

**APPENDIX O**

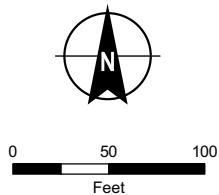
**WETLAND AND STREAM DELINEATION REPORT**

**Part 2 of 3**

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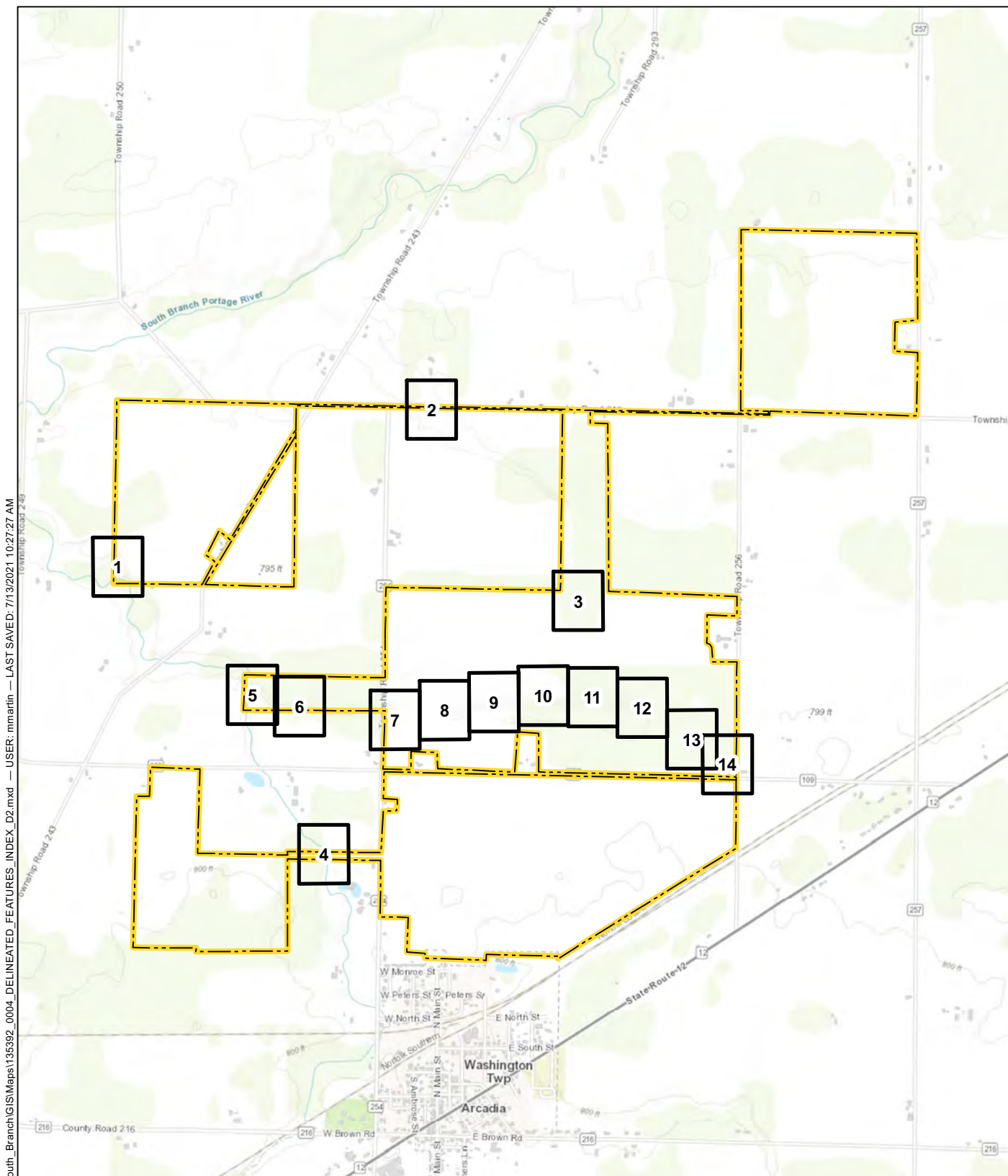
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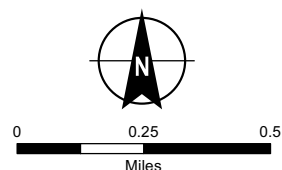
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## **APPENDIX A**

