

Appendix B AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE



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Re: 22-0379; Delano Station Expansion Project

Project: The proposed project involves expanding the existing Delano substation and installing a new transmission structure north of the station.

Location: The proposed project is located in Green Township, Ross 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: A review of the Ohio Natural Heritage Database indicates there are no records of state or federally listed plants or animals within one mile of the specified project area. Records searched date from 1980.

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.

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 ≥ 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 the DOW (contact Erin Hazelton at Erin.hazelton@dnr.ohio.gov).

The DOW also recommends that a desktop habitat assessment is conducted, followed by a field assessment if needed, to determine if a potential hibernaculum is present within the project area. Direction on how to conduct habitat assessments can be found in the current USFWS “Range-wide Indiana Bat Survey Guidelines.” If a habitat assessment finds that a potential hibernaculum is present within 0.25 miles of the project area, please send this information to Erin Hazelton 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 the 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

clubshell (*Pleurobema clava*)
fanshell (*Cyprogenia stegaria*)
northern riffleshell (*Epioblasma torulosa rangiana*)
rayed bean (*Villosa fabalis*)
sheepnose (*Plethobasus cyphus*)
snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*)

Federally Threatened

rabbitsfoot (*Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica*)

State Endangered

little spectaclecase (*Villosa lienosa*)
long-solid (*Fusconaia maculata maculata*)
sharp-ridged pocketbook (*Lampsilis ovata*)

State Threatened

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

Due to the location, and that there is no in-water work proposed in a perennial stream, this project is not likely to impact these species.

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

State Endangered

goldeye (*Hiodon alosoides*)
northern brook lamprey (*Ichthyomyzon fossor*)
northern madtom (*Noturus stigmosus*)
shortnose gar (*Lepisosteus platostomus*)
shovelnose sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus*)
spotted darter (*Etheostoma maculatum*)

State Threatened

American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*)
blue sucker (*Cycleptus elongatus*)
channel darter (*Percina copelandi*)
paddlefish (*Polyodon spathula*)
river darter (*Percina shumardi*)
Tippecanoe darter (*Etheostoma Tippecanoe*)

Due to the location, and that there is no in-water work proposed in a perennial stream, this project is not likely to impact these species.

The project is within the range of the eastern hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis*), a state endangered species and a federal species of concern. This long-lived, entirely aquatic salamander inhabits perennial streams with large flat rocks. In-water work in hellbender streams can reduce availability of large cover rocks and can destroy hellbender nests and/or kill adults and juveniles. The contribution of additional sediment to hellbender streams can smother large cover rocks and gravel/cobble substrate (used by juveniles), making them unsuitable for refuge and nesting. Projects that contribute to altered flow regimes (e.g., by increasing areas of impervious surfaces or modifying the floodplain) can also adversely affect hellbender habitat. Due to the location, and that there is no in-water work proposed in a perennial stream of sufficient size to provide suitable habitat, this project is not likely to impact this 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, the type of habitat within the project area, and the type of work proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the spotted turtle (*Clemmys guttata*), a state threatened species. This species prefers fens, bogs and marshes, but also is known to inhabit wet prairies, meadows, pond edges, wet woods, and the shallow sluggish waters of small streams and ditches. Due to the location, the type of habitat within the project area, and the type of work proposed, 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, the type of habitat within the project area, and the type of work proposed, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the northern harrier (*Circus hudsonis*), a state endangered bird. This is a common migrant and winter species. Nesters are much rarer, although they occasionally breed in large marshes and grasslands. Harriers often nest in loose colonies. The female builds a

nest out of sticks on the ground, often on top of a mound. Harriers hunt over grasslands. If this type of habitat will be impacted, construction should be avoided in this habitat during the species' nesting period of April 15 through July 31. If this habitat will not be impacted, this project is not likely to impact this species.

The project is within the range of the upland sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*), a state endangered bird. Nesting upland sandpipers utilize dry grasslands including native grasslands, seeded grasslands, grazed and ungrazed pasture, hayfields, and grasslands established through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). If this type of habitat will be impacted, construction should be avoided in this habitat during the species' nesting period of April 15 through July 31. If this type of 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 US 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.

