle Name: Peebles NRCS Soil Map Page: \_\_\_\_\_ NRCS Soil Map Stream Order \_\_\_\_\_

County: Adams Township / City: \_\_\_\_\_

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Base Flow Conditions? (Y/N): N Date of last precipitation: 12/12/16 Quantity: 0.4

Photograph Information: 50-up, 51-down

Elevated Turbidity? (Y/N): N Canopy (% open): 90

Were samples collected for water chemistry? (Y/N): N (Note lab sample no. or id. and attach results) Lab Number: 1

Field Measures: Temp (°C) 1 Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) 1 pH (S.U.) 1 Conductivity (µmhos/cm) 1

Is the sampling reach representative of the stream (Y/N): Y If not, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments/description of pollution impacts: access road, drain tile in flood plain**BIOTIC EVALUATION**

Performed? (Y/N): N (If Yes, Record all observations. Voucher collections optional. NOTE: all voucher samples must be labeled with the site ID number. Include appropriate field data sheets from the Primary Headwater Habitat Assessment Manual)

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Comments Regarding Biology: None Observed

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

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