### **Photo Log**





*Photo 1: View looking west within Wetland MMA (PFO) near flag MMA-48.*



*Photo 2: View looking north within Wetland MMA (PEM) near sample point MMA-42.*





***Photo 3: View looking southwest within Wetland MMB (PFO) near sample point MMB-WSP1.***



***Photo 4: View looking south at Stream MM1 (Perennial) near sample point MM1-3.***





***Photo 5: View looking southeast at Stream MM2 (Perennial) near flag MM2-2.***



***Photo 6: View looking south at Stream MM3 (Perennial) near flag MM3-4.***





***Photo 7: View looking southeast at Stream MM4 (Perennial) near flag MM4-3.***



***Photo 8: View looking southeast at Stream MM5 near sample point MM5-SSP1.***



## **APPENDIX B**

### **Wetland Determination Data and Stream Inventory Data Forms**

# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region

Project/Site: South Branch Solar City/County: Hancock County Sampling Date: 4-20-21  
 Applicant/Owner: Leeward State: OH Sampling Point: MMA-WSP1  
 Investigator(s): M. Martin, K. Lindenschmidt Section, Township, Range: Washington  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave  
 Slope (%): 0 Lat: 41.130177 Long: -83.505469 Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: PmA-Pewamo silty clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: PEM

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes x No      (If no, explain in Remarks.)

Are Vegetation x, Soil     , or Hydrology      significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes x No     

Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>
Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>	
Remarks:	

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum	(Plot size: <u>30ft rad.</u> )	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
		=Total Cover		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum	(Plot size: <u>15 ft rad.</u> )			
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
		=Total Cover		
Herb Stratum	(Plot size: <u>5ft rad.</u> )			
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				
9.				
10.				
		=Total Cover		
Woody Vine Stratum	(Plot size: <u>15ft rad.</u> )			
1.				
2.				
		=Total Cover		

**Dominance Test worksheet:**

Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:      (A)

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

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

**Prevalence Index worksheet:**

Total % Cover of:	Multiply by:
OBL species <u>    </u>	x 1 = <u>    </u>
FACW species <u>    </u>	x 2 = <u>    </u>
FAC species <u>    </u>	x 3 = <u>    </u>
FACU species <u>    </u>	x 4 = <u>    </u>
UPL species <u>    </u>	x 5 = <u>    </u>
Column Totals: <u>    </u> (A)	<u>    </u> (B)
Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>    </u>	

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:**

     1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation

     2 - Dominance Test is >50%

     3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0<sup>1</sup>

     4 - Morphological Adaptations<sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)

     Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation<sup>1</sup> (Explain)

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

**Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?** Yes      No X

Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.)

Sample point located in the edge of active agricultural field. Unvegetated at time of site visit.

## SOIL

Sampling Point: MMA-WSP1

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-8	10YR 3/2	100					Loamy/Clayey	
8-18	2.5Y 4/1	90	10YR 4/6	10	C	PL	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.      <sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:	Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils <sup>3</sup> :
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Coast Prairie Redox (A16)
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Iron-Manganese Masses (F12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (F21)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Layers (A5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark Surface (S7)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

<b>Restrictive Layer (if observed):</b> Type: _____ Depth (inches): _____	<b>Hydric Soil Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Remarks:  
 This data form is revised from Midwest Regional Supplement Version 2.0 to include the NRCS Field Indicators of Hydric Soils, Version 7.0, 2015 Errata. ([http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2\\_051293.docx](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_051293.docx))

## HYDROLOGY

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

<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present?      Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present?        Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region

Project/Site: Sunset Ridge Solar City/County: Hancock County Sampling Date: 4-20-21  
 Applicant/Owner: Leeward State: OH Sampling Point: MMA-WSP2  
 Investigator(s): M. Martin, K. Lindenschmidt Section, Township, Range: Washington  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave  
 Slope (%): 0 Lat: 41.129978 Long: -83.505504 Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: PmA-Pewamo silty clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: PFO

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes x No      (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes x No       
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>x</u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No <u>    </u>
Remarks:	