<https://ohiodnr.gov/static/documents/water/floodplains/Floodplain%20Administrator%20List.pdf>

ODNR appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments. Please contact Mike Pettegrew at mike.pettegrew@dnr.ohio.gov if you have questions about these comments or need additional information.

Mike Pettegrew
Environmental Services Administrator

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Subject: Delano Station Expansion Project, Ross County, Ohio
Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 9:37:43 AM
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Project Code: 2022-0030407

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 ≥ 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 ≥ 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 ≥ 3 inches dbh cannot be avoided, we recommend removal of any trees ≥ 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.

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.

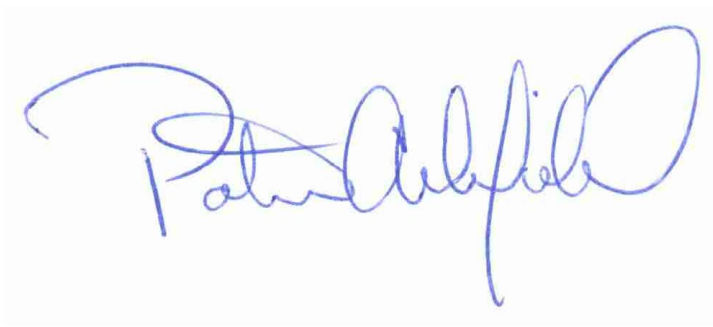
Stream and Wetland Avoidance: Over 90% of the wetlands in Ohio have been drained, filled, or modified by human activities, thus it is important to conserve the functions and values of the remaining wetlands in Ohio (https://epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/facts/ohio_wetlands.pdf). We recommend avoiding and minimizing 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.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrice Ashfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "A".

Patrice Ashfield
Field Office Supervisor

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

Appendix C REPRESENTATIVE PHOTOGRAPHS

C.1 WETLAND AND WATERBODY PHOTOGRAPHS

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.
Delano Station Expansion Project
Ross County, Ohio



Photograph Location 1. View of upland (old field habitat) at wetland determination sample point SP01. Photograph taken facing north.



Photograph Location 1. View of upland (old field habitat) at wetland determination sample point SP01. Photograph taken facing east.

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Photograph Location 1. View of upland (old field habitat) at wetland determination sample point SP01. Photograph taken facing south.



Photograph Location 1. View of upland (old field habitat) at wetland determination sample point SP01. Photograph taken facing west.

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Photograph Location 1. View of soil profile at wetland determination sample point SP01.



Photograph Location 2. View of upland (old field habitat) at wetland determination sample point SP02. Photograph taken facing north.

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Photograph Location 2. View of upland (old field habitat) at wetland determination sample point SP02. Photograph taken facing east.



Photograph Location 2. View of upland (old field habitat) at wetland determination sample point SP02. Photograph taken facing south.

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Photograph Location 2. View of upland (old field habitat) at wetland determination sample point SP02. Photograph taken facing west.



Photograph Location 2. View of soil profile at wetland determination sample point SP02.

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Photograph Location 3. Representative view of an upland drainage feature within the Project area. Photograph taken facing east.

C.2 HABITAT PHOTOGRAPHS

AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.
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Ross County, Ohio



Photograph Location 1. Representative view of industrial land (existing Delano Station).
Photograph taken facing north.



Photograph Location 2. Representative view of industrial land (existing Delano Station).
Photograph taken facing north.

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Photograph Location 2. Representative view of new field habitat and existing Delano Station.
Photograph taken facing west.



Photograph Location 3. Representative view of new field habitat and existing Delano Station.
Photograph taken facing north.

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Photograph Location 3. Representative view of industrial land (existing Delano Station).
Photograph taken facing north.



Photograph Location 4. Representative view of new field habitat and existing Delano Station.
Photograph taken facing south.

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Photograph Location 4. Representative view of industrial land (existing Delano Station).
Photograph taken facing west.