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum	Plot size: <u>30ft rad.</u>	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>3</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>4</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>75.0%</u> (A/B)																
1. <u>Carya laciniosa</u>		<u>20</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
2. <u>    </u>		<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>																	
3. <u>    </u>		<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>																	
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5. <u>    </u>		<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>																	
		<u>20</u>	<u>=Total Cover</u>																		
Sapling/Shrub Stratum	Plot size: <u>15 ft rad.</u>				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;">Total % Cover of:</th> <th style="width: 60%;">Multiply by:</th> </tr> <tr> <td>OBL species <u>80</u></td> <td>x 1 = <u>80</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FACW species <u>60</u></td> <td>x 2 = <u>120</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FAC species <u>0</u></td> <td>x 3 = <u>0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FACU species <u>0</u></td> <td>x 4 = <u>0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>UPL species <u>20</u></td> <td>x 5 = <u>100</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Column Totals: <u>160</u> (A)</td> <td><u>300</u> (B)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>1.88</u></td> </tr> </table>	Total % Cover of:	Multiply by:	OBL species <u>80</u>	x 1 = <u>80</u>	FACW species <u>60</u>	x 2 = <u>120</u>	FAC species <u>0</u>	x 3 = <u>0</u>	FACU species <u>0</u>	x 4 = <u>0</u>	UPL species <u>20</u>	x 5 = <u>100</u>	Column Totals: <u>160</u> (A)	<u>300</u> (B)	Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>1.88</u>	
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1. <u>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</u>		<u>40</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>																	
2. <u>    </u>		<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>																	
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		<u>40</u>	<u>=Total Cover</u>																		
Herb Stratum	Plot size: <u>5ft rad.</u>				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <u>    </u> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <u>X</u> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> <u>    </u> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) <u>    </u> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain) <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.																
1. <u>Rubus occidentalis</u>		<u>20</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>UPL</u>																	
2. <u>Carex lacustris</u>		<u>80</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>OBL</u>																	
3. <u>    </u>		<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>																	
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		<u>100</u>	<u>=Total Cover</u>																		
Woody Vine Stratum	Plot size: <u>15ft rad.</u>				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No <u>x</u>																
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2. <u>    </u>		<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>																	
		<u>    </u>	<u>=Total Cover</u>																		
Remarks: (Include photo numbers here or on a separate sheet.) Evidence of past logging (old stumps, downed timber).																					



## SOIL

Sampling Point: MMA-WSP2

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## HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:			
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)		Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)	
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<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text"/> Water Table Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text" value="6"/> Saturation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <input type="text" value="0"/> (includes capillary fringe)		<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:			
Remarks:			

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 Applicant/Owner: Leeward State: OH Sampling Point: MMA-USP1  
 Investigator(s): M. Martin, K. Lindenschmidt Section, Township, Range: Washington  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): terrace Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex  
 Slope (%): 1 Lat: 41.130060 Long: -83.505370 Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: PmA-Pewamo silty clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes NWI classification: NA

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes x No      (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes x No       
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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u>
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## SOIL

Sampling Point: MMA-USP1

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-14	7.5YR 3/1	100					Loamy/Clayey	
14-20	7.5YR 4/1	85	7.5YR 5/8	15	C	M	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.      <sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:	Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils <sup>3</sup> :
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Coast Prairie Redox (A16)
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Iron-Manganese Masses (F12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (F21)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Layers (A5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	
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<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

<b>Restrictive Layer (if observed):</b> Type: _____ Depth (inches): _____	<b>Hydric Soil Present?</b> Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
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Remarks:  
 This data form is revised from Midwest Regional Supplement Version 2.0 to include the NRCS Field Indicators of Hydric Soils, Version 7.0, 2015 Errata. ([http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2\\_051293.docx](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_051293.docx))

## HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:			
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)		Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fauna (B13)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7)	<input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gauge or Well Data (D9)		
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<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present?    Yes _____ No <u>x</u> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present?      Yes _____ No <u>x</u> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present?        Yes _____ No <u>x</u> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region

Project/Site: South Branch Solar City/County: Hancock County Sampling Date: 4/21/21  
 Applicant/Owner: Leeward State: OH Sampling Point: MMB-WSP1  
 Investigator(s): M. Martin, K. Lindenschmidt Section, Township, Range: Washington  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave  
 Slope (%): 3 Lat: 41.131257 Long: -83.530296 Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Gwg5C2 - Glynwood clay loam, ground moraine, 6-12 percent slopes, eroded NWI classification: PFO

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes x No      (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes x No       
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

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## SOIL

Sampling Point: MMB-WSP1

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-4	10YR 3/2	100					Loamy/Clayey	
4-14	10YR 3/2	95	7.5YR 5/6	5	C	PL	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations
14-20	10YR 4/2	70	7.5YR 5/6	30	C	M	Loamy/Clayey	Prominent redox concentrations

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.      <sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:	Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils <sup>3</sup> :
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> ? Coast Prairie Redox (A16)
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Iron-Manganese Masses (F12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (F21)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Layers (A5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark Surface (S7)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1)	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	
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<input type="checkbox"/> ? Redox Depressions (F8)	

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

<b>Restrictive Layer (if observed):</b> Type: _____ Depth (inches): _____	<b>Hydric Soil Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Remarks:  
 This data form is revised from Midwest Regional Supplement Version 2.0 to include the NRCS Field Indicators of Hydric Soils, Version 7.0, 2015 Errata. ([http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2\\_051293.docx](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_051293.docx))

## HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:			
Primary Indicators (minimum of one is required; check all that apply)		Secondary Indicators (minimum of two required)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9)	<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Fauna (B13)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> True Aquatic Plants (B14)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2)	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots (C3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin Muck Surface (C7)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gauge or Well Data (D9)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)		

<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present?    Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <u>1</u> Water Table Present?    Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <u>0</u> Saturation Present?    Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): <u>0</u> (includes capillary fringe)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Midwest Region

Project/Site: South Branch Solar City/County: Hancock County Sampling Date: 4/21/21  
 Applicant/Owner: Leeward State: OH Sampling Point: MMB-USP1  
 Investigator(s): M. Martin, K. Lindenschmidt Section, Township, Range: Washington  
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): SLOPE Local relief (concave, convex, none): CONVEX  
 Slope (%): 6 Lat: 41.131239 Long: -83.530064 Datum: WGS84  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Gwg5C2 - Glynwood clay loam, ground moraine, 6-12 percent slopes, eroded NWI classification: NA

Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes x No      (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes x No       
 Are Vegetation     , Soil     , or Hydrology      naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u> Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u>	<b>Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?</b> Yes <u>    </u> No <u>X</u>
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## SOIL

Sampling Point: MMB-USP1

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)								
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type <sup>1</sup>	Loc <sup>2</sup>		
0-6	10YR 3/2	100					Loamy/Clayey	
6-20	7.5YR 4/4	90	7.5YR 5/3	10	C	M	Loamy/Clayey	Faint redox concentrations

<sup>1</sup>Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, MS=Masked Sand Grains.      <sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators:	Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils <sup>3</sup> :
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Coast Prairie Redox (A16)
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Iron-Manganese Masses (F12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (F21)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (F22)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stratified Layers (A5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat (S3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

<b>Restrictive Layer (if observed):</b> Type: _____ Depth (inches): _____	<b>Hydric Soil Present?</b> Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
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Remarks:  
 This data form is revised from Midwest Regional Supplement Version 2.0 to include the NRCS Field Indicators of Hydric Soils, Version 7.0, 2015 Errata. ([http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2\\_051293.docx](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs142p2_051293.docx))

## HYDROLOGY

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

<b>Field Observations:</b> Surface Water Present?    Yes _____ No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present?      Yes _____ No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present?        Yes _____ No <u>X</u> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe)	<b>Wetland Hydrology Present?</b> Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

## Background Information

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Name of Wetland:	MMA
Vegetation Community(ies):	PFO, PEM
HGM Class(es):	Depression
Location of Wetland: include map, address, north arrow, landmarks, distances, roads, etc. See delineation report map.	
Lat/Long or UTM Coordinate	41.129978N, -83.505504
USGS Quad Name	Bloomdale
County	Hancock
Township	Washington
Section and Subsection	
Hydrologic Unit Code	04100010
Site Visit	4-20-21
National Wetland Inventory Map	
Ohio Wetland Inventory Map	Woods on Hydric Soil (Fig 3-Wetland Delineation Rpt)
Soil Survey	Hancock County Soil Survey
Delineation report/map	Figure 4 of Wetland Delineation Rpt



Name of Wetland: MMA	
Wetland Size (acres, hectares): 1.13 acres	
Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface waters, vegetation zones, etc. See Wetland Delineation Report Figure 4	
Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes: Wetland has pockets of standing water in PFO portion Area was logged in the past and slash/equipment cutting is present, PEM portions are small areas in the edge of adjacent ag fields	
Final score : 44	Category: 2