Photograph Location 5. Representative view of industrial land (existing Delano Station).
Photograph taken facing south.

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Photograph Location 6. Representative view of industrial land (existing Delano Station).
Photograph taken facing east.



Photograph Location. Representative view of old field habitat and existing Delano Station.
Photograph taken facing south.

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Photograph Location 8. Representative view of old field habitat. Photograph taken facing south.



Photograph Location 9. Representative view of mixed early successional/second growth deciduous forest habitat and stream located just west of Project area. Photograph taken facing south.

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Photograph Location 10. Representative view of mixed early successional/second growth deciduous forest habitat and stream located just west of Project area. Photograph taken facing south.

Appendix D DATA FORMS

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORMS

Project/Site: Delano Station Expansion Project		Stantec Project #: 193708938	Date: 04/14/22
Applicant: AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc.			County: Ross
Investigator #1: Kate Bomar	Investigator #2: Rohini Vembar		State: Ohio
Soil Unit: Eldean Loam, 0-2% slopes	NWI/WWI Classification: NA		Wetland ID: N/A
Landform: Plain	Local Relief: Linear		Sample Point: SP01
Slope (%): 0-2	Latitude: 39.40784	Longitude: -82.961461	Datum: --
Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? (If no, explain in remarks)			☒ Yes ☐ No
Are Vegetation ☐ , Soil ☐ , or Hydrology ☐ significantly disturbed?		Are normal circumstances present?	
Are Vegetation ☐ , Soil ☐ , or Hydrology ☐ naturally problematic?		☒ Yes ☐ No	
Section: --			Township: --
Range: --			Dir: --

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No	Hydric Soils Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Wetland Hydrology Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No	Is This Sampling Point Within A Wetland? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Remarks:	

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators (Check here if indicators are not present) ☒

<u>Primary:</u> ☐ A1 - Surface Water ☐ A2 - High Water Table ☐ A3 - Saturation ☐ B1 - Water Marks ☐ B2 - Sediment Deposits ☐ B3 - Drift Deposits ☐ B4 - Algal Mat or Crust ☐ B5 - Iron Deposits ☐ B7 - Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery ☐ B8 - Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface	☐ B9 - Water-Stained Leaves ☐ B13 - Aquatic Fauna ☐ B14 - True Aquatic Plants ☐ C1 - Hydrogen Sulfide Odor ☐ C3 - Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots ☐ C4 - Presence of Reduced Iron ☐ C6 - Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils ☐ C7 - Thin Muck Surface ☐ D9 - Gauge or Well Data ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)	<u>Secondary:</u> ☐ B6 - Surface Soil Cracks ☐ B10 - Drainage Patterns ☐ C2 - Dry-Season Water Table ☐ C8 - Crayfish Burrows ☐ C9 - Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery ☐ D1 - Stunted or Stressed Plants ☐ D2 - Geomorphic Position ☐ D5 - FAC-Neutral Test
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Field Observations: Surface Water Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No Depth: 0 (in.) Water Table Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No Depth: 0 (in.) Saturation Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No Depth: 0 (in.)	Wetland Hydrology Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available: **N/A**

Remarks:

SOILS

Map Unit Name: **Eldean Loam, 0-2% slopes**

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			Redox Features					Texture (e.g. clay, sand, loam)
			Color (Moist)		%	Color (Moist)		%	Type	Location	
0	14	1	10YR	4/3	100	--	--	--	--	--	loam
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NRCS Hydric Soil Field Indicators (check here if indicators are not present) ☒ ☐ A1 - Histosol ☐ A2 - Histic Epipedon ☐ A3 - Black Histic ☐ A4 - Hydrogen Sulfide ☐ A5 - Stratified Layers ☐ A10 - 2 cm Muck ☐ A11 - Depleted Below Dark Surface ☐ A12 - Thick Dark Surface ☐ S1 - Sandy Muck Mineral ☐ S3 - 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat	☐ S4 - Sandy Gleyed Matrix ☐ S5 - Sandy Redox ☐ S6 - Stripped Matrix ☐ F1 - Loamy Muck Mineral ☐ F2 - Loamy Gleyed Matrix ☐ F3 - Depleted Matrix ☐ F6 - Redox Dark Surface ☐ F7 - Depleted Dark Surface ☐ F8 - Redox Depressions	Indicators for Problematic Soils ¹ ☐ A16 - Coast Prairie Redox ☐ S7 - Dark Surface ☐ F12 - Iron-Manganese Masses ☐ TF12 - Very Shallow Dark Surface ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)
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¹ Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Restrictive Layer (If Observed)	Type: N/A	Depth: N/A	Hydric Soil Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No
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Remarks:

Project/Site: **Delano Station Expansion Project**

Wetland ID: **N/A**

Sample Point: **SP01**

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.	--	--	--	--
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9.	--	--	--	--
10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		0		

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

1.	<i>Acer negundo</i>	5	N	FAC
2.	--	--	--	--
3.	--	--	--	--
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10.	--	--	--	--
Total Cover =		5		

Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5 ft radius)

1.	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	35	Y	FACW
2.	<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	10	N	UPL
3.	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	15	N	FACU
4.	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	10	N	FACU
5.	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	5	N	FACU
6.	<i>Thlaspi arvense</i>	20	Y	FACU
7.	<i>Viola sororia</i>	5	N	FAC
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12.	--	--	--	--
13.	--	--	--	--
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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: 1 (A)

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

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 50% (A/B)

Prevalence Index Worksheet

Total % Cover of:

Multiply by:

OBL spp.	<u>0</u>	x 1 =	<u>0</u>
FACW spp.	<u>35</u>	x 2 =	<u>70</u>
FAC spp.	<u>10</u>	x 3 =	<u>30</u>
FACU spp.	<u>50</u>	x 4 =	<u>200</u>
UPL spp.	<u>10</u>	x 5 =	<u>50</u>

Total 105 (A) 350 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.333

Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:

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|------------------------------|--|--|
| ☐ 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.

Definitions of Vegetation Strata:

Tree - Woody plants 3 in. (7.6cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.

Sapling/Shrub - Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft. tall.

Herb - All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft. tall.

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present ☐ Yes ☒ No

Additional Remarks:

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Investigator #1: Kate Bomar		Investigator #2: Rohini Vembar		State: Ohio						
Soil Unit: Eldean Loam, 0-2% slopes		NWI/WWI Classification: NA		Wetland ID: N/A						
Landform: Plain		Local Relief: Linear		Sample Point: SP02						
Slope (%): 0-1		Latitude: 39.40864 Longitude: -82.961467 Datum: --		Community ID: UPL						
Are climatic/hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? (If no, explain in remarks) ☒ Yes ☐ No				Section: --						
Are Vegetation ☐ , Soil ☐ , or Hydrology ☐ significantly disturbed?		Are normal circumstances present? ☒ Yes ☐ No		Township: --						
Are Vegetation ☐ , Soil ☐ , or Hydrology ☐ naturally problematic?				Range: -- Dir: --						
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS										
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No		Hydric Soils Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No								
Wetland Hydrology Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No		Is This Sampling Point Within A Wetland? ☐ Yes ☒ No								
Remarks:										
HYDROLOGY										
Wetland Hydrology Indicators (Check here if indicators are not present) ☒										
<u>Primary:</u> ☐ A1 - Surface Water ☐ A2 - High Water Table ☐ A3 - Saturation ☐ B1 - Water Marks ☐ B2 - Sediment Deposits ☐ B3 - Drift Deposits ☐ B4 - Algal Mat or Crust ☐ B5 - Iron Deposits ☐ B7 - Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery ☐ B8 - Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface ☐ B9 - Water-Stained Leaves ☐ B13 - Aquatic Fauna ☐ B14 - True Aquatic Plants ☐ C1 - Hydrogen Sulfide Odor ☐ C3 - Oxidized Rhizospheres on Living Roots ☐ C4 - Presence of Reduced Iron ☐ C6 - Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils ☐ C7 - Thin Muck Surface ☐ D9 - Gauge or Well Data ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks) <u>Secondary:</u> ☐ B6 - Surface Soil Cracks ☐ B10 - Drainage Patterns ☐ C2 - Dry-Season Water Table ☐ C8 - Crayfish Burrows ☐ C9 - Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery ☐ D1 - Stunted or Stressed Plants ☐ D2 - Geomorphic Position ☐ D5 - FAC-Neutral Test										
Field Observations: Surface Water Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No Depth: 0 (in.) Water Table Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No Depth: 0 (in.) Saturation Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No Depth: 0 (in.) Wetland Hydrology Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No										
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available: N/A										
Remarks:										
SOILS										
Map Unit Name: Eldean Loam, 0-2% slopes										
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		Redox Features				Texture (e.g. clay, sand, loam)	
			Color (Moist)	%	Color (Moist)	%	Type	Location		
0	10	1	10YR	4/3	100	--	--	--	--	clay loam
10	14	2	10YR	4/3	60	--	--	--	--	clay loam
--	--	--	10YR	5/4	30	--	--	--	--	clay loam
--	--	--	10YR	5/6	10	--	--	--	--	clay loam
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NRCS Hydric Soil Field Indicators (check here if indicators are not present) ☒ ☐ A1 - Histosol ☐ A2 - Histic Epipedon ☐ A3 - Black Histic ☐ A4 - Hydrogen Sulfide ☐ A5 - Stratified Layers ☐ A10 - 2 cm Muck ☐ A11 - Depleted Below Dark Surface ☐ A12 - Thick Dark Surface ☐ S1 - Sandy Muck Mineral ☐ S3 - 5 cm Mucky Peat or Peat ☐ S4 - Sandy Gleyed Matrix ☐ S5 - Sandy Redox ☐ S6 - Stripped Matrix ☐ F1 - Loamy Muck Mineral ☐ F2 - Loamy Gleyed Matrix ☐ F3 - Depleted Matrix ☐ F6 - Redox Dark Surface ☐ F7 - Depleted Dark Surface ☐ F8 - Redox Depressions Indicators for Problematic Soils¹ ☐ A16 - Coast Prairie Redox ☐ S7 - Dark Surface ☐ F12 - Iron-Manganese Masses ☐ TF12 - Very Shallow Dark Surface ☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)										
Restrictive Layer (If Observed) Type: N/A Depth: N/A Hydric Soil Present? ☐ Yes ☒ No										
Remarks:										

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

Project/Site: **Delano Station Expansion Project**

Wetland ID: **N/A**

Sample Point: **SP02**

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>Sorghum halepense</i>	40	Y	FACU
2.	<i>Viola sororia</i>	10	N	FAC
3.	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	15	N	FACW
4.	<i>Thlaspi arvense</i>	10	N	FACU
5.	<i>Allium canadense</i>	10	N	FACU
6.	<i>Galium aparine</i>	15	N	FACU
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:

Dominance Test Worksheet

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

Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: 1 (B)

Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: 0% (A/B)

Prevalence Index Worksheet

Total % Cover of:

Multiply by:

OBL spp.	<u>0</u>	x 1 =	<u>0</u>
FACW spp.	<u>15</u>	x 2 =	<u>30</u>
FAC spp.	<u>10</u>	x 3 =	<u>30</u>
FACU spp.	<u>75</u>	x 4 =	<u>300</u>
UPL spp.	<u>0</u>	x 5 =	<u>0</u>

Total 100 (A) 360 (B)

Prevalence Index = B/A = 3.600

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) * |

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Definitions of Vegetation Strata:

Tree - Woody plants 3 in. (7.6cm) or more in diameter at breast height (DBH), regardless of height.

Sapling/Shrub - Woody plants less than 3 in. DBH and greater than 3.28 ft. tall.

Herb - All herbaceous (non-woody) plants, regardless of size, and woody plants less than 3.28 ft. tall.

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

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present ☐ Yes ☒ No

Additional Remarks:

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