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

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

## Narrative Rating

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	<b>NO</b>  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	<b>NO</b>  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	<b>NO</b>  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	<b>NO</b>  Go to Question 5
5	<b>Category 1 Wetlands.</b> Is the wetland less than 0.5 hectares (1 acre) in size and hydrologically isolated and either 1) comprised of vegetation that is dominated (greater than eighty per cent areal cover) by <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> , <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> , or <i>Phragmites australis</i> , or 2) an acidic pond created or excavated on mined lands that has little or no vegetation?	YES  Wetland is a Category 1 wetland  Go to Question 6	<b>NO</b>  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	<b>NO</b>  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	<b>NO</b>  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	<b>NO</b>  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 viridicaratum</i>	<i>Eriophorum virginicum</i>		<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	<i>Gentianopsis</i> spp.	<i>Larix laricina</i>		<i>Liatris spicata</i>
<i>Typha xglauca</i>	<i>Lobelia kalmii</i>	<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>		<i>Lysimachia quadriflora</i>
	<i>Parnassia glauca</i>	<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>		<i>Lythrum alatum</i>
	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	<i>Sphagnum</i> spp.		<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>
	<i>Rhamnus alnifolia</i>	<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>		<i>Silphium terebinthinaceum</i>
	<i>Rhynchospora capillacea</i>	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>		<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
	<i>Salix candida</i>	<i>Vaccinium oxycoccos</i>		<i>Spartina pectinata</i>
	<i>Salix myricoides</i>	<i>Woodwardia virginica</i>		<i>Solidago riddellii</i>
	<i>Salix serissima</i>	<i>Xyris difformis</i>		
	<i>Solidago ohioensis</i>			
	<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>			
	<i>Triglochin maritimum</i>			
	<i>Triglochin palustre</i>			

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

Site: MMA

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2 2

max 6 pts.

subtotal

## Metric 1. Wetland Area (size).

Select one size class and assign score.

- ☐ >50 acres (>20.2ha) (6 pts)
- ☐ 25 to <50 acres (10.1 to <20.2ha) (5 pts)
- ☐ 10 to <25 acres (4 to <10.1ha) (4 pts)
- ☐ 2 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)

5 7

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)

18 25

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

8 33

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

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subtotal this page

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max 10 pts.

subtotal

**Metric 5. Special Wetlands.**

Check all that apply and score as indicated.

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

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44

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) Interspersions.**

Select only one.

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

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

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

**6d. Microtopography.**

Score all present using 0 to 3 scale.

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

**Vegetation Community Cover Scale**

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

**Narrative Description of Vegetation Quality**

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

**Mudflat and Open Water Class Quality**

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

**Microtopography Cover Scale**

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

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

# ORAM Summary Worksheet

MMA

		circle answer or insert score	Result
Narrative Rating	Question 1 Critical Habitat	YES NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 2. Threatened or Endangered Species	YES NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 3. High Quality Natural Wetland	YES NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 4. Significant bird habitat	YES NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 5. Category 1 Wetlands	YES NO	If yes, Category 1.
	Question 6. Bogs	YES NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 7. Fens	YES NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8a. Old Growth Forest	YES NO	If yes, Category 3.
	Question 8b. Mature Forested Wetland	YES NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9b. Lake Erie Wetlands - Restricted	YES NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
	Question 9d. Lake Erie Wetlands - Unrestricted with native plants	YES NO	If yes, Category 3
	Question 9e. Lake Erie Wetlands - Unrestricted with invasive plants	YES NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.
Question 10. Oak Openings	YES NO	If yes, Category 3	
Question 11. Relict Wet Prairies	YES NO	If yes, evaluate for Category 3; may also be 1 or 2.	
Quantitative Rating	Metric 1. Size	2	
	Metric 2. Buffers and surrounding land use	5	
	Metric 3. Hydrology	18	
	Metric 4. Habitat	8	
	Metric 5. Special Wetland Communities	0	
	Metric 6. Plant communities, interspersed, microtopography	11	
	TOTAL SCORE	44	Category based on score breakpoints 2

Complete Wetland Categorization Worksheet.



## Wetland Categorization Worksheet

Choices	Circle one	Evaluation of Categorization Result of ORAM
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8a, 9d, 10</p>	<p>YES <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>NO</u></span></p> <p>Wetland is categorized as a Category 3 wetland</p>	<p>Is quantitative rating score <i>less</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>excluding</i> gray zone)? If yes, reevaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been over-categorized by the ORAM</p>
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to any of the following questions:</p> <p>Narrative Rating Nos. 1, 8b, 9b, 9e, 11</p>	<p>YES <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>NO</u></span></p> <p>Wetland should be evaluated for possible Category 3 status</p>	<p>Evaluate the wetland using the 1) narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and 2) the quantitative rating score. If the wetland is determined to be a Category 3 wetland using either of these, it should be categorized as a Category 3 wetland. Detailed biological and/or functional assessments may also be used to determine the wetland's category.</p>
<p>Did you answer "Yes" to</p> <p>Narrative Rating No. 5</p>	<p>YES <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>NO</u></span></p> <p>Wetland is categorized as a Category 1 wetland</p>	<p>Is quantitative rating score <i>greater</i> than the Category 2 scoring threshold (<i>including</i> any gray zone)? If yes, reevaluate the category of the wetland using the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) and biological and/or functional assessments to determine if the wetland has been under-categorized by the ORAM</p>
<p>Does the quantitative score fall within the scoring range of a Category 1, 2, or 3 wetland?</p>	<p><u>YES</u> <span style="margin-left: 20px;">NO</span></p> <p>Wetland is assigned to the appropriate category based on the scoring range</p>	<p>If the score of the wetland is located within the scoring range for a particular category, the wetland should be assigned to that category. In all instances however, the narrative criteria described in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C) can be used to clarify or change a categorization based on a quantitative score.</p>
<p>Does the quantitative score fall with the "gray zone" for Category 1 or 2 or Category 2 or 3 wetlands?</p>	<p>YES <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>NO</u></span></p> <p>Wetland is assigned to the higher of the two categories or assigned to a category based on detailed assessments and the narrative criteria</p>	<p>Rater has the option of assigning the wetland to the higher of the two categories or to assign a category based on the results of a nonrapid wetland assessment method, e.g. functional assessment, biological assessment, etc, and a consideration of the narrative criteria in OAC rule 3745-1-54(C).</p>
<p>Does the wetland otherwise exhibit <i>moderate</i> OR <i>superior</i> hydrologic OR habitat, OR recreational functions AND the wetland was <i>not</i> categorized as a Category 2 wetland (in the case of moderate functions) or a Category 3 wetland (in the case of superior functions) by this method?</p>	<p>YES <span style="margin-left: 20px;"><u>NO</u></span></p> <p>Wetland was undercategorized by this method. A written justification for recategorization should be provided on Background Information Form</p>	<p>A wetland may be undercategorized using this method, but still exhibit one or more superior functions, e.g. a wetland's biotic communities may be degraded by human activities, but the wetland may still exhibit superior hydrologic functions because of its type, landscape position, size, local or regional significance, etc. In this circumstance, the narrative criteria in OAC Rule 3745-1-54(C)(2) and (3) are controlling, and the under-categorization should be corrected. A written justification with supporting reasons or information for this determination should be provided.</p>

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

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

## Background Information

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Name of Wetland:	MMB		
Vegetation Communit(ies):	PFO		
HGM Class(es):	Riverine		
Location of Wetland: include map, address, north arrow, landmarks, distances, roads, etc.			
See delineation report map,			
Lat/Long or UTM Coordinate	41,131257; -83,530296		
USGS Quad Name	Bloomdale		
County	Hancock		
Township	Washington		
Section and Subsection			
Hydrologic Unit Code	04100010		
Site Visit	4-21-21		
National Wetland Inventory Map	No		
Ohio Wetland Inventory Map	No		
Soil Survey	Hancock County Soil Survey		
Delineation report/map	Figure 4 of Wetland Delineation Rpt		

Name of Wetland: MMB	
Wetland Size (acres, hectares): 1.09 acres	
Sketch: Include north arrow, relationship with other surface waters, vegetation zones, etc. See Wetland Delineation Report Figure 4,	
Comments, Narrative Discussion, Justification of Category Changes: Wetland adjacent to South Branch Portage River. Receives water from drain tiles in adjacent agricultural fields.	
Final score : 46	Category: 2

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

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

## Narrative Rating

**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	NO 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	NO 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	NO 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	NO Go to Question 5
5	<b>Category 1 Wetlands.</b> Is the wetland less than 0.5 hectares (1 acre) in size and hydrologically isolated and either 1) comprised of vegetation that is dominated (greater than eighty per cent areal cover) by <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> , <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> , or <i>Phragmites australis</i> , or 2) an acidic pond created or excavated on mined lands that has little or no vegetation?	YES  Wetland is a Category 1 wetland  Go to Question 6	NO Go to Question 6
6	<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	NO 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	NO 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	NO Go to Question 8b

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